**Jordan Chronology**

1516 Ottoman control

1920 British Mandate; Abdullah Ibn Hussein is head of country (initially called Transjordan)

1946 Independence from Britain

1948 War accompanying establishment of State of Israel leads to large influx of Palestinian refugees, and Jordanian control of West Bank (protectorate).

**1951 Abdullah assassinated** by a Palestinian; his grandson, Hussein, becomes king in 1953

1955 Baghdad Pact (paralleling NATO) Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan, U.K. Against USSR.

1957 British finish withdrawal of troops (Gholub), give up control of Jordanian military

**1967 Arab-Israeli war**; Jordan loses the West Bank

1970 internal strife (civil war) between Palestinians and Hussein/Jordanian Army. **Black September**. PLO forced out of Jordan – initially goes to Lebanon.

1973 Jordan does not enter war with Israel: some say Hussein informed Israel of the attack – some say Israel ignored him.

1974 King Hussein renounces claims to West Bank, and allows PLO to organize there

1979 Jordan opposes Egypt-Israel peace treaty

1989, 93 Parliamentary elections. All parties banned in 1989; Islamist parties boycotted election of 1997

**1990 Jordan does not join in US-led attack to force Iraq out of Kuwait.**

**1994 Jordan signs peace treaty with Israel**

1996 Food price riots after subsidies removed under IMF stabilization policy.

**1999 King Hussein dies**, succeeded by his son Abdullah

2001 Jordan signs Free Trade Agreement with the U.S.

2005 Suicide bombs in major hotels in Amman.

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