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WAR - CRIMES IN PALESTINE-ISRAEL CONFLICT

"A challenge to international justice"

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Thesis Statement:

The on-going conflicts and war chaos in Palestine and Israel is not new; rather it started in late 19th century and earlier 20th century when the alleged parties failed to establish peace over boundaries. Palestine being a muslim territory wanted to build a muslim state along with its muslim alliances but after the independence of Israel in 1948, the migration of jews to Palestine created social, political and economic riots in the region. Earlier, it was a muslim populated state but after the immense migration of jews led to a ratio of 53% muslims and 47% jews in the Palestine. It all started

when jews and muslim begin to disrespect their respective religions. Israel was politically and strategically stronger than Palestine, so it started using its powers against Palestine.

The former prime minister of Pakistan **Imran Khan** highlighted Palestine-Israel conflict in 74th UN conference and stated,

"Either you surrender or fight for your freedom till death. Our motive is "La ilha illallah" Our God is one & we will fight for it."

~ **Imran Khan**

Believing in the motive of islam, Palestinians are fighting for their freedom against Israel but war is never the solution. It should be settle down by negotiating keeping in view **peace of the region** as bilateral priority.

Background:

The palestinian arabs were facing social and economic poverty after migrating to Palestine. After the arab-israel war in 1956 the west bank of Palestine got under the sovereignty of Jordan and Gaza strip was handed over to Egypt to improve the economic instability in the state while it was decided that Palestine will be autonomous in its internal affairs. Israel got independence in 1948 and after its independence, a large number of jews started migrating towards Palestine. Israel was politically stronger at that time so it thought that it could its control over nearby allies including Palestine. Palestinean defence was weak in comparison to Israel and resultantly Israeli army entered Palestine and started influencing the massives. In the mean time,

Israel was also planning to execute Arab-Israel war 1956 to get the control of West bank from Jordan and Gaza strip from Egypt.

In retaliation, Palestine attacked back on Israel which resulted in undue killings of civilians. This instigated a chaos and war conflict between Israel and Palestine and it is unresolved till date.

Israeli Allegations:

The retaliation of Palestine caused killings in Israel and as a result Israel put allegations on Palestine globally that Palestine is targeting the civilians and children and it is unacceptable at every cost. In result, Israel declared a war against Palestine to protect its territory and declared it an action.

against terrorism in the region.

Israel adopted a sneaky way to create riots in Palestine and to protect its global image by calling it an action against terrorism. The Palestinian army did launch its missiles but to protect its external borders against undue capturing of land by Israeli army. It was an action of self-defence which was given an ugly mask of terrorism and war. The arabs living in Palestine follow islam - a true religion of peace and in islam it is believed that,

"To kill an innocent is like killing the whole humanity and to save a person is like saving the whole humanity."

Palestinian-armed groups:

Hammas-

is the region of army and weapons in Palestine to protect their small territory against enemies. As Israeli armed got to know about Hammas, they started launching missiles on it and called it an eradication of terrorism but rather it was mere a genocide against Palestine. The missiles launched by Israeli-army did not only target the armed groups of Palestine but it also attacked the civilians. They targeted the hospitals, schools, civilian societies and work place of their masses. They called it self-defense attack but it was a mere unannounced genocide in Palestine by Israeli army and it got peaked in october 2023, when Israel started undue bombing and missile attacks in huge numbers. The target was

neither Hamas nor Palestinian army, the target was to turn Palestine into rubble just to get control over it. This one-to-one military action between Palestine and Israel has caused 37,000 deaths in total including a majority of children and women. Among these 35,000 were Palestine and the rest are Israeli army.

"War is never the solution. It only brings chaos and destruction in the region."

~Imran Khan

Till now, Israel has caused major destruction in Palestine by attacking its infrastructure, education and economy. The attack was not confined only to Hamas, rather it caused a major destruction in West bank and Gaza strip too.

Role of ICC:

The concerning conflicts and war crisis in Palestine and Israel has forced the allies and nearby states to take the issue to international criminal court because Israel is causing a continuous genocide and injustice to people of Palestine and now they are also deprived of basic humanitarian rights like food, health facilities and education. To deprive someone of basic necessities is not just a war but a crime and genocide and it must need to stop as soon as possible.

