

## QNO.5

Critically evaluate the chances of expansion of Israel-Hamas war into the whole region. Also analyze how this war would impact global war politics.

## EXPANSION OF WAR

The Israel-Hamas conflict has historically shown the potential to escalate beyond the geographic area of Gaza and Israel.

### 1. REGIONAL ACTORS

#### • Hezbollah & Lebanon

Hezbollah is one of the powerful militant group in Lebanon and has a history of conflicts with ~~Iran~~ Israel. This group has significant military capabilities so there is a risk that they can open a second front in the north.

#### • Iran

Iran is a major supporter of

of both Hamas and Hezbollah. Possibly it often operates through proxies to avoid direct confrontation.

- Syria:

The Assad Regime also allied with Iran could become involved if Israeli actions extend to their territory.

## 2. ARAB STATES' POSITION

The Abraham accords have led to warmer relations between Israel and some gulf states like UAE and Bahrain. All the Arab states are more likely to pursue diplomatic solutions rather than military intervention.

## 3. INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- The US is a key ally of Israel and has provided military and diplomatic support. Increase

US involvement could provoke further regional dispute.

• Russia & China: Both countries have strategic interests in Middle East and could influence ~~it~~ through diplomatic or military means directly or via proxies.

## IMPACT ON GLOBAL POWER POLITICS

∴ Disruption of trade.

Approximately 20% of oil trade of world is done through Red Sea.

Almost all trade between Asia and Europe as well as between Asia and North America is done through Red Sea and Persian Gulf.

⇒ The more disturbance in region affects the trade of the world.

❖ Countries in favour of Israel  
Governments of US, UK and  
most of Western countries are  
in favor of Israel.

⇒ US has deployed its Naval aircraft  
Carrier in the Mediterranean Sea,  
it is his 5<sup>th</sup> Naval Fleet in  
the Persian Gulf. US has also provided  
military weapons of \$3~~4~~ billion  
as an aid to Israel. Other  
than this, US congress also approved  
\$13 billion for Israel support.

⇒ UK has also deployed its war-  
ships in the Mediterranean and  
Red Sea to defend Israel.

❖ Fundamental Rights' Champion  
US and the West who claimed  
themselves as the champion of  
fundamental rights and always  
condemned China, Russia, North  
Korea etc for human rights  
violations, have been silent

on Israel's War Crimes in Gaza.  
On the other hand, China and Russia raised voice against brutalities of Israel committed in Gaza.

### ∴ China & Russia

Both countries promote their soft image across the Muslim world by raising ~~the~~ voice against Human Rights Violations and War Crimes committed by Israel in Gaza.

⇒ US stuck in this unwanted war provides China with an opportunity to boost its economic growth and increase geopolitical role in the region including Taiwan and Middle East.

⇒ Russia is also benefitted in the war against Ukraine and try to assert itself more in the Eastern Europe.

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## CONCLUSION

While the immediate chances of the Israel-Hamas conflict expanding into full blown regional war are contingent on several volatile factors, the potential for wider involvement exists.

The impact on global power politics is multifaceted, affecting everything from strategic alliances and military engagements to economic stability and humanitarian efforts.

## Q. NO. 8

Gaza human crises has become a classic example of war crimes by Israel but the champion of Human rights is silent. Find out the reasons and explain how it would affect US relations with the Muslims world?

## REASONS FOR SILENCE

### (i) Strategic Alliances

Many Western Countries, particularly US and several European nations, have strong alliances with Israel.

These relationships are founded on mutual defense, intelligence sharing and economic ties.

### (ii) Geopolitical Interests

Western countries view Israel as crucial partner for maintaining stability in the Middle East, countering Iranian influence.

and combating terrorism.

### (iii) Influential Pro-Israel Lobby

In countries like US, powerful pro-Israel lobbying groups significantly influence political decision-making. Politicians avoid criticizing Israel to maintain support from these influential groups.

### (iv) Trade & Investment

Israel is a significant trade partner in technology and defense sectors for many Western countries. Economic interests can lead to a more muted response to Israeli crimes in Gaza.

### (v) Balancing Act

Western countries strive to balance their support for Israel with their relations to the Muslim world. Taking a strong stance on the Gaza issue could disrupt this balance.



### (vi) Holocaust

The legacy of Holocaust and the establishment of Israel as a safe haven for Jew after World War II contribute to strong Western support for Israel.

### (vii) Media Influence

Mainstream media of Western countries can shape perceptions and responses to Gaza crisis.

They might focus more on other global issues, leading to less attention on Gaza.

### (viii) Limited Access

Limited access to on-ground information and varying narratives from different sides of the conflict can affect how the situation is perceived and addressed by Western governments.

## EFFECT ON US RELATIONS WITH MUSLIM WORLD

### (i)... Bias Perception

Many Muslim countries perceived the US as biased in favor of Israel, undermining trust and cooperation. This puts a question mark on US intentions and policies.

### (ii)... Rise of Anti-American Sentiment

In many Muslim-majority countries, public opinion is strongly sympathetic to the Palestinian cause. US policies can fuel anti-American sentiment, impacting tourism, business and cultural exchanges.

### (iii)... Diplomatic failure

Countries like Turkey, Qatar and other may take more assertive stances against US policies, leading to diplomatic tensions and potentially impacting

cooperatives efforts on other regional issues.

#### (v)... Shift in Alliances

Some countries may seek to diversify their ~~inf~~ alliances, strengthening ties with other powers like China or Russia as counter-balance to US influence.

#### (v)... Defense Cooperation

Strained relations could impact joint military operations, arms dependency and other forms of defense cooperation.

#### (vi)... Radicalization

Perceived injustice and lack of response to humanitarian crises can contribute to radicalization and recruitment by extremist groups, posing security threats both regionally and globally.

## CONCLUSION

Western countries often emphasize human rights, their geopolitical and domestic considerations can lead to more cautious and less vocal responses. This stance can impact global perceptions of Western credibility and moral authority. The US need to adopt more balanced policies, engage in active diplomacy, and address the humanitarian concerns in Gaza more robustly.