






THE ARAB INVASION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL 15 MAY 1948

-  Principal Arab attacks from outside Palestine
-  Territory allocated to the State of Israel by the United Nations, but overrun by the Arabs between 15 May and 1 June 1948
-  Territory remaining under Israeli control on 1 June 1948
-  Jewish settlements overrun by the Arabs between 15 May and 1 June, often after fierce resistance
-  Jewish settlements surrounded by Arab forces, but resisting repeated attempts to overrun them between 15 May and 1 June, despite grave shortages of arms and men

On 15 May 1948 six Arab armies, those of Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Iraq invaded Israel. They advanced rapidly, threatening to destroy the one-day-old State, and drive its citizens into the sea. The Israelis resisted, and after ten days were able to counter-attack. A truce was signed on 11 June 1948

