

# Hamas - Israel Conflict:

## A test case for world Conscience

### I Introduction

- Brief overview of Hamas-Israel conflict
- Moral dilemma: human right vs geopolitical interests.

### II Historical Context of Hamas-Israel Conflict

- Roots of the conflict: Balfour declaration (1917)
- UN Partition plan (1947), Nakba (1948)
- Rise of Hamas as resistance movement (1987)
- Recurring wars (2008, 2014, 2021, 2023; present).

### III Humanitarian Dimension

- Civilian casualties, especially women and children.
- Blockade of Gaza: Shortage of food, water, and medicine.
- Targeting of schools, hospitals, refugee camps.
- Human rights violations as documented by UN and NGOs.

### IV International response: Double Standards

- Western support for Israel v/s silence on Palestinian suffering.
- UN resolutions vetoed repeatedly in Security Council.
- Hypocrisy of human rights champions in the west.
- Global protests v/s state level inaction.

### V Test Case for world Conscience

- Do human rights apply universally or selectively?
- The credibility of International law and humanitarian conventions at stake.
- Media narratives: portrayal of aggressor v/s victim
- Challenges to global Institutions: UN, ICC, ICJ

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### Geopolitical Dimension:

US and Western strategic interests in the Middle East.

- Arabs and Muslim world's divided stance.
- Role of rising powers: China, Russia, BRICS.
- Impact on regional security and peace.

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### Implications for Global Order:

- Decline of moral authority of the west.
- Shift towards multipolarity.
- Possibility of radicalization and global unrest.
- Lessons for other oppressed nations.

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### Recommendations:

- Reinforcing impartiality in international law.
- Humanitarian corridors and ceasefires.
- Accountability through ICC & ICJ.
- Global Unity for a just two-state solution.
- Reform of UN Security Council veto power.

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### Conclusion

- Conflict as mirror reflecting the selective morality of the world.
- If justice fails in Palestine, global peace and conscience remains compromised.
- The world must decide: stand with humanity or with geopolitical expediency.