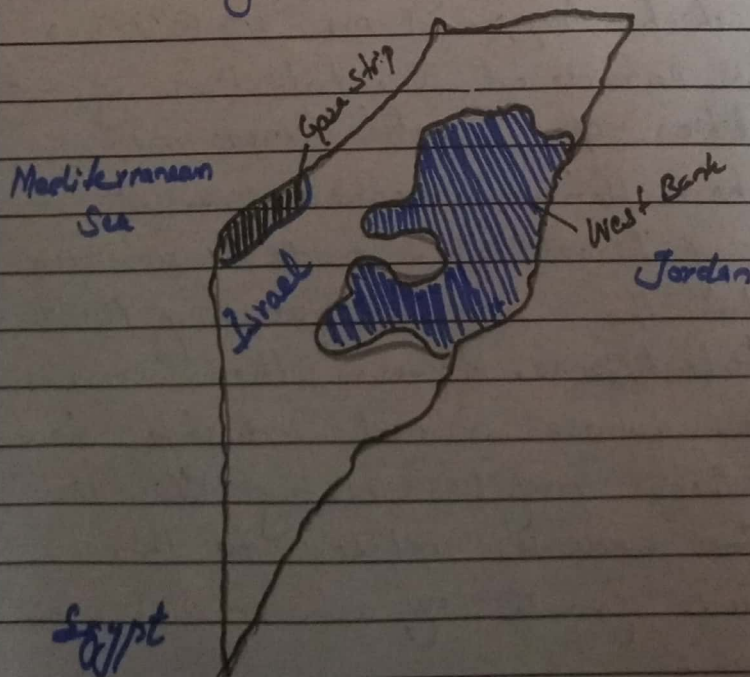


Q- Israel Palestine conflict is watering the growth of arm and ammunition industry with the blood of Palestine. Comment.

1. Introduction :

War are seen as conflicts between two or more nations however, there are certain states or sector who are benefitted from war directly or indirectly. One such sector is arms and ammunition of US and Israel. Probably these two are getting enough profit from blood of poor Palestinians. Their increase military spending, technological innovation, financial and military aid and US vetoing of UN's resolution are itself the evidence of their profit-making. Pakistan will always stand along the oppressed and suppressed in violation of UN resolution.

2. A Short Background of Israel-Palestine Conflict :



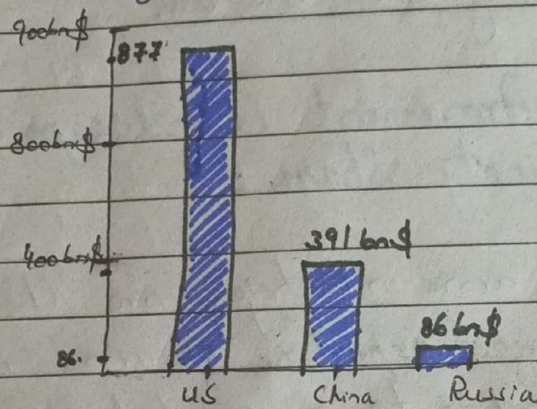
After first world war, Ottoman Empire was disintegrated and Palestinian territory got under the control of Britain. Britain also promised Jews for establishment of land in Palestine through Balfour Declaration. As a result, Jews across the world came to Arab land. In 1947, UN gave independence to Palestine and divided the region into two states: Arab and Jews. Then a series of hostile attacks was started in form of war of 1947 that ended in 1949. Israel took control of majority of land excluding West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem. Since then Israel is trying to expand itself and is using different violent tactics against Palestine.

3- Impacts of the Israel-Palestine Conflict on Arms Industry: Unveiling Evidences:

A recent incident of Israel-Palestine conflict which happened on 7th October 2023. It is considered a retaliation against the brutalities of Israel since many years when Hamas launched missiles on territory of Israel. This incident provides impetus to the Israel's quench of thirst against Palestinians. However, there are some states whose armed industries have boosted their profits during this time. Some of the evidences related to this unprecedented growth of arm industry are as follows:

i- Increase in Global Military Spendings:

Since the Russian invasion on Ukraine, a surge in military spendings has been observed. This has further boosted by Israel-Palestine conflict. For instance, according to data published by SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute), the top military spenders of 2022 are as:



The ongoing conflict, has further benefited US arms industry.

ii- US's Military and Financial Aid to Israel:

The ongoing war has add impetus to the military spending. President Joe Biden has asked Congress for \$106 bn in military and humanitarian aid for Israel. This money could be a boon to aerospace and weapons sector.

iii- US's Vetoing of Resolutions Against Israel:

The US has used its veto power for Israel at least 34 times to block UN Security

Council Resolutions there were critical of Israel. This shows the US is reluctant to maintain peace and to achieve ceasefire between both nations. As the conflict has increased demand for its armed industry from which it wants to gain. Karl Liebknecht was right in saying,

"For capitalism, war and peace are business and nothing but business."

iv. Global Armament Landscape: US Holds Majority Share:

Most of the arms industries are US based. US is the largest exporter of arms in the world. According to a market survey, the recent Israel-Hamas conflict has surged the values of stocks in Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman which are power arm manufacturing industries of US. They are involved in manufacturing of F-35, missiles, cybersecurity system and space system etc. Thus, the global conflict add impetus to the profit-making perspective of US.

