



RESEARCH PAPER**Human Rights Violations: A Case Study of Palestine (2000-2024)**

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ABSTRACT

Human rights have constantly been violated by Israel backed by America. It is crucial to address the violations to find solution for the issue. It has been commenced from the inception of Israel. However, in this paper, the time from 2000 to 2024 have been examined to provide accurate data and solution to a massive human rights violations in the region. Qualitative methodology and secondary sources have been used to understand the Palestine situation under the human rights theory. As a result, the state of Israel has further enhanced the brutality in the region. To a large extent women, and children have been perished. All these human rights violations have taken place owing to the support of America. In sum, human rights have massively been violated by Israel backed by the US. It shows they have nothing to do with democracy and human rights but selfish interest. Hence, the democratic principles must be redefined and defended by the globe regardless of any influence and discriminations.

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Introduction

Prior to the Second World War Jews commenced to move toward Palestine from across the globe, the indigenous Jews were mere three percent in the land of Palestine. However, the number of Jews were rapidly enhanced especially after the holocaust. Owing to the increasing number of the Jews in the land of Palestine, the human rights violations have been commencing since that time. "The 1948 Arab-Israeli war was the first instance of a bloody and hostile battle, triggered by the declaration of Israel's independence on May 21, 1948" (Schulze 1999, p. 13). Besides, war and peace initiatives have been taken place but, unfortunately, none of the peace initiatives was succeeded such as Camp David Accord, Oslo Accords, and Camp David II and so on and so forth. Additionally, post 9/11 different wars have taken place such as five Gaza wars in 2008, 2012, 2014, 2021, and 2023 respectively. Above all, recently, Israel commences bombardment in Gaza as a result of that the human rights are being brutally violated and many innocent people have slayed. Henceforth, the solution of the lethal issue is crucial in order to prevent the human rights violation in the state.

Literature Review

The existent literature has reviewed in order to get acquaintance about the issue. As Muhammad Jeffery argues that inter groups conflicts within Palestinian land are also crucial. Because inter groups within Palestine such as Hamas and Fatah are launching

assaults against each other. Thus they itself violate the rights of one another (Jeffery, 2018). Besides, the UN High commissioner for human rights' report has also figured out both the international laws and the human rights violation in the occupy territory in Palestine.

Addition to it, Qandeel says in the research that the masses of Palestine have been effected in terms of its basic rights such as: right to life, movement, expression, and fair trails. The researcher mentions that unfortunately the judiciary in Palestine has been managed by the powerful groups like Hamas and Fatah owing to this thing massive number of people have been deprived from its basic rights. Nevertheless, as far as the Israel's judiciary is concerned, it is biased toward Palestinian. Thus both side judiciary has failed to protect the rights of Palestinian (Qandeel, 2018).

The issue of Palestine and Israel is historically religious and political. The core concern is to captured the city of Jerusalem which is religiously significant for both rival's religions. Besides, they both are in this competition are committed in the human rights violation which needs to be focused in order to provide a candid and just solution so that it cannot be re-emerged in the future. (Beinin &Hajjar, 2024)

Material and Methodology

Qualitative methodology and secondary sources have been consulted owing to the time and budget restrain. Having been consulted the secondary sources, we have reached to a conclusion that Palestine conflict can effectively be examined under the human rights theory of social contract pioneers. Two contracts are needed within the Palestine state among the different groups and with the Israel state in order to get rid of such atrocity and massive human rights violations.

Human rights violations: the first decade of twenty-first century

Primarily, Jews had been tortured and violated their basic rights, after the Second World War they had been sent to the land of Palestine in order to establish their own state. Consequently, on May 14, 1948, the state of Israel came into being, it was internationally recognized as a sovereign state. As a result, Arab-Israel War of 1948-49 took place, Arab was defeated and Israel extend its territory further (Yaseen, et. al. 2023)

Additionally, in 1967 six days war was occurred between Arab (Egypt, Jordan and Syria) and Israel. Again Arab have been pushed back and Israel annexed the Golan Heights and Sinai Peninsula. In this war massive human rights violations were made. Besides, in 1973, Yom Kippur war was taken place. However, many ups and downs were happened, but we focus post 2000 human rights situation in Palestine.

Oslo Accord 1993

The Oslo accord was signed between Israel's Prime Minister (Yitzchak) and leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)'s Yasser Arafat in Washington DC, after the secret meeting in Oslo. Under this accord PLO recognized the state of Israel while Israel conceded PLO as a representative of the Palestinian masses. Besides the Palestinian made self-government in the West-Bank and Gaza. The Oslo agreement was signed for five year in order to prevent further human rights violation for the time being. They agreed that the final settlement would be taking place after five years. "The Oslo Accords marked the first time Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) formally recognized one another. Many at that time believed this was a step in the right direction. But what followed over the next 20 years of negotiations reveals that Israel merely used the agreements to

justify the further expansion of illegal settlements in the territories it occupied in 1967" (Al Jazeera).

