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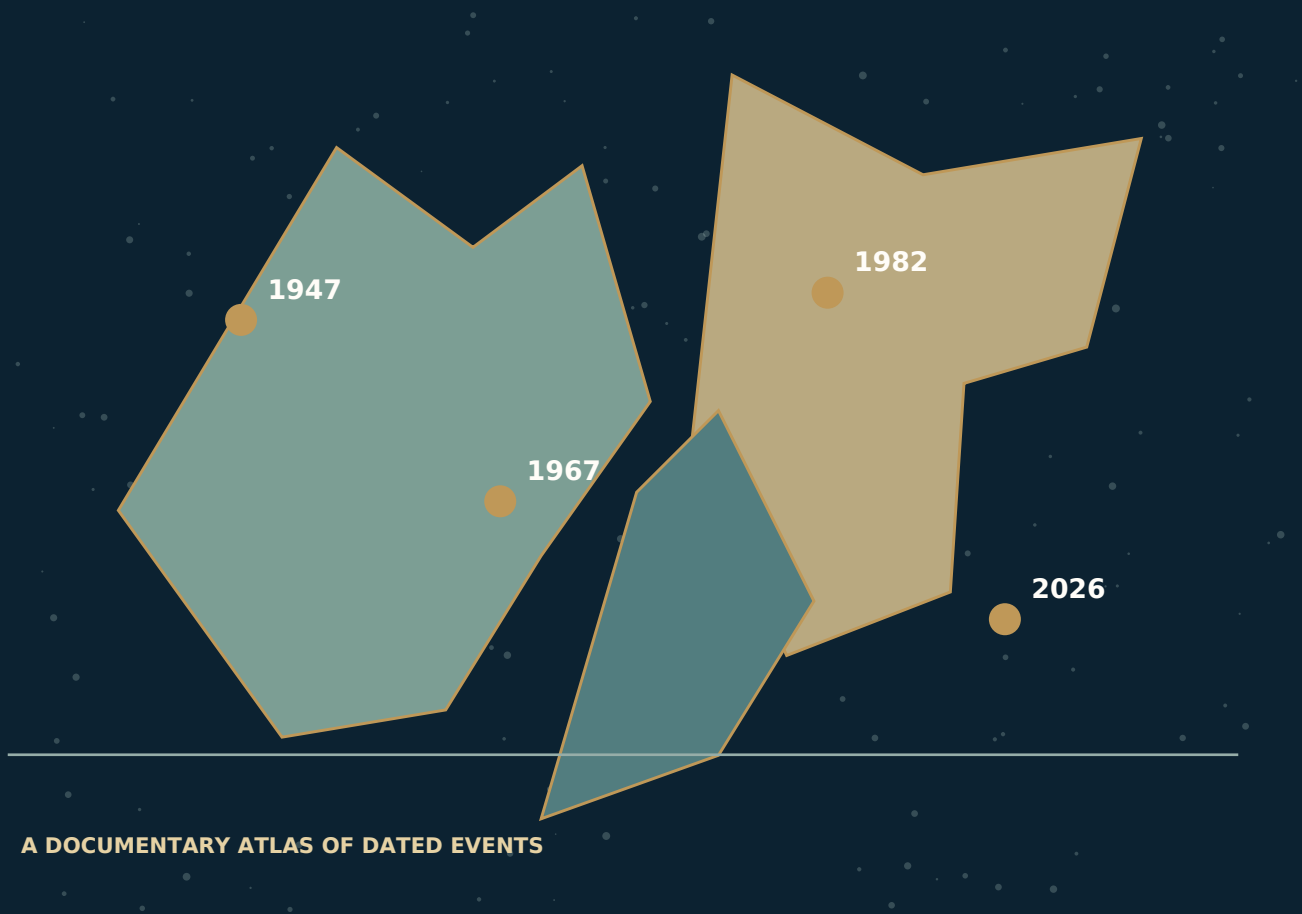
ISRAEL, PALESTINE & LEBANON

History, civilians, law and competing claims — a dated source audit



Documented history · Dated original texts · Competing explanations · Source register

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CRITICAL RESEARCH · ALLEGATIONS ARE NOT ASSUMED TRUE

VISUAL NOTE 01/20

The date and scope of this study

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 01

The date and scope of this study

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Every contemporary status in this volume is dated; the original texts and legal instruments remain separately identifiable.

