AIM: HOW DID ISRAEL DEVELOP DURING ITS FIRST TWO DECADES?

I. TREATMENT BY THE ARAB WORLD AFTER INDEPENDENCE

A. Initial reaction

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B. THE SUEZ CANAL AND NASSER

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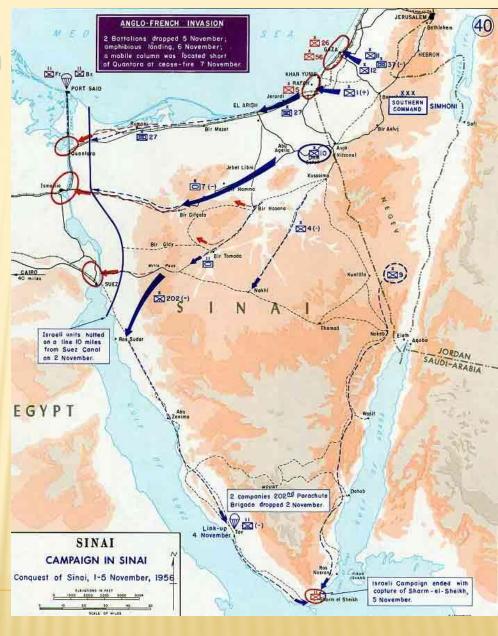
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The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Muhammad Salah al-Din, said early in 1954:

The Arab people will not be embarrassed to declare: We shall not be satisfied except by the final obliteration of Israel from the map of the Middle East (Al-Misri, April 12, 1954).

"Egypt has decided to dispatch her heroes, the disciples of Pharaoh and the sons of Islam and they will cleanse the land of Palestine....There will be no peace on Israel's border because we demand vengeance, and vengeance is Israel's death."

Nasser



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II. Causes of the 6 Day War



A. The formation of the P.L.O.

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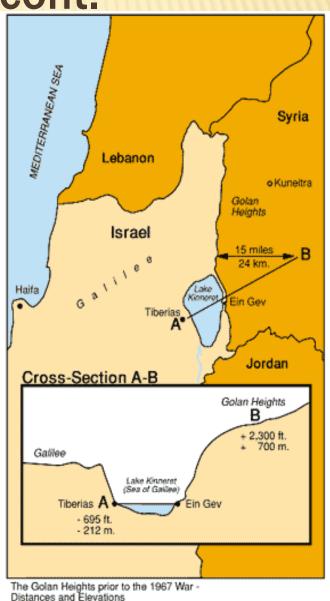
Chapter IV Article 22. The Palestine Liberation Organization shall form an army of Palestinians, to be known as the Palestine Liberation Army, ... Its national duty is to become the vanguard in the battle for the liberation of Palestine.

II. Causes of the 6 Day War cont.

B. Bombing of the North

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II. Causes of the 6 Day War cont.

C. Closing of the Strait of Tiran

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- D. Build up of Forces on the Israeli front
- The armies of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon are poised on the borders of Israel...to face the challenge, while standing behind us are the armies of Iraq, Algeria, Kuwait, Sudan and the whole Arab nation. This act will astound the world. Today they will know that the Arabs are arranged for battle, the critical hour has arrived. We have reached the stage of serious action and not declarations. (13)