

IS THE WORLD BLIND TOWARDS THE PLIGHT OF PALESTINIANS?

OUTLINE:

1- Introduction

Thesis statement: While there is a growing international awareness and vocal support, the world's actions are inadequate demonstrating a selective or politically motivated 'blindness' towards plight of Palestinians.

2- The Plight of Palestinians: The cycle of war and Displacement.

3- The World is Blind ~~tow~~ towards the Plight of Palestinians.

a- Limited Political and Diplomatic Action

b- Prolonged ignorance has morphed war into a humanitarian crisis.

c- Double standards in International Law.

d- Restrained reaction of Muslim World.

4- The World is Responding towards the Plight of Palestinians.

a- Several attempts to ceasefire and truce to bring peace.

b- Accelerated Public awareness and activism.

c- Activism of Global Institutions.

d- Strong condemnation from OIC.

5- Still, the World is Selectively Blind towards Plight of Palestinians.

a- The war still goes on.

b- Support and Awareness but no action.

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c- Resolutions are not binding.

d- Still no effective plan of action from OIC.

6- Conclusion

ESSAY:

Every day social media is bombarded with clips, images and videos of Israeli-Palestinian conflict. People scroll through those images and if their conscience shakes, there will a comment or sharing of post. The question is why the world and its leaders are 'deaf and dumb' to the horrific images of suffering of Palestinian people? What about the conscience of world? Probably the world is blind to the plight of Palestinians which is demonstrated by lack of political and diplomatic action. There is widespread vocal support about the cause but action is lacking. Muslim world is showing a politically-motivated restrained reaction. ^{The conflict} has laid bare the double standards of international law. There is a media bias and misrepresentation in Western media. Has conscience of the world gone numb? It can be true but the world has tried to react to the plight of Palestinians. Different countries and world leaders have tried to restore peace in region through ceasefire and short truces. There is a pervasive sense of public awareness and activism. World institutions like International Criminal Court (ICC), International Court of Justice (ICJ), United Nations (UN) etc have

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passed rulings and resolutions for ceasefire and bringing much needed respite for the people of Palestine. Organization of Islamic Cooperation has strongly condemned Israeli aggression. Media is relentlessly reporting war crimes. However, there is no end to the conflict in near future. War is still going on. Humanitarian crisis in Gaza and West Bank is worsening day by day. An inaction is seen at global and organizational level. Non-binding resolutions are ~~not~~ ^{put} unable to put a stop on Israel's war crimes. While there is a growing international awareness and vocal support, the global action is inadequate demonstrating a selective or politically-motivated blindness towards plight of Palestinians caused by aggression and ~~war~~ war crimes of Israel.

Since 1948, the sufferings of Palestinians has only aggravated. The hostilities and aggression of Israeli settlers has not stopped for around seventy seven years. For decades a cycle of war followed by internal displacements towards 'safer zones' has been the destiny of Arab people residing in Palestinian state. They have been ousted from their homeland but what is more alarming is the recent episode of Israeli aggression launched in October, 2023. The Palestinian conflict has turned into a fullpledged.

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Gaza war. The human and children casualties have crossed the numbers and records ever found in history. The conditioned ~~ward~~ worsened when strikes and attacks were replaced by weaponization of food and water. A grave humanitarian crisis is happening in Gaza and the world is only condemning the war crimes of Israel. The Palestinians are facing human-created famine because of Israel's blocking their access to food and water and world comes up with conferences and resolutions. Indeed, the world is blind towards the plight of Palestinians.

On global level, the lack of adequate political and diplomatic action demonstrates the blindness of the world towards suffering of Palestinians. Western support specifically of the United States of America has emboldened the Israel since October, 2023. The USA fearfully veto the resolutions of ceasefire passed in General Assembly of UN. The Arab countries that normalized their ties with Israel after Abraham Accord-2020 has not severed their ties despite seeing withering the horrific war crimes of Israel. No stop or halt to Israeli aggression means sufferings of Palestinians will continue and will worsen with each passing day. This ~~syro~~ inaction is synonymous to the silence of world towards the victim,

hence, letting the barbarity to be continued. So, by ^{taking} no adequate public political and diplomatic action against Israel's aggression, the world is brushing the issue under the carpet.

The double standards in international law also highlight the ~~se~~ ignorance of the world towards Palestinian's plight. The international law is applied to different countries differently. When Russia invaded Ukraine on security pretext, it was vehemently opposed and punished by International law. Russia was sanctioned for this venture and the world ~~an~~ took a united stance against it. But when Israel invaded Gaza and unleashed a war on Palestinians on same pretext in October 2023, the sympathies of the world were with the perpetrator. No sanctions were imposed on Israel and it faced no legal repercussions of its acts. Hence, the double standards of the world and international law highlights the selective attention of world in terms of peace and security.

Since the outbreak of war in October (2023), there has been an extensive coverage of events of war on social media and electronic media. This has ~~led~~ brought attention of the world to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The conversion of prolonged war into a humanitarian crisis showcase the

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negligence of the world. Daily many people are killed. There has been death of food and drinking water in the region. People are dying of hunger, and disease. Lack of medical facilities has worsened the condition of the populace. Even though Israel has blocked the humanitarian assistance for months, but the world has only the option of negotiation to solve the crisis. The ~~can~~ living condition of Palestinians is worsening day by day, but the world often to sit on Table with the perpetrator to get some relief. Therefore, prolonged ignorance has led to aggravated ~~can~~ sufferings for the Palestinians.

