

“A Truncheon *and* a Gun”: The Palestine Police Force and the Arab Revolt in Palestine, 1936-1939

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The Great Arab Revolt in Palestine, 1936-1939, was the most significant challenge posed by the Arab community to the British Mandate authorities. The uprising and the struggle to suppress it claimed thousands of victims (Arabs, Jews, and British) and required that tens of thousands of soldiers be brought to Palestine. The article seeks to ascertain what role the police played in the campaign to suppress the Arab revolt while examining the common claims in the literature that the police failed to fulfill their duties and even “collapsed.”