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## Introduction

What is the country where about 43 percent of the Jewish population lives in the world? Israel is a country where the majority of the population is Jews. Because of conflicts between Jews and Arabs in Palestine, these ethnic groups are in physical fighting. Besides, both ethics have opened peaceful conversations over the last 25 years, but there is no predominant improvement. As the lives of civilizations are devastated, the sovereignty of the Israel government becomes weakened. Even though United Nations support them to end this catastrophe, there should be a reciprocal and meaningful agreement between the two ethics groups: Jews and Arabs.

## Background

Israel is located at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea. It is established in 1948. Traditionally, there are ethnic conflicts in the country. After the end of the Ottoman empire, dominated middle east Asia, in 1922, the United Kingdom dominated the region known as Palestine. A problem was raised when the global societies try to build a National Home for Jews in Palestine. While the United Kingdom took the role in this project, conflicts between Arabs and Jews occurred. For Jews, Palestinian land was the home of their ancestors, but Palestinian Arabs also opposed the plan, claiming sovereignty over the land. Meanwhile, more Jews arrived in the Palestinian region to escape the Holocaust (the massacre of Jews by the Nazis) in World War II between the 1920s and 40s. In 1947, the United Nations passed a "Palestinian division" that separated the Palestinian region into a Jewish state and an Arab state but set Jerusalem as a joint international governance zone. Jerusalem was planned to become an "international city" that belonged to no one. However, the split was accepted by Jewish leaders but was not eventually implemented due to Arab's rejection. In 1948, British rulers who failed to solve the problem withdrew from the Palestinian region, and then Jewish leaders declared the establishment of the state of Israel.



Territory of Israel



Many Palestinians opposed Israel's establishment of a state, and the First Middle East War followed. Troops from neighboring Arab countries invade the Palestinian territories. Israel still occupies the West Bank. Although it was withdrawn from Gaza, the United Nations considers Gaza to be part of Israel's occupation. Israel claims that Jerusalem is its capital, including East Jerusalem, while Palestinians claim that it is its future capital. Several countries, including the United States, acknowledge Israel's claim. Israel has built Jewish settlements in East Jerusalem over the past 50 years, with 600,000 Jews currently living in East Jerusalem. Palestinians say Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem is illegal under international law and an obstacle to peace, but Israel denies it. Still, both sides are provoking several damages.

## Problems Raise

### *Endless Armed Conflicts*

Armed conflict is the most important issue in Israel. The most recent issue is that a Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader died in an Israeli prison after an 86-day hunger strike. This led Israeli security forces and Palestinian armed groups to exchange airstrikes and rocket launches, killing ten Palestinian civilians and leaving more than 1,100 displaced. Because of these unhumanitarian acts, many nations view this



Military actions in Israeli to Citizens

issue as unsolvable. Moreover, the armed conflicts consume a lot of money to bolster the Palestinian Authority and preserve the provision of critical services to the Palestinian people. For example, In the debate of the Security Council in the United Nations on May 24, 2023, they declared that without new financial donations, the World Food Program will temporarily stop financial assistance to 200,000 Palestinians so United Nations Relief and

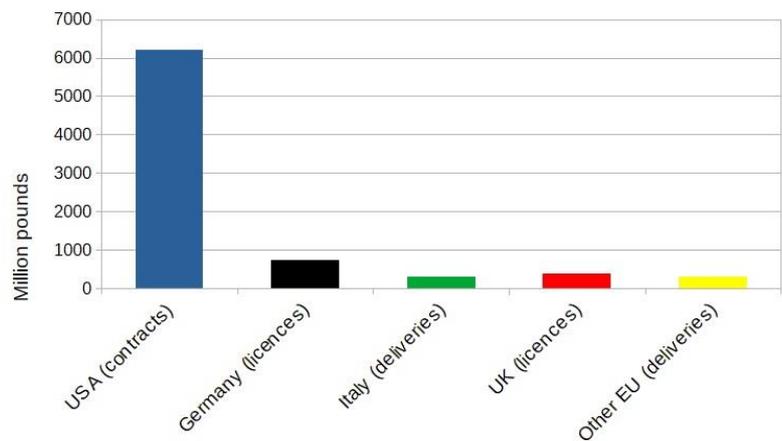
Works Agency for Palestine Refugees will not have enough resources to provide services in September resulting in security challenges. Furthermore, military weapons used in the violence cause the deaths of innocent citizens. On May 10, 2023, thirteen Palestinians including five women and four children were killed because of strikes in the morning. In response to the attack, Palestinian militaries fired more than 460 rockets and hit more than 130 targets inside Gaza. These unreasonable deaths raise concerns and critical views from other countries. For instance, The United Kingdom criticized Israeli security forces killed 110 more Palestinians this year, including civilians, in the West Bank as well as twelve civilian deaths in Gaza, including six children. It urged Israeli security forces to refrain from using force and investigated civilian casualties, warning that 2023 would be the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since UN records began in 2024.



