

Part II

Q.6 How do you see the ongoing Hamas-Israel war? what are its possible implications on regional and global power politics?

Israel - Hamas Conflict

For the first time after 1973, Israel border has been crossed overwhelmingly.

In 2023 Hamas Guerilla crossed the border.

Pattern of Attack by Hamas:

The pattern of crossing the border is unprecedented. It was a highly sealed border. Hamas crossed the border at three different points. Israel border is sealed with 6 feet underground concrete, 13 feet height of wall, with wiring and high surveillance. Israel did everything to secure its border.

Through drones camera system was targetted. By using bulldozers wall demolished and border was crossed easily.

Most unusually 200 plus paratroopers with all that carry camera with connected internet. ~~Total~~ ^{More than} crossing 2000 people crossed the border. Total activity was about 5 hours.

Claimed of Hamas

Hamas claimed that they fired more than 5000 missile at military cantonment. Military checkpoint and urban centre attacked specially at Tel Aviv.

Failure of Israel defense system iron dome

Aerial and ground attack of Hamas.

Iron dome air defense system of Israel couldn't counter the lots of missile fired from Israel, It's only counter around 2000 missile but around 3000 missile hit the target successfully.

Hamas Guerilla target and captured 8 checkpoint and military installation.

Target at new settlers and their ground civilians were targetted. with clear message "you are not safe".

Hamas fighter not only rescued themselves but also brought back 200 civilians, military and some foreigners.

Attack launched on historical day of Israel.

Yom Kippur Israeli religious festival on 7th October they believed that David and Suleiman rehabilitated them on that day.

Rehabilitation by Israel

As always Israel indiscriminate attack on Gaza. Targetting not only Hamas fighter but also civilian population hit badly. In this attack around 10000 plus people of Palestine martyrs.

Israel targetted civilians area, hospitals and educational institution as well as IDPs centre which is a war crime.

~~Net~~ Netanyahu committed a war crime
unprecedented and still committing.

Israel aerial attack with jet bombers, missiles,
artillery and through armed core to hit the
targets and killing of innocent civilians.

Hamas Israel war and its Implication

The writ of Israel state is seriously challenged
by Hamas

It was not only border crossing but also
serious failure of Israel air defence system
iron dome.

Israel claimed that iron dome intercept by
more than \approx 2000 missile.

Hamas claimed that they approximately
fired more than 5000 missiles.

13 different cities of Israel was successfully
hit by missile.

Objectives of Hamas

Internationalize the Palestine dispute.

Since 1988 increasing territorial occupation
by Israel on Palestinian territory

To project the Human rights violation.

Hamas wanted the support of
Muslim world on the basis of religious
sentiments.

Hamas has sent clear message to the
world that the State could downsize the

war. It would erupt again with great intensity.

When human rights violation occur in Gaza then the protest starts against Israel across Asia, Middle East as well as in European countries.

According to CNN Report

There is around 200 km long tunnels and according to Hamas it is around 500 km long tunnels.

Tunnel fighting is the speciality of Hamas fighters and Israelis have no idea about tunnel fighting.

Implication on Regional and Global power politics

- US in particular, west in general starting the support of Israel. Western media projecting the killing of Jewish people to world and western media projecting the Hamas Guerilla as a terrorist organization.
- They do not criticize the atrocities of war crimes they are committing. Western leaders didn't criticize the war crime of Netanyahu in Gaza.
- Unprecedented support by US and because of this support the image of west has tarnished.

- Biden government bring a bill of 100 billions dollars. 50 billion dollars given to Ukraine and 50 billion dollars for Israel.
- What Russia did in Ukraine, Israel also trying the same methods on Gaza.
- Internationally and Internal level start of rising questions on dual standards of US and NATO countries.
- US allies with Egypt and Jordan now they refused to meet with US president Joe Biden
- In Joint press conference Arab countries want immediate cease-fire in front of Antony Blinkin.
- Image of US is disturb with Israel government and internal factor
- Non state Actors in the middle east such as Hizbullah and Houthis also take part in this war.)
- Increasing threat from Iran, Iraq and Yemen government make situation complex for USA. Because of this reason US would be force to enter into the war for longer period of time.
- If this will happen Russia and China become biggest beneficiary
- China and Russia condemned this

attack of Hamas but they condemned more on Israel attack.

