

Israel-Palestine war: ^{Date:} origin, peace efforts,
possible solutions

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zionist state. ✓

2. Holocaust and immigration of Jews
to Palestine acted as a catalyst for
the conflict. ✓

3. Series of wars from 1948 to 1973
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interest, and border dispute. ✓

4. Unjust partition plan of 1948 ✓

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1. Normalization of relations between Arab world and Israel: A grave problem for Palestine.

2. Attack on Al-Aqsa mosque created religious sentiments in people of Gaza.

3. Benjamin's deadly politics: A way to unite Israel over his judicial reforms.

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D. Possible Solutions:

a. Two state solution to end the bloodshed.

b. A confederation to resolve the deadly dispute.

c. International peacekeeping forces deployment for negotiation of a peace deal.

d. Multi-level diplomacy between Arab world and Israel over the conflict.

E. Conclusion

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Israel - Palestine war broke out of 7th October 2023 but this is not the first war between both the states. This recent saga has consumed lives of more than 12,000 innocent civilians in a timeframe of two months. This conflict's seed was sown with Balfour declaration in 1917, as the British colonialist promised Zionist a state within the Palestine. The Holocaust of Hitler led to migration of Jews to the state of Palestine which further exacerbated the hostilities between Arabs and Zionist. The hostilities took a bloody shape when a partition plan was announced in 1948 and a war broke out, due to that unjust plan. Apart from that two wars were fought, between various Arab nations and Israel, in 1967 and 1973 over disputes of territory in Palestine. However, the war that broke out on 7th October has various causes as well. The most important of them being the Attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque in mid 2023 which ^{engaged} led towards a religious sentiment in people of Gaza. Apart from that a peace deal was on the way between Arab world and Israel which could lead towards a blind eye over Palestine issue. Hence, this was not acceptable by people of Gaza. There have been various peace efforts by various nations and the UNO from 1948 to 2020 to solve the conflict. The most recent efforts by various nations and UNO post 7th October are: a two state solution (peace deal of 23rd November), and a Jordan led UN resolution. Moreover, various possible solutions are possible to such a complex problem. The solutions being: A two state solution.

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Formation of a confederation and multilevel diplomacy. Peace is preferred over war in such a scenario, as "If we do not end the war, war will end us", H.G. Wells.

Historically the conflict originated with Balfour declaration which promised Zionist for creation of an independent Zionist state. This would only happen if the Zionist supported Britain in the world war I. However, the British did not bother to even conduct a referendum in Palestine where they were going to grant Zionist an independent state. This raised the hostilities between the Jews and the Arabs.

Apart from that the Holocaust that occurred in the Nazi Germany forced Zionist and Jews to migrate to the land of Palestine. It is expected that around 60,000 to 80,000 Jews migrated to Palestine. At that time the population of Palestine was 700,000. Thus, an influx of more than 10% of the population put a burden on the resources of Palestine. This further exacerbated the hostilities between the Zionist and the people of Palestine.

Then came the most controversial plan, the partition plan of 1948. This plan allotted 55% of the land to Zionist of Palestine to the Zionist. Whereas, at that time 95% of land was owned by the people of Palestine. Hence, this plan was rejected by people of Palestine, as it was

it was brutally unjust to them. Moreover, Israel declared its independence, as per the Plan.

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However, this declaration of independence by Israel led to a war. This was the first war fought between the Arab nations and Israel over the issue of Palestine. Due to this war Israel was able to capture 78% of the land which was a clear violation of Plan and the land was not returned either. Apart from that another war was fought between the Arab states and Israel ^{in 1967} over the land dispute of Palestine. However, the Arab nations were defeated and the remaining area of Palestine, like Gaza strip, West bank, and Golan heights also went under the control of Zionist. A third brutal battle was fought ^{between Arabs and Zionist} which was to regain lost Arab land. However, it ended in a ceasefire.

After the 1973, it was in 2023 that a formal war has been declared by Israel on Palestine. It all started with an attack by Hamas on Israel. However, there are various causes behind this recent conflict.

Primarily, the issue lies deep in the insecurities of Palestine people of Palestine that once the relations between the Arab world and Israel are normalised; the long awaited two state solution will be forgotten. This is the reason why Hamas attacked Israel on 7th October in the first place. Hence,

This gave Israel a cause to initiate the brutal war which is consuming lives of 22 Palestinians every 10 minutes.

