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Are Arab nations prioritizing geo-political and economic interests over the Palestine cause amid the current conflict?

Outline:

1. Introduction:

Thesis Statement: Undoubtedly, Arab nations are prioritizing geo-political and economic interests over Palestine issue. The Arab nations have been engaging Israel politically and economically. The engagement involves normalization, strategic alliances, economic diversification, military co-operation and alignment with west. Consequently, the close engagement with Israel has been sidelining the cause of Palestine.

2. Arab nations prioritizing geo-political and economic interests over the Palestine cause: (Thesis)

2.1 Normalization with Israel

Abraham Accord 2020

2.2 Arab nations economic diversification with Israel

Middle East Economic Survey 2023

2.3 Strategic alliances with western nations

"Israel-Palestine: A Peace or Apartheid"manuel Boshra

2.4 limited actions of GCC nations on Palestine cause

"War" Woodward

2.5 military co-operation with Israel

A case in point: Jordan, UAE and KSA

2.6 Public vs. Governments stances of Arab nations

Reuters Report 2024 "War on Gaza"

2.7 Arab nations alignment with west

"A Palestine Question" Edward Said

3. Arab nations are not prioritizing geo-political and economic interests over Palestine issue:
(Anti-thesis)

3.1 Diplomatic criticism of Arab states on Israel

3.2 Sending humanitarian aids to Gaza

3.3 Arab nations have been playing mediator roles

3.4 Public protests in GCC nations for Palestine

3.5 Anti-normalization movements

3.6 Rejection of normalization with the state of Israel

3.7 Boycott of Israel based products

4. Conclusion:

The Essay

An American journalist and author of the book "War" Woodward mentioned at the end of the chapters of the book. The Arab nations are not interested in the issue of Palestine. According to Bob Woodward, the Arab kings have interests in economy, technology and relations with giant economic powers. Kings have always forwarded diplomatic interactions to the west based on trade, tourism and investments. Undoubtedly, same is the case of Arab nations in the context of Palestine. The Arab nations value economic ties with west including Israel rather than standing for the Palestine cause. The Arab nations are prioritizing political and economic interests over the Palestine cause. The Arab nations have been engaging with Israel politically and economically. The engagement involves normalization, economic diversification, strategic alliances and military co-operation. Moreover, the Arab nations have different stance on the Palestine issue. Also, the alignment with west makes Arab states isolated with the Palestine cause. Consequently, the close engagement with Israel is siding the cause of Palestine. Therefore, Arab nations are prioritizing geo-political and economic interests over the cause of Palestine.

To begin with thesis, the normalization with Israel ascribes the "Arab nations" stance on Palestine. The normalization under **Abraham Accord 2020** has buried the cause of Palestine under the sands of Middle East. The Abraham Accord is offering economic, political and technological support to Arab nations. The Arabs have entered in the pact for the sake of economic and political support. Thus, the idea of Palestine has buried underground for the sake of economic, diplomatic and technological benefits.

The Arab nations' economic diversification is overthrowing the Palestine issue. Arab states such as Jordan, Egypt and UAE have valued the diversification of economies. According to **Middle East Economic Survey 2023**, the UAE attracted 96 billion from Israel. The trade partnership included tourism, trade, technology imports and foreign direct investments. These enormous merits are more valuable for oil rich Jordan, the UAE and KSA than the cause of Palestine. Therefore, economic gains are more important in the eyes of Arab nations than the cause of Palestine.

Moreover, the strategic alliances with the West have been impacting the cause of Palestine. The Arab nations have been pushing strategic alliances with the U.S.A and EU. According to Marwan Bashra an author and journalist. The strategic alliances among West and Gulf states have always impacted the cause of Palestine. Marwan Bashra ascribed in his book **"Israel - Palestine: A Peace or Apartheid"** that the alliances of Gulf states with the U.S.A, the West and including Israel have vanished the Palestine issue. Currently, the Arab nations are prioritizing political interests over the cause of Palestine. Thus, the strategic alliances have been impacting the cause of Palestine.

limited actions of the Gulf nations against Israel due to numerous reasons. The Gulf nations have profound ties based on trade, investment and tourism. According to Bob Woodward **"war"** the Arab nations such as Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, UAE, Jordan, Egypt, Oman and Qatar vocally criticise Israel actions in Gaza. The Gulf nations do not intervene militarily like Iran. The reasons behind turning blind eyes are economic and political. Thus, the Arab states are prioritizing political and economic interests over the cause of Palestine.

military co-operation with Israel is burying the independence of Palestine. The Arab nations especially **Jordan**, the **UAE** and **Egypt** have clear military ties with Israel. The Israel military provides intelligence sharing to the Gulf states. The same kindness is being done by the Gulf states. The intelligence includes missile attacks, terrorism so on and so forth. Thus, the Gulf states value military co-operation more than the Palestine issue.

