

Current Affairs Test 1

QUESTION 1:-

Introduction:

Israel has launched terror on Gaza since 15th Oct, 2023. After Hamas attacked Tel Aviv and killed ^{hundreds} ~~thousands~~ and took hostages. The Israel launch of terror on Gaza has become a classical example of war crimes due to multiple and varied violations of international law. Israeli actions can come under war crimes due to the following stated reasons:

* Disproportionate Violence:

Israel waged a war on Gaza after the Hamas attack on its borders and entered Israeli territory and captured hundreds. But Israel has used violence 10 times more

than what Hamas did. It is using all sorts of ways to crush Hamas in Gaza that has led to thousands of civilian casualties. The use of airforce and extreme technology proves to be disproportionate response to the Hamas atrocities.

* Collective Punishment:

Israel is engaged in a war that has collective punishment. It has led to the killing of greater number of civilians than any other war in the mankind history. Children, women, old, everyone is getting punished all together. This passes as a war crime.

* Attack on Protected Entities:

Israel has killed thousands of journalists and have engaged in

attacks against protected entities like UN members^{volunteers} and medical personals. This comes under the banner of war crimes.

* Blockade of food, water and medical supplies

Ever since Israel waged its war against Gaza and HAMAS. It has blocked all food, water and medical supplies from entering into Gaza.

This is an extreme war crime and leads to the plant destruction of Palestinian People.

* War Crime and International Law :-

All the actions of Israel in GAZA qualify as war crimes under the international law. United Nations, International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court have

established that all of the above actions of Israel qualify as war crimes and is leading to a humanitarian crisis in Palestine.

ICJ's rules and decisions:-

The international court of justice has been engaged since December 2023 and has had multiple provisions. ICJ has filed and ordered multiple rulings against Israel and its actions in Gaza.

→ ICJ ruling on Genocide

Prevention (Jan 2024)

ICJ ordered Israel to stop any actions that can come under the genocide. All military actions need to be stopped and humanitarian needs to enter Gaza as soon as possible to abate the catastrophe.

* ICJ ordered Israel to stop military action:-

ICJ has ordered Israel to discontinue its military actions in Gaza to prevent further loss of human life and destruction of essential ~~infrastructure~~ infrastructure.

Israel has denied to comply and has continued its military operations in Gaza.

US' Response to ICJ Ruling.

United States has repeatedly negated the rulings on International Court of Justice based on following facts:

* Non-binding nature of rulings:

US maintains the stance that ICJ's rulings are non-binding and do not implement in this situation.

* Lack of Jurisdiction:

US maintains the stance that ICJ lacks jurisdiction in this matter and cannot pass such rulings against Israel. ~~As it~~

* Deteriorate political negotiation between both parties.

US believe that such rulings and ordered deteriorate the political negotiations and hinders any and all plans of mutual decision making.

* Right of Self-defense:

United States support Israel unconditionally and has repeatedly claimed Israel's right of self-defense and self-determination.

No real Impact of ICJ's rulings

ICJ's rulings and orders are only significant historically and no-

real impact has been seen due to its non-binding nature and zero enforcement mechanism. ICT depends upon member states for implementation of decisions as it has ^{no mechanism} ~~some~~ of its own. The decisions are only symbolic and have not been able to create any impact or stop Israel from engaging in further war crimes.

US' blatant support to Israel:

United States has openly and unconditionally supported Israel in its war against Gaza and HAMAS citing again and again it's right of self-defense. This has created extreme polarization of opinion among different states around the world. It has created extreme anti-American sentiment.

Relation with Arab World:

US' blatant support of Israel is having very negative impacts on its relations with Arab world. It is leading to

* Anti-American sentiment among public of these neighbouring countries
Mistrust among Arab states ~~of~~ towards America

* Loss of credibility and neutrality among Arab states

* Russia and China: benefiting from the strained relations of America with the Arab world.

Loss of support from many Arab nations due to America's unnegotiable stance towards Israel.

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QUESTION 3 :-

Introduction:

The two state solution is the only possible solution of the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict. It is the most recognised solution by majority states around the world. But its viability needs to be critically evaluated. Otherwise a one-state solution ~~is~~ would continue the rule of Israel over Palestinians. This would be the continuation of Apartheid state. But recent developments ~~of~~ by UNGA and recognition of Palestinian state are a light in the darkness for the Palestinian people.

UNGA's Resolution in favour of Two-state Solution:

The United Nations general assembly have recently passed a resolution in favour of the two-state solution of the ongoing conflict in Gaza. This is a step in the right direction for some peaceful negotiations between both the parties.

Recognition of Palestinian State:

Three European nations have recently recognized Palestinian state and its sovereignty. This will begin diplomatic channels and bilateral dialogue. This ~~is~~ will create international influence and pressure to solve the Gaza conflict and to create two-states of Israel and Palestine.

Challenges in Two-state solution:

The two-state solution is the most recognised and acknowledged framework to solve the Gaza conflict. But its feasibility can only be discussed by catering to the challenges in its path.

* Territorial distribution:

Israel has created thousands of settlements in West Bank that makes the two-state solution unfeasible as the settlements would have to be removed.

* Political Representation:

Israeli leadership does not want to compromise and is no mood of any kind of negotiations with HAMAS.

Palestinians, on the other hand have split representation, between FATAH in West Bank and HAMAS in Gaza with varied political agendas.

* Gaza and West Bank

Gaza and West Bank have no direct land linkage, which creates a challenge for the creation of a Palestinian state comprising of the two.

* Gaza Blockade:

The blockade on Gaza for more than a year now has stalled all talks of negotiation and creates hindrance for future discourse and for a two-state solution.

* Global Powers:

Global powers like United States and other European nations have unconditionally supported Israel in its war against Hamas. The unconditional and blatant support closes the doors of mutual agreement and bipartisan dialogue between both the parties.

Chances of Two-State

Solution:

The present conditions do not provide any favorable conditions with all of the great challenges that lie in front but the recent developments of UNGA's resolution and recognition of the Palestinian state by three European nations can pave the way towards the existence of Israel and Palestine with peace.

otherwise Israel would continue to function as an Apartheid state.

Apartheid State Continuity:-

With the present situations, and Israel's military actions, the Apartheid state seems to continue. If Israel does not give the rights to Palestinians and take over all of the Palestinian land. It would come under the definition of Apartheid like State.

* No Palestinian Representation..

If Israel continues to exist without giving Palestinian any right of existence and without any political participation, it would act as an apartheid state.

* Violation of and Lack of Human Rights Provision:

Israelis continue to live their lives with complete provision of human rights, while Palestinians are not allowed to utilize resources and are not provided basic human rights. This contributes towards being an Apartheid state.

Conclusion:

The future shows for the feasibility of a two-state solution if the current challenges are addressed completely. If the present situation is scrutinized and rethinking is done to improve the situation, a two-state solution is possible with negotiation and dialogue. ~~etc.~~ If global powers act sensibly and promote mutual agreement rather than extreme polarization.

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