

: Question no 1:

Critically evaluate . . . . .  
. . . . . Arab World?

Ans:

Introduction:

Since the recent tensions between Israel and Hamas there is a growing tensions in the middle east region. Israel has launched terror on Gaza since october 2023 escalation. Scores of people have been killed in these war crimes being committed by Israel. The western bbc is completely neglecting the genocide being committed in Gaza. The US government has even vetoed the resolution that urged ceasefire in Gaza. The recent ruling by ICJ has also been non-binding in nature and US has totally opposed it. This may lead to divergent relationships between US and arab world.

## Israel's terror on Gaza: an example of War crimes:

The continuous terror attack of Israel on Gaza have resulted in killing of innocent people, destruction of buildings and much more damage.

### • Humanitarian loss as a result of Genocide:

The Israel's genocidal acts in Gaza have resulted in greater humanitarian loss. According to UN report on humanitarian affairs, more than **137000** fatalities have occurred in Gaza since October 2023.

### • Destruction of Hospitals:

Israel - Gaza conflict also lead to destruction of several hospitals where alot of patients were being kept in intensive care. According to Al-Jazeera, more than

50 hospitals have been destroyed by Israeli Military.

- Limited access to Food and Drinking water:

Thousands of people have been displaced from their homes as a result of these war crimes. Palestinian people have limited access to food and even drinking water.

According to WHO, more than 30% Palestinian population is suffering from diarrhea.

### Recent ruling by ICJ:

Keeping in view the ongoing genocide, many countries started alleging Israel for their genocidal acts. South African government took the issue in United Nations, and the case was put before ICJ.

ICJ is a judicial organ of UN which settles legal disputes

among member states -

## Summary of the ruling:

The ICJ considered the Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories unlawful. It asked Israel to pull back its forces from Palestine. It offered to have immediate cease fire in Gaza. It enabled the provision of humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza.

## Nature and Response of the ruling:

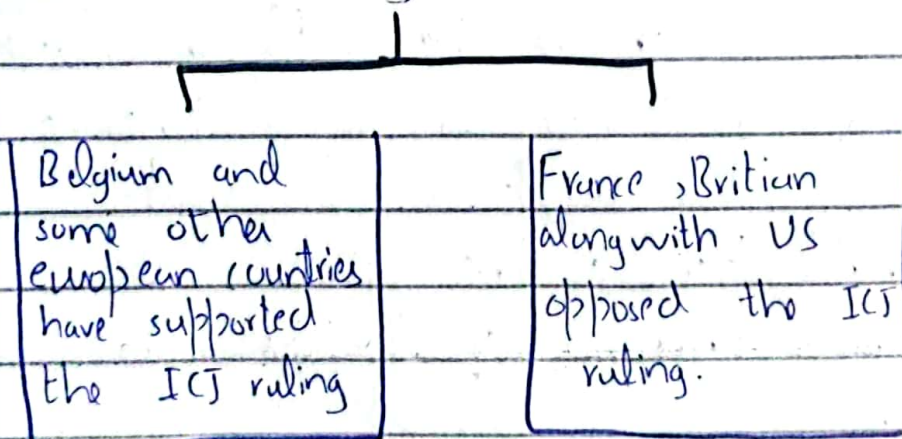
The ICJ ruling is non-binding and advisory in nature. Several rulings have been passed before but lack of implementation was seen by the concerned parties. The Israel has ignored the ICJ ruling.

## Response of US government and challenges in implementation of ruling:

The US government openly opposed the ICJ ruling. It backed Israel in its genocide. It also blacklisted the judges that gave the ICJ ruling.

## European countries divergence

Division among European Union countries is also seen regarding the ICJ ruling -



## Complex response of OIC members:

The members of OIC are just

paying lip service and not doing any concrete action against Israel because of their national interests. ~~But~~ Kuwait, Oman and Qatar have started normalising their ties with Israel because of their own interests. Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu have clearly stated "Stay silent if you want to protect your interests"

### Conclusion:

It can be concluded from above discussion that Israel is doing genocide in Gaza and it should be held accountable for its war crimes in Palestine. The international criminal court should penalize the actions of Israeli's prime minister. Moreover, the ICTJ should strictly implement its ruling decision and should pressure Israel to cease fire in Gaza, because it is important for the stability of the region.



: Current affairs test 1 :

: Question no 2:

Critically evaluate the chances of continuation and expansion of Hamas - Israel war across the region?

Ans:

Introduction:

Hamas - Israel conflict has become a global conflict in recent years. If this issue is not resolved, then it can lead to a regional spillover, giving rise to a chain reaction. All the middle east countries may become part of this confrontation, and this may ultimately lead to a nuclear war. The OIC should play a constructive role to settle the dispute before it escalates and affects the peace and stability of the whole region.

## Chances of Regional Spillover:

The Hamas-Israel conflict is a longstanding issue. The issue may expand towards other middle east countries including Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Iran, Iraq and Syria as they share borders with Palestinian disputed territory.

### Egypt:

Egypt has faced massive refugee influx since the issue has started. It had face lower tourism revenue since then. If the war escalates, Egypt might get into confrontation with Israel because of giving shelter to refugees.

### Lebanon:

Lebanon is a very significant country as Iranian backed organization "Hezbollah" operates from here. If the issue



between Hamas and Israel escalates, Lebanon may also get into direct confrontation with Israel giving rise to a chain reaction.

### Iran:

Iran is the only country who is against two state solution and considers Israel the enemy of muslim ummah. According to Iranian President "Israel is the illegitimate child of the west and we won't recognize it"

### Iraq:

Iraq has a major portion of Shia community. If Hamas-Israel conflict continues, the Shia community might be pressurized to go against Israel, which may lead to direct confrontation between both states.

### Syria:

Syria has Iranian backed government. If Hamas-Israel conflict continues, the Syrian

government will be forced to  
oppose Israel which will result  
in expansion of conflict.