- In UN Security Council China and Russia veto the resolution of Israel for the ground assessment on the basis of following assumption.

- Non fulfilment conflict of two state

- Brutal occupation of Israel & in Gaza

- Gaza has been open air jail for longer period of time by Israel

China and Russia win over the Muslim sentiments they both condemned US and Israel.

Q5 Problem in the Power sector has resulted in unimaginably expensive electricity that has far reaching negative implications on the economy, social and political life of the country. Critically evaluate the statement and suggest workable Recommendation.

Energy crisis in Pakistan

The electricity of Pakistan is facing two major problems. Persistent loadshedding and expensive electricity generation. Pakistan has been facing the worst loadshedding since 2007. From 2007-2016

5000 to 8000 mega watts shortfall existed in the electricity sector. In the year 2022, more than 8000 mega watt shortfall was there.

In 2023 it was more than 6000 megawatts. Resultantly six to eight hours loadshedding in the urban sectors and upto 16 hours

loadshedding in the rural areas (Source Power Division)

Why Electricity is expensive.
Pakistan generates the most expensive electricity in Asia and the third most expensive electricity in the world. More than

60% of electricity is produced from Hydrocarbons. Approximately 6500 megawatts is produced from coal (3rd most expensive).

More than 6000 megawatts of installed capacity of LNG (2nd most expensive). The 12000 megawatt installed capacity of diesel (most expensive) and petrol engines. Almost all of these hydrocarbons are being imported from abroad and purchased in dollars, the ~~the~~ rupee got devalued

devalue against dollar. Resulting in ~~34PKR~~ 34PKR per unit cost in march 2023.

Furthermore, electricity is expensive due to expensive agreements in IPPs (Independent Power Production) such as Americans, German, Australian and mostly chinese.

All of them are hydrocarbon producers. The produce electricity & sell to Pakistanis. The demand of electricity is high in summer, which is approximately 28000 megawatts (July 2023) while in winter the demand reduces to 13000 megawatts.

The agreement is signed in terms of maximum demand. The government agrees to purchase the minimum 33% to 40% of the total installed capacity of a particular IPP. If the government does not it has to pay this much amount to a private producer. This is called the capacity payment which we must pay.

Problems with distribution system of Pakistan

One of the major problem is line loss, which is the 17% in Pakistan and the highest in Asia.

Secondly Electricity theft is a common problem. In urban areas Karachi is at the top of the list but there is no city in Pakistan where theft does not occur. In rural areas, theft is in interior Sindh, Balochistan, southern KP.

Majority of thieves are industrialist and tube well owners and the common patterns for stealing electricity is 'Kunda' system. Tampering the meter reading etc.

Implications

The industrial products of Pakistan are the least competitive in the local and international market. They cannot compete with the products of India, Bangladesh and China. Resultantly the decline in exports and increase in imports. This has been a major setback for the industries in Pakistan. In the year 2022 alone, more than 200 industries were closed. Loadshedding also occurred in industries and had to pay high electricity bills, therefore the industries were shut down.

The domestic life is under serious burden due to high electricity bills. and same applies to public life and the markets. The national life is negatively impacted by this.

Solutions:

- 1) Renegotiate the terms with IPPs. The IPPs installed in 1991 should have been renegotiated in 2001 but unfortunately it did not occur till 2020. The IPPs installed in 2001 should have been renegotiated in 2011 but it did not happen till 2020. Either it was a criminal negligence or tight knuck backs.

The locally owned IPPs were to be paid to I in PKR now instead of dollar, and no more electricity capacity payment were to be paid to IPPs. It was a good initiative but the majority of IPPs were installed in 2011 and 2014. And time period for renegotiation is 15 years so it can't be ~~ren~~ renegotiated until the term has completed.

- 2) Installation of cheaper energy projects such as Hydro electric power projects like diamer-Basha (4500 megawatts will be produced), Dasu (4300 megawatt), Mumand (800 megawatt) etc. Solar projects of 3000 megawatts, wind projects of 4500 megawatts, more than 10000 megawatts of local of Thar. These projects are to be completed by 2030.
- 3) The upgradation of the electricity transmission lines. local distribution should be in black coated wires, underground installations. The main transmission lines should be renewed. If this happens the line ~~to~~ loss can be reduced up to 3%.
- 4) Privatization of electricity production.
- 5) writ of state should be improved to overcome electricity theft.