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The Palestinians living in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip had to be kept in cloud on the horizon. However, they did not give up the resistance movement against Israel. The Palestinians had nothing but a few weapons and ammunitions. The only one means to show their intention of resistance was to throw the stones. They threw the stones toward Israel soldiers and their tanks which suppressed the Palestine demonstration. It was a hopeless resistance. It was no use kicking against the pricks. It began in 1987 for the first time and was called as “intifada”. The photo news that Palestinians resisted tyranny by stone and Israeli confrontation with the latest weapons have attracted international public opinion. The criticism against Israel was grown up.

Norway mediated between Israel and PLO. In 1993, both parties signed an Oslo Accords in Washington. It was a historical achievement to recognize the Palestinians’ “legitimate and political rights”. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of PLO, Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister of Israel, and Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister of Israel, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994. However, in conclusion, Rabin was assassinated by the right-wing Jews in next year and the peace accord ended with no fruits after all. It was a reproduction of the incident that Anwar Sadat of Egypt was assassinated after Sadat and Menachem Begin of Israel won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1978. When talking about peace in the Middle East, the Nobel Peace Prize did not brought permanent peace in the Middle East in any way.

It gave only the illusion of the peace of the Middle East for the Western people especially the intellectuals in Europe.

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