

Executive Summary:

"The Impact of the War on the Gaza Strip on the Social Fabric and Strategies for Strengthening National Partnership in the Recovery Process"

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The Israeli war and aggression on the Gaza Strip had devastating impacts on the social fabric, class structure, and national awareness. These effects stemmed from forced displacement, rising prices, monopolies, and the proliferation of weapons. The war particularly affected vulnerable and marginalized groups within Palestinian society.

Compounding these repercussions was the diminished role of Palestinian political and societal factions in mitigating the crisis, alongside humanitarian, economic, and security challenges. This environment fostered deep alienation among youth and broader segments of society, weakening national awareness and political engagement and prompting many to consider emigration.

The research recommends urgent policies to mitigate the war's effects on the social fabric by strengthening the Palestinian internal front. This includes forming national popular committees to organize public life, distribute aid, and address the black market and armed groups. It also emphasizes adopting a democratic approach and fostering national partnerships during the recovery phase, reforming the political and legal systems, and increasing youth participation in political parties, factions, and the broader Palestinian political system.

Furthermore, the research highlights the need to reform the education system and media to promote a culture of tolerance and acceptance, moving away from duplicity and excommunication narratives, thereby reinforcing the social and cultural foundations of Palestinian society.

The Israeli war on Gaza and other Palestinian territories in 2023 - 2024 had catastrophic effects on the overall security, social, and economic situation. The war jeopardized the fragile stability that Palestinian society had prior to the conflict and threatened the social fabric and civil peace, a concept that means national societal cohesion based on accepting diversity, rejecting violence and coercion, and engaging peacefully and respectfully with all citizens, regardless of differences.

There is a direct proportion between the concept of civil peace and the level of political and social stability. Civil peace is what establishes the concept of political stability, and political stability in Palestine strengthens the pillars of civil peace. Wherever violence exists, stability is absent, chaos prevails, and the foundations of civil peace are undermined ().

The concept of permanent civil peace means rejecting all forms of violence, or merely calling for it or inciting it, or justifying it, or spreading a culture that considers conflict inevitable due to the roots of difference, and transforming the concept of the right to differ into an ideology of difference and theorizing and spreading it ().

The social structure is defined as the general organizational framework under which all aspects of human behavior in a society fall, and includes a group of social systems with stable behavioral rules that govern the various human activities in a society ().

This research examines the repercussions of the war on the social fabric and class structure and its impact on the manifestations of national and political alienation among Palestinian youth. It focuses on the effects of the Israeli war on the Gaza Strip and all Palestinian territories while proposing policies and methodological approaches for the recovery phase to strengthen civil peace, promote citizenship values, and reduce national alienation and emigration tendencies.