



Palestine Conflict With Israel: The Education Fate of Palestinian Children

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Abstract: This article was created with the title “Palestinian Conflict with Israel (The Fate of Palestinian Children’s Education)” with the aim of informing readers about the conflict that occurred between Palestine and Israel, specifically which has an impact on the field of education. The method used in this article is descriptive qualitative with documentation techniques as the data collection technique. Thus it can be seen that the conflict between Palestine and Israel occurred because the Palestinian territories were seized by force in a cruel way by Israel. The United Nations has tried to provide regulations to resolve the conflict but to no avail because it received a veto right from the United States. Many bad impacts arising from the conflict, one of which is in the field of education. Indonesia has very good relations with Palestine, so that Indonesia provides a lot of aid for Palestine. This good relationship originated from Palestine’s recognition of the independence of the Republic of Indonesia, so that good relations between Indonesia and Palestine are very closely intertwined like friends and brothers from the past until now.

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1. Introduction

Conflict is an act or an event that is not very good because it can cause losses, both for oneself and for others, ranging from loss of life and property. All kinds of conflicts must be stopped immediately, including the conflict between Palestine and Israel.

Palestine and Israel are two countries in the Middle East that are currently experiencing conflict. The territory of the Palestinian state was slowly and very cruelly captured by Israel so that the territory of the former Palestinian state was vast but now only a small amount remains due to the forced seizure by Israel, causing conflict between the Palestinian state and Israel.

Resolving this global conflict is the responsibility of all countries, especially UN member states, including Indonesia. In the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia it is clearly stated that colonialism over the world must be abolished and in the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia it is also clearly stated that Indonesia has duties, one of which is to participate in maintaining world order. The United Nations is the same way, as an organization that embodies countries in the world, they must also act to be able to resolve conflicts between the two countries so that there are no more victims, so that there is no more hostility and so that peace emerges so that they can freely carry out all activities including worship with calm and comfortable according to their respective religions, because we all know that Palestine has an area that is sacred to three religions at once, namely Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

However, in reality to this day the conflict between Palestine and Israel is still going on and Israel continues to seize the Palestinian territories as if without any action or policy from the United Nations for the conflict. Here the role of the world, namely the United Nations is very

large as a world organization which certainly has the duty to protect and become peace in this world.

The conflict that occurred caused chaos and had an impact on all fields, including the field of education for Palestinian children. We all know that education is important, especially for the nation's successors, especially for Palestinian children. Palestine is a rich, prosperous and prosperous country. However, all that changed after the Jews came and forcibly took the rights of the Palestinian people and instead established a new state with the name Israel on the land of the Palestinian people. Little by little the rights and wealth of Palestine were taken away, conflicts and wars everywhere, many houses, buildings and schools were destroyed because of it. Where should the Palestinian people seek shelter?, where do they live? And where do the Palestinian children study? Everything is destroyed and only a small amount of land or territory is left for Palestine.

Therefore, the author is interested in making an article with the title "Palestinian Conflict with Israel (The Fate of Palestinian Children's Education)", which we hope will be able to find out how the conflict started, the role of world organizations, namely the United Nations, the response or support from countries we are Indonesia and how education is in Palestine as a result of the war.

2. Method

Here we use a qualitative descriptive method by providing an explanation of the title being discussed with various supportive and reliable sources so that we can get definite data based on facts. Here we also use data collection techniques with documentation. According to (Sugiyono, 2018: 124) documentation is a record of events that have passed and this documentation can be in the form of writing, pictures or monumental works of someone.

3. Results and Discussion

The area in the Middle East is very famous for its petroleum wealth, in which this area is a sacred area for three divine religions, namely Islam, Judaism and Christianity. The State of Palestine was formerly part of the Ottoman dynasty, which is now Turkey. Shibudi said that the country of Palestine can be called by the name Filasatin or Al Ard Al Muqaddasa which means holy steadfastness, because its people live in harmony and peace.

Palestine itself has an area of 27,000 km² and is a very strategic area or area because it is directly adjacent to the Mediterranean coast in the west, directly adjacent to the Jordan River in the east, directly adjacent to the Sinai of Egypt in the south and also directly adjacent to Lebanon. In the north so that many other countries are fighting over the Palestinian state

The Palestinian people have lived in Palestine since 40 centuries ago and they are descendants of the Philistines and Kan'an who have now experienced mixing with descendants of the Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Mongolians and also Turks.

The Jewish community came to Palestine because of the massacres that were carried out by Europeans at that time against Jews who came from various countries, such as Germany, Russia and so on.

Very often there was a conflict between the Palestinians and the Jews and even up to 30 years of British rule on Palestinian land. The climax occurred in World War II where Jews were

massacred by Europeans so that more and more Jewish people came to Palestine. The presence of Britain at that time in Palestine was not as expected in its assignment as a mandate for the Palestinian area so that this was immediately used by the Jews to proclaim their state, namely Israel in 1948 which instead received support from the United States and also the Soviet Union and landowners. , the original region or country (host), namely Palestine continued to fight for its right to independence and until finally Palestine was able to declare its independence on November 15, 1988 with recognition by more than 100 UN member states and one of them was Indonesia (Emilia Palupi Nurjannah and M. Fakhruddin : 2019).

But before that, in 1897 AD, an organization called the Word Zionist Organization was established, which had the main agenda of establishing the state of Israel on Palestinian land initiated by the Zionists (Chief Zionist Negotiator), Dr. C. Wheizmann. According to (Mohd. Roslan Mohd. Nor, 2020: 75), to achieve this main goal, four programs are provided, namely:

1. Conducting promotions, according to suitability, regarding the occupation of Palestine through the Jewish agricultural system and industrial workers.
2. Realizing organization and cooperation with all Jewish soldiers by controlling institutions, locally or between nations by following the laws of each country.
3. Strengthening and increasing awareness and sentiment of Jewish nationality.
4. Make preparations to obtain royal recognition, if necessary, to carry out the goals and agenda of the Zionists.

