

# Violence against Jews Before the Rebirth of the State of Israel

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- Palestinian-Arab leaders incited massacres of Jewish civilians throughout the British Mandate of Palestine (the area promised to the Jewish people as a Jewish State by the League of Nations in 1920). Arab leaders incited their people to massacre students, women, children, rabbis, and other unarmed Jewish civilians.
  - Palestinian-Arab leaders openly declared that they incited riots with the sole purpose of killing Jews in British Mandate Palestine. This violence took place before the state of Israel was established. Therefore, **the argument that the Palestinian-Arabs are violent solely because of Israel is false**, seeing as the violence started long before the establishment of Israel.
  - **Hatred of Jews has always been one of the roots of the conflict**, even since before Israel became a state.
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## Nebi Musa Riots of 1920:

- Hajj Amin al Husseini (the leader of the Palestinian-Arabs in the 1920s, 30s and 40s) heavily influenced the Nebi Musa riots against the Jews of Palestine.<sup>i</sup> **Rioters shouted “Death to the Jews”** and murdered six Jews and injured more than 200.<sup>ii</sup>
- British officers supported the riots due to their outrage over the Balfour Declaration (which called for a national Jewish home in Palestine).<sup>iii</sup>
- When the Jews of Palestine offered to create a defense force as a result of the riots, the British declined any such assistance.<sup>iv</sup>

## The Massacres of 1929:

- After an Arab man stabbed a young Jew, Arab leader Haj Amin al Husseini spread false rumors that Jews were going to attack the al-Aqsa Mosque (a holy Muslim site in Jerusalem that sits on the same place as the ancient Jewish temples). On August 23rd, thousands of Arabs attacked the Jews of Jerusalem with knives and other weapons.<sup>v</sup>

- Palestinian-Arabs led massacres in Hebron, Safed, Motza, Kfar Uria, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv.<sup>vi</sup>
- The rioters **murdered 67 Jews in Hebron (including students from the US and Canada)**.<sup>vii</sup>
- In Safed, these assailants attacked civilians and **murdered 18 Jews**. No police activity was enacted in response to this attack.<sup>viii</sup>

### The Palestinian-Arab Revolt of 1936-1939:

- The Syrian preacher Izz al-Din al-Qassam **organized hundreds of Arab men to carry out attacks on Jewish civilians and British soldiers**.<sup>ix</sup>
- In 1936, the Arab Higher Committee (AHC) in Palestine declared a strike that called for a **ban on Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews**.<sup>x</sup>
- Numerous massacres from 1936 to 1939 resulted in the **murder of 415 Jews**, most of whom were civilians.<sup>xi</sup>

### Additional Arab Riots:

- In May 1921, **armed Arabs attacked the Jews of Jaffa and Petah Tikvah and murdered 47 people**.<sup>xii</sup>
- After a wave of pogroms in Poland in 1924, 67,000 Jews fled to Palestine. **The Arabs revolted in response to this influx and killed 133 Jews**.<sup>xiii</sup>
- In 1938, Palestinian-Arabs infiltrated a Jewish neighborhood in Tiberius and **killed 19 Jews**.
- In 1947, after the vote to partition Palestine, many Arab rioters reacted by murdering eight Jews.

<sup>i</sup> *Zionism and Israel Information Center*, Nebi Musa Definition, No Date

<sup>ii</sup> *Jewish Virtual Library*, Arab Riots of the 1920's

<sup>iii</sup> *CAMERA*, Anti- Jewish Violence in Pre-Israel Palestine/ 1929 Massacres, August 23,2009

<sup>iv</sup> *Zionism and Israel Information Center*, Nebi Musa Definition, No Date

<sup>v</sup> *CAMERA*, Anti- Jewish Violence in Pre-Israel Palestine/ 1929 Massacres, August 23,2009

<sup>vi</sup> *Zionism and Israel Information Center*, The Palestine Riots and Massacres of 1929, No Date

<sup>vii</sup> *CAMERA*, Anti- Jewish Violence in Pre-Israel Palestine/ 1929 Massacres, August 23,2009

<sup>viii</sup> *Zionism and Israel Information Center*, The Palestine Riots and Massacres of 1929, No Date

<sup>ix</sup> *Palestine Facts*, Palestine Arab Revolt 1936-1939, No Date

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<sup>xi</sup> *Jewish Virtual Library*, The 1936 Arab Riots

<sup>xii</sup> *Palestine Facts*, Palestine-Arab Riots 1920-1921, No Date

<sup>xiii</sup> *Jewish Virtual Library*, Arab Riots of the 1920's