

# Words of Visionaries

Module: Unresolved Conflicts

In our contemporary world, the importance of knowledge cannot be overstated. To truly know your times and be a visionary, one must possess a deep awareness of current events and trends. This awareness serves as the foundation for understanding the present and shaping a brighter future. **"The Israel-Palestine Conflict"** is a burning topic in today's world, and in the session, we attempted to unravel the complex intricacies of the conflict. The aim is to give the participants knowledge and wisdom to anticipate what's on the horizon, thus enabling them to proactively adapt and innovate for a more promising tomorrow..

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## Israel- Palestine Conflict simplified



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14 years

Israel and Palestine have been fighting with each other for 75 years. Now the question arises: why are they fighting?

For simple understanding, they can be compared with two children who are fighting over the ownership of something. There are differences in their beliefs and demands. When compared to the Israel-Palestine conflict, we can say that it's a territorial conflict over land and borders. Here, their religious beliefs are different too. The religion of Palestine is Islam, and that of Israel is Judaism. Both sides believe they have the right over the land and assume it to be a part of their nation. Israel, a nation was born in 1948 after UN intervention. Soon after started the Israeli land expansion, and because of Arab-Israeli aggression, many political groups rose in Palestine. One such group is Hamas, founded in the late 1990s by Palestinians to reclaim the lost territory.

Both countries are fighting today, and they have not reached any solution despite the peace process started by the UN and mediation by other nations. Both countries are adamant! The present-day situation is not good. On October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a huge attack across the border and deep into Israel, and in retaliation, Israel said it had been intensely bombarded at the Gaza Strip. Israel has also restricted and prevented the supply of water, electricity, and other necessities to Gaza.

In my view, the solution to the conflict between the two countries is peace. Some of the countries in the world are supporting Israel, and some of the countries are supporting Palestine. In my view, violence is not the solution to the conflict. They should sit together and resolve the matter peacefully through dialogue.

## Developing Deeper Understanding



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18 years

It all started in the early twenty century when Great Britain aspired to take control of the region we know today as Israel-Palestine. The land at that time was home to the Arab majority and Jewish minority. For decades, Israelis and Palestinians have been fighting over one issue- Claim of Land. Both claim that it's theirs for religious and historical reasons.

In the 19th century, a group of Jewish people launched a movement to create their exclusive state, Zionism. At this point, much of the area was controlled by the Ottoman Empire and was mostly inhabited by the Arabs. However, in the early 20th century, to win the support of Jews to overthrow the Ottoman Empire, the British government issued the Balfour Declaration which promised a national home to them. In 1948, after the Holocaust and World War 2 ended, the UN decided to separate the land into Jewish and Arab states but none of the parties agreed to that.

Hence, in 1948, Israel was born and soon after the Arabs retaliated sparking several wars. In the outcome, Israel got much of the territory which urged Palestinians to leave or live in settlements. This further led to many conflicts spread over the past 70 years. The Palestine territory is today primarily restricted to the West Bank and Gaza.

Today, the Gaza Strip is a region ruled by Hamas, an Islamic group committed to the destruction of Israel. Year 2023, has been titled as the deadliest year on record for this conflict. In October Hamas attacked the major cities of Israel, and Israel retaliated with a sudden attack on the Gaza Strip causing massive havoc and destruction. With each passing day, it doesn't look like the war is coming to an end anytime soon. The world continues to live on tenterhooks!