



Impact of Military Support Provided to Israeli Occupation Forces on Escalating Human Rights Violations in Palestine

Background:

Since October 7, 2023, the Israeli occupation forces have launched a military attack on the Gaza Strip. During this attack, they have conducted indiscriminate and disproportionate military operations, as well as other unlawful attacks against the civilian population and civilian infrastructure. This includes medical, educational, and residential buildings, which are clear violations of human rights and serious breaches of international humanitarian law. These actions are considered criminal under international law, yet they have been carried out without accountability or punishment. Israeli occupation forces have also used internationally banned weapons, such as explosive weapons and white phosphorous.

The provision of weapons and military support to Israel by several governments around the world, particularly the British, American, and French governments, constitutes complicity in the ongoing genocide against civilians in the Gaza Strip. This complicity goes against numerous laws and treaties of international humanitarian law, which demand an immediate halt to military support operations that contribute to grave human rights violations. Article VI of the Arms Trade Treaty Agreement specifically obligates states not to authorize any transfer of conventional weapons if they know that those weapons will be used to commit acts of genocide or crimes against humanity. It is clear that arms exports to Israel do not align with these obligations.

The Israeli occupation forces' bombings and sieges deprive civilians of necessities for survival and render Gaza an unsafe place to live. They use the weapons they have acquired to destroy civilian infrastructure, including medical, educational, and residential buildings. This not only destroys livelihoods but also forces citizens to leave Gaza and forcibly displaces them without any guarantees of return.

Therefore, this event aims to discuss "**Impact of Military Support Provided to Israeli Occupation Forces on Escalating Human Rights Violations in Palestine**" and the complicity of countries exporting weapons to Israel. These countries bear responsibility for the human rights violations committed against civilians, which amount to acts of genocide. The goal is to urge states that are parties to the ATT to prohibit any future transfers of conventional weapons, ammunition, parts, and components to the Israeli occupation forces. The continued flow of weapons only amplifies the human rights violations faced by civilians and represents a clear violation of the terms of the treaty.

Importance of Event:

This event holds significant importance in light of the escalating suffering of the Palestinian people due to severe human rights violations, which amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity. These violations are a result of ongoing military support provided to Israel by various European countries, in violation of Articles 6 and 7 of the ATT. It is crucial to end this situation and address the role of weapon exports in exacerbating human rights violations and prolonging



the conflict. Understanding these dynamics is essential to identify effective methods for reducing these violations. The event can be categorized into four key areas:

- **Axis 1: Military support and arms exports to Israel.**
- **Axis 2: Human rights violations committed by Israeli occupation forces, which amount to crimes of genocide.**
- **Axis 3: Conventions and legal articles that prohibit the sale of weapons to countries involved in violations of international humanitarian law.**
- **Axis 4: Effective implementation of ATT during the human rights crisis in Gaza.**

Event Agenda

Subject	Duration
Event Introduction	5 mins.
Military support and arms exports to Israel	15 mins.
Human rights violations committed by Israeli occupation forces, which amount to crimes of genocide	15 mins.
Conventions and legal articles prohibiting sale of weapons to states involved in violations of international humanitarian law	15 mins.
Effective implementation of ATT during the human rights crisis in Gaza	15 mins.
Interactive questions	10 mins.
Recommendations	5 mins.

Event Details

Date: February 22, 2024 at 14Cairo time
Location: Virtually on Zoom platform
Duration: 80 minutes
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