

# SECURITY COUNCIL





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## Topic B

"Protection protocols for the humanitarian crisis in the Israeli-Palestine conflict"

#### Abstract

The Israel-Palestine conflict has been escalating in recent months, resulting in numerous war crimes and an alarming number of humanitarian violations. This crisis is urgent, as security is difficult to ensure, and human rights are constantly at risk. In such a violent conflict, it is vital to create protection protocols that prioritize civilian safety, ensure access to humanitarian aid and healthcare, and establish safe zones.

The design of these protocols should focus on two key areas:



#### 1. Civilian Protection:

2. Innocent civilians are at great risk of being attacked, injured, or killed. To protect them, protocols should establish safe zones where civilians can seek refuge, alongside ongoing efforts to achieve a ceasefire.

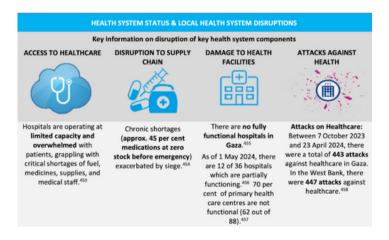
#### 3. Humanitarian Aid:

4. Despite the United Nations' efforts, humanitarian aid has repeatedly failed to reach its destination. On August 28th, UN aid sent to Gaza on a diplomatic mission was attacked by Israel. Neutral corridors must be established to ensure that humanitarian aid can reach those in need.

All actions that violate these protocols and international law must be documented and punished, ensuring that the parties to the conflict respect the Geneva Conventions, which "establish protections, standards of humane treatment, and fundamental guarantees of respect for individuals victimized by armed conflicts" (Cornell Law School, 2017).

The ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine underscores the urgent necessity for the Security Council to ensure a better life for civilians. It is therefore vital to bring to the forum the discussion of new protection protocols that can offer hope to those trapped in the conflict. Despite persistent political differences, collaboration and commitment to these protocols are essential to making a real impact on the lives of thousands of civilians.

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# THE GAZA STRIP

RISK OF FAMINE AS 495,000 PEOPLE FACE CATASTROPHIC ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY (IPC PHASE 5)

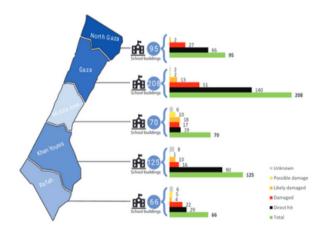
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The present table shows the collected data and projections of the levels of nutrition, food consumption, and food availability, divided into: Phase 1 (Adequate), Phase 2 (Minimally Adequate), Phase 3 (Moderately Adequate), Phase 4 (Inadequate), and Phase 5 (Very Inadequate/Extremely Inadequate).

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Graphic demonstration of Palestinian schools that have suffered damage to their infrastructure and the total number of schools affected in each region.

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# **Existing Solutions**

The **Protection Cluster** was established in January 2009, led by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Its purpose is to coordinate protection activities, humanitarian rights, and the application of international law in crisis situations.



The cluster serves as an inclusive platform bringing together United Nations agencies, local and international NGOs, working in both the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Since October 2023, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) has partnered with organizations such as Juzoor for Health and Social Development, Anera, and the Welfare Association to address the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Palestine. Achievements from this collaboration include:

- Supporting 3,500 households with food distribution through Tawoon.
- Deploying eight emergency medical teams.
- Delivering 46 metric tons of medical supplies.
- Providing psychosocial support for 9,000 children in partnership with Anera.

The IRC was founded in 1933 by Albert Einstein and a group of humanitarians, aiming to assist those affected by crises.

#### Treaties and alliances

Egyptian territory has been receiving more that 390,000 refugees and asylum seekers in the border of Razah crossing with Gaza.

Some of the organs of the United Nations such as UNICEF have been providing essential goods and services like medical support, fuel and emergency assistance.

The same way international organizations such as Doctors Without Borders are involved in the supplying of humanitarian aid to the affected territories.

Most of the Palestinian refugees were displaced from Syria to the Jordan Territory, causing more than 2 million Palestinian refugees to be registered in the country.

