How Israel’s violent birth destroyed Palestine

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From time to time, the Palestine Center distributes articles it believes will enhance understanding of the Palestinian political reality. The following article by Ramzy Baroud was published by Al Jazeera on May 1, 2017.

“Two dates are often used to frame the so-called Palestinian-Israeli conflict: Nakba Day on May 15 and [Naksa](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/06/1967-naksa-making-middle-east-160608073319516.html) Day on June 5.

Nakba means ‘catastrophe’, a reference that was commonly used to describe the violence meted out against the Palestinian Arab population during the period of British colonialism in Palestine, which extended from 1917 to 1948.

The term Nakba morphed to define the zenith of British and Zionist colonisation and settlement in Palestine, which ultimately led to the [ethnic cleansing](http://interactive.aljazeera.com/aje/PalestineRemix/ethnic_cleansing.html) of the Palestinian population from their historic homeland in 1947 and 1948.

May 15, 1948, was the final act of all previous ‘catastrophes’.

Naksa, on the other hand, means the ‘letdown’.“