

## SUBJECTIVE PART- PART-II

Q8.

### Introduction

The story and wars between Israel-Palestine is a decade long-war. After ~~the~~ first world war Palestine was under British control then in 1945, United Nations (UN) declared it as two independent states one being Jewish that contained 2/3rd area and another Arab independent state under control of <sup>Jordan</sup> Egypt that included West Bank, Gaza strip and Egypt. A long journey of wars like Arab-Israel war, Nakba, Suez crisis, 6-day war, Yom-Kippur war, Lebanon war, Intifada and Trump's peace plan etc Palestine has been facing great discrimination and now a year of blood has passed on Palestinian people that included killing of thousands of Palestinian children and women, thousands of them wounded, forced displacement, humanitarian crisis, food and water crises, lack of basic health facilities but still Gaza is under Israeli bombardment due to support by super-powers. The recent resolution passed by UNGA is a silver lining in dark cloud that may increase chances of two-state solution and ceasefire but Israel will stand apart until military support is interrupted and international organizations take some pragmatic measures by siding their own interest until then land of Palestine will

seek peace that has become their far-dream.

### Response Of the Arab World

Affluent Arab countries like Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, have condemned several times human rights violation, the genocide conducted by Israel, deaths of thousand people but they have failed to take some actual measures for the people of Palestine. They have condemned how Israel attacked on Al-Aqsa mosque, Jerusalem, one of the holiest places in Islam. Massive protests, social media activation, serious criticism by even those Arab countries that normalized relations with Israel i.e. Sudan, UAE, Morocco, Bahrain. have pressurized government of Israel and their Prime Minister Netanyahu but every condemnation is of words only, not actions that has weakened their stance in support of Palestine.

### OIC's paralyzed behavior

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) was formed with specific goal to support people of Palestine. But this organization of disunited Arab countries has failed in its real purpose. Main reason for its short-

Coming is due to lack of true leadership, disunited members, lack of proper mechanism, lack of courage to respond militarily against occupation of Israel. This organization doesn't have well-trained military to respond accordingly. Such issues make OIC impotent and divided and Israel takes benefits of its polarization and division among muslim countries to further expand its imperialistic designs on Palestine.

### Response by Pakistan and Turkey

Both Pakistan and Turkey have always shown their unwavering support for people of Palestine and seriously condemned the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in Palestine. Recently, in resolution of UNGA (United Nations General Assembly) Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif took a stance on ~~Pakist~~ Palestine cause and vowed international organization to take this heinous genocide into its concerns and stop human killing and ensure humanitarian aid for miserable state.

### Role of West and USA

When Israel attacked Palestine in 1948, west and USA supported ~~it~~ militarily and on economic ground with interest of increasing influence on Middle East. Uninterrupted support

of west and USA for Israel has made it possible for Jewish state to take Palestinian territory. The researchers also claimed that assistance by USA and some European countries are main driving forces ~~behind~~ behind long-standing Israeli terrorism.

### Why UN failed to resolve the conflict?

Historically, almost ~~with~~ a decade has passed, but achievement of United Nations like peaceful world especially conflict of Israel and Palestine has become a prime concern. United Nations has become impotent and helpless not only in considering grievances of Palestinian people but also in stopping Israel atrocities against them. One main factor is structure of UNSC (United Nations Security Council) that is undemocratic having veto countries so, US has attributed its influence of veto power in support of Israel against Palestine. Another factor and great contributor is economic imperialism of United States of America on United Nations as USA being major contributor and also exclusion of UN from political decisions being some major factors in failure of UN to resolve the conflict.

## How resolution by UNGA can be materialized?

Recent, passing of resolution by UNGA in favor of two-state solution and recognition of Palestine by 3 European states are some positive factors in hope of curtailing atrocities of Israel and a peaceful ceasefire. But Israel's apartheid behavior would still continue until real pressure is generated by main powers of the world. Israel's scorched earth policy <sup>in Palestine</sup> and attacks on Lebanon & Syria has already exposed its cruel nature. To materialize two-state solution and get peaceful ceasefire, OIC should be empowered & unity of the muslim world against Israel, OIC should reform its security front like NATO, economic front like European model and political front like organization of ASEAN, the world should take serious measures against humanitarian crisis and violation of international law by Israel. The international organizations should acknowledge and realize immediacy of the situation and materialize a peaceful solution.