TRACE · S01, S16, S17

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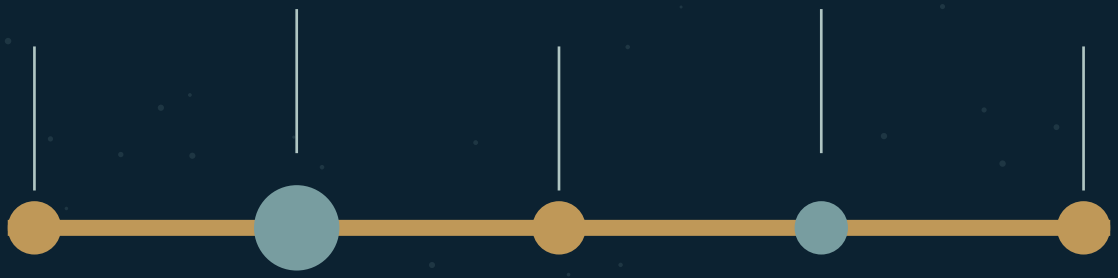
VISUAL NOTE 02/20

Geography, institutions and populations

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 02



Geography, institutions and populations

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Actor names identify institutions, not the totality of Israelis, Palestinians or Lebanese.

TRACE · S04, S07, S11

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VISUAL NOTE 03/20

Before 1947: two national histories

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 03

Before 1947: two national histories

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Two histories must be told without making either population disappear.

TRACE · S04, S05, S19

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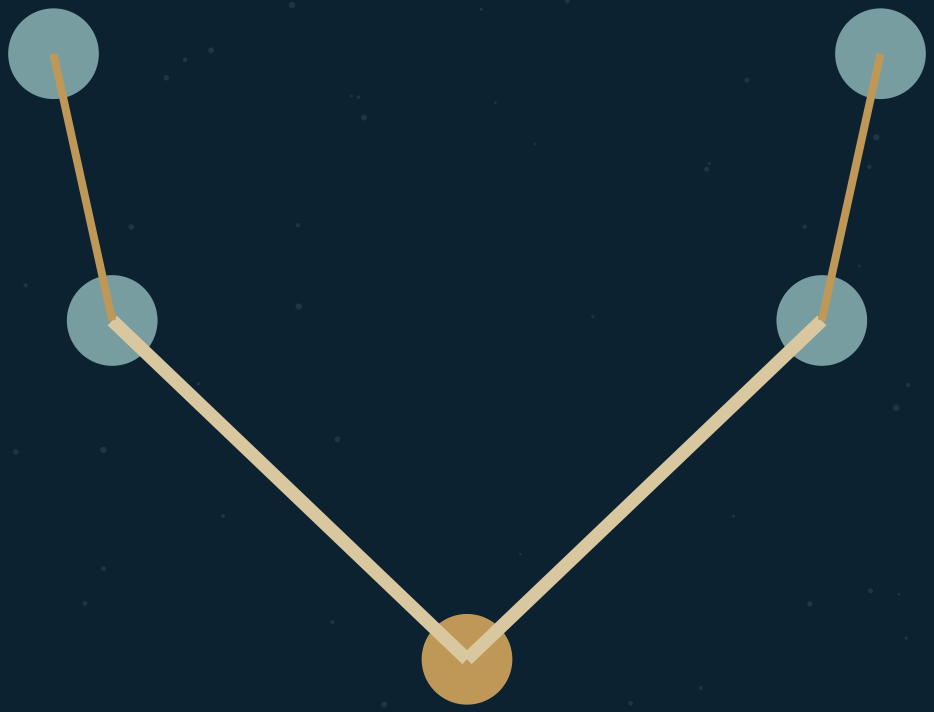
VISUAL NOTE 04/20

1917: Balfour and unequal promises

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 04



1917: Balfour and unequal promises

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

The declaration is a traceable British policy document, not a consensual settlement.

