

Current Affairs.

Question 1:

Critically evaluate how Israel launched terror on Gaza relation with Arab world.

Introduction:

The Israel-Gaza conflict a focal point of international relations for decades, and the Gaza strip remains at the centre of this issue. The recent military campaigns launched by Israel has been condemned worldwide by many countries including United Nations and European countries. Many of the countries are accusing Israel of committing war crime. The role of International Court of Justice (ICJ) and United States support for Israel further complicate the dynamics of this conflict. The longevity of this war is damaging the peace prospect of Arab world.

Israel's Military Campaign in Gaza.

Israel has been using disproportionate use of force by airstriking in civilians areas including hospitals and schools. Till now,

around 45,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces. Palestinians have been kept deprived from drinking clean water and food supplies. Israeli forces have also attacked Kamal Adwan Hospital. These actions violate international humanitarian law, which mandates the protection of civilian infrastructure during war as well.

War Crimes under International Law:

The military actions taken by Israel during last year comes under war crimes. The Geneva Conventions classify deliberate attacks on civilians and disproportionate use of force as war crimes. The recent actions of Israeli military are against this convention. Israel has been using terms like "collective Punishment" to describe the blockade and military campaigns which impact the entire population of Gaza. Furthermore, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have repeatedly condemned Israeli actions as violation of international laws.

The role of ICJ:

The authority and credibility of ICJ during this war has been challenged throughout. In January 2024, the ICJ issued a interim decision urging Israel to cease genocidal acts but stopped short of enforcing an immediate ceasefire. However, Israel's non-compliance with previous decision rulings undermine the court's authority. The enforcement of ICJ rulings are dependant of its member state cooperations but that are missing which eventually compromises the authority of court.

US Government's Response.

From the very start, US has been a staunch ally of Israel. US is using its veto power to block any resolution that comes against Israel.

→ Biden administration defunding Israel right to self-defence.

→ US support undermines the efforts for accountability of Israel.

Impact on Arab world.

- 1) Countries that signed Abraham Accord are facing domestic pressures.
- 2) Potential of regional unity against Israel.
- 3) War can spread throughout region.