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EU representative of foreign and security policy Joseph Borel during EU meeting advocated; Before the war Gaza was largest open air prison in the world. After the war it is largest open air cemetery in the world; a graveyard of innocent civilians and many most important principles of humanitarian law. These words ~~very~~ aptly showcase the devastations befalling the population of Gaza. Since October 7, 2023, the day when Hamas orchestrated attack of Israel, Almost 80,000 population of Gaza have lost their lives at the hands of brutal Israelis. Currently entire population of Palestine is in dire need of humanitarian aid and shelters. But the tyranny is that the whole world particularly

57-muslim majority states failed to awake their conscience. The muslim world is watching these brutalities in silence and restricted to only passing resolutions and customary condemnations. certainly, the muzzled reaction of muslim states towards Israel-Gaza conflict is primarily due to economic and trade ties with apartheid Israel. Moreover internal division and impediments in mechanisms of OIC prevent these states to achieve substantial policy to ends the sufferings of innocent civilians of Palestine.

Muslim countries must adopt pragmatic measures through collective efforts to halt the aggression of brutal Israel.

Before proceeding forward
It is imperative to have understanding of catastrophic events of Israel-

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Gaza conflict over past two years.
Since October 7 2023, Israel has
brought major devastation in Palestine.
UN reports estimated 89000 casualties
till date (Al-jazeera). All infrastructure
has turned into dust. Hospital, residential
buildings - nothing spared. Currently entire
population is in dire need of
food, water, shelter and medicines.
Moreover, large number of casualties of
children have been reported due to
starvation. Reports shows that 70%
population has been displaced multiple
times. This two-years war is
considered longest in history of Arab
Israel war and has made the
conflict a ^{major} devastating event in history
of mankind.

The following paragraph shed
light on reaction of international
community towards Israel-Gaza conflict.

The tragedy of Gaza has exposed the deep cracks in the conscience of international community and the paralyzing inertia of muslim Ummah. The whole world watches in silence, limited to condemnations and resolutions. US and her allies are providing political and military aid to apartheid Israel. USA has vetoed all ceasefire resolutions in UN general assembly. However several western states have taken inspiring step to recognize Palestinian state including Norway, Ireland and France etc. But these steps have not reined Israel's genocide in Gaza.

Subsequently, some initiatives taken by muslim world to thwart apartheid Israel are ^{being} discussed. First initiative taken by muslim states is Bahrain declaration issued after

Bahrain conference 2024. It

calls for international conference under auspices of UN to resolve Palestinian issue based on two-state solution.

It required Israel to end occupation of Palestine, and embodying sovereign, independent Palestine based on principles of international law.

Similarly Arab states issued proposal for postwar rebuilding of Gaza during Arab League meeting in Cairo in March 2025. This ^{condemnation} proposal came after rejection and of USA proposal of takeover of Gaza and displacement of Palestinians in

neighbouring states. KSA and UAE proposed reconstruction of Gaza in three phased and announced 10 Billion USD for the reconstruction process. They also proposed technocratic administration for Palestine. This step is considered as major step towards normalization of Gaza.

Another major initiative is the diplomatic posture of OIC and Arab League towards Gaza ceasefire. The umbrella of OIC represent 2 Billion muslims, has affirmed support for two-state solution. Its resolutions have called for Boycotts of Israeli goods, denouncing its occupation and recognition of East Jerusalem as Palestine's capital. Through Arab-League Summits, Muslim countries endorsed reconstruction plans of Gaza and rejected evacuation of people.

from Gaza strip.

Additionally, a different kind of two-state solution was floated by Saudi Arabia in 2024 to end the conflict. The solution required the incorporation of West Bank into Israel, which is already occupied by them, and other main Palestinian population to be incorporated into **Kingdom of Jordan**, as currently half of the population of Jordan has Palestinian origin. This solution, as observed by many policymakers, would end the decades-long sufferings of Palestine and its population.

Apart from denouncements and resolutions, no real action has been stirred by muslim world due to muggle reactions towards conflict. These

the number of factors responsible for it.

To start with, Muslim world has primarily adopted cowardly and muted reactions. Leaders are busy in passing resolution, denouncing war crimes of Israel. There are total 57 muslim majority states in the world. They own major wealth and military capabilities. But when it comes to Gaza all these are locked behind borders and political interests. Their national interest prevent them to take substantial steps for the protection of innocent civilians.