TRACE · S19

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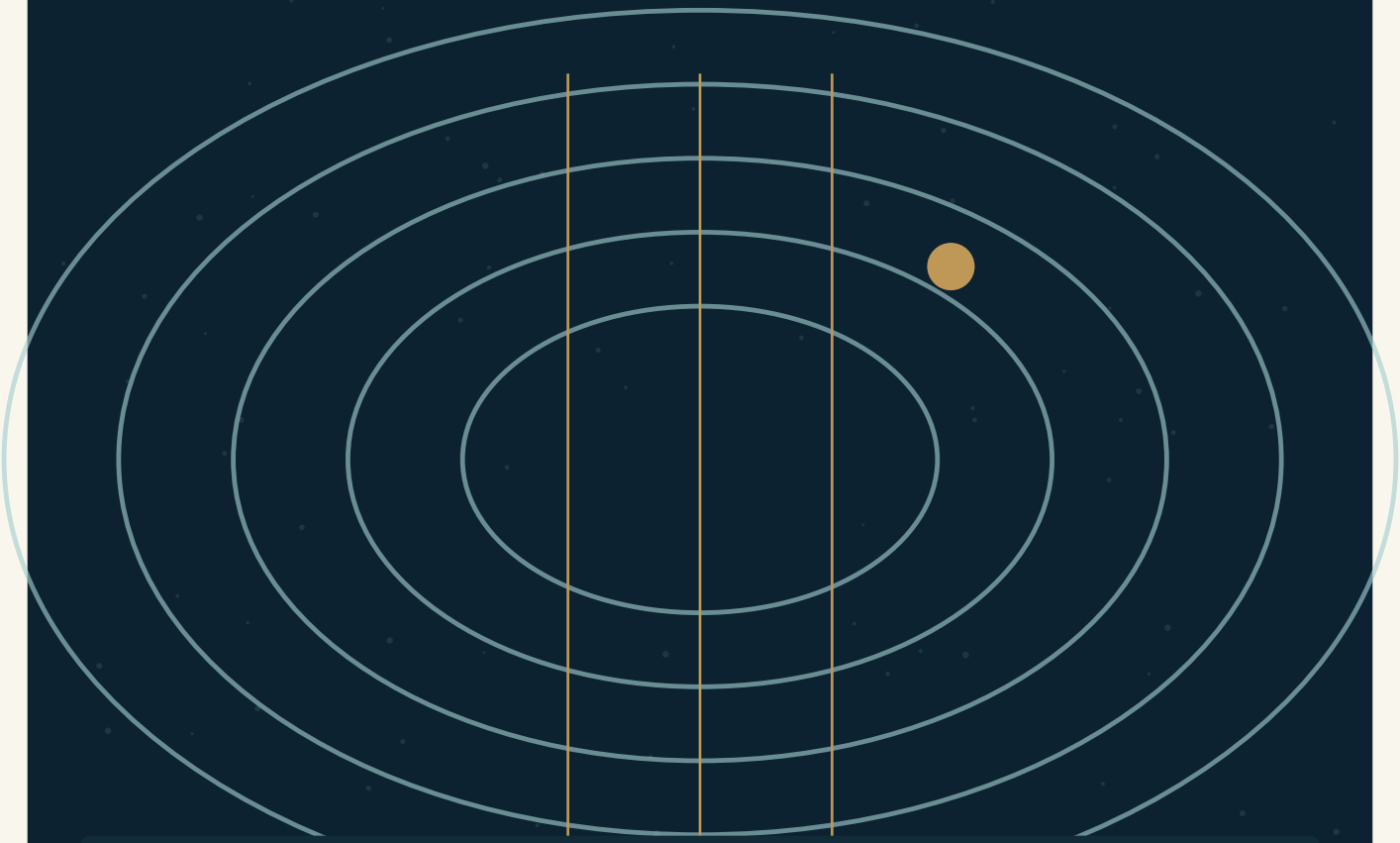
VISUAL NOTE 05/20

1947: what Resolution 181 proposed

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 05



1947: what Resolution 181 proposed

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

UN 181 proposed a partition framework; it did not itself resolve the conflict.

TRACE · S04

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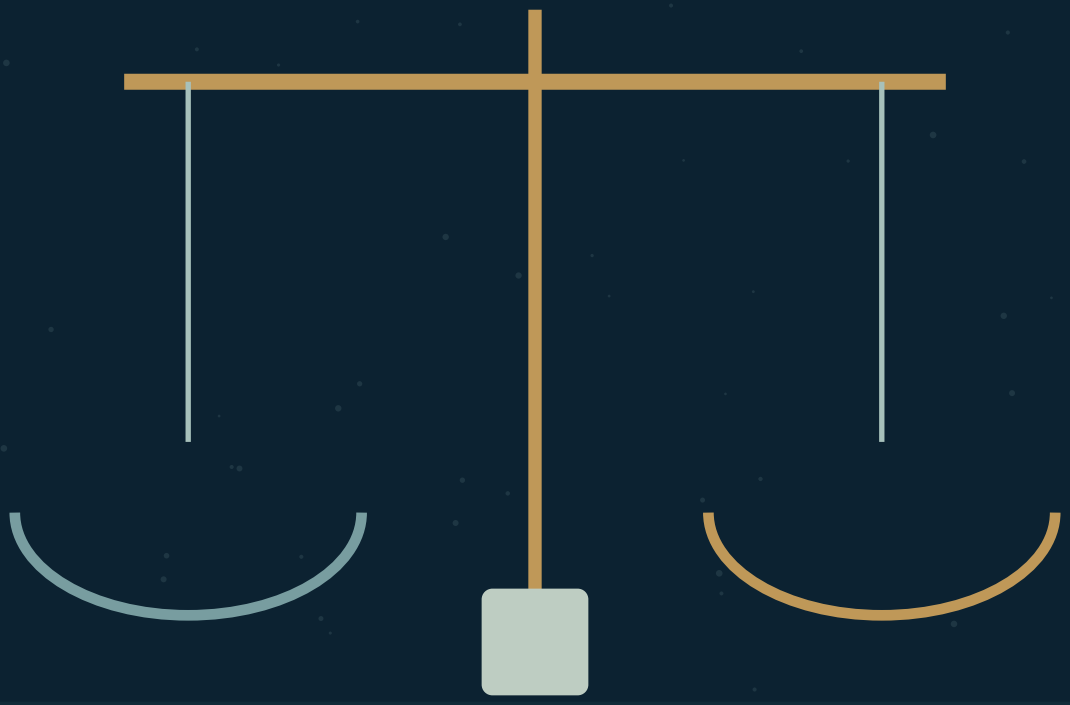
VISUAL NOTE 06/20

