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29 Nov 1947	UN resolution for the partition of Palestine.
15 May 1948	Proclamation of the State of Israel.
15 May 1948 - 7 Jan 1949	First Arab-Israeli War.
Feb-Jul 1949	Arab-Israeli armistice agreements signed.
Apr-Jun 1949	First round of Lausanne talks under the auspices of the Palestine Conciliation Commission.
11 May 1949	Israel is admitted to UN membership.
9 Dec 1949	General Assembly votes for internationalization of Jerusalem.
13 Dec 1949	Knesset decides to hold its sessions in Jerusalem.
4 Apr 1950	Jordan annexes West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
25 May 1950	Britain, France, and US issue Tripartite Declaration on regulating the supply of arms to the Middle East .
12 Feb 1951	Israel begins Huleh drainage work in DMZ with Syria.
4 Apr 1951	Syria attacks Israeli patrol in el-Hamma.
2-6 May 1951	Israeli-Syrian clashes in Tel Mutilla.
23 Jul 1952	Free Officers' revolution in Egypt.
18 Aug 1952	Ben-Gurion welcomes Egyptian revolution in the Knesset.
10 Oct 1952 - 27 May 1953	Syrian-Israeli talks on the division of the DMZ.
2 Sep 1953	Israel starts work on Jordan River project. Syria complains to Security Council.
1 Oct 1953	President Eisenhower appoints Eric Johnston to mediate in water dispute.
15 Oct 1953	The Qibya raid.
7 Dec 1953	Moshe Sharett succeeds David Ben-Gurion as prime minister.
17 Apr 1954	Colonel Nasser becomes prime minister of Egypt.
Jul 1954	The Lavon Affair or 'the mishap' – activation of Jewish sabotage ring in Egypt.
28 Sep 1954	Egypt seizes Israeli ship 'Bat-Galim' at Port Said.
19 Oct 1954	Britain signs Suez base evacuation agreement with Egypt.
21 Feb 1955	Ben-Gurion returns to government as minister of defence.
24 Feb 1955	Iraq and Turkey sign the Baghdad Pact.
28 Feb 1955	IDF raid on Gaza.
5 Apr 1955	Britain joins the Baghdad Pact.
9 Aug 1955	Elmore Jackson embarks on his mission of conciliation.
27 Sep 1955	Nasser announces the Czech arms deal.
20 Oct 1955	Egypt and Syria sign a mutual defence treaty.
2 Nov 1955	Ben-Gurion again becomes prime minister.
11 Dec 1955	The Kinneret Operation.
Dec 1955 - Mar 1956	The Anderson mission.
6 Apr 1955	UN secretary general begins shuttle to re-establish the Israeli-Egyptian armistice.
13 Jun 1956	British complete evacuation of their forces from Suez.
18 Jun 1956	Moshe Sharett resigns as foreign minister.
24-26 Jun 1956	The Vermars conference.
26 Jul 1956	Egypt nationalizes the Suez Canal Company.

30 Sep - 1 Oct 1956	The St. Germain conference.
22 Oct 1956	Defence Pact signed by Egypt, Syria, and Jordan.
22-24 Oct 1956	The conference of Sèvres.
29 Oct - 7 Nov 1956	The Suez War.
5 Nov 1956	USSR threatens use of force, including rockets, if Britain, France, and Israel do not halt attack on Egypt.
5 Jan 1957	Anti-communist Eisenhower Doctrine proclaimed.
10 Mar 1957	IDF withdraws to armistice line with Egypt.
1 Feb 1958	Syria and Egypt merge to form the United Arab Republic(UAR).
14 Jul 1958	Revolution in Iraq.
15 Jul 1958	American deployment to Lebanon; British deployment to Jordan.
28 Sep 1961	Syrian coup leads to dissolution of UAR.
8 Mar 1963	Ba' thist coup in Syria.
16 Jun 1963	Ben-Gurion resigns and Levi Eshkol succeeds.
13-17 Jan 1964	First Arab summit meeting in Cairo decides on Jordan River diversion.
29 May 1964	Creation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).
5-11 Sep 1964	Second Arab summit, Alexandria.