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### *Imports of Military Weapons*

As the degree of armed conflicts between the ethics increases, a number of importing military weapons follow up. According to i24 news, around 400,000 illegal weapons are imported and reported by Israel's parliament. Weapons imported through this method mostly are used as a source of gun violence in Arab communities by criminal organizations. Most of their military weapons are imported from the USA. Besides, other European nations such as Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom are the main suppliers of weapons to Israel. Based on the data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, about 70.2 percent of imported conventional weapons to Israel are supplied by the US. A recent report by the State Comptroller's Office found that gun violence has been on the rise every year since 2017. In 2020, a record 10,874 shooting incidents were reported. The reason why more and more weapons are imported to Israel is because it is a great business. For example, the United States signed contracts worth 8.7 dollars worth of arms to Israel and Germany issued licenses for arms sales for Israel worth about 862 euros between 2015 and 2019. The reason why there are



Major Countries that export military weapons to Israeli

sustainable weapons markets in Israel is because several companies supply arms to Israel. For instance, Lockheed Martin – one of the largest arms companies in the world, which is based in the United States – has supplied 100 F-16I combat aircraft to Israel, eventually being ubiquitous fighter aircraft in Israel. In addition, BAE Systems, the largest arms company in the United Kingdom has a lot of arms production relationships with Israel such as the Mk 38 Mod 2 machine Gun System with Rafael and supplying this to the Israeli military. As a result, the estimated number of illegal weapons in Israel is 400,000. Not only Israel has illegal weapons causing violence, but also it has nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons in Israel become the most dangerous threat in the Middle East. The Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction was held between November 14-18 in 2022 in order to discuss the peace in the Middle East. Resolution number A/C.1/77/L.2, which was drafted by Egypt with the support of other Arab countries, passed with an initial vote of 152-5. Unsurprisingly, among the five countries that voted against the draft were the United States, Canada, and, of course, Israel itself. Thus, the import of military weapons still remains a significant problem in Israel.



## International Actions

### *Aids from United States*

In order to protect the territory of Israel, the United States has supported the government of Israel since World War II. Israel is the largest recipient of U.S. aid since World War II. According to data from the U.S. Congressional Research Service (CRS) released in November 2020, Israel received a total of \$3.8 billion (about 4.26 trillion won) in aid in 2020. It's all military aid. The amount was agreed upon during the Obama administration in 2016, and it was decided to provide a total of \$38 billion between 2017 and 2028. This is an increase of six percent compared to the previous decade, even when inflation is



taken into account. The 10-year total of \$38 billion did not include the cost of building a missile defense system such as the Iron Dome. The \$3.8 billion in aid in 2020 is the sum of \$3.3 billion in general military aid and \$500 million in building an iron dome. Israel purchased 50 F-35 integrated fighter jets with the

A Conversation between presidents of Israeli and United States money, and has so far taken delivery of 27 F-35s. Last year, it also purchased eight Boeing KC-46A Pegasus to refuel the F-35 in the air. In addition, the U.S. has invested \$1.6 billion since 2011 to establish an Iron Dome defense system. Israel is also spending millions of dollars with the United States to develop technology to detect Hamas's underground tunnels into Israel.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) report said the reason why the U.S. is focusing on Israel is because "U.S. officials and lawmakers consider Israel a key partner in the Middle East." The United States supported Israel's founding in 1948 and shared democratic values. "We need to solidify the Israeli qualitative military edge against potential threats in the region," United States Agency for International Development said. Hence, there is a strong relationship between the United States and Israel.

### *Relationship with the European Union*

In order to solve the conflicts in Israel, European Union has several relationships with Israel. They established EU-Israel Association Agreement in 2000 including provisions on regular political dialogue, freedom of establishment and liberty of services, the free movement of capital and competition rules, and the strengthening of economic and social cooperation. Also, Trade relations are governed by a Free Trade Area agreement that is part of the EU-Israel Association Agreement (2000). Israel benefits from the



European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI), which provides most of the funding under the European Neighborhood Policy. For the period 2014-2020, the sum of 2 million euros per annum in ENI funding is foreseen for cooperation with the government of Israel to cover Twinning projects. Israeli non-governmental bodies are eligible for support under a variety of programs funded under ENI and other EU budgets. Still, European Union is the organization that supports Israel.

