



Report of the Meeting

The United Nations and the Issue of Palestine

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Lecturers	Topics	Lectures' Kernels
<p>Dr. MohammadReza Ziaiee Bigdeli, Professor, Allameh Tabataba'i University Meeting's Chairperson</p>	<p>Foreword</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent storm raised by Hamas on October 7 intended to compel Israel disrupted all the international relations and international laws' equations towards detente; • The UN Security Council's efforts to maintaining peace and security were futile due to the main powers' vetoes and a resolution on "protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations" adopted by the General Assembly although its enforcement is not ensured; • Scientific and critical discussions on the issue of Palestine in the framework of the UN and beyond among distinguished professors and diplomats are being presented by this meeting held by IAUNS on the virtue of its objective and the significant inhuman impacts of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Middle East.

<p>Dr. Fereydoun Majlesi, Former Diplomat</p>	<p>International Obligations and Hamas War</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Appraisal legal aspects of a pure political and military issue in international politics by political actors is biased and subject to states' wills and interests therefore, there are always contradictions between politics and law however there have been rare cases to the contrary such as George McGhee 's decision against his own state's interest 70 years ago in the case of nationalization of the Iranian oil industry. ◆ There are some recent promising positions on the matter from Iranian officials which would contribute to deescalate the tension such as Dr Zarif opinion based on avoiding behaviors which will lead to nations' loss and disadvantage and taking cooperative approaches instead to gain economic advantages to make effective defense feasible too, and another comment from a projectile commander based on Iran's refusal to strike the U.S after the terror of Commander in chief Soleimani due to the prospective destructive repercussions in spite of its capabilities, plus signing the General Assembly's recent resolution which Iran voted in favor of and two-State solution; ◆ Regarding or the importance of Arab market for the U.S economy in comparison to that of Israel and essentiality of US. And European market for China in comparison to Iran's market and Russia as Iran's energy rival, Iran's rationality and national interest should be its primary preference in taking any actions and making any decisions.
<p>Dr. Seyed Mohammad Kazem Sajadpour, Professor School of International Relations of Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Appraisal of the UN of relevance to the issue of Palestine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The UN has been an unceasing activist organization concerning the issue of Palestine since its establishment for 78 years now whether as a single agenda item or as Arab-Israeli wars through operations both developing informations and norms regarding its humanitarian aspects and building institutions such as UNRWA acting as a welfare state for Palestinians which has been boosted from 1970s by the Global South vis-a'-vis collective West;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Having regard to the current crisis as being a complex asymmetric one and the fact that Israel found the shock caused by a non-state actor to its amazement demonstrates that being dominant power does not equivalent to having operational dominance; ■ The reflections of the above crisis has led the UN to take actions to modify the Zionist Regime’s behavior whether thorough emerging collective E10 initiatives representing elected members of the Security Council or emergency special sessions of the General Assembly and delegitimizing Israel’s actions.
<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Nasrin Mosaffa, Professor, University of Tehran IAUNS Chair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The essentiality of UN humanitarian aids on the current Gaza matter make taking a look at the root of the humanitarian mechanisms in Palestine inevitable; ➤ The UN’s 75th anniversary didn’t seem to augur well due to the Covid-19 pandemic plus other developments which deeply impacted international cooperations and made them disproportionate but the fact is crucial events in international relations are the starting points for more considerations; ➤ Despite of constant unresolved political issues and different conceptual debates such as UN accountability and complicity UNRWA as a paragon of humanitarian measure beneficial to civilians is the first humanitarian institution established in 1948 as a subsidiary pillar of the General Assembly for supporting refugees and developing human security; ➤ In spite of UNRWA’s dependence on the UN powers’ budgets and its political and financial problems and some of its existing normative contradiction with Hamas, institution as such with 30000 personnels and 74 years experience in wars and conflicts has been contributing and dedicating to decreasing human sufferings although in an undetermined amount.
Questions and Answers		