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The Palestinians Who Survived the 1948 Nakba

In 1948, about 150,000 Palestinians remained in the newly-established, self-defined Jewish state. Even though they received Israeli citizenship, they found themselves as a marginalized, defeated minority, while 750,000 Palestinians were forced into refugeness.

This paper explores how Palestinians who became citizens in Israel sought to safeguard their place in their homeland, within Israel, under the military regime that was imposed on them in its early years.

They attempted to create a meaningful citizenship in Israel, in struggles in which they claimed their social, political and economic rights while insisting on their distinct Palestinian national identity.



AL-NASIRAH (NAZARETH), 17 JULY 1948. (AP PHOTO)

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