

SW Asia geopolitics & oil

stateless nations

- A.Kurdistan
- Palestine
 - Balfour declaration
 - European Jews

Arab-Israeli conflict

- 1947

1948 -49 war

Several wars follow

- early 60's
- 1967 6 day war
 - gained

1987 Intifada

1993 Oslo accord

- Settlement b/w Israel and PLO
- Intended to stop Israeli settlement and Intifada

Israeli Settlement in W. Bank

Sunni Shite conflicts

- Iran-Iraq
 - Dispute over boundaries

Ongoing tensions in IRAQ

- 26 mil
- 3 ethno-religious groups

The new Iraq

- January 05 elections
- National Assembly

- New gov't

- Kurds
 - Demand some autonomy

Civil war???

- Federalism

Balkanization?

Functional region

- Prior to 1950 Agriculture
- Oil: some have it, some don't

Oil resources

- Region
- Saudi Arabia
- Persian Gulf
- E. Algeria, NC Libya

2 zones

Impacts of oil

- High incomes
- Level of development
- Foreign investment
 - Aramco
 - Western cultural influences accepted?
- Wahhabi sect

Saudi Arabia

- Importance of oil
 - helping to diversify

Demographic transition?

IRAQ oil

- oil reserves
- Sunni triangle
- production
- UN sanctions
- 2004
- Potential for 6
- Despite oil

- Fertile crescent