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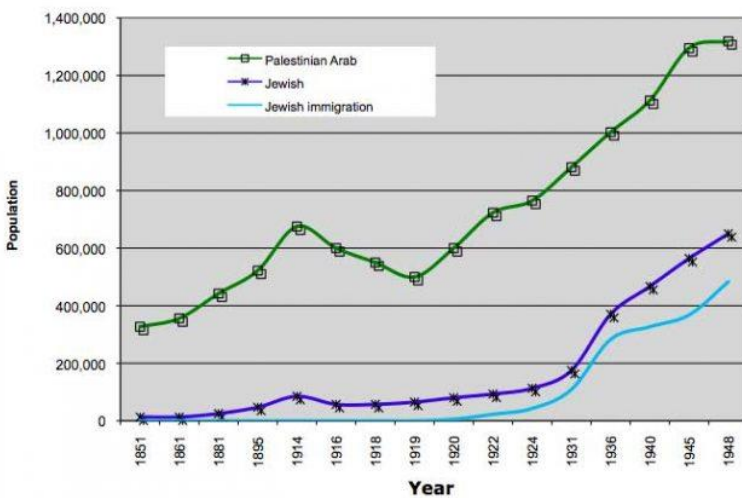
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## The Peace on The Horizon - 75 Years after The World War 2 in the Middle East (28)

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The population of Jews the world is estimated around 14 million. Most of them live in the US and Israel. Jewish population in Israel is 6.3 million. They consist of the third- quarter of the country's population of 8.5 million.

However, Jews were not so many before Israeli independence in 1948. The total population of Palestine in the early 1920s after the World War I was 750,000, of which the Jews were about only 80,000. It meant that the ratio of Jews was only 10%. Compared with current figure, the number was one-eighties, and the ratio was about one-eighth.

With the support of the Zionism movement and the Balfour Declaration, numerous Jews from all over European countries migrated to Palestine, namely "the land of Zion", before and after the World War I. It was called "Aliyah". Nearly 200,000 Jews were rushing into Palestine during the first and fourth Aliyah from the late 19th century to the 1920s. When the Holocaust by Nazis in Germany took place in 1930s, the Jews escaped from Europe. Most of them headed to the US. The rest moved to Israel, and its number reached 250 thousand (Fifth Aliyah). As a result, the total population of Palestine immediately doubled to 1.5 million from 750 thousand within 20 years after World War 1.

(To be continued ----)

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