Camp David (ii) - 2000

In 2000, the Camp David meeting was held among, the president of USA Bill Clinton, prime minister of Israel's Barak, and Arafat. The summit was held in order to resolve the issue but unfortunately, the meeting concluded without any treaty and agreement. However, owing to the failure of Camp David summit, another period of human rights violation was commenced. It is actually known as a second intifada or Al Aqsa intifada.

Second Intifada

The second intifada was the Palestinian uprising against Israel. Basically, the second intifada caused owing to the failure of Camp David summit but the ultimate cause was the visit of Ariel Sharon to the Temple Mount. The visit was not so aggressive but it provoked riots, pogroms. Massive human rights violations have been observed as "the two uprising resulted in the death of more than 5000 Palestinians and some 1400 Israelis"⁸ (Britannica). Besides, it that time the human rights violations were in full swing such as assaults on busses, using of rubber bullets and tear gas by the state of Israel are the fine instances of the human rights violations. Ultimately, in 2005, both parties were agreed to manage the conflict in order to prevent such catastrophe. As a result, Israel withdrew forces from Gaza strip and in 2007, Hamas completely annexed Gaza. In response Israel blockade of Gaza moved towards Hamas rockets attacks over Israel. Again the innocent people have been slayed and human rights were violated massively.

Conflict in Gaza (2008-2009)

The operation 'cast lead' was commenced by Israel against Hamas. The operation started from December, and it was ended in January 2009. In the course of this war the human rights were violated and indiscriminate killing were taken place. As "approximately 1,440 Palestinians have died (with some organizations estimating that at least half of the dead are civilians), compared with 13 dead (including four civilians) on the Israeli side". The attempt was taken, owing to make sure the security of the occupied territory in order to keep them away from the further assaults.

Human rights violations: from 2010 to 2020

The calmly situation was further deteriorated when 2012 and 2014 wars broke out in Gaza. Owing to the wars human rights violation was boosted up. Enormous number of innocent people had been slayed and their properties have been annexed. Furthermore, from 2017 to 2020 the human rights situation kept as like as before. Unfortunately, the world community has not been taking any proper step to sort the situation out.

The wars in Palestine from 2012 to 2014

In 2012, Israel started operation which is known 'Operation Pillar of Defense' in Gaza. In the operation Hamas's chief Ahmad Jabari was killed by the Israel military. In this war both parties were committed in the human rights abuse. According to the UNHCR report "174 Palestinians were killed and hundreds were wounded. Nonetheless, in July 2014, Israel commenced war against Hamas in Gaza Strip. The conflict remained seven weeks in which thousands of people slayed from both side but majority from Gaza. Above

all, three Israeli's teenager were kidnapped and killed them by Hamas. Henceforth, we can say in this conflict both sides were responsible for human rights violations.

Israel-Palestine conflict from 2018 to 2020

In 2018, conflict broke out between Gaza Strip and Israel's forces, in this tragedy at least seven Palestinians and one Israeli soldier killed. Besides, Israel commenced bombardment and many non-combatants had slayed. However, the human rights were constantly violated and in May 2019, the clashes were enhanced to some extent. According to the world repost 2020 "Israel government continued to enforce severe and discriminatory restrictions on Palestinians' human rights".

The contemporary human rights situation in Gaza (2021 and 2023)

Current atrocities of Israeli forces over fragile Palestinian. The atrocities and barbarian of Israeli on the people of Palestine are not novel and for the first time in history, the daily skirmishes is a common duty of Israeli forces, but the recent bombardment on the residential areas and targeting of innocent people including women and children are the recent inhumane behavior that shock not only Muslims but also the other states as well. The drastic bombardment of Israel in the holy month of Ramadan and the constant 11 days of bombardment without discrimination of children and women, was more devastating than the invasion of Israeli of Gaza in 2014.

The recent conflict commences when Israeli forcefully started evocation of Palestinian from their homes in occupied east Jerusalem. The Israeli forces assault on worshipers at Al- Aqsa mosque in the Holy month of Ramadan, as a result the powerless and helpless Palestinian start strike and mass protests across the west bank in response the Israeli forces inhumanly, and ruthlessly start crushing and prisoned them due to the extreme atrocities and forcefully evocation of Palestine from their homes in the holy month. The Hamas came to response the Israeli brutalities and to protect the helpless Palestinian in the Nene of defense Israeli forces started indiscriminate air strikes and bombardment on innocent Palestinian people and martyr more than 240 Palestinian that include more than 65 children's.

Noam Chomsky an American linguistic, philosopher once says "you take my water, destroy my house, kill my mother, imprisoned my father, bombarded my country, starve us all and humiliated us but I am to blame I shot a rocket back".

