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Topic :- Human rights are the first casualty in any conflict

1. OUTLINE

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement :-

In any conflict, the violation of human rights emerges as primary casualty. The historical atrocities and current disputes among countries are evidences of violation of human rights. The protection and promotion of human rights is to be fundamental aspect of conflict.

2. Correlation between human rights and first casualty in any conflict

3. Why human rights are first casualty in conflict.

a). To threat the population

b). To demoralize the state

c). Develop chaotic environment in country.

d). To maximize the casualties

e). Belief that everything is fair in love and war.

4. Consequences of violation of human rights in conflict.

a). Upsurge in death toll.

b). Fright is developed in people.

c). Erosion of international norms

d). Emergency declared in country.

e). State loose the confidence of nation.

f). Food scarcity rise in country

g). Undermining prospect for peace.

5. Remedies to protect the human rights in conflict.

a). Strengthening international human right mechanism

b). Empowering civil society actors

c). Abide by international laws

d). Resolve conflicts through peace talk

e). Safeguarding the people in conflict

6. Conclusion

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"The death toll stands at 29,170 palestinians and about 1139 people killed in Israel since October 7 in Israel Gaza War" (Al-Jazeera, 17-02-24).

The issue of violation of human rights is at premium in any conflict. The human beings are the first casualty in any conflict. There is firm relation between human rights and conflicts. The human rights are first casualty in any conflict to indulge fear in population, develop chaotic environment in country and demoralizing the state. This also maximizes the casualties. The countries have to face consequences by sacrificing their nation, losing confidence of nation and food scarcity in country. It also undermine the prospect of peace, emergency situation in country, fright in

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people and erosion of international norms. The human rights can be protected by strengthening the international human right mechanism and abiding by international law. The people are not to be targeted, resolving the conflict through peace talks and empowering civil society actors. In any conflict, the violation of human rights emerges as primary casualty. The historical atrocities and current disputes among countries are evidences of violation of human rights. The protection and promotion of human rights is to be fundamental aspect of conflict.

"To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity (Nelson Mandela).
The human rights and first casualty in any conflict is highly

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correlated. Whenever the conflict initiate among any country, the history is evident that human rights is the first casualty. The country invade the people of other country to keep its hegemony. The state officials do not think that it is unethical act to attack and kill the children and women. The country don't abide by international laws and cross the limits of human right.

The country attack the population in order to threat them. They create insecure environment by killing the public and develop the fear of death in them. This causes the nation to develop the chaotic environment in country and impose pressure on the opponent to surrender themselves and protect their nation.

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"Whenever there is conflict between human rights and property rights, human rights must prevail (Abraham Lincoln)."

The human rights are first casualty to demoralize the state. When state saw the nation sacrificing their lives, it pressurize the state. The level of moral fall of state and army personnel. They transform their attacking thinking towards defensive thinking. "The hottest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of great moral conflict."

The human beings are killed to develop chaotic environment in the country.

This will decrease the self moral of the nation and army. They take immature steps

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in war which lead towards the devastation of country.

"Chaos is hateful. That indeterminate nature of war brings a really unsettling atmosphere to life (Herbert)."

The state attack to the people of other country in order to gain supremacy and maximizing the casualties. The increase in casualties create pressure on nation and state to bow down before their opponent country. There is stressed situation as it is hard to bury the beloved ones. "OHCHR reported that 9614 civilians are killed in Ukraine during invasion of Russia from 24 Feb, 2022 to 10 Sept, 2023."

It is also unethical belief that everything is fair

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in love and war. So, the countries don't follow the rules of war and despite of thinking of attacking the civilian, they consider their right to destroy the enemy. The Israel is killing the civilians in Gaza on the name of fight against militant group Hamas. "Israel killed thousands of Palestinian on the motive that they are fighting against Hamas a militant group."

The country has to face the consequence of attack on civilians that the upsurge in death toll. As civilians are empty handed and they are not ready to hold the weapons in their hand and jump into the war. That is the issue that civilians are murdered in large number. to

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show their power. "Nearly 2800 excess losses occurred in Armenia, 3400 in Azerbaijan and 310 in de facto Artsakh" in Armenia-Azerbaijan war."

The violation of human rights in conflict causes fright in people. The curfew is declared and people keep themselves in house. This leads the nation to moral destruction and negative effect on the character building of the nation. "Through every generation of the human race, there has been a constant war, a war with fear. (Alexander the Great)"

The human rights violation cause erosion of international norms. The murder of innocent people is against the ethics of society. It does not even

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suit the country to kill the civilians to show its strength and power. The international law and countries often condemn these acts. "International humanitarian law expressly forbids the use of weapons that are indiscriminate in nature."

The emergency in country is declared due to human rights violation. It burdens the hospital as there is specific number of beds in hospital when a large number of injured people are brought to hospital and insecure environment is developed in a country. This leads the nation towards moral destruction.

"(On 7 October 2023, the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) declared a state of Emergency when Israel attacked Gaza)"

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The state loses the confidence of nation as it is unable to protect its nation from outside attacks. The nation is loyal to state as it provides basic needs and security but if it could not protect its nation then it will lead the nation to rise against state.

The food scarcity also rises in country as the borders are closed and all import and export are banned. The nation has to rely on the reserves of the country. But Pakistan has reserves of 6-7 days if it is in state of war.

"The 2023 Global Report on Food crises suggests that conflicts pushed over 117 million people into acute food insecurity."

The prospect for peace is undermined when human rights are violated. As state work for the interest of their nation. When the nation get victimised from attacks of enemy country then it halts the peace talks to protect its integrity and nation. "

Russia denied to ceasefire against Ukraine for "personal interest and integrity."

The human rights can be protected by strengthening human right mechanism. The inter governmental organization endorse their members to give respect to human rights. The countries are forced to abide by the international norms. "United nation human rights forced Israel to cease fire against Palestine."

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The civil society actors is to be empowered to protect the human rights in conflict. They enables themselves to address the upcoming issues and concerns regarding human rights violation to world so that they could pressurize the country to abide by international norms. So, the role of civil society impacts alot in conflict. "Society cannot exist without law. Law is the bond of society: that which makes it, that which preserves it and keeps it together. It is, in fact, the essence of civil society." (Joseph. P. Bradley)

The countries abide by the international laws which are imposed by organization which they have joined. The international law urges the

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country to respect the human rights law and don't violate them. This makes sense of responsibility among the countries when they are fighting for their integrity.

The conflicts are to be resolved through peace talks. This can avoid conflicts with weapons attacks. The peace talk supports the country to choose right path to avoid them to get indulge in the war.

"Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding."
(Albert Eienstein).

The countries safeguard the people in conflict before initiating the war. This is essential for betterment of country and stall from

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emphasizing the danger for nation. "It is law - that state should prioritize the security of individuals."

In a nutshell, the human rights are the first victim in conflict. The countries target the public to show their strength, increase the casualty and demoralize the state. These issues spread the stressful environment all over the world. The results of these issues narrates upsurge in civilian death. This also causes fear among the people which lead to lose their self confidence. This also close the door of peace talk. This issues can be addressed by acting upon international human right mechanism. "Some values must be universal like human rights and the equal worth of every human being. (Bjorn Ulvaeus)"