

# What if the Palestinians Had Said Yes to Peace?

Fifty-four years ago today, United Nations Security Council resolution 181 proposed the creation of two states, one Arab, one Jewish, in Palestine. The Jews accepted and called for peaceful coexistence. The Arabs refused and declared war, creating today's "Palestinian problem." What if the Arabs had wanted peace? What if they accepted Israel's right to exist?

- In 1947, the Arabs turned down their own Palestinian state, opting instead for war to attempt to "drive the Jews into the sea."
- From 1948 through 1967, when Jordan and Egypt occupied the West Bank and Gaza strip, no attempts were made to create a Palestinian government in lands now regarded as Palestinian.
- Yasir Arafat's terrorist organization, the P.L.O, was formed in 1964, when Arabs controlled the West Bank.
- The Arab states refused to negotiate a peace deal with Israel after the Arab-Initiated Six Day War of 1967, choosing instead to wait and wage war again against the Jews in 1973 on Yom Kippur.
- In August 2000, Yasir Arafat walked out of negotiations for peace at Camp David, opting instead for the terrorism and violence of the past fourteen months.

***They Had a Choice – They Chose Terror***

**Israel Wants Peace,  
We Have No Partner**