23 Feb 1966	Left-wing coup in Syria followed by increased PLO activity against Israel.
9 Nov 1966	Syria and Egypt sign mutual defence treaty.
13 Nov 1966	Israeli raid on West Bank village of al-Samu.
7 Apr 1967	Israeli aircraft shoot down 7 Syrian MiGs.
15 May 1967	Nasser deploys troops in Sinai.
19 May 1967	Nasser requests withdrawal of UN Emergency Force from Sinai.
22 May 1967	Nasser closes the Straits of Tiran to Israeli shipping.
26 May 1967	Abba Eban meets President Johnson after talks with de Gaulle and Wilson.
30 May 1967	Egypt and Jordan sign mutual defence pact in Cairo.
1 Jun 1967	Government of National Unity formed in Jerusalem.
5-10 Jun 1967	The Six Day War.
27 Jun 1967	Israel annexes East Jerusalem.
26 Jul 1967	Alon Plan presented to cabinet.
1 Sep 1967	Arab League summit at Khartoum.
22 Nov 1967	UN Security Council passes Resolution 242.
21 Mar 1968	Battle of al-Karameh.
26 Feb 1969	Levi Eshkol dies and Golda Meir succeeds.
Mar 1969 - Aug 1970	The Israeli-Egyptian War of Attrition.
9 Dec 1969	The Rogers plan is announced.
15 Dec 1969	Israel rejects the Rogers plan.
19 Jun 1970	The second Rogers initiative.
7 Aug 1970	Israeli-Egyptian ceasefire under the Rogers initiative.
Sep 1970	'Black September': Jordan crushes Palestinian <i>fedayeen</i> .
28 Sep 1970	President Nasser dies and Anwar el-Sadat succeeds.
4 Feb 1971	Sadat presents his proposal for an interim settlement.
8 Feb 1971	Dr Jarring's questionnaire to Israel and Egypt.
4 Oct 1971	The third Rogers plan.
15 Mar 1972	King Hussein unveils federal plan for a United Arab Kingdom.
22-26 May 1972	Nixon-Brezhnev summit meeting in Moscow.
18 Jul 1972	Sadat expels Soviet military advisers from Egypt.

6-26 Oct 1973	The Yom Kippur War.
22 Oct 1973	UN Security Council Resolution 338 calls for direct negotiations.
21 Dec 1973	The Geneva peace conference.
18 Jan 1974	The Israeli-Egyptian disengagement agreement is signed.
10 Apr 1974	Golda Meir resigns and Yitzhak Rabin succeeds.
31 May 1974	The Israeli-Syrian disengagement agreement is signed.
26-29 Oct 1974	Arab League summit at Rabat recognizes the PLO as 'the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people'.
13 Apr 1975	The outbreak of the Lebanese civil war.
1 Sep 1975	Israeli-Egyptian interim agreement, Sinai II.
1 Jun 1976	Syrian military intervention in Lebanon.
4 Jul 1976	IDF frees Israeli passengers hijacked to Entebbe.
17 May 1977	Rise to power in Israel of right-wing Likud Party.
1 Oct 1977	Joint statement by the US and USSR for reconvening the Geneva peace conference.
19-21 Nov 1977	Sadat's visit to Jerusalem.
2-5 Dec 1977	Arab Front of Steadfastness and Opposition meets in Tripoli.
14 Dec 1977	Cairo conference opens.
16 Dec 1977	Begin unveils his Palestinian autonomy plan in Washington.
25-26 Dec 1977	Begin-Sadat summit at Ismailia.
11 Jan 1978	Israel-Egyptian military committee convenes in Cairo.
14 Mar 1978	IDF launches Operation Litani in south Lebanon.
19 Mar 1978	UN Security Council Resolution 425 calls for Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.
13 Jun 1978	IDF withdraws from Lebanon after UNIFIL is deployed.
18-19 Jul 1978	Leeds Castle conference in UK.
5-17 Sep 1978	The Camp David conference.
17 Sep 1978	Israel and Egypt sign the Camp David Accords.
12 Oct 1978	Blair House conference opens in Washington.
2-5 Nov 1978	Arab League summit at Baghdad denounces the Camp David Accords.
