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Hamas-Israel Conflict: A Test Case for World Conscience

A. Introduction

B. Hamas-Israel Conflict is a Test Case for world conscience:

1. It has ~~revealed~~^{al} revealed the failure of UN as a peace-keeping body.

Case in Point: US Vetoes

2. IHL and International Law is mere lip-service.

Case in Point: Over 65000 casualties in civilian areas.

3. There is evident fragmentation within the Muslim Ummah.

Case in Point: UAE accepting Israel & Abraham Accords.

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4. The Western Youth is awakening and objecting towards genocidal intent.

Case in Point: Convocations at Ivy League Universities.

5. Social Media is mouth-piece of evil powers.

Case in Point: Algorithm setting, blocking of pro-Gaza accounts.

6. Major Powers are earning from businesses of death.

Case in Point: US Military-Industrial Complex.

7. Non-State Actors are gaining strength across the globe.

Case in Point: Hamas's capability to conduct 7/10 Attack on Tel Aviv.

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8. Democracy is a flawed concept that favors the elite.

Case in Point: Gaza
people were not consulted
in Trump's peace plan.

9. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are merely symbolic.

Case in Point: Over
15,000 children in Gaza
died of hunger.
(Al-Jazeera).

10. Global ideologies can lead to massive destruction.

Case in Point: Zionism
and Huntington's Clash
of Civilization Concept.

C. Conclusion

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"Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind," stated the US president John F. Kennedy.

Analysing the current global scenario submerged in chaos and bloodshed, the stated quote remains relevant.

Over the past two years, a war between Israel; a defacto state and Hamas - a non-state militant group has catered global peace. As the events of this war unfolded, there have been lessons for humanity to extract in order to avoid such escalations in future.

It has uncovered the ability to UN to stand as a mere witness to a genocide, an organisation that claimed to be flag-bearer of global peace. The incidents of war have also unfolded the realities of propaganda of International Law and Humanitarian

laws. Simultaneously, the internal divide of Muslim Ummah has been evident. The uprisings in Western youth depict an enlightened notion of humanity. Consequently, autocratic social media practices have also been unmasked with this conflict. It is a pertinent fact that Hamas-Israel conflict has been politically, socially, morally and even economically a case study for world conscience.

The United Nations has repeatedly failed its purpose to serve humanity. During this conflict, the UN was a mere spectator that stood silenced against the conduct of hostilities by Hamas on the innocent people of Gaza. The Security Council failed to implement a ceasefire due to multiple vetoes by United States on the case submitted by South

Africa. Undoubtedly, the institution has failed its purpose and humanity.

Various laws have been globally implemented to avoid such hazardous conflicts. The proceedings of Israel-Hamas conflict and bombings on schools, hospitals and journalists have unveiled that Humanitarian and International Law holds no value in true sense. The killing of non-belligerents, massacre of children and bombing of schools are all evident examples of ceremonial role of such treaties.

Hamas-Israel conflict has highlighted that victims of genocide stood alone. The entire globe, in general, and Muslim countries that claim to represent a united Ummah stood as spectators solely. The events of last two

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years highlighted internal divide between Muslim World. The OIC did nothing to protect the sacred land, nor did the others. UAE accepted Abraham Accords and KSA was extending ties just before Hamas launched attacks on Tel Aviv. Internal faultlines explain collective downfall.

The Western youth has a mindset of their own, they do not stick to ancestral concepts of peace. The students and youth of USA have expressed their indifference towards their own governments. They have raised voices and arranged protests against genocidal intent. The events that unfolded at Harvard's convocation, where students stood in solidarity with Palestine are a ray of hope for the world. It depicts eggressing of right mindset.

The global happenings are communicated by social media in present times. Posts on facebook, twitter and Instagram are source of information for many. The conflict has depicted the surveillance of all such sources of authentic information. Reports have shown the blockage of accounts that supported Gaza and posted against the Israeli oppression. It is indeed an awakening for proponents of the freedom to express sentiments.

Economic Aspects of war are a double-edged sword. While some states/actors face the crunch of resource due to excessive spending on military like Hamas, there exist powers that are indulged in merciless business of death. The states that are involved in manufacture and sale of weapons benefit from such bloodshed and continued

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wars. The United States is one such beneficiary. The MI-complex sales have touched the sky because of rising global uncertainty owing to Hamas-Israel conflict.

Global Security remains extremely fragile. The Hamas-Israel conflict has further enhanced the insecurity paradox. It is notable that Hamas is a non-state militant group that has gained so much power that it attacked the proxy state of a global super-power. This is an alarming scenario for the global security and also states already indulged in menance of cross-border terrorism/instability.

The world advocates democracy as a means of peace. This conflict has unmasked the propaganda of this notion. No democratic values were adopted or respected while dealing with Hamas-Israel

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conflict. Democracy is a mouth piece of elite capture. Just like the Iraqis were taken into confidence when Saddam was hanged, no opinion of the Gaza Strip or West Bank population mattered for Trump's peace plan or establishment of ISF. Such are the facts of power and realities of democratic values.

There is much hype over SDGs with 2030 just around the corner. Though unfulfilled as MDGs, the global states portray to be extremely enthusiastic over completion of these goals.

The Israel-Hamas conflict unveils another two-faced mask.

Millions in Gaza died, either of hunger or poverty but nobody cared. The basic right to life wasn't even available. It has been a remarkable study for hypocrisy.

The Hamas-Israel conflict is deeply an issue of ideologies. There has been a historic clash of ideologies of Zionists and Muslims. It is evident that this ideological distinction has erupted massive regional and global destruction.

This is inline with Samuel P. Huntington's decade old concept of Clash of Civilization and Remaking of World Order. It is an example to follow and learn by other states that possess any ideological differences, to sort them before conflict erupts.

In a nutshell, Hamas-Israel conflict provides a case study to all states to preserve humanity, eradicate atrocity and look into symbolic institutional functioning before all hell breaks loose.

It is extremely crucial to end the beneficiaries of war from prolonging conflicts for their own good.

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The global security dynamics must be deeply checked to avoid instability. Upholding democratic practices for conflict resolution are important. Ideological warfare must be handled with tact to avoid deadly clashes. This conflict eradicates the parameters of peace that in turn halt prosperity. It is significant to note that such asymmetric conflicts can have domino effects. The world must unite against genocide or unjust practices, work together towards sustainable peace. All states must put personal benefits aside and strive for global, perpetual peace in order to make this world a better place for humanity.
