

# "Palestine An Open <sup>Air</sup> Prison"

Increase number of arguments

## Outline

### 1. Introduction ✓

Choice of jargons should be accurate

Focus on proper punctuation

Keep practicing

### 2. Historical Background:

- i. Balfour Declaration
- ii. Arab Israel Conflicts (1948- onwards)
- iii. Two state resolution by UN

### 3. Palestine as <sup>solution</sup> an open prison ✓

- i. Enforced displacement of Palestinians.
- ii. Restrictions on fundamental rights.
- iii. 16 years of Israeli Blockades ✓

### 4. Humanitarian Crisis: ✓

- i. High level of mortality, including children.
- ii. Suspension of drinking water and food scarcity.
- iii. Air strikes on refugee camps and hospital ✓
- iv. Illegal use of white-phosphorus on civilians. ✓

### 5. The World's response: ✓

- i. Inefficiency of United Nations ✓
- ii. Failure of 'OIC and Muslims as Ummah. ✓
- iii. Influence of USA in decision making.
- iv. Stance of Pakistan ✓

### 6. Way forwards.

### 7. Conclusion. ✓

Give arguments for way forward

"Israel, with Egypt's help, has turned Gaza into an open air prison," said by Omar Sharif, the director of at Human Rights watch. The horrific Israel Palestine war has accelerated again when Hamas attacked Israel on 7 October 2023. Since then, Palestine is being exposed to the intensified brutality of Israel. Although, it has been a century since Israel has had started to occupy the territory of Palestine, particularly the Gaza strip. However, the recent conflict has met the poor Palestinians with wreck havoc. The ongoing war is the consequence of some major events, took place back in 20th century. Particularly the Balfour declaration, Arab Israel conflicts and UN resolution. Subsequently, Israel has subjugated the innocent civilians and doomed the region with its punitive actions. It imposed the greatest humanitarian crisis that includes the forced displacement, blockades, mortality, water and food scarcity. Besides, the illegal use of white phosphorus and airstrikes on hospitals and refugee camps by Israel's army lend credence to Omar Sharif's description of the region as an 'open-air prison'. The international organizations also seem fail to combat against this toxicity of Israel. All these human right organizations and countries particularly the developing ones like Pakistan struggle to be effective due to the significant influence of USA. However, the implementation of certain measures can potentially resolve the Israel Palestine conflict.

To begin with Balfour declaration, it is one of the root causes of Israel's <sup>illegal</sup> subjugation on Palestine. In 1916, after the first world war, the Britain declared the Palestine as a new homeland for Zionists. Since then, the Jewish community started to penetrate in Palestine. Almost 60,000 Jews reached to Palestine at the time of Balfour declaration, says Moshe an Israeli journalist.

This is how the Jews began to settle in Palestine.

The Balfour declaration had a profound impact on middle East. As a result the inception of Israel took place in 1948. The Jewish community proclaimed its independence from British. And probably occupied the Jerusalem as their capital.

The foundation of 'Israeli state' put a great stress on Arab neighbourhood countries. The Arab

Israel war continued from time to time till now.

The first war dated on 1948-49 followed by 1956, 1967, 1973, 1982, 2006 and 2023-present.

To resolve this conflict between Arabs and Israel, the United Nations passed a resolution 181 (II) in 1947.

However, this resolution did not work as the Israeli Army ~~continues~~ has had continued to siege the Gaza.

Similarly, the forced displacement of Palestinians has reached to its highest level since Hamas's

October 7 attacks in Southern Israel, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has threatened to turn

Gaza into a "deserted island" and warned its residents to "leave now", Al-Jazeera. Besides, the Israeli army keeps the residents deprived of basic fundamental rights that include, right to get education, food and shelter. As per Aljazeera 87 percent of school buildings and more than half of Gaza's homes are damaged or destroyed, making the life difficult there. 16 years of Israeli Blockade<sup>also</sup> made the condition of Palestinians more worse. Since 2007, Israel has maintained strict control over Gaza's airspace and territorial waters and restricted the movement of goods and people in and out of Gaza.

