

Is the Peace Plan a Deal or a Distraction?

a- Introduction:

Thesis statement:

While the plan contains certain elements of a peace deal, it has numerous shortcomings which make it a distraction from lasting, equitable peace.

b- The Peace Plan as a Distraction:

1- The Plan Failing to Address core Political Disputes

i- Statehood and Borders

2- No involvement of Palestinian Leaders in negotiation of the Plan leading to Partial Rejection

i- Hamas Rejecting Disarmament and international control

3- Gaza being Governed by an External "Board of Peace"

i- A Distraction from self-Rule

4- Role for the Palestinian

Authority in Governance Denied

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i- Role given only after carrying out reforms which benefit Israel

5- Demilitarizing Gaza but not Reining in Israel - the Primary Aggressor in the Region

6- No Deadline set for Israel's withdrawal from Gaza.

7- Israel left unpunished despite carrying out a Genocide.
i- Emboldens Israel to Repeat its crimes

c- The Peace Plan as a Deal - A Counter-Narrative

1- The Plan Halting Major Hostilities, Facilitating Hostages' Release, and Enabling Humanitarian Aid.

2- International Funding and Infrastructure Projects could Rebuild Gaza, offering hope of normalization.

3- Endorsement by the UNSC means the Plan is legitimate.

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d-Addressing the counter-narrative:

1- Ceasefire, Hostage Release, and Humanitarian Aid Do Not Guarantee Lasting Peace

i- The ceasefire is temporary and fragile

2- Reconstruction without Addressing core Political Disputes

Risks being cosmetic

i- Rebuilding cannot substitute for Political Resolution.

e-conclusion: