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The Palestine conflict has long been on the United Nations agenda. Discuss its recent escalation since October 2023 and critically assess the reactions of major powers.

1- Introduction: Israel - Palestine Conflict:

Since the occupation of Palestine by British in 1917 and his proposal of Balfour Declaration 1917, the immigration of Jews in Palestine has increased. Although United Nations Resolution was passed to resolve conflicts in Palestine, the conflict has not resolved. On Oct 7, 2023, Israel has declared war on Gaza in response to Hamas attack on Israel. The escalation of conflicts has deteriorated situation in Gaza. Millions of people died. However, the complicity of western world with Israel's genocidal campaign in Gaza is deplorable.

2- Historical Overview Of Palestine Conflict:

"The most recent flare-up of violence "does not come in a vacuum" but "grows out of a long standing conflict, with a 56-year-long occupation with no end in sight"

— UN Secretary General,
Antonio Guterres

Balfour Declaration 1917
(only 6% Jews in Palestine)



Jewish immigration to Palestine
during rise of Nazism
(Rise from 6% to 33%)



The UN partition plan: UN
Resolution 181 in 1947

(55% land to Jews, 45% to Arabs
and Jerusalem to International
territory)

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First Arab- Israel War 1948
(750,000 Palestinians expelled
and captured 78% Palestine)

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Six days war in 1967
(Israel took control of Gaza
and West Bank)

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Oslo Accords 1993 and 1995
(mandated Israel withdrawal
from Gaza and West Bank)

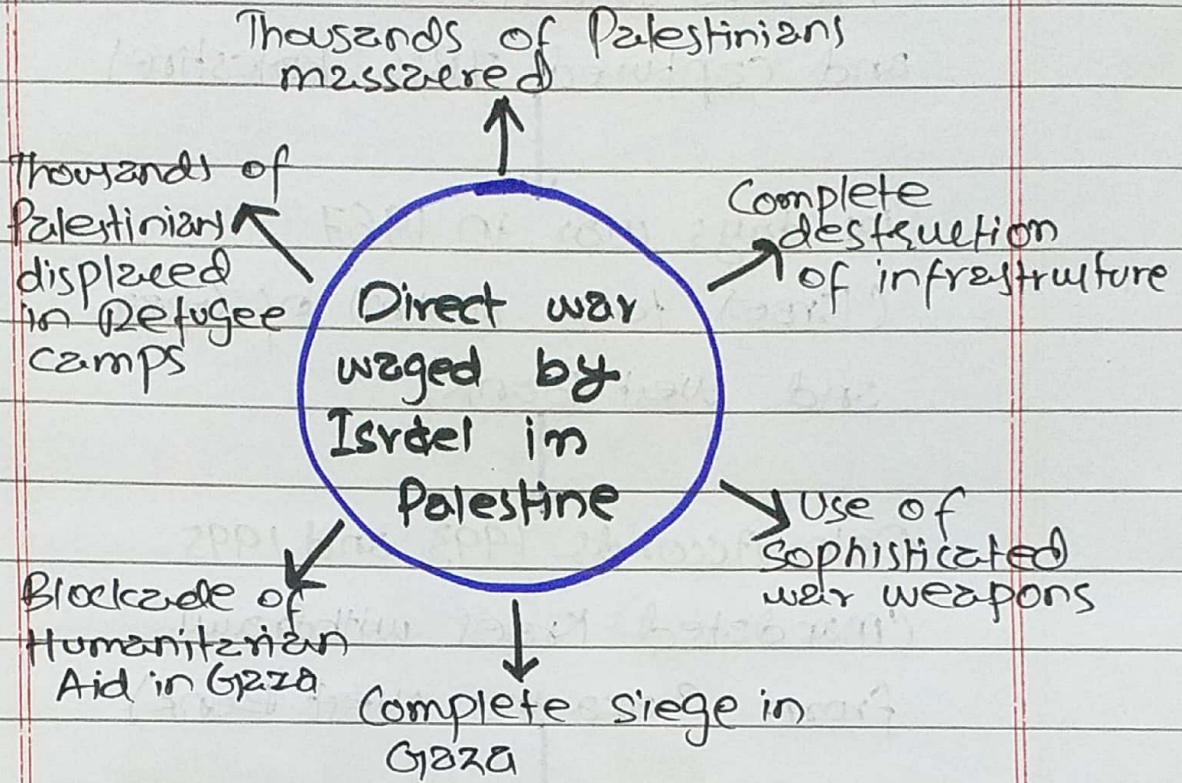
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First Intifada 1987-1993
(Rise of Hamas in power)

