

The Balfour Declaration of 1917 (dated 2 November 1917) was a classified formal statement of policy by the British government stating that the British government "view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people" with the understanding that "**nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine** , or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

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