1948: independence, war and displacement

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 06



1948: independence, war and displacement

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Israel’s establishment and Palestinian mass displacement are both central historical facts.

TRACE · S04, S05

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VISUAL NOTE 07/20

1967: territory, security and Resolution 242

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 07

1967: territory, security and Resolution 242

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Resolution 242 contains both withdrawal and mutual-security principles.

TRACE · S06

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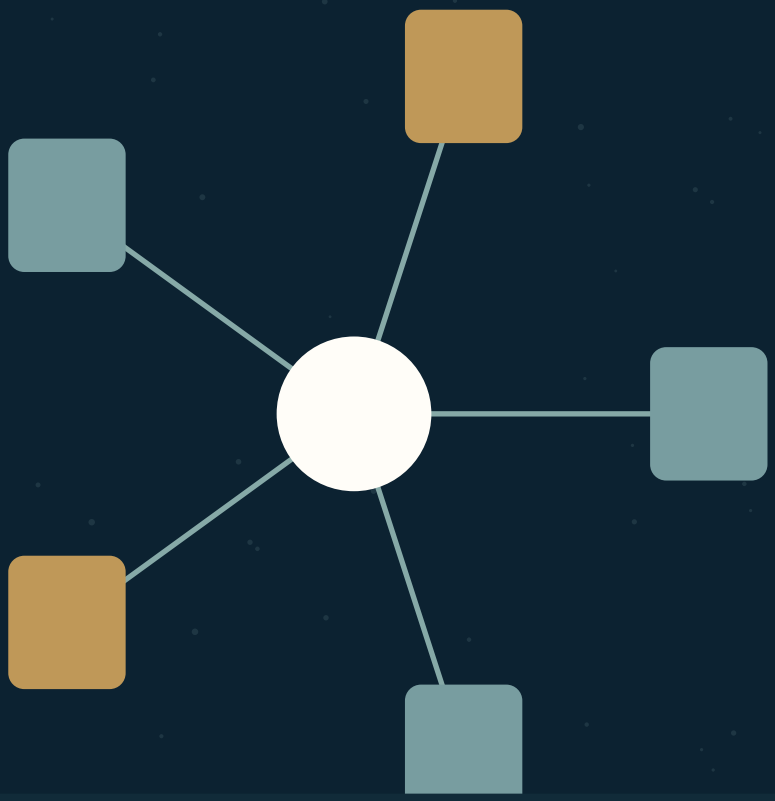
VISUAL NOTE 08/20

Settlements and the law of occupation

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 08



Settlements and the law of occupation

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

ICJ advisory findings and state positions must be accurately distinguished, not blurred.

TRACE · S12

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VISUAL NOTE 09/20

Lebanon before the 1982 invasion

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 09

Lebanon before the 1982 invasion

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Lebanon’s civil conflict had multiple actors; civilians cannot be reduced to any one militia.

TRACE · S07, S08

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VISUAL NOTE 10/20

1978: Resolution 425 and UNIFIL

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 10

1978: Resolution 425 and UNIFIL

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

UNSC 425 documents a call for withdrawal and the creation of a peacekeeping mission.

