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Palestine Conflict is a long-standing one on the United Nation Table. Discuss its recent escalation since 2023 and critically assess the big powers' reaction to it?

Introduction:

The conflict between Israel and Hamas have been started in **oct-2023**. This conflict has far-reaching implications on **regional stability, geo-economic and geo-political stability**. Moreover, this escalation has exposed the **double standard** of Western bloc politics. Additionally, this recent development engendered a gap between **Muslim countries** and **Global North**.

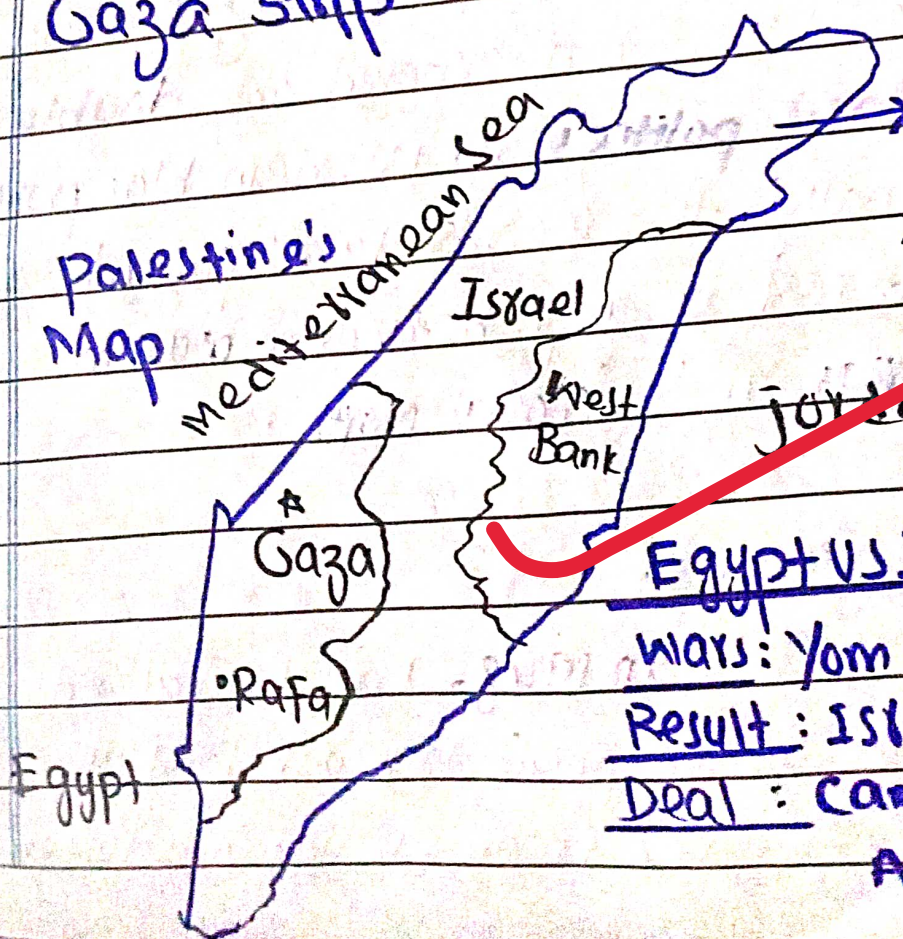
Background:

In 1948, Israel announced itself as an independent Jewish land. This announcement led to an escalation between Arab

countries and Israel, leading to major wars including Yom Kippur War, Arab-Israeli War and Seven days War.

Notably, in each war Israel captured a large area of Palestine, Egypt and Jordan. Moreover, after each war Israel has increased its oppression on the residents of Palestine, and has been increased the illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank. However, in recent developments, the government is trying to increase its expansion towards

Gaza strip.



Israel Recent Escalation Reason

- 1: Military Expansion
- 2: Territorial Expansion
- 3: Economic Expansion

Egypt vs Israel

Wars: Yom Kippur

Result: Israel won

Deal: Camp David Accord

Recent Developments After the Attack of Hamas on Israel:

Israel Response

Death toll in Gaza
soared to 34,097

Number
of Palestinians
Killed
34,097

← since Oct. 7

Number of
Injured
76,980

At least
14,685
children

At least
9,670
women

Source: Health Ministry of Gaza

1.9
Million
Population

→ Displaced

63%
of Buildings

→ Damaged

Source: Palestine
Health Ministry

Recent Development Aftermaths

1. Humanitarian Crisis:

Israel ongoing oppression has led to humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Also, Israel's government is not allowing ^{the} international aid to Palestinian people, violating the **Geneva Convention** rules and regulation. As a result, a mass level distraction has been manifesting in Gaza strip. Nevertheless, Israel has been violating the international law. However, the major power is still silent. As according to them, the attack of Israel is for self defence.