The world only condemned the brutality of Israel in Palestine. OIC condemns the act but no practical measure for the collective action was taken. The Arab countries have been established diplomatic relation with Israel. The US and some western allies are still upholding Israel and called it is barbarian and inhumane acts on the innocent Palestinian on the name of self-defence. The UN Security Council meeting was delayed owing to the United States but all the other 14 members of the Security Council agreed and called for de-escalation.

The increasing numbers of the Jewish settlement in the east Jerusalem and west bank to change the demographic of the occupied land and these constant blockade at Gaza has made the lives worst of Palestinian. The main goal of the Israel is to force out the entire Palestinian state and the western supporting specially the United States make Israel further encourage to colonize the across occupied land.

The Trump's administration strongly uphold Israel to shift its embassy to Jerusalem and also to encourage Israel to expand its land and new settlement in the occupied territory. The Biden's administration did not condemn the barbaric and cruel destructive air strikes on children's and women but support Israel and said that's the right of Israel to defend its self from Hamas terrorist attacks. The Biden administration later express support for a ceasefire but before the United States allowed Israel to continue its aggressive and inhumane attacks and delayed the meeting of the United Nations which demands for a ceasefire. They have the right of self-defense and self-determination and must have their own state and it can be possible through the indiscriminative support of the international community.

On May 9, 2021, Israel commences the airstrikes in Gaza, in this catastrophic attacks massive number of human rights violations are observed. In the eleven days rockets attacks at least 240 were slayed. The majority of the people were died from the Palestinian side. In these brutal attacks, Israel tries to change the demography of the Gaza. For the accomplishment of its objectives they annexed properties and homes of the Palestinian people in order to get majority in Gaza. On the other hand, all most all the states have been condemned the brutal acts of against Palestine but the Israelis keep it continue. Eventually, owing to immense presser of the world the cease fire signed on 20 May for the time being. However, the temporary solution in not enough, it needs a solution once for all. As we observe that majority of states which uphold the posture of Palestine are not willing to support them further. For instance under Abraham Accord UAE recognized Israel. Henceforth, it is time to both from inside and from outside masses should make contract in order to maintain their security and progress.

Operation Al-Aqsa Storm of October 7, 2023

On October 7, Hamas launched a surprise attack on the state of Israel and killed at least 1200 Israel's citizen including some American citizen have been killed on that day. In response, Israel launches missiles and commences operation by ignoring any human rights and the law of wars. Up-to-date more than 35 thousand innocent people have been killed by the Israel's strikes. By now Tel viv is no mood to cease the brutal war in the region. In the above mentioned figures more than half are children and women who have been killed in the attacks. Moreover, UN officials and press members have also been killed. The people who dying are not the part of war they are innocent while the Israel is committed to give them collective punishment of Hamas which is against international laws and morals.

It is a crucial tested time for the so called champion of democracy and human right such the US. The US is the core perpetuator of democracy and human rights whereas in the case of Palestine conflicts they show their true face that the America has nothing to with democracy and human rights but their personal interest. Because almost all the peace resolutions have been vetoed by the Washington. It shows that the so-called democracy is nothing but to protect the interests of the powerful.

Conclusion

In a nutshell, the human rights violation in Palestine is not enhanced in overnight, it has a long history. Many variables are involved. Since the beginning, the human rights violations have been commenced. The state of Israel has been supported by the USA, on the other hand Palestine has been upheld by the Arab's states. Such upholding from both the sides have been boosting up the human rights violation from the existence of Israel state. Nevertheless, some attempts were to be taken to calm down the situation from 1993 but unfortunately the mediators has not been succeeded. In the contemporary scenario the

situation has changed, as we discoursed that Arab's state has been upholding Palestine but in the contemporary atmosphere the Arab's state is moving to build relation with Israel. Henceforth, the space for the Palestinians is going to be further compact. In this situation the world community as well as both nations should endure for peace and stability. The Palestinians people should burry the internal hatchet and making a social contract with inside of Palestine and with Israel in order to maintain peace and security. Thus the social contract theory is needed to be signed by the both nations. Besides, America and western countries need to uphold democracy and human rights rather than selfish interest. They both need to exert pressure on Israel in order to nip the evil in the bud.

Recommendations

- First and foremost, the global community must take the side of democracy and human rights rather than selfish interest. Then they need to exert pressure on Israel for the solution of the problem.
- Besides both the rivals must adopt flexible approach to reach to a conclusion. Moreover, the US should also put pressure on Israel and cooperate with the Arabian countries in order to make sure the settlement once for all.
- Israel has been violated the international laws regarding war international community and peace organization must implement such law in order to keep the world peaceful and safe.
- Arab countries must discuss the solution of the Palestine issue and then established cordial relations with Israel. This strategy is peaceful and on the basis of win-win game.
- The UN resolutions must be implemented on the basses of two state solution. For that almost all the countries of West and the US should work hard in order to protect the world order, democracy and human rights.
- Last but not the least the People of Palestine must make two contracts the first one is among them while the second one with Israel in order to protect human rights and democracy in the region.

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