In addition to this, the economic relations between Israel and number of muslim states muzzle their reactions to end the Gaza conflict. Various states including UAE, Turkey, Egypt, Qatar

and KSA have toack relations with Israel. The Arab Petroleum Pipeline Company (The SUMED Pipeline) has headquarters in Egypt. It supply ^{barrel} 22,000/Day fuel to Israel through Arab states. This fuel is then use to power the tanks for the genocide of poor Palestinians. Moreover 60% oil and gas supply of Israel comes from Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, two muslim countries. None of the Arab state has considered even a temporary boycott of its oil supply to Israel. As a result they are highly restrained in their support of Gaza.

Besides, the fragmented response and division among muslim countries have muzzled their reactions towards Israel-Gaza conflict. Despite of widespread public outrage and religious affinities, muslim states have

not forge unified strategy. They are going through geopolitical divisions as Iran, Turkey and Qatar support Hamas while Saudi Arabia, UAE considers it destabilizing and disagree over who should govern Gaza. Similarly there are sectarian conflict among Iran and Saudi Arabia and normalized relations of UAE, Jordan and Egypt with Israel and rivalries of other muslim states towards Israel. These are the major impediment in taking more active actions.

Adding more to these, the normalization of diplomatic relation between Arab states and Israel through Abraham Accord also muzzle their reactions on Gaza issue. Abraham Accord brokered by USA in 2020 between UAE, Bahrain, Sudan and Israel. These diplomatic ties prioritize

economic and security interest over support for Palestine. This engagement has weakened the Palestine question as a precondition for diplomatic relations with Israel. These developments impede muslim states to take effective measures against Israel.

Furthermore, there is significant gap between rhetoric and concrete actions, that are to be taken by muslim world. Israel-Gaza conflict demonstrates dissonance between rhetoric condemnation and substantial actions. The resolutions, denouncements are not matched by the economic, political pressure. They labelled the conflict as war crimes, ethnic clearing and state terrorism. However despite of strong language no meaningful

The crisis of Gaza require certain plausible and pragmatic measures by the muslim world to halt the atrocities of ~~Gaza~~ Israel. Muslim countries must adopt collective strategies through OIC and Arab League for providing humanitarian aid, reconstruction funding and rehabilitation of Palestine. Additionally, Arab states must put economic and diplomatic pressure on Israel by downgrading their trade with Israel and supporting ~~by~~ boycotting Israel campaign globally. They must strengthen talks with BRIC, SCO, EU to halt the aggression and war crimes of Israel and push it for two-state solution and peace process.

measures have been taken by muslims. Neither of the state has taken courageous step to file case against Israel in ICJ. This shows reluctance of muslim world to support the Palestine questions.

Last but certainly not the least, lack of enforcement mechanism in OIC muzzle the reaction towards Gaza conflict. In the wake of Gaza conflict, OIC held multiple meetings and issue several statements condemning Israel, yet it failed to initiate or enforce any concrete mechanism. It has not proposed any economic sanctions or any collective aid strategy. This absence of enforcement mechanism is due to lack to legal authority to bind the members and absence of any collective admin group like NATO.

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To sum up, the muzzled responses of muslim world towards Israel-Gaza conflict have exposed their disalignment and hollow statements without concrete actions. A tiny strip of land continue to be under relentless bombardment of Israel and whole muslim ummah has maintained a shameful silence. The screams of innocents, the wailing of mothers and crushed bodies of children under rubble have failed to stir meaningful actions from so-called champion of human rights and brotherly muslim states. Despite of few initiatives, which are restricted to paper till now, they have not taken any major step. They are prioritizing their trade and politico-economic interest over

the killings and bombing of Gaza strip. Their oil supply is enough to fill the tanks of Israel to carry out genocide of innocent Gazans. If this situation continue it might escalate in the neighbouring Middle Eastern states, as observed by key analysts. Hence it is the dire need of the time, muslim states should take collective measures, in no times, to provide rehabilitation, putting economic pressure on Israel and supply humanitarian assistance to Palestinians, as the starvation along with bombs and bullets is killing population of Gaza.