

Chronology of events in Suez (1951-1957)

Caption: On 26 July 1956, the Egyptian President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, nationalises the Suez Canal Company. France and the United Kingdom, the principal shareholders of the company, send troops to Egypt. On 6 November, they begin their military operation, but withdraw the following day in the face of threats from the United States and the Soviet Union.

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28.04.1951	Iran nationalises the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.
21.07.1952	Coup d'état in Egypt. General Mohammed Neguib takes power.
22.10.1952	Iran breaks off diplomatic relations with the United Kingdom.
12.02.1953	Agreement between Egypt and the United Kingdom limiting British administration in the Sudan to three years.
18.06.1953	Proclamation of the Republic of Egypt. General Neguib becomes president.
05.12.1953	Resumption of diplomatic relations between Iran and the United Kingdom.
27.07.1954	Anglo-Egyptian agreement: the United Kingdom undertakes to evacuate Egypt within the coming twenty months.
14.11.1954	Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser removes General Neguib from power.
04.01.1955	Gamal Abdel Nasser closes the Suez canal to Israeli shipping.
24.02.1955	Signing of the Bagdad Pact between Iraq and Turkey. The United Kingdom (30.03.), Pakistan (23.09.) and Iran (03.11.) adhere to it later.
02.03.1955	Egypt and Syria sign an agreement on military and economic cooperation.
18.06.1955	The British troops evacuate Suez.
27.09.1955	Signing of an agreement between Egypt and Czechoslovakia on arms purchases.
17.10.1955	Egypt and the United States enter discussions on the financing of the Aswan dam.
01.01.1956	Independence for Sudan.
05.04.1956	The first incidents between Egyptian and Israeli troops.
13.06.1956	Withdrawal of British troops from Egypt.
27.06.1956	France grants arms deliveries to Israel.
19.07.1956	The United States announce that they will not finance the Aswan dam.
26.07.1956	Nationalisation of the Suez Canal Company by Colonel Nasser.
22.08.1956	Failure of the London conference on the Suez canal.
24.10.1956	The Sèvres agreements. France, the United Kingdom and Israel sign a secret agreement aimed against Egypt.
29.10.1956	Israeli troops invade Sinai.
30.10.1956	The United Kingdom and France deliver an ultimatum to Egypt and Israel.
31.10.1956	Disembarkation of Franco-British troops at Suez.
02.11.1956	The United Nations Organisation (UNO) demands a cease-fire.
06.11.1956	Disembarkation of Franco-British troops at Port Said. Start of Operation Musketeer.
07.11.1956	Withdrawal of Franco-British troops in the face of threats by the United States and the Soviet Union.
24.12.1956	The last Franco-British contingents quit the Suez region.
07.03.1957	UN troops occupy the Egyptian territories evacuated by Israel.
08.04.1957	The Suez canal is again open to shipping.