Aiming the current situation and massive destruction caused by Israel in Palestine, Egypt took this issue to international court of criminals along with its other allies. The ICC viewed all the current figures and examination and ordered the

immediate arrest of Israeli Prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli defense minister Ya'ar Gallant.

In response to this arrest warrant, Israel openly gave its statement that we do not accept ICC as any organization and if the organization has no meaning to us, this arrest warrant is unworthy and just a piece of paper.

And till the date, ICC is failed to take any action against Israel and Israel is continuously bombing Palestine.

A very famous quote is stated as,

"To remain silent while witnessing a crime is considered as same to witness & conduct that crime."

Role of ICJ:

When ICC failed to prevail justice for killings of innocent Palestinian children, women and common man, the muslim representatives and allies of Palestine decided to take the issue to international court of justice to take some strong stance on the decades-long on going war conflict between Palestine and Israel. It is now obvious and clear to the world that Israel is conducting an unjust and unfair genocide in Palestine and it needs to be stop as soon as possible.

International court of justice claims to provide a fair statement and prevails on justice on all global matters but when the conflict of Palestine and Israel was taken to ICJ, it became a baseless argument and Israel again denies to accept the organization and its orders. Recently, ICJ adopted a

diplomatic way and asked for the ceasefire. Initially, Israel posed to accept the ceasefire but as soon as civilians started moving from safety camps to their residential areas, Israel started targetting the recendies which in turn again resulted in unjust killings of innocent civilians.

"According to oxyfm report
by world bank, 250
Palestinians are being killed
by Israel daily "

~World bank

In war conflict of Palestine and Israel where thousands of innocent civilians are being killed, the international organisations seem to fail in providing justice and standing up for truth.

Enforcement & compliance issues:

As the international organizations seems to fail in providing justice for Palestine-Israel victims,

Israel is enforced by its international allies like America, UN and EU.

They have masked themselves in name of justice but in reality they are providing air space for Israeli missiles to attack on Palestine and a large number of weapons and machinery is exported from America to Israel.

Present day, Israel seemed to be enforced by America as America has non-aligned itself from this conflict and the silence of all global powers on this conflict is worsening the situation of people of Palestine. Israeli army has restricted the supply of food and basic medical aid from the people of Palestine.

Implications for internal justice:

During the conflict of unlawful killings of black people, a slogan got famous globally,

"Black Lives Matter"

The whole world protested against these killings and raised this slogan but now when the innocent children, new born babies, women and common civilians are being martyred by Israel's brutality, the world and international forums of justice seemed to be asleep.

If the voice is raised globally against this genocide and the international humanitarian law is implemented as per decided by the international court of justice, we can still save the Palestine and Gaza taking its last breath. Israel

has brutally destroyed Gaza by its unjust and continuous bombing and it should be our utmost priority to implement laws of justice in this conflict.

Critical Analysis:

As this essay,

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gives a brief overview to the recent chaos happened in both territories. War is not the solution to anything. To settle this conflict, we have to stop the exchange of missiles as soon as possible. The damage caused by this bombing is far beyond our thinking. Justice must be prevailed at any cost because no one deserves to be deprived of basic human necessities. The global powers and international forums of justice must take immediate

steps to stop this war of borders. Their silence on this sensitive conflict and unlawful killings of poor civilians is making them equally responsible with Israel.

The world needs to address and globalize the issue to end the war crimes in the respective territories. It's a decades-long conflict & now and if it is not stopped, the world will face major consequences including disputes between muslim allies and America. The on-going conflict is not justified and the pin point in this situation is the silence of international powers in who seemed to be biggest supporters of justice around the globe but are failed in prevailing justice for poor-palestineans.

Conclusion:

To conclude the war crimes in Israel and Palestine, I must pen this down that the marked international organizations have failed badly to set up peace in the region for over decades now. The innocent killings of children, rapes of women and brutal torture to the common civilians is not justified and neither acceptable at any cost.

Those who still choose to remain silent are equally responsible for all these crimes in the region. A mere statement of words is useless until it is followed by some action. The global must take an initiative to end these war crimes for further destruction. No one deserves to strive for basic life necessities. The ICC and ICJ must step in the pool if they want

the territories to stop further
destruction because Gaza is
taking its last breaths and
it has created a situation of
'Now or Never'

If we would still remain silent,
it would make the world and
humanity to fall in forever regret
of injustice.
