

Q6: Palestine conflict is a long standing one on the United Nations table. Discuss its recent escalation since October 2023 and critically assess the big powers' reaction to it ?

1- Introduction

The Palestinian conflicts started in the aftermath of World War I mandate system which allowed Jewish emigrants from all around the world in Palestine. Since that time, the conflict is continuing till date. The United Nations has failed to ensure a two state solution for both Israel and Palestine. Owing to this failure, Palestinian Resistance wing Hamas invaded Israel and committed mass murders and took hostages. Following

that, Israel unleashed its genocide of Gaza. As per Dawn news reports, 64000 people including ~~men~~ women and children were are killed.

2) Negative Reaction of big powers on Gaza war

2.1 - Silence over Israeli atrocities

Major powers have remained silent over Israel's genocide in Gaza. Despite calling themselves self proclaimed custodians of human rights, have not condemned Israel.

This emboldened the Israeli regime to continue its onslaught with impunity.

2.2) Complicity in Crime

Instead of stopping Israel's atrocities on Gaza, big

continued to supply arms and monetary help to Israel. They extended diplomatic support, as well, to Israel. For instance, the US has supplied billions of dollars of arms to Israel since the war in October 2023 began. Despite, the international institutions such as UN, International Court of Justice etc have called the war a genocide. The supply of weapons to Israel prove their big powers complicity of crime.

2-3) Double standards in treating humanity

The big powers have employed double standards in treating Israeli suffering differently than Palestinians. They voiced their concerns regarding the security and peace of Israel's but have neglected the siege of 2 million

Gazans in a narrow enclave. The strip the most concentrated area of the world and is also called the largest "open air prison". Moreover, since seven decades Israel is building illegal settlements on the west Bank but ~~they~~ remain the major powers remained silent.

2.4) veto on peace efforts

The United Nations security council has vetoed multiple peace efforts to bring the war in Gaza to end. ~~The UN~~ For instance, the United States has exercised 6 vetoes against efforts for a cease fire. Overall, the US has used 51 vetoes, according to Dawn, again in favour of Israel. This has left the space for ~~October 7~~ Palestinians to resort to October 7 sort of violence.

2.5) Silence over Israel's evasion of international rule of law

Major powers kept on silent on Israel's violation of international law. Israel used cluster munition bombs, prohibited by international law due to its collateral damage effects. It remained deaf over Israel stopping of humanitarian aid, killing of journalists and cut down of water and electricity to Gaza. All of these acts accounts for war crimes as called by the UN, ICJ, and Amnesty International.

3) Positive reaction of world powers.

3.1) Recognition of Palestinian statehood

Recently in September, the United Nations General Assembly has recognized the state of Palestine after major power indicated towards two state solution. France, Canada, Spain, Italy, China, Russia, Portugal and others have affirmed their recognition of the state of Palestine.

3.2) Putting diplomatic pressure on Israel to stop Gaza genocide

Major have started to diplomatic pressure on Israel to stop its genocide. For instance, France and Saudi Arabia in a joint held UN meeting endorsed Israel to stop its genocide and illegal settlement. They have also stressed on

on the formation of
two state the path to
visible peace

3.3) Embargo on arms sale to Israel

Major power, including,
the US has put an arms
embargo on Israel to
prevent it from continuing
its genocidal war.

For instance, Spain recently
announced arms
embargo on Israel to
stop its war in Gaza.

3.4) Denouncing settlements in west bank

Israel's intensifying
of illegal settlement have
been halted for now.

It has increased its
EI and E2 settlement
building in west bank
of Palestine. This way

denounced by major European powers such as France. It has called on Israel to stop building illegal settlements.



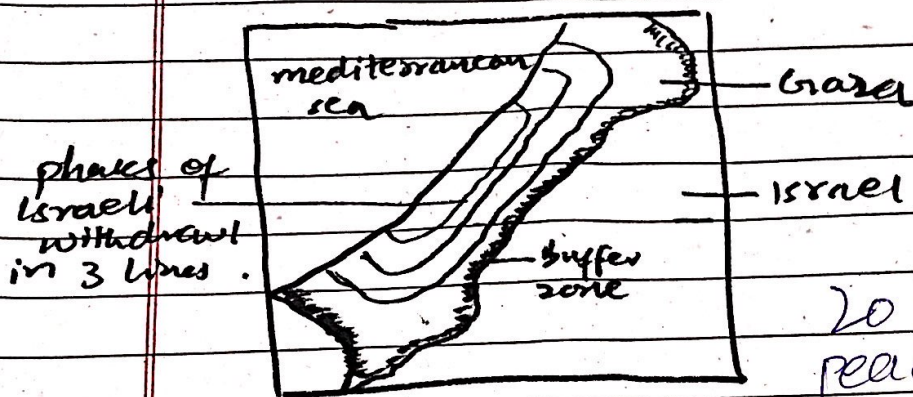
3.5) Gaza war peace plan

President Trump has calibrated a 20 point peace plan for Gaza after meeting with 20 muslim states.

These plan include Israeli withdrawal in phases to restore peace in Gaza and let in humanitarian assistance.

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4) Conclusion

The October 7 escalations have led to a catastrophe for Palestinians. Israel attacked Palestinian with ground, sea and air offensive. Thousands of tons of bombs were dropped. However, major power of the world remained silent on these heinous crimes. Instead, they helped Israel continue its genocide. However, in a recent geo

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geopolitical and geo economic
shift in US policy led
its major allies to
shift their policy on
Israel's genocide. France
president Macron said
that Europe cannot
have double standard on
the killing of humanity.
In consequence, they have
took solid actions against
Israel and have recognized
Palestine.