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The war launched on Gaza by Israel has become a classical example of ^{war} crimes.

From housing units, schools and universities, mosques destroyed to thousands of women and children killed, Israel is clearly violating the war regulations and the UN Charter of Human rights. The International Court of Justice has also expressed concern about Israel's war against Gaza. Millions of people around the world have protested Israel's crimes. However, Israel has refused any assumption of 'genocidal intent' in its ongoing war crime. It says that its actions are lawful and in accordance

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with international law.

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Israel's defence in ICJ genocide hearing.

In the second of two-day hearing in South Africa's genocide case against Israel, Israel's arguments were for the justification of its tight-ful behavior in Gaza genocide. Israel's arguments:-

1- Right to self-defence:

Israel argued that Hamas attack on October 7 is what started the war. and Israel has the right to defend itself under the international law.

2- Genocidal intent:

Tel Aviv's inherent intent to destroy Palestinian people are based on "random assertions" that are taken out of context.

3. Genocidal Actions:

Israel argues that Hamas had been using civilians as human shields and Israel was trying to "minimise" civilian harm.

4. Lack of Jurisdiction:

Israel argues and claims that it was only given only few days by South Africa and was rejected an offer of dialogue prior to bringing it to the court.

The ICJ decides that some of the SA's allegations against Israel could in line fall under the 1948 Genocidal Convention. It further orders Israel to prevent and punish incitement of genocidal acts and ensure basic services and essential humanitarian aid to civilians of Gaza.

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Israel's Deceitful Agenda and Escalating issues with allies (USA):

Israeli PM finds escalating tensions between Israel and its allies particularly the US and UK.

When UNSC urged an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Palestine group Hamas in the Gaza Strip, the USA abstained from voting.

The US has frequently opposed UNSC resolutions and has gone frustrating with its friend as civilian casualties rise and UN ~~warns~~ warns of increasing hunger in Gaza.

So far, the Biden's government has brought no policy changes or weaponry shipments reduced.

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Therefore, US stance towards Israel is a clear issue, as its military and financial help have formed the foundation of Israel's national power.

Moreover, its continuous and "deliberate" support to Israel has insulated Israel from punishment to its wrongs, leading to more violations.

ICJ, additionally, still failing to prevent Israel from committing genocide.

Impacting Relation with Arab World:

The Gulf Cooperation Council is striving to avoid entanglement in the war between Israel and Palestine as it poses threat to its national security and economic stability.

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As tensions rise, the interests of UAE and KSA diverge from alignment with either Iran or Israel.

Their focus is: achieving economic diversification and long-term prosperity while maintaining stability within their borders.

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