

# Five arguments why the struggle for the establishment and defense of Israel was a great victory

In the struggle against the English imperialist colonial power, against the Arab feudal states and their Arab Palestinian supporters, Israel was founded on May 14, 1948, on the background of the UN partition plan of November 1947. Points of contention to this day are: Was the establishment of Israel in Palestine correct? Why was the establishment of Israel supported by the world communist movement? Around these and many more questions about the complex of topics Israel/Palestine there is an extremely big confusion even among groups that call themselves communist or anti-fascist.

In today's debates in particular, we believe it is central to first discuss the question of the founding of the state of Israel. If no agreement is reached even on this fundamental question, because it is argued that the founding of Israel was supposedly a colonialist act aimed at the expulsion of the Arab-Palestinian

population, then it is clear that further discussion is, if not impossible, then in any case much more difficult. For such delegitimization of the state of Israel, as advocated today above all by Palestinian organizations such as the PLO, Hamas, etc., aims directly or indirectly at the destruction of Israel through a renewed war.

However, it is undisputed: Even if there were agreement that the founding of the State of Israel was correct, this would not resolve a host of other questions from Israel's history and the current situation there. But then at least a foundation would be laid for a discussion based on solidarity.

The struggle over the question of the establishment of Israel is first and foremost a question of democratic struggle, a question in the struggle against hostility to Jews. But it is also about the struggle against anti-communism.

## First argument

**The claim that the founding of Israel was a colonialist project is absolutely untenable. Israel was founded in the struggle against English imperialism.**

## Second argument

**The claim that the Jewish armed forces were the actual attackers is absurd. The aforementioned Arab states invaded the newly formed Israel. They and their Arab-Palestinian helpers were defeated by the Israeli army, The aggression was repulsed.**

## Third argument

**The cause of the flight of large parts of the Arab-Palestinian population was above all the invasion of Israel by the coalition of Arab states. It was not Israel's fault, not "the Jews' fault" that no separate Arab-Palestinian state was established in 1948/1949, but the Arab-Palestinian leadership as well as the states of Egypt and Jordan, which had**

**and who were and are also responsible for the misery in the refugee camps.**

## Fourth argument

**There were not only Arab-Palestinian refugees after the 1948/1949 war, who, by the way, were not received by the Arab states like "sisters and brothers", on the contrary. There was also the mass expulsion of the Jewish population from the Arab states, who found refuge in Israel. Another point why the foundation of Israel was so important: as a place of refuge for all those affected by hostility towards Jews.**

## Fifth argument

**It is concealed - also for anti-communist reasons: The revolutionary and communist forces of the whole world have defended the foundation of Israel and condemned the invasion of the Arab states.**

**These are all verifiable facts.**

## Thorough discussion of further issues is necessary

The founding of the State of Israel and the defense against Arab aggression in 1948/49 were right and just, especially from the communist point of view. But this does not mean that "everything is settled" with it. It must be discussed and studied not only on paper, but in the lively exchange of opinions with the democratic-revolutionary and communist-oriented forces fighting on the ground - at the moment very few - how things

how things went on and what the situation is today. This discussion is demanded by the democratic progressive forces in Israel without question rightly. We are, of course, in solidarity with them, as we are with all democratic Arab-Palestinian forces that are rightly resisting the Hamas dictatorship in the Gaza Strip and the reactionary police administration of the PLO under Abbas in the West Bank.