Apart from that there was an attack which was carried out on Al-Aqsa mosque by Israel in mid 2023. Al-Aqsa mosque is in West Bank, so Israel had to shift its paramilitary forces to West Bank leaving a vacuum for people of Gaza to attack Israel. As Al-Aqsa mosque is considered sacred for Muslims, and people of Gaza got an opportunity to strike, so they availed it.

However, it is also believed that this war was imposed on Israel by its Prime Minister, Benjamin **Netanyahu**. The reason is that there is a wall between Gaza and Israel with 27 check posts and high-tech security cameras. This wall is not humanly breachable. It is believed that the PM brought some reforms in judiciary which were heavily criticised. Thus, it was a dirty move by him to silence the opposition. As all his opponents stand by him during the war.

Lastly, it can also be said that the Israel's intelligence agencies warned the military 48 hours prior to the attack. However, no action was taken and the Iron dome

Security system, which is considered the best missile defence system was breached in blink of an eye raises suspicion. Hence, it can be said that it was a method to start a war with Palestine and annex the remaining Palestine.

Various nations and UNO have tried to resolve this conflict in the past over different courses of time.

The first effort was taken by UN in 1948 with help of resolution 195 which asked Israel to return the Palestinian refugees. However, Resolution of 242 was passed after 1967 war which wanted Israel to return the lands it occupied in 1967. Israel never returned them, so the war of 1973 broke out. This war led to passing of resolution 338 which served the foundation for Camp David accord. The Camp David accord 1978 were the first significant step towards peace, as Israel returned some land back to Egypt and allowed Palestinian people full autonomy in Gaza and West Bank. However, Israel did not keep its word and it kept its illegal occupation of West Bank. Hence the frustration built in the people of Palestine resulted in First Intifada.

However the second phase of the peace efforts began from 1991 with Madrid conference which did not achieve anything big. Then came the Oslo accords of 1993 which asked for

Apart from that a resolution was passed by Jordan on 27th October in UN. This resolution is of a non-binding nature. Thus, it can be said it will not be an effective ~~sole~~ effort to ensure humanitarian support to Palestine.

Lastly, it can be said that a truce deal was signed between Israel and Hamas on 23rd November 2023 to temporarily halt the fight. However, sometimes temporary peace can result in permanent peace with help of international community.

Peace efforts have taken place, but certain solutions which will be proposed below can be considered practicable solutions to the war.

Firstly, the two state solution is the best solution for such a complex problem. The reason is that both these nations have a long history of hostility which cannot be undone in blink of an eye. Thus, Palestine once given sovereignty which it has been seeking for decades can finally end this horrific war.

Secondly, the concept of a confederation can also be used to end this war. A confederation



can provide both these nations a breathing space which is required. Moreover, it will give the autonomy required by people of Palestine to them.

~~As with it~~ will negate the concerns of Israel. Hence, this can be considered one of the best solutions to the war.

Apart from it peace keeping forces can be deployed to the war. They can bring both the sides on talking terms. However, it has to be ensured by the UN that the decision reached by the peace keeping forces have to be binding on Israel.

Lastly, Multi-level diplomacy can be used by Arab states to negotiate with Israel. As one of the methods is of an economic blockade. Whereas, the other method can be recognising Israel only when Palestine gets its due share. Thus, once the Arab world takes the issue ^{collectively} as a diplomatic front then a solution can be carved out of it.

(Conclusively, it can be said that there are various reasons due to which the war broke out on 7th October. However, the main reasons of the war lie in the history of the conflict. As Israel has

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been a belligerent state and has fought 3 wars^{one} with Arab world, over issue of Palestine. However, one cannot ~~not~~ forget to mention the miscalculation of Britishers by which sowed the seeds of this conflict. Moreover, the recent war ~~was~~ was also initiated due to Attack on Mas mosque Al-Aqsa, ~~an~~ normalization of relations of Israel and Arab world, and dirty politics by PM Benjamin. Various efforts by UN and various states have been proposed, but they did not yield any significant results in the past. Even though the peace efforts post 7th October haven't resulted in a permanent peace between Hamas and Israel. Thus, it can be said that the possible solutions to the war is either a confederation or two sovereign states which are occupied by Israeli and Zionist and Palestinians respectively.

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