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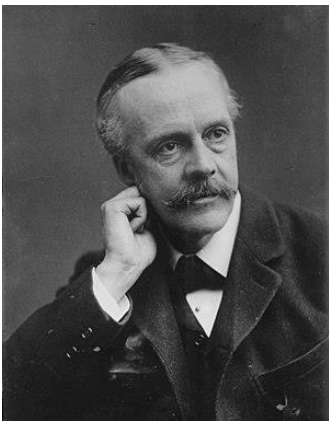
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## **The Peace on The Horizon - 75 Years after The World War 2 in the Middle East (14)**

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014. The Balfour Declaration (1/2)



The most famous promise of UK's triple tongue diplomacy would be the "Balfour Declaration", which was made in the last of the three promises. The Balfour Declaration was mentioned in a letter sent from Arthur Balfour, UK's Foreign Secretary, to Lord Walter Rothschild, a leader of the British Jewish community, in November 1917. The declaration announced support for the establishment of a "national home" for the Jewish people in Palestine.

After the Roman Emperor Hadrian finally suppressed the rebellion of Jews in the year 135 AD, a long history of the Jews' 'diaspora' (discrete) began. Jewish people had been banned from entering Jerusalem. They dreamed of re-establishment of a Jewish homeland. They had been enduring the contempt and persecution of Christian people in Europe. In the 19th century they launched political Zionism campaign which meant the movement to return to the promised hometown of Zion.

Jews became the de facto ruler of global economy in the wave of prevailing capitalism from the 19th century to the 20th century. It was also an era when the financial power of the Jews affected the outcome of the war. Most of Japanese recognizes Japanese victory in the Russo-Japanese War in 1904 because the Jewish bankers in the United States bought Japanese wartime bonds. In the World War I Jewish money was the key to victory of UK. Lord Rothschild was the exponent of Jewish investors. UK, which had been suffered in shortage of money, requested war funds to Lord Rothschild. In return, UK promised to patronize the Zionism movement.

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