1 Feb 1979	The Islamic revolution in Iran.
26 Mar 1979	Israel-Egypt peace treaty is signed at the White House.
21 Oct 1979	Moshe Dayan resigns as foreign minister over conduct of Palestinian autonomy negotiations.
5 May 1980	Ezer Weizman resigns as defence minister.
17 Sep 1980	Outbreak of war between Iraq and Iran.
4 Jun 1981	Begin and Sadat meet in Sharm el-Sheikh.
7 Jun 1981	Israel bombs the Iraqi nuclear reactor near Baghdad.
30 Jun 1981	The Likud is re-elected.
6 Oct 1981	President Sadat is assassinated and Husni Mubarak succeeds.
30 Nov 1981	US and Israel sign Memorandum of Understanding on Strategic Co-operation.
14 Dec 1981	Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights.
18 Dec 1981	The US suspends the agreement on strategic co operation with Israel.
26 Apr 1982	Israeli withdrawal from Sinai completed.
3 Jun 1982	Attempted assassination of the Israeli ambassador in London.
6 Jun 1982	Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

4 Jul 1982	IDF begins siege of West Beirut.
21 Aug 1982	PLO fighters are evacuated from Beirut.
1 Sep 1982	President Reagan announces his peace plan for the Middle East.
14 Sep 1982	President Bashir Jumayel is assassinated.
16 Sep 1982	The massacre of Sabra and Shatila.
17 May 1983	Israel and Lebanon sign agreement.
28 Aug 1983	Menachem Begin resigns and Yitzhak Shamir succeeds.
5 Mar 1984	Israeli-Lebanese agreement abrogated by Amin Jumayel.
14 Sep 1984	National Unity Government under Shimon Peres takes office.
10 Jun 1985	Israel withdraws from Lebanon, but forms 'security zone' in the south.
11-12 Sep 1985	Peres-Mubarak summit conference in Cairo.
1 Oct 1985	Israel bombs PLO headquarters in Tunis.
9 Dec 1985	Start in Geneva of international arbitration on Taba.
15 Apr 1986	American air attack on Libya.
20 Oct 1986	The rotation agreement is implemented: Shamir replaces Peres as prime minister.
25-27 Feb 1987	Second Peres-Mubarak summit conference in Cairo.
11 Apr 1987	The Peres-Hussein London Agreement.
9 Dec 1987	Outbreak of the <i>intifada</i> .
23 Feb 1988	George Schultz launches his peace initiative.
18 Jul 1988	End of Iran-Iraq War.
31 Jul 1988	King Hussein announces Jordan's disengagement from the West Bank.
15 Nov 1988	Palestine National Council in Algiers conditionally accepts UN Resolutions 181, 242, and 338.
1 Nov 1988	Likud wins elections.
14 Dec 1988	Arafat accepts US terms for talks with the PLO.
10 Oct 1989	James Baker presents his five point plan.
12 Oct 1989	Ta'if accord to end the Lebanese civil war.
15 Mar 1990	Labour quits National Unity Government.
20 Jun 1990	US suspends dialogue with the PLO.
2 Aug 1990	Iraq invades Kuwait.
16 Jan - 28 Feb 1991	The Gulf War.
Mar 1991	President Bush announces major new Middle East peace initiative.
30-31 Oct 1991	Middle East peace conference convenes in Madrid.
10 Dec 1991	Bilateral Arab-Israeli peace talks begin in Washington.
25 Dec 1991	Dissolution of the USSR.
23 Jun 1992	Labour defeats Likud in Israeli elections.
16 Dec 1992	Israeli deportation of 415 Hamas activists.
19 Jan 1993	Knesset repeals ban on contacts with the PLO.
25 Jul 1993	Israel launches Operation Accountability in south Lebanon.
10 Sep 1993	Israel and PLO exchange letters formally recognizing each other.
13 Sep 1993	Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles on Palestinian self government is signed in the White House.
25 Feb 1994	Massacre of Palestinians at Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron.
4 May 1994	Israel and PLO reach agreement in Cairo on the application of the Declaration of Principles.
25 Jul 1994	Washington Declaration ends state of war between Israel and Jordan.

26 Oct 1994	Israel and Jordan sign a peace treaty.
23 Dec 1994	Israeli and Syrian chiefs of staff hold talks in Washington.
2 Feb 1995	First summit between leaders of Egypt, Jordan, PLO, and Israel.
28 Sep 1995	Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip (Oslo II) is signed.
4 Nov 1995	Yitzhak Rabin is assassinated and Shimon Peres succeeds.
27 Dec 1995	Israeli-Syrian talks in Wye Plantation near Washington.
5 Jan 1996	Hamas master bomb-maker Yahya Ayyash ('the engineer') is assassinated by Israel.
21 Jan 1996	First Palestinian elections.
25 Feb 1996	A Hamas suicide bomber blows up a bus in Jerusalem.
2-4 Mar 1996	Four Hamas suicide bombs kill 59 Israelis.
