

Regional Crises, Gaza War and the Political Future of the Muslim World

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1-Introduction

Regional crises can be regarded as the realities of the international policy and national security of Southwest Asia. A crises takes shape when signs of change in power balance, technological transformation, role-seeking of identity groups, and the emergence of new players in global politics begin to show themselves. Each of such factors is considered as part of the realities of global politics in the era of geopolitical conflicts and the contradictory approach of regional players. The main question raised by the papers is, “Under what strategic circumstances did the Gaza war take shape, and how will it impact the future of the Muslim World?” The hypothesis of this paper emphasizes that “the Gaza war is a reflection of the change in the power balance equation, and will in turn, pave the ground for re-production of legitimizing identity.”

2- Methodology and theoretical framework

Castell’s “resistance identities” and the Cohen’s “shatterbelts” theory were used in writing this paper. Castell believes that identity wars are caused under the influence of changes in the power balance, which can pave the way for the formation of identity groups and inspiring new political forces. The data analysis and content analysis methodology was used in compiling this paper.

3- Discussion

A wide range of the Muslim World countries are situated in the region of crisis and geopolitical chaos. The Gaza war began under the circumstances that signs of identity, geopolitical and technological

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changes in the twenty-first century have taken shape, and this development left its impact on the regional power balance. In the present paper, efforts will be made to delineate the major signs of regional crises. The second section will discuss the fact that the Gaza war will be a reflection of the change in the power balance. And the third section will consider the political future of Iran and the Muslim World in the regional environment and international politics.

4-Conclusion and Suggestions

The changes that create crises, especially in the context of security crises in West Asia, are one of the key issues in studies related to this area. The October 7 war in Gaza stands as the most significant crisis of the third decade of the 21st century, occurring at a time when signs of emerging identity, geopolitical, and technological changes were becoming apparent. These changes can have profound impacts on the regional balance of power and the future of the surrounding environment.

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