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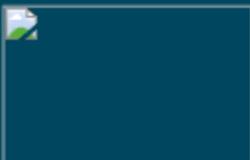
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Were the Palestinians the Only People Who Became Refugees as a Result of the Arab-Israeli Conflict ?

Although much is heard about the plight of the [Palestinian refugees](#), little is said about the [Jews who fled from Arab states](#). Their situation had long been precarious. During the 1947 UN debates, Arab leaders threatened them. For example, Egypt's delegate told the General Assembly: "The lives of one million Jews in Muslim countries would be jeopardized by [partition](#)."

The number of Jews fleeing Arab countries for Israel in the years following Israel's independence was nearly double the number of Arabs leaving Palestine. Many Jews were allowed to take little more than the shirts on their backs. These refugees had no desire to be repatriated. Little is heard about them because they did not remain refugees for long. Of the 820,000 Jewish refugees between 1948 and 1972, 586,000 were resettled in Israel at great expense, and without any offer of compensation from the Arab governments who confiscated their possessions.

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Fact of the Week

IDF Field Hospital in Nepal Treated Nearly 1,500 People

Israeli medical teams returned to Israel on May 11, 2015, after 2 weeks of working in disaster-stricken areas of Nepal. During the two weeks that the Israeli field hospitals were operating at full capacity, Israeli doctors carried out 85 surgeries on seriously injured Nepalese civilians, and delivered eight babies. In total, the Israeli field hospitals treated 1,427 patients. Engineers from the IDF stayed in Nepal after the closing of the field hospitals to continue to assist with infrastructure evaluation.

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