

Is the World Blind Towards Plight of Palestinians?

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The ESSAY

When a baby holds the body of his sibling, the houses transform into flat rubble, and hundreds of bodies are bombed. The rooms of international organizations clear off the dust of that rubble through mere condemnation and passing of resolutions. However, the question arises - Is the world blind towards plight of Palestinians? or the world is ~~faceing~~ choosing to look away from sufferings of Palestinians. Israel-Palestine is more than decades-long issue. Israel once demanded a two-state solution, but now the ideology of Greater Israel is on the way. Palestine ~~is~~ ^{was} reduced to west Bank and Gaza strip, according to United Nations resolution in 1948. However, Israel carried out military takeovers of more areas in 1967. Since then, Israel has not stopped its unlawful control on Palestine. The contemporary genocide began after the Hamas, Palestinian liberation force, attacked on Israel and killed almost 1300 Israeli. After Hamas' attacks, Israel started inhuman genocide of civilian people. Israel's indiscriminate bombing of civilian population and using hunger as

a weapon to ^{erase} palestinians are still continuous and unrelenting. Thus, inaction of the world, especially muslim countries and international organizations, indicate that the world is indifferent towards sufferings of Palestinians.

First of all, the brief history of the conflict is discussed. The idea of a new country for jews began after Balfour Declaration in 1917. Arthur Balfour was the British foreign secretary who wrote to Lord Rothschild and supported creation of a zionist state on Palestinian homeland. This declaration became basis for Nakba (displacement of millions of palestinians) in 1948. The United Nations (UN) proposed a two-state solution ^{as} ~~for~~ Israel (Jewish state) and Palestine (Arab state). However, Israel started military takeover after 1967, presenting the ideology that it is birthright of jews to establish greater Israel which includes ~~a~~ Sinai peninsula of Egypt, Palestine, Golan Heights stretching from river Nile to Euphrates. Since then, Zionist ideology dominates in Middle East, and Palestinians continue to suffer atrocities of Israeli government.

The Israel has committed inhuman attacks and war crimes on Palestinian homeland. It has bombed residential buildings, roads, bridges, hospitals, refugee camps, religious sites, and most of the infrastructure across Gaza Strip and West Bank. It has attacked civilian population, including women and children. The continuous bombing has resulted in death of almost 60000 Palestinians in which children and women were in majority. Alongside, most of the houses are turned into rubble, and people are displaced from their houses into refugee camps. Even these camps are not immune from Israel's war crimes. Due to indiscriminate attacks on hospitals and medical camps, most of the medical services have halted. The only functioning hospital in whole Palestine was Al-Nasr hospital, that was attacked as well.

Israeli military killed many doctors, surgeons, and paramedical staff. Due to aid blockage, hospital lacks basic medicines, painkillers, oxygen masks and even ventilators. This highlights war crimes of Israel and deliberate killing of innocent Palestinians.

Despite ^{mass} killing and genocide, Israel continues its takeover plan, and the world seems insensitive towards Palestinian sufferings.

Alongside, Israel has started stifling of freedom of speech, continuous aid blockage, and creating hunger and food crisis to erase remaining Palestinians.

According to article 19 of international covenant on civil and political rights (ICCPR), everyone has right to freedom of speech and express their opinions.

However, Israel deliberately violated international law. It has killed almost 250 journalists. Recently, six journalists of Al-Jazeera were killed that seeked global condemnation, but still ^{the} world doesn't take adequate action. Additionally, Israel has blocked aid supply and created food crisis, hunger, water scarcity. Even, Israeli defence forces (IDF) have shooed aid seekers that created outrages across the world. Many international organizations called it genocide, such as Amnesty international, a human rights organization. However, these atrocities of Israel seem inadequate

to gain world's attention, and implies the fact that world is blind towards plight of Palestinians.

