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But for Palestinians it was nothing to do with them that Egypt and Israel signed a peace treaty and Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin received the Nobel Peace Prize. It couldn't solve any problems at all. Jewish people had been shouting the slogan, "People defunct land to landless people". But it was a selfish idea because the Jews completely ignored the history of Palestinians who had been living in that place for nearly two thousand years after Jewish people had left Palestine and scattered to various areas of Europe as diaspora (great discretion).

After Israeli independence Palestinians fought for construction of the Palestinian state seeking the return of land. The Arab countries actively supported the Palestinians and raised to military action. But the Ramadan War in 1973 was the final one. Egypt left from Arab allies by single peace treaty with Israel. Other Arab countries condemned Egypt, but no country offered help to Palestine. Palestinians were left behind in the paradigm shift of the world and the Middle East.

It was a matter of course that Palestinians were not silent and did not overlook the situation. Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), based in southern Lebanon near the Israel border repeated a cross-border attack on Israel persistently taking advantage of dysfunction of the Lebanese government. In response, Israel bombed the PLO Headquarters in the Palestinian refugee camp. The PLO could not match Israel in military operations at all. In 1982, the PLO withdrew from Lebanon and fled to Tunisia. (To be continued ----)

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