Q4.

Ans.

Introduction

As the world changing and transforming from geo-strategic to geo-economic front due to China's Belt and Road initiative and China-Pakistan economic corridor (CPEC), China is spending billions of dollars, at the same time, Pakistan needs some comprehensive reforms in different sectors like industrial, agricultural, IT, Tax system and power sector. The looming debt crisis and temporary solutions of consistent great issues that Pakistan is facing since years, its unstable economy and political <sup>chaos</sup> grounds, disruptions of internet, price hiking of power sector and electricity, skyrocketing prices of hydrocarbons, closure of industries, weak tax system and dependence of IMF etc, Pakistani government should take these concerns into serious discussions and bring out pragmatic and comprehensive reforms to stabilize economy of the state.

Shift to the Renewable Resources

The power sector of Pakistan in a complex and myriad situation. Price hike of electricity on daily basis fuels inflation and makes export-based business uncompetitive. The rising prices in power sector are mainly due to bad

governance, incompetent decisions of politicians, delays in decision-making, lack of economic growth, dependent of International power producers (IPPs), more consumption of import-based coal. These are some of the major contributors for higher prices of electricity. The country should make productive decisions that actually reduce prices such as shift from non-renewable resources (coal, gas,) to renewable resources such as hydro-power, solar, and wind energy, reduced dependence on imported fuel and extraction of fuel and to build its own refinery machinery, re-negotiation with IPPs to pay in Pakistani rupees, etc. These reforms can empower power sector and contribute in reducing higher prices of electricity.

### Innovative changes in agricultural methods

The developed nations of the world have introduced such revolutionary methods regarding agriculture that has eased life much greater. In Pakistan, still many rural areas depend on archaic methods of agriculture. Agricultural sector is major contributor to GDP of Pakistan and almost one-third of population depends upon this sector. Despite major sector, it has remained neglected, poorly organized and poor irrigation system.

inefficient. climate change such as droughts, sudden rise and fall of temperatures, floods have drastically affected production but comprehensive reforms ~~we~~ can boost productivity like use of certain chemicals like use of pesticides, fertilizers, increased income of farmers, reduced import of foods, raised subsidies for crop inputs etc. Pakistan's major crops are rice, wheat and cotton and a large and diverse segment of economy depends so, plans and policies regarding production boost should be implemented.

### Increasing Tax Base

Pakistan is a country that has less production and more expenditure. One of the cause of less production ~~is~~ is lesser collection of tax. Major factors for less collection are tax evaders, lack of documentation, many small and medium businesses are even not registered to pay taxes, hospitals, <sup>major</sup> state enterprises, stakeholders, real estate, hotels, restaurants are not in the tax net so major portion of tax is mainly payed by only salaried class and uniform indirect tax on every individual is another major issue. Main reforms such as proper documentation, increasing tax base so that every individual of



the state pays tax, introduction of computer based system and reform indirect tax to convert it into tax according to individual's income, these reforms should be taken into concern so raise economic rank of Pakistan in the world.

### Promote Information Technology (IT)

Today is the world of IT and Artificial intelligence. India earned more from electronic more than that of oil of Saudi Arabia so why can't Pakistan. IT sector should be promoted especially youth population should be encouraged in the field of computer science, research and technology, electronics. Major powers of the world like Japan, Germany, USA, South Korea are IT exporters to the world, their technologies have been used by whole world. Pakistan should also work in this sector to raise on economic grounds.

### Industrial reforms

Pakistan's industrial sectors facing challenges such as out-dated technology, lack of skilled labor, and inefficiencies in production processes. Reforms needed such as modernization of technology, fostering a skilled workforce, encouraging foreign direct investment (FDI), improving

Supply chain management and improving linkages between smaller and larger industries can also help boost industrial production.