13 Mar 1996	Anti-terrorist summit of 27 states is held in Sharm el Sheikh.
11 Apr 1996	Israel launches Operation Grapes of Wrath in south Lebanon.
24 Apr 1996	The Palestinian National Council amends the Palestinian National Charter.
29 May 1996	Binyamin Netanyahu defeats Shimon Peres in Israeli elections.
25 Sep 1996	Clashes following opening of tunnel in the Old City of Jerusalem.
13 Nov 1996	Third Middle East economic summit opens in Cairo.
15 Jan 1997	The Hebron Protocol is signed.
18 Mar 1997	Construction begins of Jewish housing at Har Homa in East Jerusalem.
15 May 1998	Israel celebrates her 50th anniversary.
23 Oct 1998	Binyamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat sign the Wye River Memorandum.
7 Feb 1999	King Hussein of Jordan dies and Abdullah II succeeds.
17 May 1999	Ehud Barak defeats Binyamin Netanyahu in Israeli elections.
11 Jul 1999	Barak meets Yasser Arafat at the Gaza-Israel border.
15 Jul 1999	Barak meets President Clinton in the White House.
4 Sep 1999	Barak and Arafat sign the Sharm el-Sheikh Memorandum.
15 Sep 1999	Barak meets Syrian foreign minister Farouk al-Shara at Blair House, Washington.
3-9 Jan 2000	Clinton, Barak, and Shara summit in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.
26 Mar 2000	Bill Clinton meets Hafez al-Assad in Geneva.
24 May 2000	IDF withdraws unilaterally from Lebanon.
10 Jun 2000	Hafez al-Assad dies and Bashar al-Assad succeeds.
11-25 Jul 2000	Camp David summit.
28 Sep 2000	Ariel Sharon visits Temple Mount. Outbreak of the Al-Aqsa intifada.
23 Dec 2000	President Clinton presents his peace plan.
21-28 Jan 2001	Israeli-Palestinian negotiations at Taba in Egypt.
6 Feb 2001	Ariel Sharon defeats Ehud Barak and forms a national unity government with the Labour Party.
11 Sep 2001	Al-Qaeda terrorist attack in New York and Washington.
27 Mar 2002	Suicide bomber kills 29 and wounds close to 150 in Park Hotel, Netanya.
28 Mar 2002	Arab League summit in Beirut approves Saudi peace plan.
29 Mar 2002	Israel launches Operation Defensive Shield in the West Bank.

24 Jun 2002	President Bush calls for 'provisional' Palestinian state under new leadership.
30 Oct 2002	Labour Party withdraws from the national unity government and elects Amram Mitzna its leader.
28 Jan 2003	Ariel Sharon wins general elections and forms a right-wing government.
20 Mar 2003	America and Britain invade Iraq.
30 April 2003	The Quartet issues the Road Map. Mahmoud Abbas appointed Palestinian prime minister.
2 Jun 2003	Summit meeting in Aqaba to launch the road map.
6 Sep 2003	Mahmoud Abbas resigns as prime minister.
11 Sep 2003	Israeli cabinet decides in principle to 'remove' Arafat.
1 Dec 2003	Unofficial 'peace agreement' is signed in Geneva.
22 Mar 2004	Israel assassinates Hamas leader Sheikh Yassin.
11 Nov 2004	Yasser Arafat dies and Mamoud Abbas succeeds.
18 Dec 2004	Sharon announces unilateral withdrawal from Gaza.
9 Jan 2005	Mahmoud Abbas is democratically elected as President.
Aug 2005	Israel withdraws unilaterally from the Gaza Strip.
4 Jan 2006	Sharon falls into a coma.
25 Jan 2006	Hamas victory in Palestinian legislative elections.
28 Mar 2006	Kadima victory in Israeli elections.