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## **The Peace on The Horizon - 75 Years after The World War 2 in the Middle East (23)**

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The most famous one was "Dreyfus affair" in France. In 1894, the French Army's Jewish captain Alfred Dreyfus was arrested for spying against Germany. Though the case was later proved to be a false charge, the captain acquired a notorious judgment in 1906. The 12-year-long trial conflict became a major incident that shook France. Emile Zola, great writer, disclosed the letter of impeachment of the government. It was a socio-political scandal. At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there also was another sample of anti-semitism in Russia. Jewish genocide "Pogrom" was widely spread in Russia. Pogrom was a terrible affair together with "Holocaust" in Germany during the World War II. At that time Europeans hated the Jews so much.

In such circumstance, it is impossible for Jews to get their homeland inside Europe. They have no choice to get homeland in abroad. Many Jews migrated to the "New World" – United States of America. But some of them insisted to construct their own homeland. The politicians in Europe believed that it was an excellent idea to give Jewish their homeland outside Europe to avoid social unrest in Europe. They backed Jewish idea. This was a favorable policy to oust Jews from European continent.

However, in 20<sup>th</sup> century it was impossible to discover unmanned land that could be cultivated and could build a new state anywhere in the world. British government proposed them UK colony in Central

Africa, where natives were living. UK could bring natives to knees by force. But Theodor Herzl, the leader of the homeland construction movement, insisted on the revival of his country in Palestine where his ancestors were exiled 2,000 years ago. He advocated "Return to Israel (Zionism)". Zionist spoke the slogan loudly; "People defunct land to landless people" Zionism movement grew up year after year.

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