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Second Intifada 2002-2005

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Abraham Accords in 2020

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2022-23, Hamas launched
operation Al-Aqsa Flood and
Israel launched operation
Iron Sword

3- Recent Escalation of Israel-Palestine War : 7 Oct, 2023:



“Israel's actions in Palestine are much worse than apartheid in Africa”

— Noam Chomsky in his Book “On Palestine”

3a- Genocidal Campaign of Israel in Gaza : Massacre of Palestinians: Thousands of Palestinians, including children and women,

are brutally killed. more than 35,000 deaths occurred according to the United Nations report.

3b- Complete destruction of infrastructure:

The raining of bombs has completely destroyed infrastructure. According to Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs more than half of the homes in Gaza have been destroyed. Schools and hospitals have also been targeted.

3c- Blockade of Humanitarian aid in Gaza:

The Gaza is completely surrounded by Israeli forces. They do not allow provision of medical supplies. Almost one-third of hospitals have shut down according to UN.

3d- Thousands of Palestinians displaced in Refugee camps: Raining of bomb on Jabalia Refugee Camp:

Israel has displaced thousands

of Palestinian in a Jabalia Refugee camp. Then, destroyed camp with bombs in which women and children are died.

“The scenes from Rafah overnight are horrific. I have defended Israel's right to defend itself after Oct 7, but slaughtering so many innocent people as they cower in a refugee camp is indefensible”

— Piers Morgan (Talkshow host in US)

3e. Use of sophisticated war weapons:
Israel's war crime in Gaza:

Israel is continuing committing war crimes in Gaza. The iron-clad support of US has emboldened Israel to continue violating humanitarian rights in Gaza. The butchery of Palestinians is continued in Palestine.

4- Reactions of Major Powers in Palestine War:



Map showing Global Powers Support to Either Palestine Or Israel

4a- Reaction of US in War:

US Support with Israel has emboldened it to wage war.

US vetoed in United Nations Security Council Resolutions, calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

“The world is seeing appalling images. Thousands of rockets raining down on Israeli cities. Hamas terrorists killing not only Israeli soldiers but civilians on the streets and in their homes.

Israel has a right to defend itself”

— Joe Biden, President of the US

4b- Reaction of UK:

Britain also shown complicity with Israel.

“Israel has every right to defend itself. we will do everything to support Israel”

— Rishi Sunak, UK PM

4c- Response of Russia:

Russia also used stinging language to rebuke US to comply with Israel in genocidal war.

"US veto in UNSC Resolution

is a "license to kill Palestinians"

— Russia's Ambassador to
the UN

4d- Reaction of China:

China also rebuked US veto in UNSC and equated it with a "green light" to continue slaughter of Palestinians said by Beijing's representative to UN.

4e- Response of Muslim countries:

Muslim countries also protested against Israel. However, no concrete actions have taken to put sanctions on Israel. Their response is only perfect on rhetoric. The rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran has changed the dynamics of geo-politics in Middle-East.

4e- Ostensible hypocrisy of Western media:

CNN referred to Hamas as "terrorists". Similarly, A BBC reporter said 1,400 Israeli were "massacred" and 4000 Palestinians were "killed", a bias reflected in her choice of words.

5- Conclusion:

The long-standing Israel-Hamas conflict has blown into full-fledge war since Oct 7, 2023. They have destroyed Gaza completely. Thousands of Palestinians were brutally massacred. The global powers such as UK, Europe and Western media supported Israel. However, Latin America, Muslim countries, Russia and China supported Palestinians.