TRACE · S07

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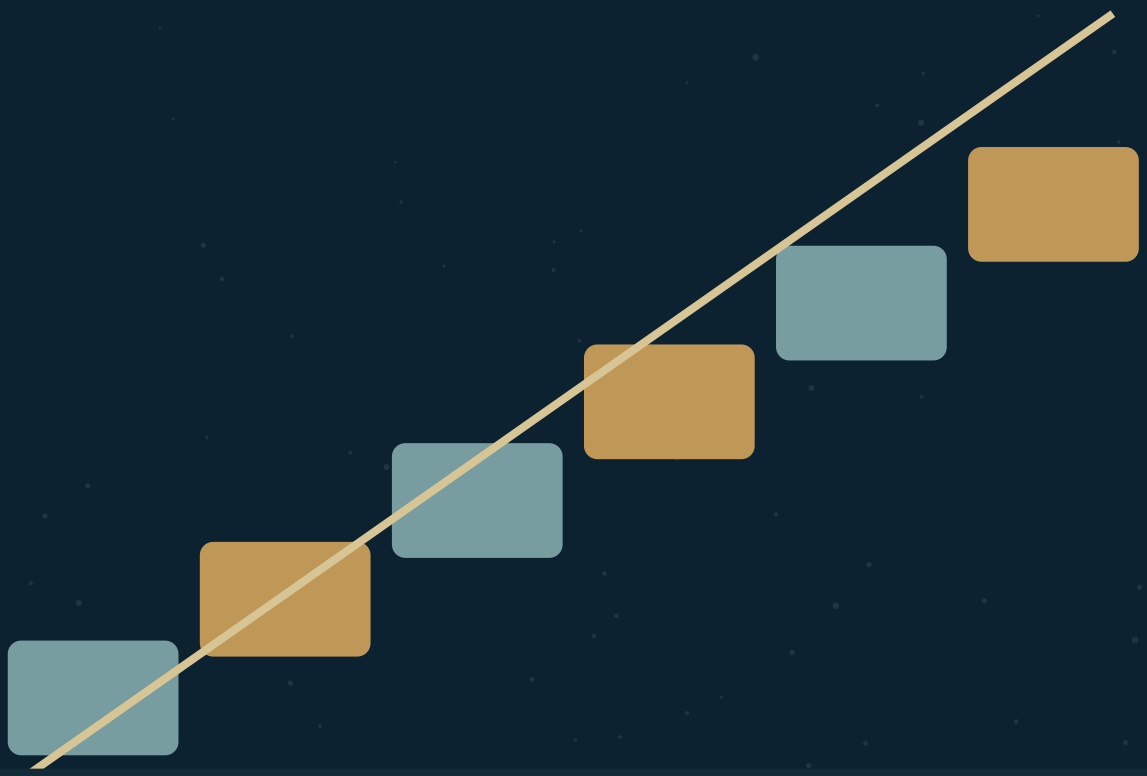
VISUAL NOTE 11/20

1982: invasion, Beirut and the civilian cost

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 11



1982: invasion, Beirut and the civilian cost

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

The invasion and siege are documented; Beter’s covert cause narrative is a separate claim.

TRACE · S01, S02, S08

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VISUAL NOTE 12/20

Sabra and Shatila: distinguish perpetrators and responsibility

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 12

Sabra and Shatila: distinguish perpetrators and responsibility

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Attribution must identify perpetrators and separately examine institutional responsibility.

TRACE · S08

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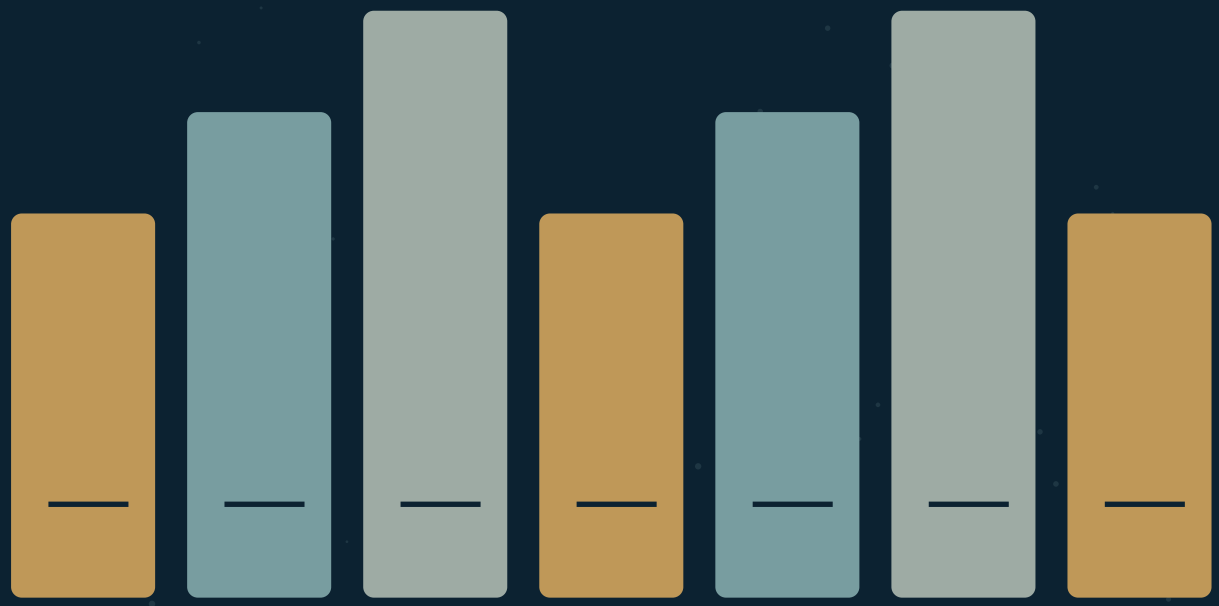
VISUAL NOTE 13/20

Beter’s 1982 warnings: preserve chronology

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 13



Beter’s 1982 warnings: preserve chronology

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

The public warnings are recorded; the proposed covert nuclear design is not thereby established.