## Key Players

### *United States*

The United States is one of the nations that frequently and directly supports Israel as an ally. After the end of World War II, the United States needed an ally in order to suppress the spread of communism to Middle East Asia by the Soviet Union and China later. Besides, the conflicts between ethics in Israel were also concerns of the government of the United States. In order to mediate the problem, the United States supported the government of Israel financially. While Biden, the current president of the United States, is changing their attitudes toward the Middle East (from a positive relationship to just allies in order to reduce military funds in foreign countries), Israel is still one of the important ally to the United States.



Military aid from U.S to Israel

### *Pakistan*

Pakistan is a country located in the middle east Asia. During the Cold War, American-allied Pakistan and Israel strongly opposed the Soviet invasion, and Israel and the United States ran arms and funds to and through Pakistan in support of the Afghan mujahideen. Currently, It officially acknowledges that Israel and Palestinian are two different countries. While Pakistan and Israel do not have diplomatic relationships, Pakistan does not recognize Israel as a sovereign state because of Arab-Israeli conflict. the two countries' relationship has been defined by multiple instances of close covert coordination and cooperation during events such as the Soviet–Afghan War. However, Pakistan is a major partner for military trade with Israel.

## Germany

Germany is one of the European country that directly assists Israel government. The relationship between Israel and Germany becomes important after the Russia-Ukraine war. Since Russian government stopped the export of oil directly in order to give economic damages to European countries,

Germany was seeking for other routes to get fossil fuel resources. As a result, Germany made a treaty with Israel and Egypt in order to make direct pipe lines to bring resources from Egypt to Israel. In the future, Germany will play a critical role in the economy development in Israel as a trade partner.

The Proposed Nabucco Gas Pipeline



Nabucco Gas Pipeline

## Possible Solutions

### *Solutions to ethical problems*

In order to solve ethical problems, there are two main ways to make immediate changes. Firstly, Jews and Arabs can make their temporary security areas near to their boundaries as the Korean peninsula in order to make time to regenerate their societies such as infrastructures, streets, and schools. It is true that making boundaries is not the best choice, but it is the definite way to bring temporary peace. For example, South Korea's gross domestic product (GDP) becomes no.11 in the world after building boundaries in order to suspend 6.25 wars. So, making security areas near to their boundaries between two ethics can be a solution. Secondly, the Israel government can make new educational programs in order to teach next generations about why physical conflicts between each other should be resolved. If children do not get enough education about the war, they may can have the irregular idea of the war. They may think that the war and conflicts are normal events in their land resulting in participation of children in the war. Even though education needs a lot of time to provoke permanent influences, it is a something necessary to prevent a series of conflicts.

### *Refugee camp*

Since a lot of people lose their places and are not able to get sufficient food, water, and safety, there should be solutions to help these refugees. With the assistance of the United States Human Right Council, delegates can consider building camps to support these people. Additionally, refugee camps can be worked as a major place to protect people after the end of the conflicts. Since a lot of time to recover infrastructures are predictable, people can stay in refugee camps until their homes are recovered. In order to keep the safety of the camps, there should be a peaceful agreement between the Israel government and the United States Human Right Council.



Refugee camps by United Nation Human Right Council

### *Regulation on military trade*

As mentioned in problem raise section, military trade of Israel is a serious problem. In order to solve this, Security Council can consider certain degrees of regulations in order to suppress military export to Israeli. Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security; therefore, it should prevent military corporation to export weapons to Israel by acknowledging their actions as an action breaking international peace. For example, United States and United Kingdom, both of whom are part of P5 nations, can make a regulation on Lockheed martin Corp and British Aerospace to prevent export of aviation weapons by creating higher taxes on these corporations as well as other military weapons centered companies.

### *Aids from global organizations*

Global organizations can help Israel citizens in various fields such as food, education and security. However, since there is a record that WFP lost 537 metric tons of food – worth \$271,000 – stored in the warehouse in Jaballia which was targeted in a military incursion in Israel in the past, there should be stronger protections for assisting organizations. Security Council can consider a cooperation with WFP and countries near to Israel to deliver foods from near countries to Israel instead of establishing WFP warehouse in Israel.

**Glossary** – Define jargons specific to the topic

*Growth Domestic Product*



Simply known as GDP which is a term to a measurement that seeks to capture a country's economic output. Countries with larger GDPs will have a greater amount of goods and services generated within them, and will generally have a higher standard of living.

*World Food Programme*

The leading humanitarian organization saving lives and changing lives, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. *Term*

*Free Trade Agreement*

an agreement between two or more countries where the countries agree on certain obligations that affect trade in goods and services.



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