

# Economic interests muzzling muslim support for Palestine.

## Outline:

### 1. Introduction:

**Thesis statement:** Economic interest is one of the basic needs of every nation state. Economic interests of muslim states such as energy supply, tourism, economic corridors have stopped muslim nations to support Palestine.

### 2. How economic interests muzzling support for Palestine:

2.1 Energy supply to western nations has made interdependency of countries

#### Case study of OPEC

2.2 Abrahm Accord 2020 and economic relation of Arabs with Israel

2.3 Gulf Countries Council and its economic interest stops to support Palestine

2.4 Economic project like IMEC has made muslim countries to avoid supporting Palestine



- 2.5 Pakistan's dependence on IMF has resulted to avoid full support for Palestine
- 2.6 muslim states economic dependence on <sup>the</sup> EU markets also reduces support for Palestine
- 2.7 Tourism attraction is one of <sup>the</sup> concerns for muslim states from western nations
- 2.8 Technological dependency of the muslim nations on western nations <sup>has made</sup> the muslim states reduced <sup>to</sup> support Palestine
- 2.9 National interest of foreign investment is muzzling Islamic states support for Palestine
- 2.10 Avoiding the pains of economic sanctions have led muslim states to give up full support for Palestine

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2.11 Agricultural based import and export with west have resulted isolation of muslim states with Palestine

### 3. Options with Muslim states to support Palestine:

3.1 Rule of OIC to halt the burning issue of Palestine

3.2 Increasing free trade among muslim states

3.3 Reducing technological, economic and agriculture based dependency on west

### 4. Conclusion



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Economic interest is the most important objective of every nation. Nation states make foreign policies according to economic benefits of their people. The same is the case with muslim countries. Economic interests of muslim states have stopped to support the Palestine. Economic interests of the muslim countries include energy flow to USA, EU and even Israel buys the oil of muslim state from international market. moreover, the interest of the GCC which is entirely economic, Abraham Accord, economic corridors such IMEC and tourism attraction have reduced support for Palestine. Also, Islamic developing countries like Pakistan that has dependency on IMF has never sacrificed its economic interests for the full support of Palestine. Besides, muslim states



economic dependence on the EU markets, technological dependency, and direct foreign investment from the west have stopped the support for separate state of Palestine. Moreover, muslim states can boost support for the oppressed Palestinians through OIC, close trade among muslim states and avoiding dependency on the west. Therefore, the economic interests muzzling muslim support for Palestine.

To begin with energy supply, according to Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Report 2023. The USA had imported 37 million barrels per day from OPEC and The EU had imported 31 million barrels per day. Flow of oil is the only tool for Arabs prosperity and economic growth. Arabs have no intention to make angry the biggest energy consumers for the sake of



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Full support for Palestine. Thus, USA and EU are the ally of Israel and economic partners of Arabs.

Moreover, Abraham Accord 2020 that resulted close economic relations is another stone on the way of Palestine state. Abraham Accord has created close ties for economic between Israel and UAE. The UAE has signed agreements that include: energy out flow to Israel, exchange of culture, technology and so on and so forth. According Reuters in 2023 the trade volume reached to 36 billion between UAE and Israel.

The UAE will never give full political and diplomatic support to Palestine because of its economic interest with Israel. Therefore, economic interests are the only things that reduce muslim support for Palestine.



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Further, Gulf countries council has also confined its full support for Palestine. Gulf countries council has economic relations with Europe and the United States. According to Al-Jazeera news in 2019-22, USA bought 12 billions of weapons from the USR. Also, signed to increase oil production to fulfill the energy demands of EU states after the outbreak of Ukraine war. Gulf countries profound economic interests have reduced them to support Palestine or again use oil embargo. Thus, GCC has economic interest with the ally of Israel and aims not to spoil the ties.

Similarly, economic projects have also pushed muslim states not to rise Palestine issue. IMEC which was announced in 2023 for the connection of India,



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Middle East and Europe. This project has buried the idea of Palestine under the sand of Middle East. The Arab nations including KSA agreed to normalise relation with Israel.

Consequently, it led 7 Oct attack on Israel by Hamas. Therefore, economic projects have increased the interest of muslim states to avoid supporting Palestine.

