

# The Jerusalem Post (1932–2008)

## Historically influential news source of the Middle East

**FOUNDED IN 1932** as *The Palestine Post*, this paper established itself as the top English-language paper of the Middle East and Jewish world. Popular with British servicemen and women stationed in the region, as well as readers in Cairo and Alexandria, the paper had strong readership in both Jewish and Arab cities throughout Palestine. The publication fervently supported the struggle for a Jewish homeland and freely opposed British restrictions on Jewish immigration.

In 1948, only months prior to the declaration of Israel as an independent state, terrorists parked a stolen vehicle loaded with explosives outside the newspaper office in the center of Jerusalem. The devastating attack left three people dead, dozens injured, and the presses completely destroyed. Yet, by the next morning, the latest edition of *The Palestine Post* was out in print, albeit in a reduced format, run off at small local print shop.

The publication came to be known as *The Jerusalem Post* in 1950. Over the decades, the paper espoused a left-leaning perspective that shifted to the right in the 1980s. It is regarded as one of the world's most important newspaper titles, with in-depth historical coverage of regional and world events, and excellent resource for researchers of a various topics. But perhaps above all, this collection of digitized pages from *The Jerusalem Post* archives (1932–2008) particularly tells firsthand the history of the state of Israel.

### Curriculum Focus

- Economics
- Ethnic Studies
- International Relations
- Judaism
- Middle Eastern Culture
- Political Science
- World History

### Why The Jerusalem Post?

- **Full access to this historical newspaper:** Users can study the progression of issues over time by browsing issues of *The Jerusalem Post*, which offers coverage of 1932–2008, including news articles, photos, advertisements, classified ads, obituaries, cartoons, and more.
- **Insight into multiple perspectives:** Not only does presenting this newspaper on the ProQuest platform allow for cover-to-cover searching and browsing of complete issues of this newspaper, but users can find a broader view of issues and events by cross searching all of ProQuest's complete runs of historical newspapers.
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**December 5, 1947:** The United Nations approved a plan to divide British Palestine into two separate states: Israel and Palestine.

**October 16, 1973:** Yom Kippur War: Egypt and Syria attacked Israel in an effort to force Israel to surrender the land gained in the 1967 Six Day War.

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