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In the history of the Nobel Peace Prize, half of the winners were individuals and the remaining were organizations or entities. Most of individuals were civilians like peace activists or philosophers. There were very few politicians who received Nobel Peace Prize. Furthermore, they were not the president or prime minister. Even if he or she was the top of the state, most of them were already retired from active service at the time of winning prize like ex-Prime Minister Eisaku Sato of Japan who was awarded the prize in 1974. Taking the number of winners into consideration by country, Presidents of the United States were awarded multiple times. They were Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, Woodrow Wilson in 1919, Jimmy Carter in 2002 and Barack Obama in 2009. This was the exceptional case in the history of Nobel prize.

It was, therefore, surprising that Israeli prime ministers won the Nobel Peace Prize twice. And it was more surprising that one of winners of two peace prizes were assassinated later. President Sadat of Egypt who was co-awarded with Begin in 1978 was assassinated three years later. And Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, winner of 1994, was also assassinated in 1995. Sadat was sniped as the current president by his own soldiers, and Rabin, as the current premier was shot by young opponents who was against the peace treaty.

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