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The letter sent from Balfour to Lord Rothschild told as follows:

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation."

This declaration has shown clearly the intention of the British government to support the construction of Jewish colony in the Palestinian homelands. Historically, the Jews had left Palestine in the first century AD. But Arabs have been living in Palestine continuously for nearly two thousand years since then. It was the reason why the British government mentioned in the letter that "Nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine". This phrase, however, has not been abided. On the contrary, Israel has widened its territory in Palestine through four wars – Israeli Independent War in 1948, Suez War in 1956, Six-days War in 1967 and Yom Kippur War in 1978. Israel is continuing to expand their settlements even now. Arabs are just staring at Jewish outrage without effective countermeasures.

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