

Stop Mutual Attacks and End the Century Long Conflicts

We Condemn the Centrist Stand of Indian Government

India should Stand by the side of Palestine

Precisely 106 years ago, on November 2, 1917, the Balfour Declaration by the British has cast a lasting shadow over Palestine, resembling an enduring ember perpetuated by American imperialism even in the present day. For its logistical requirements the United States supports Israel, despite concerns about Israel's racial tensions and aggression towards Palestine. For many decades, Israel's actions have led to the destruction of Palestine, raising doubts about the survival of the Palestinian population, often in violation of peace agreements and international laws set by the United Nations. As a result many Palestinians are murdered and lost their 80% of territory. The actions of Israel against Palestine are often seen as supported or enabled by the influence of US imperialism. On April 2021, reacting to Israel's actions, the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, part of the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), have issued a warning to Israel, stating that they may resort to rocket attacks. Palestinians have been launching attacks on Israel as a means to protect their self-esteem and ensure their survival.

On October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a massive military operation into Israeli territory. The shooting of thousands of rockets into Israel was followed by an attack by land, air and sea, with fighters penetrating deep into territory under Israeli control. They attacked military installations and temporarily took over various settlements. The dozens of Israeli hostages were also taken into the Gaza Strip. The depth and magnitude of the attack were unprecedented and took Israel by surprise. It was a reaction to changing regional dynamics and growing Israeli aggression.

Israel has been carrying out military raids in the occupied West Bank almost on a daily basis. At least 200 Palestinians and some 30 Israelis have been killed so far this year. In April, Israeli police raided Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third holiest place of worship, triggering rocket attacks from Gaza, which were followed by Israeli air strikes. In July, Israel carried out a major raid in the West Bank town of Jenin.

In recent years, normalisation ties between Israel and Saudi Arabia (a deal which is being pursued actively by the Biden administration), this process further diminished the significance of the Palestinian issue for Arab leaders who became less keen on pressuring Israel on this matter.

Whatever mediation happens between Israel and Hamas eventually, it is unlikely to address the root causes of the conflict. There does not seem to be any political will within Israel to

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address issues like the imprisonment of Palestinians, the freezing of Palestinian funds, the dire socio-economic conditions in Gaza and the occupied West Bank, or the continuing settlement expansion. This means the Palestinian-Israeli conflict will continue to fester and produce cycles of violence.

The United States, France, India, Britain, Australia, and Norway have refrained from condemning Israel's actions against Palestine, yet they have expressed condemnation of the attacks by Hamas and express their full support for Israel. On one step ahead US President Biden has announced support with the ammunition and soldiers from his country. 2000 soldiers have already arrived in Israel as per the orders of the President. A fighter jet team also went there along with them. The US is ready to send 3000 more troops and warships as needed.

In this conflict, Palestine is not standing alone. Iran, South Africa, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Qatar have stood for Palestine.

"Israeli people mustn't fall prey to the US-Israeli conspiracy to rewrite, rather redraw the political geography of the Middle East. Oppose Israeli occupation of Gaza Strip as hostage in its fight against Palestine. Peace loving people of the world should raise voice against the warmonger Netanyahu's declaration "All Hamas will be Dead Men". Raise voice to stop war and assure that people of Gaza Strip would not be kept as hostages depending on the mercy of Israel for water, electricity and communication. As Indians call upon the Government to refrain from blanket Support to Israel and work for peace, our Indian government should not be a centrist. Instead should stand by the side of Palestine.

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