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Current Affairs

Q Analyze the strategic implications of Iran's support for Hamas and Hezbollah on the Israel-Palestine conflict, and assess how this alliance affects regional stability and global security.

Ans: Introduction

The peaceful solution of Israel-Palestine conflict is a burning topic, nowadays. This conflict has become a flashpoint of Middle East. The war started with an unprecedented attack of Hamas fighters on Israel on October 7, 2023. Israel used this attack as an excuse to start an endless aggressive attack on Gaza. It has been an year since the war started, but the world remains unable to find its solution. Resultantly, Israel has dragged other states into the conflict such as Lebanon and Iran. Its provocative actions show that it is desirous to bring Iran into a catastrophic war. Iran is supporting Hamas and Hezbollah, while

Israel is trying to ~~kill~~ ^{kill} these militias.
 A series of retaliatory actions has been
 escalating the tensions in region, ultimately
 leading to global security threat.

Current Dynamics of Israel-Palestine Conflict

Israel has been carrying out its atrocities
 in Palestinian territories. The innocent civilians
 are bearing the brunt of Israeli forces. The
 hospitals, buildings, schools and refugee camps
 are being targeted. Almost 43000 people
 have been killed, most of them were children
 and women. The bombings have left 90%
 of hospitals defunct, 80% schools destroyed,
 and 70% buildings collapsed. The people in
 West Bank are not protected from ^{also} the
 wrath of Israeli forces. Moreover, the ground invasion
 of Lebanon has resulted in killing of 2000
 Lebanese. Adding fuel to the fire, Israel
 has assassinated leaders of Hamas and
 Hezbollah, Ismael Haniyeh and Hassan
 Nasrallah respectively.

③ Iran's "Axis of Resistance"

Axis of resistance, also called as *Mihwar-ul-Muqawamah*, is a group of militias formed and grouped by Iran. Hezbollah, Lebanon; Hamas, Palestine; and Houthi, Yemen are parts of this axis of resistance. Iran is supporting Hamas and Hezbollah against Tel Aviv.

④ Strategic Implications of Iran's Support for Hamas and Hezbollah

Iran is supporting Hamas and Hezbollah having serious strategic implications.

(a) Israel fails to defeat ~~Iran~~ Hamas:

Israel's prime objective is elimination of Hamas. However, Israel despite carrying out barbaric atrocities remains unable to eradicate Hamas. Among other factors, it is the Iran's support for Hamas which has made it undefeated.

(b) Hezbollah: Deterrent Against Israel

Hezbollah is Iran's strongest militant organization with a strong hold in Lebanon's mainstream politics. Moreover, it has a strong military muscle

which has been in low-scale war with Israel since the Israel's aggression initiated in Gaza. This military strength of Hezbollah is just result of support from Iran, mentor of Hezbollah.

(c) Strategic Importance of Iran in the Conflict

Iran is strategically important country with nuclear facilities and is a crucial factor in world oil market. Due to these strategically important points, the world is striving to not let the a full-fledge war initiated. The reason is the resultant devastation possible in case of full ~~or~~ direct war in middle east.

⑤ Affects on Regional Stability and Global Security

The involvement of Iran has serious consequences for region's stability and global security. Israel has been taking serious measures to provoke Iran to indulge in full scale war. Following are some implications:

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(a) Iran-Israel Confrontation leading Middle East to Catastrophic war

Israel is provoking Iran since its attack on Iranian Consular in Damascus killing ^{members of} Evolutionary Guard Corps.

As a result, Iran retaliated by a calculated measure of striking 300 missiles on Israel.

Iran's leadership repeatedly stated that Iran is not interested in full-scale war, but Israel still continues to provoke Iran.

It has assassinated Hamas leader, Ismail Haniyeh on Iranian soil on July 31, 2023.

Iran remained reluctant to start a full-fledge war. On September 27, 2024, it carried out targeted killing of Hezbollah chiefs

Hassan Nasrallah. Iran responded by retaliation and struck 200 missiles on Israel's

unpopulated area to display its capacity to react back. Tel Aviv is considering the options to respond such as targeting oil facilities or nuclear facilities of Iran. In

case of such attack, a catastrophic war will be ultimate result which would consume the whole region.

(b) "Oil war" could lead to Global Energy Crisis

If Israel hits the oil facilities of Iran, it would have serious implications on global oil market. As the Iran is expected to disrupt the oil ^{trade} flow from strait of Hormuz, a global energy crisis would become ultimate. Resultantly, oil prices would soar globally which would be a strong blow to industrial states such as USA, China, ^{and} Russia etc.

(c) World Powers would become Part of War

In case of a full-scale war between Iran and Israel, USA would be compelled to jump in war in order to protect Israel. Due to upcoming presidential elections, US administration would never dare to say "no" to Israel. The influence of US Jewish lobby is high enough to make USA a part of war. On the other hand, China who imports Iranian oil

to support its industrial sector would be in a difficult situation also. Resultantly, the whole world would be under threats of war in Middle East.

⑥ Critical Analysis

Iran and Israel are on the brink of full-fledge war as a series of retaliatory violence is escalating the tensions. However, both states don't want to initiate a full-scale war due to some reasons. For Iran, it is very difficult for Iran to stress the already shrinking economy due to US sanctions. While, for Israel, it is not possible as there is stress of public on American political leaders which is not bearable when the elections are just a few steps away. Hence, it is less likely to start war for both countries.

⑦ Conclusion

The major actors in Israel-Palstine conflict are Iran, Hezbollah and Hamas. Iran is supporting both militias in war

against Israel. Israel in order to drag Iran into war, carrying out provocative actions. However, Iran's involvement in war would lead middle east to regional instability. Middle East, being oil-rich ~~region~~ region, can have serious implications for whole world leading to a crisis.