### Conclusion

The turnaround for Pakistan's economy depends on integrated approach to these reforms. For example improved agriculture through modern technology, water facilities, improved irrigation system, modern farming techniques, can boost industrial supply also, while a robust IT sector can drive efficiency in tax collection and power management. Without addressing these comprehensive structural challenges, Pakistan's economy will remain stunted leading to limited growth. These reforms require long-term commitment from policymakers, along with support from public and private sectors which are essential for successful implementation of policies.

### Q3. Impact of USA's image in Arab countries

Ans. The unconditional support of US for Israel affects its image in Arab countries and has severe implications on sentiments of various Arab countries. These implications reduce hegemonic influence of US in the middle east and gulf region and create vacuum for China and Russia to increase their influence and strengthen their ties with middle eastern countries.

### ↳ Erosion of US' credibility and Trust in Middle East

America's irresistible, uninterrupted support for Israel in annexation of Palestinian territory, violation of human rights and genocide has questioned its credibility and trust within various Arab countries and gulf region. USA's military and economic aid for Israel and its veto against Israel's criticism and in support of violation of humanitarian law by Israel has severely reduced credibility of USA in Arab world.

### Weakening Diplomatic leverage

Due to its perceived partiality, USA now faces difficulty in diplomatic relations with Arab countries as a neutral mediator. So, it now fails to play leading role in diplomacy

in Arab-Israeli conflict - The biased behaviour of USA against Palestine reduces its diplomatic role in building coalitions and negotiate on issues such as security and counter-terrorism.

## Opportunity for China and Russia to Expand Influence

China's economic influence; As the US faces challenges in Middle East, China has increased its influence through its win-win project called Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Due to ~~prejudiced~~ prejudiced policies of USA in the middle east reduces its influence on one hand and China's economic game increases its hegemony in the middle east on the other hand. Beijing's economic project without interacting with political issues of USA has made it successful. Beijing's BRI has attracted investments and attracted alternatives for countries seeking economic growth and development without strings attached to US political positions. China's policies focus on trade, infrastructure, security, energy etc to align with middle east and other gulf states.

### Russia's Strategic Influence

Russia has gained significant influence in Middle East because of vacuum created by USA. due to deteriorating Arab relations. Russia enhances its military ties with Syria and economic ties as well. Russia plays a balancing role to engage with major countries such as Iran, Saudi-Arabia, Egypt, Israel without involving in Arab-Israel conflicts. Moscow's diplomatic strategy and neutrality strengthened its ties with middle east.

### Balancing Geopolitical Influence

Both China and Russia are balancing their geo-political influence against USA due to deteriorating US-Arab relation because of USA's continuous support for Israel. China, through its economic influence and Russia through military cooperation, arms and deals counterbalance influence of USA's hegemony in the middle east that reduces middle eastern dependency on America and diversify their alliances.

## Consequences of Shifting dynamics

### Decline of US-hegemony in the middle east

The erosion of US' credibility, trust, and diplomatic mediator combined with China and Russia expanding their influence is creating a multi-polar shift in geo-political dynamics. The reliance on United States as guardian of security by Saudi Arabia and UAE is questioned and middle eastern countries now diversify their alliance and strengthen diplomatic ties with Beijing and Moscow.

### Growing influence of Competitors

America's deteriorating relations with Arab countries and China and Russia taking advantage by ~~at~~ alternative policies and diplomatic efforts. China promotes economic cooperation free from political intervention and Russia highlights commitment to sovereignty and counter-terrorism. Growing Chinese investment in Gulf oil-infrastructure and Russia's deal with Syria highlight new form of influence in the middle east and Gulf region.

## Conclusion

USA's unconditional support for Israel and its biased strategies against international law has reduced its credibility and trust and deteriorated its relations with Arab world. These worsened relations created fertile grounds for China and Russia, that show themselves as neutral states and they both have increased their influence through economic cooperation, military and arms deals, strategic partnership, increasing diplomatic relations, enabling Arab countries like Saudi Arabia and UAE to increase and diversify their alliance and reduced hegemony and influence of US in the region.