~~What is more~~ ~~ata~~

The politically-motivated reactions of Arab ~~a~~ states and the Muslim world is more ~~a~~ matter of concern. Before recent ^{Israeli} invasion in 2023, few Arab countries like UAE, Bahrain etc were ~~resum~~ normalizing diplomatic and economic relations with Israel.

The Abraham Accord 2020 was the success of United States of America that bridged the gap between some Arab states and Israel. With Gaza war in action, the Muslim world was expecting some strong actions like boycotting Israel with Israel etc.

But only ~~strong~~ words of strong condemnation were heard. The Muslim world has lost the momentum for which it has for long stood for plight of Palestinians.

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Although the world appears blind to the suffering of Palestinians, still moral conscience of the world is not dead. The world has tried to bring peace into region and lessen the sufferings of Palestinians by numerous attempts to ceasefires and short truces. Countries like USA, Egypt and Qatar has been offering mediation and their good offices to resolve the conflict. It was the result of these efforts that there was a four-day ceasefire in November-2024 and a three-month short truce from January to March (2025). These periods of ^{relative} calm give Palestinian an opportunity to rebuild and resettle. Hence, the sufferings of Palestinians were not gone unnoticed.

Moreover, extensive coverage of Israel's war crimes on social media has resulted in extensive public awareness and activism. It was the result of this public awareness that factions in Israeli society has started questioning the actions of their government and showing sympathy towards Palestinian.

Along with this, there has been numerous campaigns banning and boycotting Israel products to show solidarity with people of Palestine. The global efforts for humanitarian aid to Palestinian states has also sped up. Rallies and walks are held in Western states showing

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public still stands with Palestine. Reporting of horrific war crimes of Israel never stopped, thus, bringing the matter to world's attention again and again. The sympathies for Palestinian Palestinians led South Africa to file a case against Israel for ^{causing} ~~the~~ genocide and ethnic cleansing of people of Palestine at International Court of Justice. Hence, the support and activism of people for Palestinians never faded away.

Because of this wide spread support and activism, International Criminal Court declared Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, as war criminal for his genocidal actions against ~~Israel~~ Palestine. The ICC even issued arrest warrant for Netanyahu and one other official for their war crimes. This exhibit that world has conscience and morality is not dead. It still take account of the plight of Palestinians and can hold the perpetrator accountable for it. Moreover, the United Nations has speed up its humanitarian aid program to bring relief to the people of Gaza and has relentlessly calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in the region. This demonstrates that the sacrifices of Palestinians are not forgotten and the world is with them.

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Though Muslim world has shown a restrained reaction but it has not stopped Organization of Islamic Cooperation, calls on meetings and session on a slight advancement in the region. It has never backed from its support of Two-state solution for Palestine. Since October 2023, it has condemned the actions and aggressions of Israel. Moreover, OIC has called for ~~an~~ immediate and effective ceasefire in Gaza. In times of dire need, OIC has also supported Palestinian with unhindered humanitarian aid. Recently, the Muslim Ummah has rejected the displacement and settlement proposals made by USA and Israel. The Muslim Ummah stands firm with Palestinian people and is empathetic to their sufferings.

All these actions show that the world has not forgotten the Palestine cause but the reality cannot be denied.

The war is still going on. Numerous efforts to ceasefire and shut nuclear have failed.

Even the mediator like Qatar has backed off due to uncompromising nature of both sides. The Palestinians ~~pep~~ still continue to suffer. The children and women are still dying. The food and water is being weaponized. Palestinian face a man-made famine in their region. Upon reading the pulse of Tel Aviv and Washington, it can be ~~deduced~~ deduced that what is to come is worst than what Palestinians

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have endured. Both countries are providing proposals of settlement unilaterally without any consultation or consent of involved parties. The global actions have been reduced to condemnations and negotiations with Israel. ~~At~~ The world is rising its focus on the region and focusing on other geopolitical happening across the globe.

In conclusion, the Palestinian cause is being pushed to hindsight due to changing geopolitical climate and propaganda of western media. The world is vigorous in its international support and spreading awareness about the plight of Palestinians; but it lacks action. It lacks the definitive steps that can set a precedent for all the perpetuation of war crimes. The world condemns actions of Israel but it failed to stop Israel from expanding the conflict. Extensive coverage has boosted public activism in form of boycott but the world leaders are hesitant of taking any adequate step to put end to this war. The Muslim Ummah has vociferously demasked the brutalities of Israel before world but it still lacks any effective plan of action to bring the conflict to end and hold supremacy of Palestinian at their land. Unless the

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courage to take action is not exhibited, the Palestinian will continue to suffer. There is a dire need to hold Israel accountable for creating and imposing a humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The rule of the world says, "The perpetrator must be held accountable". Only through this way the Palestinians can return to normalize their lives and feel compensated for the losses they endured for around 77 years.

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