

Who Are the Palestinians?

“We consider Palestine as part of Arab Syria, as it has never been separated from it at any time. We are connected with it by national, religious, linguistic, natural, economic and geographical bonds.”

Resolution adopted by the First Congress of Muslim-Christian Associations;
Jerusalem, February, 1919
at a meeting to choose representatives for the Paris Peace Conference

“There is no such country [as Palestine]! ‘Palestine’ is a term the Zionists invented! There is no Palestine in the Bible. Our country was for centuries part of Syria.”

The words of Auni Bey Abdul-Hadi, local Arab Leader to the Peel Commission (which came up with the suggestion to partition the Land of Israel) in 1937

“There is no such thing as ‘Palestine’ in history, absolutely not.”

Testimony of distinguished Arab-American historian, Princeton University Prof. Philip Hitti, before the Anglo-American Committee 1946

“Palestine was part of the Province of Syria... politically, the Arabs of Palestine were not independent in the sense of forming a separate political entity.”

Arab Higher Committee representative to the United Nations at the General Assembly, May, 1947

“It is common knowledge that Palestine is nothing but southern Syria”

Ahmed Shuqeiri (later chairman of the PLO) to the Security Council (a few years later)

- *The Palestinian people did not care about or build a national movement until Israel acquired control of the West Bank and Gaza following the Six-Day War in 1967.*
- *Now that Palestinian nationalism is a force, the Palestinians must recognize the right of the Jewish people to its national movement: Zionism.*
- *Together, the two peoples can share the land.*

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