WORLD WAR 2 AND THE MUSLIM WORLD

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Those who seem dedicated to stirring up hatred for entire categories of people never tire of finding, or making up, instances of bad behavior by members of the target group. Islamiphobes have gone so far as to bring up the few alliances between Muslim leaders and Nazi Germany during WW 2.

It isn't surprising there should be some of those. Britain and France were not seen as friends. They were colonial powers who had exploited them, manipulated their governments, played with them like chess pieces. After WW 1, when they were dividing up the Ottoman Empire they had destroyed:
"The borders were drawn without regard for the wishes of the people living there, or along ethnic, geographic, or religious boundaries – they were truly arbitrary. It is important to note that even today, political borders in the Middle East do not indicate different groups of people. The differences between Iraqis, Syrians, Jordanians, etc. were entirely created by the European colonizers as a method of dividing the Arabs against each other."

How the British Divided Up the Arab World
And, of course the growing number of Zionist immigrants to Palestine were troubling, in particular to the Mufti of Jerusalem. Though he had little qualification for the position, and was appointed by a British official, he became the most enthusiastic collaborator with Hitler. The Nazis, of course, were responsible for the trickle of Zionist settlers becoming a flood.

Hungry for oil, and willing to do anything to hurt the British, the Nazis did their best to convince Muslim leaders to ally with them, despite their contempt for a race they thought inferior. They had some success, but there **was much more to the story.**

Muslims sacrificed themselves to save Jews

Among Muslims from many nations were thousands of heroes who risked their lives to hide and save Jews from concentration camps and death. Why? Because their religion told them it was right, and because they were human beings helping other human beings.

Many thousands of Muslims from India, North Africa, and the Soviet Union VOLUNTEERED to fight for the Allies against the Nazis. They set aside the offences of the colonialists because they saw through the Fascists' sales pitch and saw that they were many times more dangerous. They were not doing it because they loved Britain and France and the rest of Europe. Democratic empires were bad enough-- they didn't need total authoritarians who were also racists running the world.

They wouldn't have been better off with the Nazis, but they have also not convinced the nation that became the new empire to stop meddling, stop making enemies of them, and stop trying to have it all and run it all. Maybe someday we'll learn.

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