





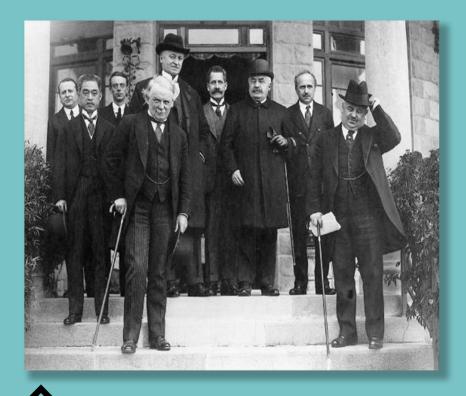
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International recognition of the Balfour Declaration

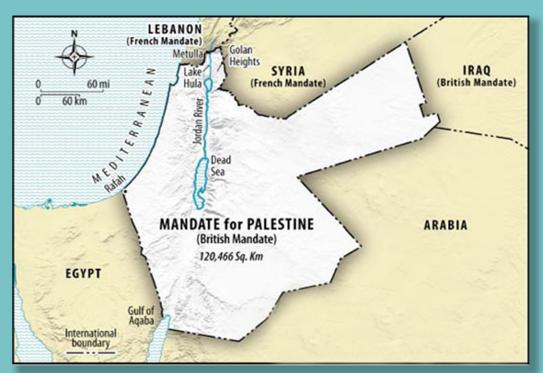


Between the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the Declaration of Independence of 1948, there were a series of additional international and legally-binding treaties recognising Zionist aspirations in Palestine.



Heads of state and other officials at San Remo, Italy, 1920

Britain's Mandate for Palestine was granted in 1920 at the San Remo Conference in Italy and ratified by the 52 League of Nations governments on 24th July 1922. Notably, the Mandate for Palestine explicitly required Britain to implement the Balfour Declaration.



The Mandate for Palestine showing the borders of the land in which the Jewish National Home was to be reconstituted

However, on 16th September 1922, the British unilaterally divided Mandatory Palestine into two administrative areas. The first, east of the Jordan, was to become Transjordan. The remaining 23% west of the river was earmarked for the Jews; the space for a Jewish national home had suddenly become dramatically smaller.