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The Role of the United Nations in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict:
A Chronology

I have established a chronology of seminal events in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with a heavy emphasis on those in which the United Nations has become involved. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is highly controversial, and there is much misinformation and bias surrounding related events and issues. The United Nation’s involvement in Israeli and Palestinian affairs is especially plagued by allegations of bias from advocates on both sides of the divide.

This chronology is an effort to situate the role of the United Nations throughout the history of the conflict, by outlining the specific decisions it has made, or actions it has taken, in the region. An emphasis is placed on those resolutions and events that have drawn the most criticism or support, and those which are most significant to claims of UN bias. This chronology also attempts to expose the seminal influence that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has had in shaping the United Nations itself, through the establishment of new, unprecedented UN institutions and positions.

Ultimately, the United Nations has been deeply implicated in efforts to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, although some periods feature a greater UN involvement in the region than others. However, the conflict itself has likewise been implicated in the shaping of the United Nations as a global peacemaking organization, and in its legitimacy and successes as such.

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