

Following the defeat of the Ottoman Empire in World War I, the Allied powers established the British mandate of Palestine over the southern Levant region. In 1923 Great Britain allowed the Hashemite dynasty to administer the portion of the mandate east of the Jordan River, called Transjordan, and granted it full independence in 1946. The land west of the Jordan River remained under direct mandatory administration until 1948, when the British mandate of Palestine was terminated.