Since its incorporation in 2003, the Alliance for Peacebuilding has been working continuously to end violent conflict and build sustainable peace; now including all its members, they are searching principally for urgent humanitarian access to deliver much-needed assistance in the West Bank. This peacebuilding organization has many members in its program, including individuals, local organizations and countries, some of these are: United States of America, Kenya, Iraq, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Chad, Haiti and many others, with which added gives a total of 181 member countries.

## **Key Questions**

1. Has your country provided humanitarian aid or diplomatic support to either side of the conflict? If so, in what form?



- 1. What specific humanitarian aid has your country provided to civilians affected by the conflict, and how has it ensured that the aid reaches those in need?
- 2. What protocols does your country advocate for the protection of healthcare workers, journalists, and aid workers in conflict zones?
- 3. What measures does your country propose to support internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees affected by the conflict?
- 4. How does your country engage with regional actors such as the Arab League, the European Union, or other Middle Eastern countries to protect civilians?
- 5. What strategies does your country propose to overcome political and military barriers to ensure the uninterrupted flow of humanitarian aid to civilians?
- 6. What specific actions does your delegation propose to ensure the protection of civilians caught in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?
- 7. How does your delegation plan to ensure the long-term protection and rehabilitation of displaced populations affected by the conflict?

# **Support Links**

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# Topic A

"Addressing the upsurge of war crimes in the Israeli-Palestine conflict"

#### **Abstract**

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one of the most violent and tragic conflicts in modern history and has been discussed in UN forums for many years in search of solutions. The issue began after World War I with the British Mandate over what is now called Palestine. Tensions arose between the predominantly Arab population and a Jewish minority, escalating as Jewish migration increased due to political persecution in Europe.

By 1947, the United Nations voted to divide Palestine into a Jewish and Arab state, with Jerusalem remaining an international city. The borders have since changed due to ongoing conflicts. During these confrontations, war crimes have been committed by both sides. The UN defines war crimes as "serious violations of the international rules of war, such as mistreating captured enemy soldiers, or



killing, raping, torturing, or deporting civilians during armed conflict" (Nations, 2024). Numerous investigations have been conducted into possible war crimes by both nations.

# **Nowadays**

On the morning of October 7, 2023, Hamas and other Palestinian groups launched an attack from Gaza into Israel, firing thousands of rockets and crossing the border. They attacked towns including Be'eri, Kfar Aza, Nir Oz, and others, committing executions and kidnappings, primarily targeting civilians at a nearby musical festival. On October 9, Israel initiated a siege on Gaza, cutting off electricity and food supplies, resulting in a humanitarian crisis for the 2.2 million residents of Gaza.

As of September 18, 2024, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reported 41,272 Palestinian fatalities. Amnesty International also maintains there is irrefutable evidence of war crimes being committed.

Despite numerous attempts to broker peace, such as the Security Council resolution during Ramadan, efforts have been hindered by ongoing violence. For instance, on August 28, 2024, a UN humanitarian vehicle delivering food to Gaza was struck by Israeli forces.

Both Israel and Palestine have been found guilty of war crimes, including targeting civilians, killing prisoners of war, breaching medical neutrality, attacking journalists, and committing acts of genocide.

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By 18 September 2024; 95,551	ОСНА
Palestinians were reported injured.	United Nations Office for the Coordination of
	Humanitarian Affairs. (2024, September 18).
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	Humanitarian Affairs.
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	-snapshot-gaza-strip-18-september-2024



Since the conflict started, nearly 300	REUTERS
humanitarian aid workers have	Nichols, M. (2024, September 12). UN chief says
been killed.	lack of accountability on UN staff killings in
	Gaza "unacceptable." Reuters.
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Around 1.9 million people – nine in	United Nations Population Fund
10 Gazans - who have been	UNFPA. (2024, 3 September). Crisis in the
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List of Israeli War Crimes since	Institute of Palestine Studies.
Oct. 7 up to December 30, 2023:	Sayegh, N. (2023, December 30). No Justice, No



1. Genocide

 Intentional Harm of Protected Persons

Violation of Treaties
 Regarding Vulnerable
 Individuals

- 4. Disproportionate Response
- Forced Displacement and Land Annexation
- 6. Perfidy
- Desecration and Mutilation of Corpses
- Destruction of Cultural Property
- Food, Medical Supplies, and Humanitarian Aid
- Defaulting on Obligations as an Occupying Power

Peace: A list of Israeli war crimes since Oct. 7.

