

The Arab- (Jewish/) Israel Conflict, 1939- Present

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The MacMahon Letter

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David Ben Gurion, *My Talks with Arab Leaders* (New York: The Third Press, 1973), pp. 14-62, 121-7.

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Benny Morris, *Israel's Border Wars, 1949-1956* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997), pp. 426-445.

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