Moreover, underdeveloped countries like Pakistan that has dependence on IMF also avoids to support politically the issue of Palestine. Pakistan has utilised 23 IMF loans so as to maintain economic growth. USA is the largest contributors of loans in the IMF. Pakistan due to full dependency on the IMF is unable to



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Sacrifice economic interests for political support of Palestine. Thus, economic interests reduce the capability of muslims to support Palestine.

Besides, muslim states have enormous dependence on the European markets. EU is one of the closest friends of Israel. EU has supported Israel on every platform. Muslim states who try to make threats to Israel always suffer from sanction of group of 7 countries. Iran is the most tremendous example of sanctions. Therefore, muslim states do not like to cut their supplies of import and export from the European market. For the sake of supporting Palestine.

Moreover, tourism which plays profound roles for the growth of economy is another



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concern for muslim states.  
UAE has been attracting  
tourism since its creation from  
west. According to WB Report 2023  
on Economic Growth, Tourism  
in the economy of UAE  
contributed 35%. Tourists came  
from Israel, USA, EU, Africa and  
South Asia. Therefore, isolating  
Palestine from the Israeli rule  
is a direct threat to  
UAE's economy. Thus, economic  
interests have given up muslim  
states to support Palestine.

moreover, technology  
which plays particular role  
in the growth of economy also  
made Islamic states dependent on  
west. Technological machines like  
crop cutting bulldozers, water supply  
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economy have made muslim countries dependent on the west. muslim states like USA that has been buying solar cars from Japan and EU have no capacity to harm economic ties. Therefore, muslims states are unable to support struggle of Palestine.

Moreover, foreign direct investment plays enormous roles in the growth of economy. Foreign investment always comes from the developed nations. These developed nations includes Canada, USA and EU. For example the Barric Company of Canada has been operating in numerous muslim countries. Consequently, the company has contributed to the GDPs of muslim countries profoundly.

The developed countries will never invest in those countries that create threat to their national



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interests. Therefore, national interest of muslim countries muzzling support for Palestine.

moreover, international sanctions vanishes the economic growth of countries. Muslim countries do not interfere in the issue of palestaine politically and avoid sanctions. According to **BBC Report 2024** when the Iran increased military and diplomatic support to Hamas. The us called upon its alliance especially G.7 to impose economic sanctions on Iran. BBC reported that 600 sanctions have been imposed on Iran. Thus, muslim countries avoid to bear the pain of economic sanction for the support of Palestine.



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Moreover, Muslim countries have been earning enormous amounts from European markets. Muslim countries like Pakistan, African nations and Arab states have been importing and exporting agriculture based products. These products include wheat, mangoes and dry fruits. Pakistan fulfills its food needs such as wheat and exports to European countries mangoes etc. These contribute millions in the economy of the country. Thus, spoiling relations like Iran may hurt the economy of Pakistan entirely.

Now, Muslim states also have numerous options to support Palestine. Also, these options will maintain balanced ties with the West.

First of all, Muslim countries should utilise OIC Muslim nations



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Should create peace keeping force under the charter of OIC. This will assist the Palestine to have peace in the region. OIC may send peace keeping force to Palestine so as to tackle the influence and crime of Israel in the muslim land. moreover, OIC should also demand in UN and its organs full membership to Palestine. Thus, muslim nations can assist the Palestine rather than direct confrontation with West.

Secondly, increasing free trade can enable the muslim nations to be independent. muslim countries should form one of the free trade organizations like World Trade Organization. This will improve the economic



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ties of the countries. Also, such organization will reduce the muslim countries dependency on the European markets. Thus, in the future muslim states may take bold steps to assist Palestine.

Also, muslim countries should increase technological, agriculture and economic based cooperation among one another. This will reduce the muslim countries dependency on the west. For example, Pakistan has opened foreign investments in different sectors. These sectors provide investment in defense, energy, agriculture and mining. muslim nations should invest in such projects to avoid dependence on west. Thus, becoming technologically independent may be able to stand with oppressed Palestinians.



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In short, economic interests of muslims have been isolating Palestainese dream of independence. muslim nations that have rich energy resources, tourism attraction region, valuable lands and oceans have the capability to standby palestaine. muslim nations that have made their countries dependent on the technological, agricultural and economic markets of USA and EU can avoid these dependency. Avoiding dependency will enable muslim countries to take independent steps. These independent steps will not only save their economies from western sanctions, but also assist the oppressed Palestainians. Therefore, economic interests of muslimism will not harm Support for the Palestine.

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