

## **Important and Significant and Substantial and Useful Info #8 Decolonization**

### **Some terms & people:**

Mohandas Ghandi	Pakistan (&East Pakistan)
Viet Minh	Dien Bien Phu (1954)
Charles de Gaulle	French Fourth Republic (1946-1958)
FLN ( <i>Front de Libération Nationale</i> )	Carnation Revolution (Portugal)

### **Some major moments in decolonization:**

1919	Britain & France take over former Ottoman Arab lands as mandates
1922	Egypt gains formal independence from Britain
1932	Iraq gains formal independence from British mandate
1935	Italy invades Ethiopia; last overt European conquest of overseas territory
1942	Japan takes over many European colonies in east Asia
1944	Formal & complete independence for Iceland from Denmark
1945	End of WWII; Japan deprived of all colonial holdings
1946	France relinquishes control over mandates in Syria & Lebanon Beginning of revolt in Indochina against French rule Independence for Philippines from the US
1947	Independence for India from Britain and partition into India & Pakistan *
1948	Indonesia gains independence after bitter fighting with the Netherlands Independence for Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and Myanmar (Burma) from Britain
1949	Successful communist revolution in China
1950	Chinese invasion and incorporation of Tibet
1954	Full independence of Egypt (removal of British forces) French defeat at Dien Bien Phu, ends French presence in Indochina Beginning of Algerian revolt against French rule
1956	Suez Canal crisis
1957	Independence for Ghana begins process of African decolonization
1958	Fall of French Fourth Republic over Algeria (return of Charles de Gaulle)
1960	Independence for Belgian Congo (Zaire) & Nigeria France grants independence to all its black (sub-Saharan) African colonies
1961	Independence for Republic of South Africa
1962	Independence for Algeria after protracted war with France
1974	"Carnation Revolution" in Portugal
1975	Independence for Angola, Mozambique from Portugal
1979	Home rule (independence) for Greenland Islamic Revolution in Iran
1988	Beginning of conflict between Armenia & Azerbaijan over Nogorno-Karabakh
1990	Independence for Namibia (South West Africa), in effect from South Africa
1991	Break-up of the Soviet Union; independence for various "union republics"
1994	Russian invasion of Chechnya (ends in indecisive peace in 1996)
1999	Beginning of second Chechen War

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\* Pakistan was itself composed of two geographically separate entities known as West Pakistan and East Pakistan. The latter became independent as Bangladesh in 1971.