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### Introduction:

After the Israel-Palestine conflict which dated back to World War I was escalated on 7 October 2024. The attack of Hamas on Israel since then has opened a new war front for itself and Israel. Despite many resolutions passed by General Assembly, International Court of Justice and other UN bodies, the conflict is expanding. However, because of current negative impacts of the crisis on the world, it is likely that international community will try its best to end this crisis.

### Reasons for Less Chances of Hamas-Israel War Expansions:

There are less chances of the expansion of Hamas-Israel war mainly because of the adverse effect bear by the world and important international players such as U.S.A, China, Russia and the Middle-East countries.

#### 1. Closure of Red Sea route and World Trade:

In ~~the~~ November, Houthis started to attack the commercial ship using the Red Sea. The Red Sea carries out nearly 30% of global trade traffic. Countries such as U.S.A, India, Egypt, Jordan, UK, Germany and China use the route because of its shorter distance. Following the attacks, the traffic on Red Sea fell by 50% according to World Bank. These countries are putting pressure to end the crisis. For example, India, despite being an ally of U.S.A and Israel, has called Israel to end its aggression in Gaza. Similarly, rest of the countries also ~~try~~ are trying to get this conflict resolved as it is posing a challenge to their economic transactions.

## 2- Challenging Domestic Conditions in USA:

### i) Growing Public Anger:

United States has faced a great opposition and anger from its public on its policies towards supporting Israel. The protest erupted during the Biden administration were the reflection of public anguish. Pro-Palestine students protested in universities and on roads which gave tough time to Biden administration. Moreover, the **America Opinion Poll** also showed that public in U.S.A is concern about the aid which government is sending to Israel. The growing public anger was one of the important reasons of unpopularity of Biden in the last months of his term. Trump ~~is~~ is more likely to save himself from this anger and will try to get a deal between Hamas and Israel.

### ii) Damaged Reputation of U.S.A in World:

The strong support by U.S.A to Israel ~~is~~ against Gaza has badly damage the U.S reputation in the world. Known for its foreign principles of human rights, U.S.'s ~~hypoc~~ hypocrisy on the rights of women and children in Gaza was widely questioned around the world. In current times, U.S. will put its maximum effort to restore its image as world leader and try to end the war.

### iii) Fear of China's Increased Influence in Middle-East:

The United States is also fearful about the growing influence of China in the Middle-East. Through its **One Belt One Road Initiative**, China is planning to increase its role in the Middle-East. However, U.S. does not want this to happen, so it will take steps to end war soon and shift its focus on China.

### 3- Israel Facing Hard Time in War:

#### i) Public Unrest:

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been facing protests and civil unrest on his expansion of Gaza war. Protest by civilians are making him unpopular in Israel. In **Israel Democratic Institute's** Polling, only 15% of people in Israel want Netanyahu to continue its tenure. This public unrest has potential to force the Prime Minister of Israel to halt his crimes in Gaza.

#### ii) Human Loss After Holocaust:

According to the United Nations office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 1658 soldiers of Israel <sup>have</sup> been killed in the Hamas-Israel war making it a great loss for Israel after the Holocaust.

#### iii) Isolation at International level:

Since the outbreak of war, Israel is facing isolation at international level. It was about to make a deal with Saudi Arabia for its formal recognition; however, this conflict has put halt to that development. Arab countries and countries from Global South have limited their relation with Israel. For example, **Behrian** recalled its ambassadors from Israel.

#### iv) Economic Cost of War:

Apart from the isolation, Israel is also facing economic repercussions of its war in Gaza. Turkey, one of the important trade partners of Israel, threatened to end its economic relation with Israel. Moreover, the ~~is~~ reckless utilization of resources in war.

has also caused a great loss to its economy. For reducing its economic loss, Israel will try to push for ~~war~~ ceasefire after a significant gain of Palestine's territory.

#### 4- Threat to Egyptian Trade:

Navigation from Suez Canal is one the main sources of Egypt's foreign exchange. The war has caused a significant reduction in the trade traffic from Suez Canal. This is hurting the Egypt's trade. Egypt can pressure Hamas for a ceasefire deal to ~~minimize~~ minimize the economic impact of Hamas-Israel war on its economy.

#### 5- Close Relation Between K.S.A and Iran: worrisome Case for U.S:

The Hamas-Israel conflict has led to Saudi Arabia and Iran to have one voice about the conflict. In multiple sessions of OIC meetings, both countries have raised voice for Palestinian cause. This development is worrisome for the US, because it considers Iran as its enemy and Saudi Arabia as a ally. The one voice of Saudi Arabia and Iran can jeopardize the US interests. Therefore, to prevent the ties between Saudi Arabia and Iran, US is likely to pressure Israel to ~~agree~~ agree for deal on Gaza.

#### 6- Maintaining of Soft Power by EU:

European countries are also impacted by the war in Gaza. Their continuously support for the rights of Ukrainians and support to Israel for crimes in Gaza been questioned by Arab and Global South countries. Public protest in Germany, Italy, U.K and other EU countries also made it difficult for government to continue its military and diplomatic support to Israel against the crimes in Gaza. These countries can pressure the Israel to end the war.

## 7- Trump Reaction to China's Military Expansion by limiting War Aid to Israel:

Donald Trump's political manifesto includes introducing tariffs on China and reducing its military expansion. To achieve this, Trump is likely to reduce the military support to Israel. Limiting the military aid to Israel will allow the US to focus more on ~~China~~ its own economy and ~~to~~ the expending its military to counter balance the Chinese military expansion. Reducing ~~to~~ aid to Israel might hurt the relationship between US and Israel, so the Trump administration will put efforts to convince Tel Aviv to find a solution to Gaza issue in near future.

## Conclusion:

The current war in Gaza is not only a challenge to Palestine or Israel, but it has posed challenges to the almost entire world. However, the implication of the war for the US, Israel, and EU countries causing harm to their internal affairs and global reputation. To save it from further deterioration, these key strategic allies will try to find a solution to the Gaza conflict. Moreover, Middle-East, China, and other regional states will also seek a durable and feasible solution to Hamas-Israel war due to its adverse effect on the region's stability and economic progress.