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Israel's war crimes in Gaza:

Israeli settlers occupied Palestinian land on the mandate given to Britain from League of Nations in 1916. 85 percent of Palestinians were expelled, a huge exodus, in fear of Israeli massacres following the Deir Yassin Massacre. 700,000 were displaced and Israel was in control of much of the territory. Following events reflect the atrocities of Israeli on Palestinians.

1) Arab-Israel War 1948:

On May 14, Israel declared independence, displacing many Palestinians which resulted in territorial gains for Israel. This day is marked as Nakba (catastrophe) by Palestinians. They sought refuge in Gaza Strip, the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

2) 1967 Six-Day War

Israel launched preemptive strikes on Egypt and Syria, capturing Gaza Strip, West Bank, East Jerusalem, Golan Heights and Sinai Peninsula. This occupation was central issue for Palestinians.

5) 1973 Yom Kippur War:

Egypt and Syria attacked Israel on Yom Kippur (surprise attack) to reclaim lost territories. This set the stage for further escalation in the region.

Hamas - Israel Conflict since Oct 7 '2023:

On Oct 7 '2023 Hamas launched surprise attack on Israel killing more than 1000 people and capturing hostages. Israel responded with extensive airstrikes and infantry killing around 45,000 people in Gaza.

1) Israelis advance technology and defense forces

Israel defense system is equipped with advance technology, including precision-guided munitions, drones and other defense system like Iron Dome, which intercepts incoming rockets from Gaza. It is more sophisticated than that of Palestinian faction, allowing for high-tech warfare strategies.

2) Israel's Blockade and Restrictions

Israel imposed a blockade that severely restricted the movement of goods. These blockade led to high unemployment rate, poverty and lack of basic need.

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This situation is referred as 'Open-Air Prison' by some critics.

3) Destruction of Infrastructure

Prolonged humanitarian crisis caused by military operations of Israeli forces. The makeshift accommodations like mosque school hospitals are brutally targeted by Israel. Bodies were chased ~~with~~ and dismembered.

Decision of ICJ and Response of USA

South Africa put the case against Israel in International court of justice for its genocide in Gaza. The ICJ gave its ruling in July 2024 that Israel must provide humanitarian assistance to Palestinians and stop occupation in Gaza and West Bank.

ICJ declared the occupation of Gaza and West Bank illegal under International law. However,

USA have stringent support for Israel saying that Israel has a right to defend itself while also advocating for a two-state nations.

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Critical Analysis - USA support for Israel

Despite the ICJ rulings, US vetoes in the UN Security Council have frustrated international efforts to hold Israel accountable for its actions in Gaza. USA provided more than USD2 billion for military aid.

USA strategy

The reason behind the support for Israel is to have its influence in Middle East. Militant groups are backed by Iran. Iran is against the Israel and its allies. It refers Israel as small satan and USA as big satan. One school of thought says, the Oct 7'2023 attack by Hamas was intentionally allowed by Israel by creating security vacuum. So that in return they can cause mass destruction in Gaza.

Impact on Arab World

The Abraham Accord signed in 2020 after multiple uprisings, was a measure to normalize relations between Israel and Arab states. United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Sudan and Qatar normalised their relations. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia also considered to normalize for its national interest. However, due to public sentiments it is unable to do so.

After the recent massacres Iraq's top Shia cleric Ali al-Sistani called upon Muslim Nations to unite against Israel. This resulted into OIC meeting declaring Israel occupation illegal and heinous crimes committed in Gaza. The states which have normalized their relations they continue their trade and diplomatic relations. For example Riyadh cannot go against the Israel as it will call the disappointment from USA. USA is major market for KSA's oil. However, Arab world accuse Israel of escalating tensions in region and advocating for two-state nation, but there is no progress in this regard.

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Conclusion:

The Pal-Israel conflict is marked by deep historical grievance, occupation of Palestinian lands, and Ongoing violences. Understanding its complexities is crucial for any efforts aimed at achieving a peaceful resolution. The situation remains fluid with periodic escalations.