TRACE · S01, S02, S03

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VISUAL NOTE 14/20

Lebanon after 1982: local and regional interests

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 14

Lebanon after 1982: local and regional interests

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Local actors retain agency even amid powerful external influence.

TRACE · S09, S18

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VISUAL NOTE 15/20

2006: Resolution 1701 and its promises

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 15

2006: Resolution 1701 and its promises

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Resolution 1701 is an operative framework whose real-world fulfilment needs dated monitoring.

TRACE · S09, S18

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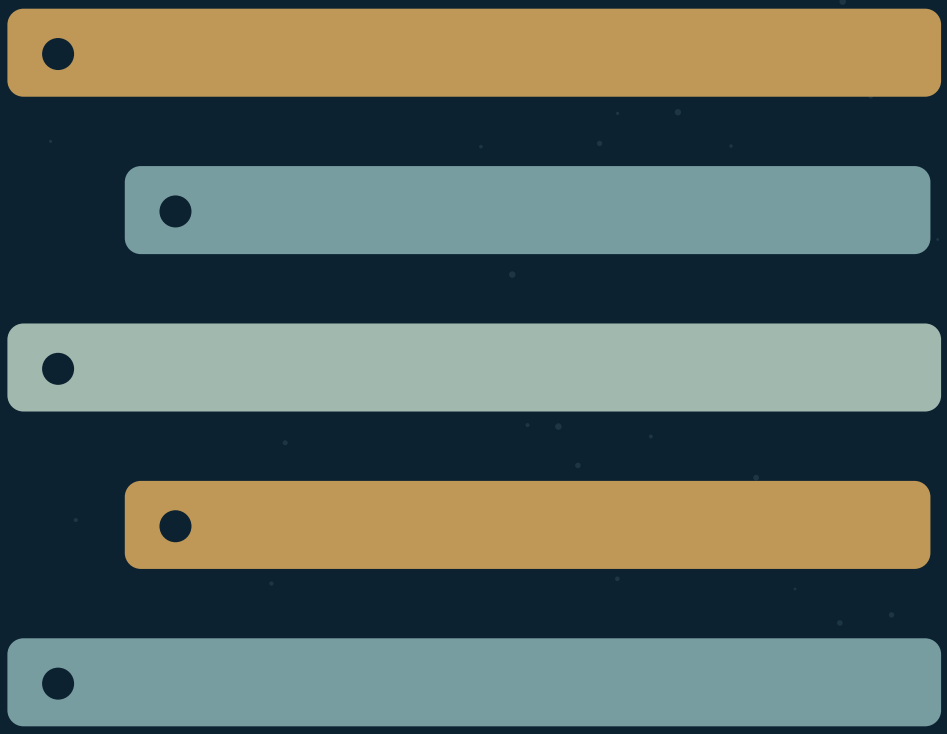
VISUAL NOTE 16/20

7 October 2023: civilians and hostages

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 16



7 October 2023: civilians and hostages

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

UN investigators documented the attacks; responsibility attaches to perpetrators, not a population.