v. Arms Sale Drives Israel Economic Engine:

Israel is the 6th largest weapons producer of the world as mentioned by IPRI. Its economy heavily relies on sales of arms and weapons. It sales its arms by

labelling them "battle proven" by using it on Palestinians. According to a report, Israel Defense Forces (IDF) actions on Palestinians in 2014 have boosted the Israel's weapon industry. In essence, the interest of arms industries is motive for money-making and that the primary reason why the conflict is still ongoing.

vi - The Innovation Forge: Conflict's Impact on Israel Technological Advancement:

The ongoing conflict which is continued for centuries has made Israel one of countries with modern powerful weapons. For example, Israel tested its drone technology during 1973 war and since 1980, and in 2017 it was contributing to 80% of global drone exports. Similarly, it has developed Iron Dome as an air defense system to target rockets.

vii - Controversial Tactics: Gaza as Israel's Testing Site for Weapons:

Israel increased its arms exports during 2013-18 and was contributing to 3% globally. The prime reason for these major export was that they were latest, upgraded and were used on people of Gaza and West Bank. Successful experiments in war increased the demands of their weapons. For example, drone exports.

viii. EU's Favourable Stance: Priority to Israeli Security Firms in R and D projects:

The Israeli Security Companies are also making enough profits as they are receiving preferential treatment from European Union in Research and Development projects. The EU Horizon 2020, the world's largest R and D funding initiative, permitted Israeli companies to engage in 1.37 bn Euros military and security projects. The research and innovation in arms sectors have not just made Israel stronger, but also contributed to its economy. It aims to further strengthen its arm sector which is why it went war to ongoing.

ix. Replenishing Stockpiles of Israel:

After Israel has declared war against Hamas, it dropped more than 6000 bombs on Gaza. As, Israel races through stockpiles of ammunition and ^{air} defense interceptors, US has promised to surge its support for Israel. Even critics have faulted over Biden's administration failure to prevent civilian casualties.

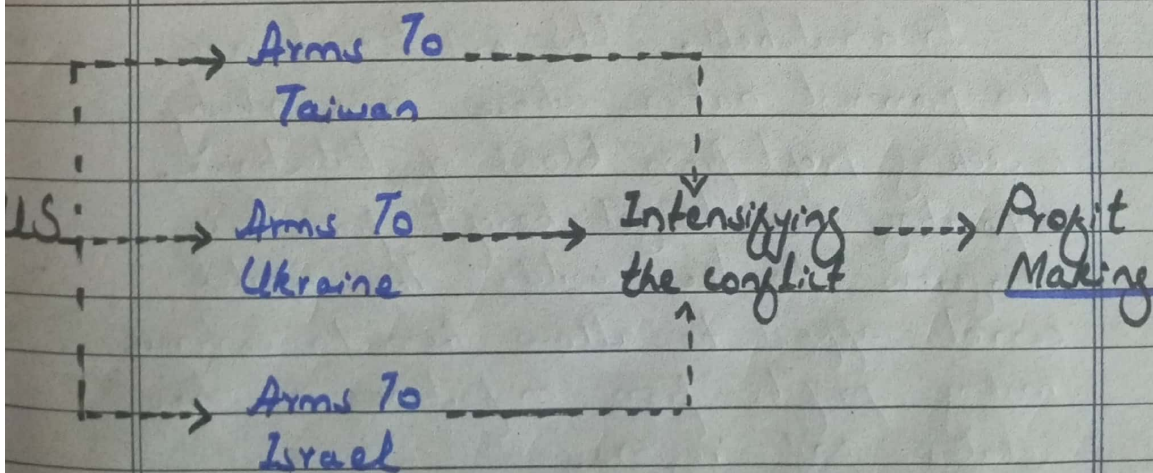
x. Perpetual Conflict Fuels Demands:

The ongoing conflict, fuel demands for weapons and no one can get benefit from the situation more than US. Whenever

there is a military conflict, US finds its way of turning the opportunity into a fortune for its arms dealers.

4. Comparative Analysis of Israel-Palestine Conflict and Growth of its Arms Sector :

The total military spendings of US in 2022 was 877 billion\$, which was 3.7% more than previous expenditure in the wake of Russia Ukraine conflict. US aid to Ukraine was 20\$ billion in 2022, the largest financial military aid since the cold war. So, US is making hardly any effort for making peace and is providing arms to Taiwan and Ukraine for further escalate the situation. This shows that nations want to cash money for their weapon industry through escalating the situations.



5. Stance of Pakistan :

Pakistan considers Israel's actions as

open violation of Article 2 of UN Charter, Article 49 of Fourth Geneva Convention and Jurisprudence of ICJ (International Court of Justice). Muhammad Ali Jinnah said,

"Our foreign policy is one of friendliness and good will to other nations. Pakistan will contribute to the promotion of peace and prosperity and will never be found lacking in extending its moral and material support to oppressed and suppressed people."

Pakistan is a promoter of settling peace and resolving disputes while Israel is reluctant in doing so. Hence, Pakistan is standing with oppressed and suppressed people of Palestine.

6- Conclusion :

In a nutshell, US and Israel are two prominent nations whose arm industry is seeking profit from blood of Palestinians. Supporting war to get benefit from it is dangerous to the world. The world cannot afford to allow them to continue making profits from misfortunes in other states and regions.

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