

# Israel's ethnic cleansing of Palestine



**In 1947-1949, over 750,000 Christians and Muslims (who had originally made up 95 percent of Palestine's inhabitants) were violently expelled from their homes when colonists succeeded in their plan to create a Jewish state in Palestine.**

**To this day the government of Israel refuses to allow these refugees and their descendants to return to their homes. Even those who managed to remain in what became Israel and are theoretically Israeli citizens were designated "present absentees," their homes and land confiscated for Jewish-only habitation.**