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- Argues that universal human rights must shape the future of any state in historic Palestine.
- Sheds new light on the ideological roots of the Israel–Palestine conflict.

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