TRACE · S14, S11

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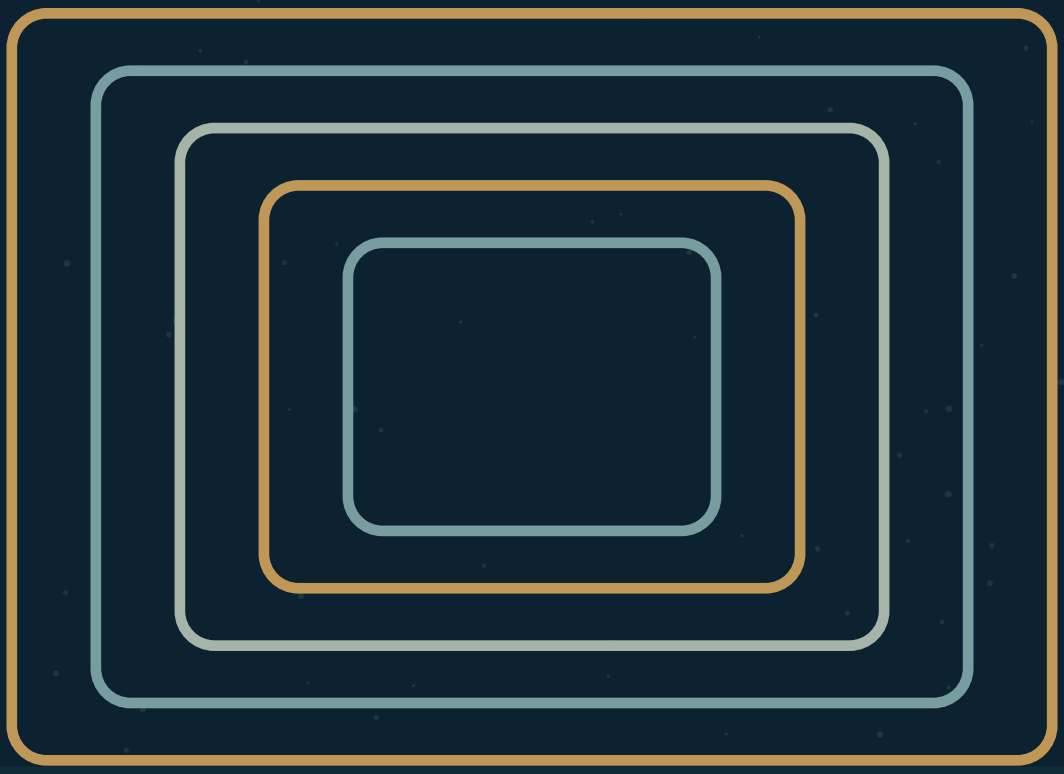
VISUAL NOTE 17/20

The Gaza war: destruction, displacement and contested accounts

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 17



The Gaza war: destruction, displacement and contested accounts

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Civilian suffering is extensively documented; each quantitative and legal claim needs its own source.

TRACE · S15, S16, S17

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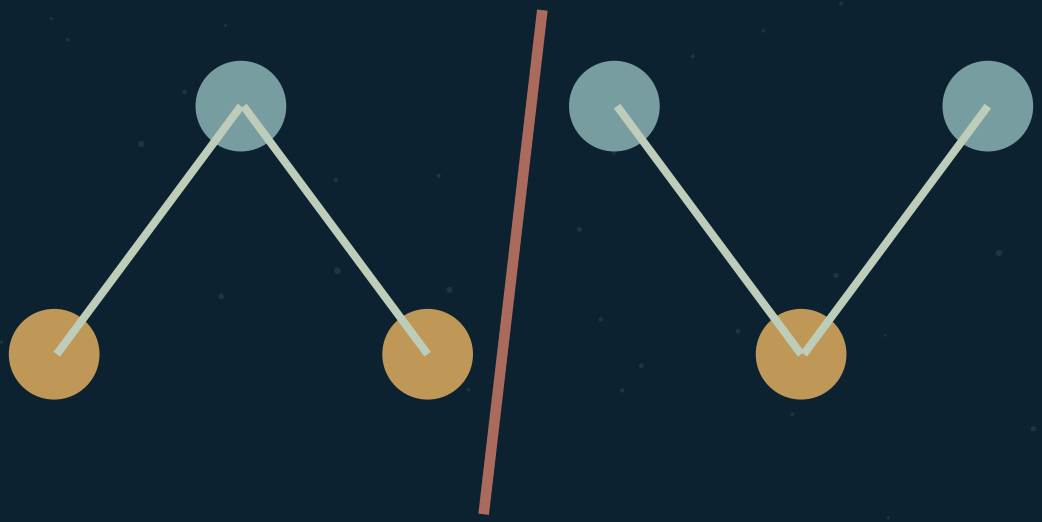
VISUAL NOTE 18/20

Law of war: distinction, proportionality, precautions

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 18



Law of war: distinction, proportionality, precautions

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

The protection of civilians binds all belligerents; each incident requires its own evidentiary assessment.

TRACE · S11

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VISUAL NOTE 19/20

ICJ advisory opinion: July 2024

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 19

ICJ advisory opinion: July 2024

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

The 2024 occupation advisory opinion is a completed judicial act with defined scope.