Institute for Palestine Studies.

https://www.palestine-studies.org/en/node/16549

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# **Existing solutions**

Since July of this year, several meetings have been held globally to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, involving organizations like the UN Security Council and leaders such as U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Harris reaffirmed her support for a two-state solution, which she described as the only way to ensure Israel's security and democracy while allowing Palestinians to achieve the freedom and prosperity they deserve. Many leaders are actively working towards finding a resolution to the conflict and rebuilding Gaza.

The Oslo Accords were a series of peace agreements in the 1990s. Several meetings took place between Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), facilitated by the Clinton administration. Two major agreements were reached: the 1993 accord, which established mutual recognition between Israel and the PLO, and the 1995 agreement, which divided the West Bank into three areas under varying degrees of Palestinian and Israeli control. However, challenges arose, and a final agreement was never reached.



The **Arab Peace Initiative**, proposed by Saudi Arabia in 2002 and endorsed by the Arab League, offers Israel normalized relations with Arab states in exchange for a full withdrawal from the territories occupied in the 1967 Six-Day War, the establishment of a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, and a just solution for Palestinian refugees. Although Israel has not fully accepted it, particularly due to concerns over the right of return for refugees and security issues, it remains a key reference point in discussions on resolving the conflict.

The **Abraham Accords**, signed on September 15, 2020, normalized relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Morocco. These agreements have led to new opportunities for direct flights, cultural exchanges, business partnerships, and government collaborations, driving investment and growth in the region

#### Treaties and alliances

Egypt was involved in the Oslo Accords agreement of 1993.

Oman has participated in several diplomatic initiatives to support peace processes in the conflict and has served as a mediator between the two involved nations.

Qatar has acted as a mediator between Hamas and Israel, focusing on the safety of women and children. In August 2020, the United Arab Emirates became the third Arab country to recognize Israel, signing a deal with U.S. assistance. Since then, trade has grown, and many Israelis have visited the UAE.

Iran is heavily involved in the conflict, historically supporting Israel on some occasions but currently aligned with Hamas.

Jordan and Israel have had diplomatic relations since 1994, despite past conflicts and regional tensions. Jordan oversees holy sites in Jerusalem, while Iran opposes Israel and supports groups like Hezbollah and Hamas, challenging peace in the region.

Iraq opposed Israel's creation and fought against it in 1948 but lost. Its role in the conflict weakened after the 1991 Gulf War and Saddam Hussein's fall in 2003. However, Iraqi groups linked to Iran have threatened U.S. interests over Israel's conflict with Hamas.

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has offered to mediate the Israel-Hamas conflict after October 7, criticizing Israel's actions in Gaza. Turkey once had strong ties with Israel, but relations soured under Erdoğan's leadership. However, they restored full diplomatic ties in 2022 after years of tension.

Yemen's role in the Israel-Palestine conflict is limited, but Houthi leader Abdel-Malek al-Houthi threatened to target U.S. interests if it intervened following Hamas's October 7 attacks.



- Key Questions
- How has your delegation been affected by the conflict?
- What is your delegation's position, and what measures has it taken in response to the conflict?
- What are the diplomatic, military, or economic ties between your country and Israel or Palestine?
- Has your country supported any UN Security Council or General Assembly resolutions on the conflict?
- What mechanisms does your country support for investigating and prosecuting war crimes in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (e.g., the International Criminal Court, special tribunals)?
- How does your country view arms sales or military aid to either side? Does it provide any form of military assistance?
- Has your country historically supported either Israel or Palestine? If so, why?
- What are the key legal definitions and frameworks regarding war crimes, especially under international humanitarian law and the Geneva Conventions?
- What is the historical background of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?
- What is your country's position on mitigating the conflict?

## **Support Links**

Security Council Report:

https://www.securitycouncilreport.org/?

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# Anadolu Ajansı:

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Integrated food security Phase Classification:

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content/uploads/2024/03/IPC Famine Committee Review Report Gaza Strip Acute Food Insecurit y Feb July2024 Special Brief.pdf

Council on Foreign Relations:

https://www.cfr.org/global-conflict-tracker/conflict/israeli-palestinian-conflict



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