There are many genocides in the history but Gaza genocide is the most recorded genocide uptill now. In past history, Bosnian massacre, the Holocaust by Nazi Germany, Armenian genocide, and Rwandan genocide are well-known. However, ^{in past} most of the world was unaware of mass killing in certain regions. On the other hand, Gaza genocide is widely reported across the world. Since 3-Oct-2023, not a single day has passed when killing of Palestinians was not reported. However, the world seems insensitive and moved their faces away from sufferings of Palestinians.

On the other hand, some of the countries, intellectuals, and human rights organizations have worked to resist Israeli war crimes, but their efforts remained inadequate to prevent worsening of the situation. Initially, South Africa filed case in International Court of Justice (ICJ) against Israeli genocide. It gave a path of legal actions. Even, ICJ

condemning the Israeli war crimes and issued arrest warrants of Prime Minister of Zionist state, Benjamin Netanyahu. However, these steps were not adequate to resist Israeli genocide in Palestine. Additionally, United Nations resolutions also failed due to geopolitical interests of western nations, selective morality and fear of sanctions from the super-power. The world's conscience became blind before their national interests and empty moral values. Likewise, international human rights organizations like United Nations Development of Human rights (UDHR), Amnesty international, and Human rights watch have condemned the violation of human rights and international laws by Israel. However, most of them have failed in their motives of human rights protection. Hence, war crimes of Israel are continuous and the world's inaction demonstrates that it is blind towards plight of Palestinians.

Likewise, muslim world, especially Arab countries are indifferent towards bloodshed of Palestinians due to lack of unity in muslim world and geo-political and strategic interests of Arab states.

The organization of Islamic countries (OIC) was formed with objective of protection of Palestinians and Islamic worship places. However, this organization has failed in achieving its aims. Most significant reason behind OIC's failure is gap within muslim world mainly due to interests of their own.

Arab world, including Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, support two-state solution but no country has taken adequate actions for protection of Palestinians. The Arab countries have huge potential that is evident from the event of oil Embargo in 1971 that halted western world's businesses. Nevertheless, main issue is selective morality and vested interests of these nations. Alongside, Pakistan has also condemned Israel's atrocities on many international platforms and firmly rejected greater Israel, but these actions have not stopped ^{the} genocide.

Hence, muslim world apparently supports Palestinians, but in reality they are blind towards plight of Palestinians.

Contrarily, is the world really blind towards sufferings of Palestinians? seems a false statement. currently,

there are widespread protests across the world including western nations that indicate solidarity with Palestinians. Several mass protests in Britain, Germany, France, Australia and ^{other} European countries pressurize the western government to halt their support towards Israel. They have generated ~~unprecedented~~ unprecedented pressure on United States and European government to stop ^{backing} Israel's atrocities. Additionally, many human rights activists, international journalists, political leaders are now rejecting western double standards and demanded a viable solution to end genocide. Many countries, such as France, UK, Germany have decided to recognize Palestinian state. These steps are a silver lining in dark cloud of genocide, and demonstrate that the world is now sensitive towards Palestine cause.

As the genocide is ^{still} continuously erasing Palestinians, some recommendations to end this conflict include unity of muslim world against western double standards and acceptance of two-state solution. The muslim countries should unite including the Arab world to pressurize United States and western states to stop double standard policy. Arab states

should put away their vested interests for the sake of Palestine. Additionally, countries across the world should stop their diplomatic connections with Israel to isolate it in international market, so that, Israel brings a flexible policy towards this issue. Hence, the viable solution for this years-long issue is two-state solution.

To conclude, war crimes of Israel and genocide of Palestinians has ^{still} not sensitized the world towards their sufferings. Mass killing of women and children, bombing of Palestine infrastructure and food crisis are apparent in front of the world. However, due to indifferent attitude of muslim world and international organizations, Israel is carrying out unrestricted bombings. The reason behind world's callous attitude is their geo-political interests, economic benefits, and fear of western sanctions. On the other hand, widespread public protests demonstrate that western public is now conscious towards Israeli genocide and double standards of western leaders. Today the need of the hour is unity among muslim world to push western leaders towards acceptance of two-state solution and end the year-long catastrophe on Palestinian homeland.