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At the beginning of Islamic era, it was the mission to deploy the doctrine of Islam to al-Jahiliya (the world of darkness). Then the Islamic Empire was built up. In the Middle Ages, Ottoman Empire overwhelmed Christianity at the fight with the Crusades over the holy Jerusalem. The Empire achieved its prosperity. It was the time when the world continued to be a "House of Peace (dar al-Islam)". Although the modern Western people insisted that the Ottoman Empire was the world of tyranny and exploitation, it was a peaceful place for the majority people living in the Empire.

It was the imperialism of Western powers that invaded and destroyed House of Peace. The politicians, the uniforms and capitalists of Western countries expanded the "House of War (dar al-Harb)" one after another in the Islamic world. Muslim believed that there was one house neither "House of Peace" nor "House of War" between the boundary of two Houses. They named it "House of Peace Treaty (dar al-Sulf)".

After the Ramadan War in 1973, Egypt and Israel signed a peace treaty. Since then Arab-Israeli interstate war has not took place for nearly half a century. It can be said that the "House of Peace (dar al-Islam)" appeared exactly. Speaking of the Middle East war, it usually meant the Arab-Israeli war. It was the ethnic war between Arabs and Jews, and at the same time it was a religious war between Islam and Judaism. It was a mere bilateral confrontation scheme that was clearly defined ally or enemy.

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