2- Women Rights violation:

The so called western media has always highlighted the rights of women. However, in the recent escalation the western media is completely out of the sight as the Israeli Army is abusing the women rights through killing and sexually abusing them.

This development showcases the double face of the western media on human rights.

3- Environmental Issues:

The ongoing escalation has far-reaching implications on ^{our} environment. HAS it been manifested that Israeli Army is attacking and targeting the olive trees in Palestine and using lethal weapons which are harmful for biodiversity. Hence, this escalation has the potential to degrade the environment further.

Big Powers Reaction On Recent Developments

1: UN Security Council:

The recent development in Gaza exposed the double standards of the UN. Additionally, it exposed that the UN Council is function on the interest of one particular power the **USA**. As a ceasefire agreement was proposed in the UN Council. However, this proposal was rejected by the US through veto power. As a result, a number of countries especially the Muslim countries including **Iran** criticized the decision of the US over the ceasefire.

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2: The Role of USA :

Escalation in Gaza highlighted the double image of the USA. As USA openly supported the escalation of Israel through aid and weapons. For instance, the USA approved \$50 bn from the congress for Israel. Additionally, \$3.8 bn for military aid.

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Furthermore, to protect Israel from the
Iran's aggression. The US send
warship vessels to deter the aggression
of Iran towards Israel. These incidents
showcase the role of the USA in the
recent escalation and highlights
how much USA is interested in cease-
fire agreement between Israel and Hamas.

Current Development: Role of the USA

Recent proposal of Ceasefire
was bring by the US in Security
Council.

3 Phase Plan

- 1: **Five**
 - cease fire
 - quick Humanitarian
Funds
 - Hostage release
- 2:
 - withdrawal
of the Israeli
Army
 - permanent
end to hostilities
- 3:
 - multiyear
reconstruction
plan
 - gaza territory
remain same

3. Decision of the ICJ :

South Africa filed a petition against the ongoing 'oppression' of the Israeli Army in Gaza and Rafah. According to the South Africa, the ongoing escalation is against the international law and human rights law. Therefore, the ICJ should announce its verdict against the Israeli government escalation in Gaza.

Therefore, the ICJ announced its verdict that the ongoing humanitarian crisis and blockade of aid is against international norms and standards. Therefore it is high time for the Israel to open the gate for aid and stop and restore the conflict through table talk and peace agreements.

4. Reaction of OIC on Recent Developments

The OIC condemned the recent escalation in the Gaza. Moreover, the muslim countries, such as, UAE, Egypt, Bahrain have called their ambassadors from the Israeli Embassy.

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Furthermore, the recent development between Israel - Saudi relations have also manifested a setback. Additionally, the muslim countries have pressurized the multipolar world to normalize the escalation and pressurize the Israel for the quick withdrawal from the Gaza strip.

Recent Escalation in Lens of Theoretical Framework

The recent escalation of Israeli army in Gaza is perfectly explained in the lens of **realism**.

According to this theory, the state or man, is egoistic, uncooperative and always prefer its self interest. The same implies in Israel's case, the Israeli government prefers its self interest over the lives of innocent peoples. As the ultimate objective of the Israel is to maximize its military power, territorial power and achieve its strategic interest

Critical Analysis :

All the developments in Gaza including the ~~uncontrolled~~ massacre of Palestinian people showcases the double standards west politics. The role of the major powers like the US and the ~~role of the~~ Muslim nations. These all development showcases that the justice system of the world is controlled by a single country. The decision of the UN is based on the vested interest of the western nations. And the Muslim nations are ~~work~~ that they are unable to resolve the ongoing escalation through diplomacy and pressure. These all cases highlight that the OTC, UN Security Council, ICJ and multipolar countries are working for their own self interest. There is no rule of law for powerful countries. The Humanitarian laws and Geneva convention are ^{only} good in books.

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Conclusion:

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The ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas have been aggravating the humanitarian crisis, environmental and women right crisis respectively. Moreover, this escalation has highlighted the double standards of the major institutions and major global powers. Furthermore, this development has raised a number of questions on the muslims leading countries and ^{on the role of} UN. However, beside these all issues, it is high time for the world to stop the Israeli genocide in Gaza. Moreover, the UN Security Council should come out from the vested interest of the US and other powers and should play its critical role in this time. This can be done through pressurizing Israeli army to withdrawal from the Gaza. Also, resolving the issue through peace settlement. As it is the motto of the UN "This world belongs to all".