TRACE · S12

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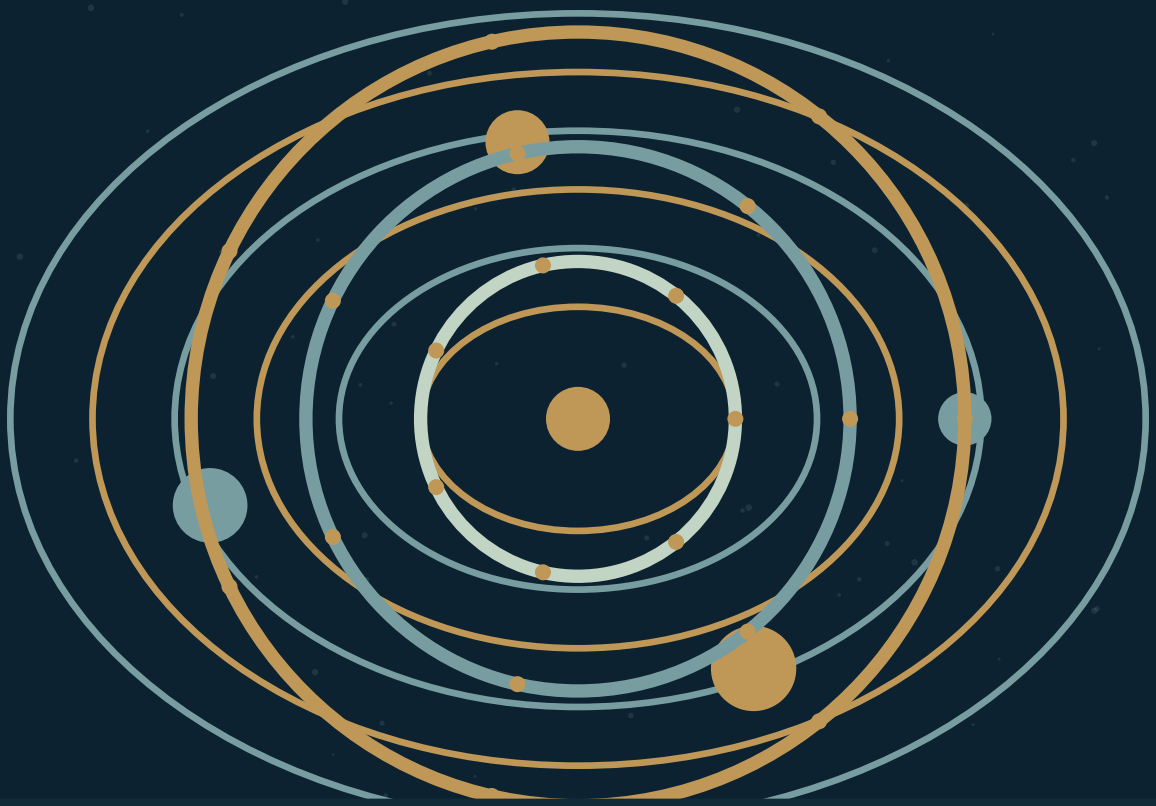
VISUAL NOTE 20/20

Genocide Convention case: interim orders are not final judgment

EDITORIAL EVIDENCE DIAGRAM · 20



Genocide Convention case: interim orders are not final judgment

WHAT THE SOURCES SUPPORT

Provisional measures and final merits determinations are legally distinct.

TRACE · S13, S20

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ILLUSTRATED EVIDENCE KEY

Nine propositions, nine bounded answers

01

UN181 proposed partition

Documented

S04

02

Palestine refugee displacement 1948

Documented

S05

03

UNSC 242 invokes territory and security

Documented

S06

04

Hamas-led October 7 civilian attacks

Investigated and documented

S14

05

ICJ July 2024 advisory opinion

Issued; legal scope specific

S12

06

ICJ Gaza genocide case finally decided

Incorrect as of 12 Oct 2026

S13,S20

07

October 2025 ceasefire ended all attacks

Contradicted by Oct 2026 reporting

S16,S21

08

OCHA documents severe shelter risk in 2026

Dated humanitarian report

S15

09

UNIFIL is present in October 2026

Confirmed by mission report

S18

DATE-LABELLED TRACK

Chronology: the narrative and the record

2 Nov 1917	Britain issues Balfour Declaration	S19
29 Nov 1947	UN General Assembly recommends partition (181)	S04
1948	War, Israeli independence and Palestinian displacement	S04,S05
22 Nov 1967	UNSC Resolution 242	S06
19 Mar 1978	UNSC 425 establishes UNIFIL framework	S07
June 1982	Israel invades Lebanon	S01,S08
Sep 1982	Sabra and Shatila massacres	S08
11 Aug 2006	UNSC 1701 addressing Israel–Hezbollah war	S09
7 Oct 2023	Hamas-led attacks on Israel and hostage-taking	S14
26 Jan 2024	ICJ first provisional measures (case 192)	S13
19 Jul 2024	ICJ advisory opinion on occupied territory	S12

DOCUMENT KEY

Source families and further reading

Read the complete study to see exact URLs, careful attribution, dates and source limitations. Links are clickable within the PDF bibliography and explicit in the HTML/TXT editions.

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S01, S02, S03, S04, S05, S06, S07

INDEPENDENT HISTORY / LAW

S08, S09, S10, S11, S12, S13, S14

PRESENT-DAY SOURCES / 2026

S15, S16, S17, S18, S19, S20, S21, S22

Preserve the source. Question the inference.