

# Concise Fact Page

## Mandate for Palestine, July 24 1922



## After the War of Independence



## Legal Rights Under International Law



Professor, Judge Stephen M. Schwebel,  
former President of the International Court of Justice in the Hague:

“State [Israel] acting in lawful exercise of its right of self-defense may seize and occupy foreign territory as long as such seizure and occupation are necessary to its self-defense... Where the prior holder [Jordan] of territory had seized that territory unlawfully, the state which subsequently takes that territory in the lawful exercise of self-defense, [Israel] has, against that prior holder, better title... including the whole of Jerusalem, than do Jordan and Egypt.”

## Demographic Table of Jerusalem 1844-2015

Year	Jews	Muslims	Christians	Total	Percentage of Arabs to Total Population
1844	7,120	5,000	3,390	15,510	54%
1922	33,971	13,411	4,699	52,081	35%
1948	100,000	40,000	25,000	165,000	39%
1967	195,700	54,963	12,646	263,309	26%
2000	448,000	193,900	14,800	656,700	32%
2015	546,560	307,140	12,000	865,700	38%
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2030	If Current Demographic Trends Continue				50%

## Challenges Facing Jerusalem

- Demographic**
  - Today 40% of population is Arab and increasing
  - Mass illegal construction in Arab neighborhoods
  - Jewish population rapidly decreasing
    - Unaffordable housing
    - Lack of employment opportunities
- Security**
  - Over 4,000 terror attacks or attempted attacks since 2014
  - 40% emanating from Jerusalem neighborhoods on other side of security barrier
- Urban**
  - Urban expansion severely restricted under current municipal borders and due to mass illegal Arab construction

## Implications of a Divided Jerusalem

- Geo-graphically**

An Israeli withdrawal would strangle the city and stifle urban development. It would create a Gaza strip like reality in the areas vacated, giving them a territorial continuum from Ramallah to Bethlehem through the heart of Jerusalem.
- Demo-graphically**

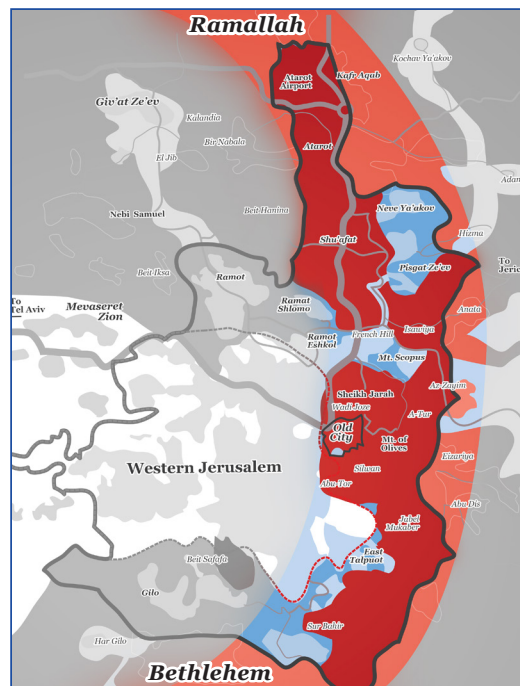
Jewish negative immigration would increase as it had when the city was divided in 1949. Arabs would move to Jewish neighborhoods to stay in Israel.
- Security**

A withdrawal would create a void which would quickly be filled by Islamic terror forces, putting them at extreme proximity to Jewish neighborhoods - while Israel's ability to respond would be limited
- Holy Sites**

Division would also leave the holy sites at the mercy of Islamic extremists, jeopardize freedom of access, and embolden Jihadists worldwide.

## Gaza Strip inside Jerusalem

Creating Arab continuity from Ramallah to Bethlehem



## Jerusalem Shield Program

- Demographic**
  - Increasing of Jewish majority from 60/40 to 85/15
- Security**
  - Block Palestinian territorial continuum in eastern Jerusalem
  - Law & Order in dense hostile neighborhoods
- Urban**
  - Expansion of municipal borders and creation of Greater Jerusalem umbrella municipality
  - Current Arab neighborhoods outside security barrier would become independent Israeli municipalities

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# Jerusalem Geopolitical Map

## After 1967 and Current

New borders of Jerusalem drawn and Israeli law applied after the 6 Day War.

Eastern Jerusalem - area between the black and green lines  
Jewish population in eastern Jerusalem 220,000.

Arab population in eastern Jerusalem 320,000.

