

Israel - Hamas War:

Hamas attacked Israel is not a surprise as it did happen numerous times in past. What shocked Israel is the scale and nature of attack by Hamas this time. It was the clever strategy of Hamas which put Israel into a horrible situation.

Background of Hamas:

It was originally Islamic Brotherhood in Israel which was then turned into a radicalized Hamas after the first Intifada erupted in Gaza in 1987.

Hamas versus Palestinian Authority:

Initially, some hard-nosed Israelis saw Hamas useful as they both were opposed to the two-state solution while the government of Palestinian Authority always supports the narrative of two-state solution. On the other side, it is Hamas governing Gaza Strip who is not accepting two-state solution. Therefore, Israelis had perceived it useful in undermining the Palestinian Authority.

Impact on Ukraine war:

After the October 7 event, the US got involved actively in Israel war on Gaza. The Biden administration is eagerly providing military aid to Israel. This, in turn, seems causing the American's aid to Ukraine. If this is the case, Ukraine would be left in a horrible situation because the counter-offensive it has been launching is standing wholly on the U.S. aid. At this point of time, if the U.S. decides to stop the support for Ukraine, it will give leverage to the Russia.