Along with that, the severe humanitarian crisis is imposed on Gaza which is leading the conflict towards a more complexity. The high level of mortality is being witnessed in the history of this genocide. As per media reports more than 43000 people are brutally killed in this war, including nearly 16,765 children and more than 10,000 missing. The number of casualties is increasing with each passing day. According to Aljazeera reports "every hour in Gaza 15 people are killed, six are children." Moreover the suspension of drinking water and food scarcity also threatening the lives over there. Food insecurity affects 70% of Palestinians and they have become dependant on food aids, which hardly reach there due to the blockades of Israel's military. The Prime Minister Natin Yahu is reluctant to end this war therefore he did not hesitate to permit airstrikes on hospitals and refugee camps. There has been

reports of an Israeli airstrike killed at least  
 14 people, including two children, when it hit  
 a **UN School** sheltering displaced Palestinian families  
 in Central Gaza. Similarly on 3 November 2023,  
 amid the Israeli invasion of the Gaza Strip  
 and Siege of Gaza City, an Israeli airstrike  
 hit an ambulance convey departing from  
 al-Shifa hospital carrying injured patients. The  
 strike killed 15 people and wounded 60, **NPR**.  
 The unlawful usage of "white-phosphorus" has  
 also been done by Israel. White-phosphorus  
 is a chemical substance which can burn the  
 skin to bone. It has short-term as well as long-  
 term impacts that can exacerbate the injuries,  
 and <sup>even</sup> death can occur. This is how Israel's  
 sleazy and immoral activities endangered the  
 lives of in Gaza strip.

In contrast, the world's response  
 seems to be diplomatic. The two greatest political  
 and international organizations, UN and OIC, respectively  
 can not bring an ease or cease the war.  
 UN found to be helpless in front of the hegemony  
 of 'US-backed Israel'. The political and economic  
 influential of United States <sup>of America</sup> on global politics,  
 hampered the peace process. Members of OIC  
 could have done given a 'noticeable' favour to their  
 Muslim brothers in Gaza who are going through  
 a brutal and chaotic war. However, the dominant  
 member states <sup>of OIC</sup> have strategic or economic ties  
 with USA therefore they fear to support Gaza  
 in its real essence. USA herself is a founding  
 member of UN thus possessing veto power, which

She used drastically in denial of ceasefire. Which she also used in imposing sanctions on different states which tried to oppose USA or stood against her in past. This is the very reason, the countries can not go against Israel, particularly the developing countries like Pakistan. It can not afford the enmity of USA, hence limited herself itself to record ~~its~~ its protests. Without indulging in deepest measures to stop the war.

In spite of all the hardships, there is always a silver lining in every cloud. Implementing certain and timely measures can resolve this belicose of Israelis and Palestinians. The boycotts alone can not combat with Israel. It needs a great and sincere attention of Human Right organizations along with developed countries to review the agreements, resolutions and policies to sort out this problem. It should be stopped at any cost otherwise this conflict can be a factor to <sup>begin</sup> world war III. As already, ~~the~~ it estalated the grievance of the residents of middle east. Not alone the middle east but the people of South Asia<sup>als</sup> also showing the hate and anger for Israel. The two state resolution by United Nations, needs to be imposed immediately otherwise the regional war would turn into the global war.

To conclude this essay, the humanitarian crisis imposed by Israel on Gaza, has indeed turned this region into an open-air prison. The history of this war can be traced back

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in ~~decades~~ <sup>recent-</sup> of decades. However the attacks by Hamas on 7 October 2023, reescalated this conflict again, with more intensity this time. The brutality of Israel and USA has been exposed to the <sup>entire</sup> world, yet no one can stop them because of the dirty game of 'power politics'. The muslim world also lagging behind to help the victims of this war. However some major reforms in international politics can resolve this catastrophic scenario, the Middle East is exposed to. First foremost, the implementation of **two states** can be done. Only then this war can be ended otherwise else the world should be prepared to see the consequences of this conflict.