

## CURRENT AFFAIRS, TEST: 1.

Q1. Critically ... Arab world?

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Ans: TERROR LAUNCHED BY ISRAEL:

Israel as a retaliation of Oct 7<sup>th</sup> attack by Hamas have launched a full scale terror attack against Palestinians post Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. On Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 2020, Hamas with an army of 2200 personnel attacked Israel, leading to the death of 1200 Jews and 250 captured and brought back to Gaza as war captives. Israel in return of this have bombarded Palestine through aerial attacks and land invasion, destroying more than 90% of the infrastructure (buildings, schools, hospitals). What Israel is doing post Oct 7 is termed as barbaric and ethnic cleansing by many countries such as South Africa.

More than 46000 Palestinians have been killed, 11000 plus being women and around 17000 being children. Israel is committing war crimes



against Palestinians in a very brutal and barbaric way.

Even journalist and health workers (doctors and nurses) have become a victim of Israeli attacks.

explain the war crimes part

## DECISION OF INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE:

The ICJ recently wanted to stop the ongoing genocide in Palestine, but all of their efforts are in vain as US is supporting Israel. Whenever the ICJ wants to pass a law against Israel, it is vetoed by the USA.

The International Criminal Court declared Benjamin Netanyahu and the defence ministers of Israel as international criminals. Countries like Brazil and South Africa (Almost all the members of ICC) have made it public that the PM and defence minister of Israel will be arrested, the moment they step in the respected territories of these countries.

## US UNPARALLELED SUPPORT TO ISRAEL:

US have Israel's back



since 1948. Firstly, because Israel is a US protectorate, Israel have supported US in their decisions involving the middle east. Secondly, America consist of more than 6 million jews, among these 6 million some are very important individuals (billionaire). These individuals are responsible for the funding of democratic and as well as republican party. So, it can be said that jews have their deep-roots in the American system. Thirdly, because in this region, Israel is the only trust worthy ally of USA.

USA not only veto's the bills that are not only in the favour of Israel but also funds Israel. \$3 billion have been funded to Israel and a bill of \$13 billion have been passed in the congress.

## IMPACT OF ISRAEL-PALESTINE WAR ON US:

US is taking active part in the ongoing



war between Israel and Hamas.  
This has led USA in  
deteriorating its relation with  
the Arab world and there also  
have been domestic issues.

Saudi Arabia's relations with  
USA, historically were good.  
Saudi was the biggest weapon  
buyer. But because of US  
active participation the relation  
are deteriorating. Muhammad  
Bin Salman (King of Saudi) made  
the US secretary of state wait  
for 2 hours and then only met  
him for 20 minutes. 20% of  
oil is exported from Iran and  
Saudi Arabia to the US. If  
the US doesn't fix their relation  
with Saudi, they could end in  
an oil crisis.

Other Arab countries like  
Iran, UAE, Oman, Bahrain, and  
Syria are opposing the  
United States and the relations  
are getting bad day by day.

too short to score



Q3. UNGA passed ... state?

Ans: TWO STATE SOLUTION: 6/20

Israel - Palestine conflicts has its roots in the 1917 Balfour declaration. In 1920, there were less than 6000 Jews living in the state of Israel, the number have kept on growing till date. From 1948-67 most of the land was bought by Israel from the Palestinians but in 1967 onwards most of the land is taken by force and Jews have been inhabitated. The war of 1948 known as 'Nakba' led to the death of 60000 Palestinians, this made it evident that two separate states was the only solution.

### VIEW POINT OF ARAB COUNTRIES:

Arab countries like Iran, UAE, Saudi and Syria are in the favour of two state solution. Israel-Hamas war have led to the destability of the whole region. Iran, Egypt, Lebanon, and Syria have also been dragged into this war, these Arab countries



want the war to end now,  
USA, UK and the EU are  
also in the favour of two state  
solution but at the present  
status quo. Whereas the Arab  
countries want the two state  
solution but according to the  
1948 partition where 55% of  
the land was given to Israel  
while 45 was given to Palestine.

### ISRAEL AS APARTHEID STATE:

Benjamin Netanyahu  
is a Zionist (Zionist are of  
the view that there should be  
a greater Jew state (Israel), Muslim  
could live within the territory  
but will not be given a territory  
to their name. In Israel the  
ID cards of Muslims are different,  
the number plates of their  
cars are different and are  
facing criticism in every aspect  
of life. Every Jew in the world  
can be a citizen of Israel.  
Israel is continuously flexing its  
muscle in the middle east and  
have benefitted from the ousting  
of Bashar Al-Assad and took complete  
control over the Golan Heights.



## VIEW POINT OF HAMAS:

Hamas is a military and a political party. Hamas conducted elections in the Gaza strip with winning the majority of the seats. Hamas is not in favour of the two state solution and wants the annexation of whole territory.

## CONCLUSION:

UNGA (United Nations general assembly) have passed resolution for a two state solution but have failed to fulfill the implication of this resolution. Serious steps must be taken to stop the expansion of this war or otherwise the world could witness another world war. UN must intervene without being biased and should make sure that Israel follows the resolution.