Additionally, the variation among public stance and the Gulf states governments show the status of Palestine. Public in Jordan, the UAE, Oman and Egypt have been criticising the governments. The public are clearly standing with Palestine. The governments of the GCC have different stances on the issue. According to **Reuters Report** "Gaza war" the variation among public and GCC states show that the governments are prioritising the interests over Palestine. Thus, the Arab states are prioritising national and political interests over the cause of Palestine.

The Gulf states alignment with the west has been stalling the issue of Palestine. Arab nations especially KSA, Jordan and Egypt have been benefiting from weapons, aids and diplomatic supports. According to **Edwain Said**, the alignment and co-operation with the west is based on the threats from Iran. Edwain said, ascribed in his book "**A Palestine Question**" the political alignment has been impacting the cause of Palestine. Therefore, the alignment with the west has impacted the cause of Palestine.

On the other hand, the critics claim that the Arab nations are not prioritising the economic and political interests over Palestine cause.

The critics claim that diplomatic criticism of the Arab states has boosted the cause of Palestine. According to critics Arab states have been criticising the Israeli actions on every forum. The leaders of Arab states like King Abdullah, Amir of Qatar and Muhammad bin Salman have been criticising Israel. The critics stance is entirely illogical, the criticism has never reduced the genocide. The Arab nations have never taken any action against the violence, injustice and barbarism of Palestine. Thus, the critics stance is based on lack of realities.

The Arab states have been sending humanitarian aids to Palestine. According to the critics that Arab nations have sent uncountable ships in aid to Gaza. This shows that Arab states are not prioritising political or economic interests over Palestine cause. The reality is different from the critics stance. There are numerous countries such as Pakistan, Spain, USA and EU have been sending aids to Gaza. The Arab states have never dropped paratroops to establish peace in Gaza. Thus, the critics stance is illogical.

Arab nations have been playing the mediators roles. According to the critics that Arabs nations such as Qatar, Egypt and Jordan have been playing the mediators. According to the critics, the Arabs nations through mediation aim to establish the Palestinian state. The critics stance is illogical. The Arab nations such as Qatar, Egypt and Jordan have never achieved any independence for Palestine. The Arab states are meditating for self interests. The Gulf nations aim to avoid full regional war. The regional war will impact the economies of GCC states. Thus, GCC states are negotiating rather than for Palestine cause.

Public protests in Gulf states indicate the interest of Arab nations for Palestine. According to the critics Gulf nations have been experiencing public protests in solidarity with Palestine. The critics have lack of information about the policies of GCC governments. The Arab governments stance is different on the issue of Palestine. Arab state like ICSA has already banned protests in solidarity with Palestine. Thus, the critics lack the reality about the Arab states stances.

Anti-normalisation movements have been existing in the Arab states. The critics say that the Arab nations are not establishing ties with Israel due to internal pressure. This is entirely illogical. The Arab states have established the closest ties with Israel under the Abraham Accord. The internal pressure has nothing on the decisions of kings. Thus, the anti-normalization movements have never achieved the objectives.

The Arab states have rejected the normalization deal with Israel. According to critics, the Kingdom Saudi Arabia rejected the ties with Israel. The critics say that Palestine issue matters for the Arab states.

In reality, the rejection and reduction has confined periods between Israel and KSA. The normalization talks are expected to resume soon after the defeat of Hamas. According to Bob Woodward, the king of KSA is willing to install friendly regime in Gaza. Thus, the critics lack the reality about the current order of the region.

Arab states have pushed boycott Israeli products. The critics say that Arab nations have pushed boycott of Israeli products in the solidarity of Palestine. The critics lack the knowledge. The Arab nations have never imposed the sanctions on imports and exports from Israel. The Publics of Arab states have boycotted the Israeli products. Thus, the Arab states are still interest in economic activities with Israel.

In nutshell, the national interests of the Arab states have shaped the foreign policies of Gulf nations. The Arab states have been prioritising the economic and political interests over the case of Palestine. The Palestine issue has lack of

importance for the Gulf nation than national objectives. The issue of Palestine is also sidling due to the errors of international community. The Palestine issue must not be left to the Arab states. This is the matter of humanity. Every nation state should contribute to the peace building in the region. Otherwise, the Arab states will never value the Palestine cause over economic or political interests with Israel. Hence, Arab nations are prioritising political and economic interests over the cause of Palestine.