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Current Affairs

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Answer

1- Gaza- humanitarian crises, a classic example of war crimes by Israel

The ongoing Israel-Gaza war since 7 October 2023, when Hamas carried out a sudden and shocking attack that caught Israel offguard, resulted in catastrophic humanitarian crisis.

Israel's military actions in Gaza have been characterized by disproportionate use of force, resulting in a significant casualty count. On daily basis, civilians are forced to evacuate their places.

They are hitting hospitals, refugee camps, residential buildings and even destroying the aid sent by other countries. UN secretary-general

Antonio Guterres said that:

Gaza is becoming a graveyard for children.

Despite, orders from international court of Justice to halt military operations in Gaza and for ceasefire, Israel has still continued this butchery.

Recent aftermaths of war according to AL-Jazeera News

Death toll

38,200

Child deaths

14,500

Destruction

62% of all homes
290,820 housing units

Injuries

77,643 (75% female)

Hostages

134

Displaced population

80% of population
(1.9 million people)

2- Double standards of Human Rights champion over Gaza crises

US, champion of global human rights has not even taken effective steps for ceasefire in Gaza. Biden is continuously supporting Israel; providing weapons and backing it even in resolution. US vetoed the UN resolution calling for Gaza

ceasefire. Recently, The white House has described ceasefire proposal for Gaza from Hamas as a breakthrough establishing a framework for possible hostages deal.

3- Reasons of silence of Human Rights Champion (US) in Gaza human crises

The reasons of silence of Human Rights Champion in Gaza human crises are as follows;

①- Strategic Alliance of US with Israel

The US has long standing relationship with Israel, providing significant military aid and diplomatic support. This alliance is driven by various shared geopolitical interests, including countering Iran's influence, maintaining regional stability and securing access to Middle Easter oil.

② Lobbying by pro-Israel groups

Several powerful lobbying organization such as **American Israel Public Affairs company (AIPAC)** have significant influence in shaping US policy towards Israel. These groups • These groups often pressure lawmakers to support Israeli actions, even they violate international law. AIPAC alone spends millions of dollars annual on lobbying efforts.

③ - Focus on other geopolitical interests

US has competing priorities in the Middle East, including countering terrorism, containing Iran and maintaining relations with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states. Therefore, Gaza human crises is a neglected matter for US.

④ - Fear of being seen as biased against Israel

The US government is cautious, not to be perceived as taking a pro-palestinian stance, which could lead towards domestic political backlash from pro-Israel groups. It could potentially harm their relations with Israel.

This is seen as hypocritical, championing human rights elsewhere while ignoring Gaza human crises.

4- Effect on US relations with the Muslims world for being silent on Gaza human crises

US silence on the Gaza human crises can have far-reaching consequences on its relations with the Muslim worlds.

① - Strained Relations

US relations with Muslim-countries may become strained due to its silence on Gaza human crisis. This could lead to a decrease in cooperation on regional issues like counter-terrorism and security efforts. Countries like Turkey, Egypt and Saudi Arabia may re-evaluate their diplomatic ties with the US and potentially scale back cooperation on key initiatives.

② - Shift in Regional Dynamics

This could also lead to a

a shift in regional dynamics, with Muslims countries. They could get influence at the expense of US. They could also expand their regional reach and challenge US dominance. This could lead to a more multipolar region, with potentially far-reaching consequences for US-interests and security.

③ - Impact on US business

US business may face boycotts and repercussions in Muslim-majority countries as a result of its silence on Gaza war. This could impact the trade and investment, potentially leading to economic losses and job cuts. Companies like McDonald's, Coca-Cola and Apple are facing boycotts in several Muslim countries.

④ - loss of credibility

The US credibility as a champion of human rights may be irreparably damaged by its silence on Gaza crisis. This could undermine its influence in those muslim countries where US has a dominance. Muslim countries may view the US as hypocritical and biased, potentially leading to a shift in global alliances and partnerships.

5- Conclusion

The US silence on the Gaza human crises has severe implications for its relations with muslim world. The perceived complicity in Israel war crimes

has further eroded trust and credibility, potentially leading to a shift in regional dynamics and decline in US influence. US must reevaluate its priorities and take a stance that aligns with the values of human rights and justice.