With these four agendas, the organization gains sympathy and support from Jews all over the world and from British Zionists. Support from England can be seen from the Balfour Declaration issued on 2 November 1917.

The name of this agreement is taken from the name of one of the authors, namely the Secretary General for Foreign Affairs, Lord Balfour, Head of Lord (Lionel) Rothchild, who is the honorary head of the Zionist Federation in England and Ireland (Emilia Palupi Nurjannah & M. Fakhruddin, 2019: 19).

Misri A. Muchsin (2015: 399) that this declaration is a very important capital for Jews and with this declaration the Jews give encouragement to Jews throughout the world, especially those in Eastern Europe to be able to realize an independent Jewish state on Palestinian land.

Thus the increasing number of Jews who came to Palestine, especially during World War II because they were afraid of threats or massacres by the Nazi army at that time.

There are many countries in this world and all have their own governments. Of the many countries, it is very likely that unwanted things will happen, such as conflicts between countries and so on. Therefore, it was necessary to form an organization on June 26, 1945 by 50 countries with one of its goals being to maintain international peace and security (Archives of the Directorate of International Crimes and Disarmament (KIPS), 2008: 5).

With the existence of the United Nations, it can protect all these countries so that conflicts do not occur, they can help each other and so on.

The UN world organization must indeed be involved in resolving the conflict between Palestine and Israel. This is a must because there is a UN Charter in article 1 point 1, namely

“To maintain international peace and security and to that end: to take joint appropriate measures to prevent and eliminate threats to the peace, and to suppress acts of aggression or other violations of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in accordance with the principles justice and international law, adjustment or resolution of international disputes or situations that may result in a breach of the peace”.

And also in the UN charter article 24 point 1 which regulates the duties and powers of the UN Security Council, namely:

“In order to ensure that the United Nations can carry out its activities smoothly and flawlessly, its members assign the Security Council the primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security, and agree that the Security Council, in carrying out its obligations under this responsibility, act on Their names”.

But it should also be remembered that the United Nations is not that easy to issue rules aimed at reconciling the conflict between Palestine and Israel. This is indeed worth saying because several times the United Nations has issued resolutions aimed at reconciling the conflict, it has always been unsuccessful, this right is due to the very close relationship between Israel and the United States, which we know that the United States is one of the 5 countries that are members of the a permanent member of the UN Security Council, which we also know that the Security Council is the strongest body in the UN and its 5 permanent members have veto rights. So, even though the resolution made was approved by the majority of the members of the UN Security Council but received a vote from just one of the 5 permanent member countries of the UN Security Council, the resolution failed (not implemented).

Therefore, because of Israel’s close relationship with the United States, the United States will provide support to Israel and cancel all resolutions that are considered harmful to Israel (Ahkam Baharuddin Tenro, 2011: 68-83).

Aos Yuli Firdaus and Yanyan Mochamad Yani (2020: 109) said that one of the rights or corroborating evidence is that the United States has always defended or supported or assisted Israel, namely since 2002 to be precise on July 26, the United States announced a doctrine called the negroponte doctrine which is a continuation of the Israel First doctrine which reads “The United States will always be ready to oppose any resolution of the United Nations Security Council that seeks to punish or harm Israel.

This doctrine or statement has been proven by the number of vetoes from the United States on UN resolutions, to be exact, around 41 vetoes were granted by the United States on 82 UN Security Council resolutions relating to the Palestinian and Israeli conflicts, of which 41 vetoes were the United States’ support for Israel.

The war continues, the struggle for the rights of the Palestinian people continues to occur which is carried out by the Jews. This conflict has had a very bad impact on everything, especially for the Palestinian people. Many buildings were destroyed, many lost their lives, many lost their homes and there are many other things that are very detrimental to the Palestinian people,

because in truth it was the Jews who seized the rights and wealth of the Palestinian people so that only a small amount of territory was left by the Palestinians.

This ongoing war and conflict also had a very bad impact on the education of Palestinian children, because many schools were destroyed so that Palestinian children lost their places to study. Reporting from the official website *Republika.co.id* (Rizky Jaramaya Red and Esthi Maharani, 2022) writes that based on data from the UN office in Palestine, more than 1.3 million Palestinian children in the occupied territories of Israel have experienced violence and Israel also demolished their school.

Very cruel and inhumane. Innocent and innocent children are victims of violence from Israeli tyranny and Israel has also destroyed their schools so that even Palestinian children do not know where to go to school anymore.

Reporting from the official website (Antara News, 2019) it is said that this event affected children's safe access to education. Incidents of interference in the school by Israeli Forces, demolitions, threats of demolition, clashes on the way to the school between students and security forces, teachers being stopped at checkpoints, and acts of violence by Israeli forces and Jewish settlers on several occasions, affect access to educational environments. Security and the right to quality education for thousands of Palestinian children. In 2018, five schools in the West Bank were dismantled or confiscated by the Jewish authorities, including Izbiq Community School north of Nablus, As-Semeye School south of Al-Khalil (Hebron), and Abu Nuwar School and Jabel Baba School in East Al-Quds . Also, since mid-October 2018, Sawiya Al-Luban School south of Nablus was also closed for one day, and Khal Al-Ahmar Village School south of Al-Quds remains facing threats of demolition, along with other parts of the village.

Reporting from the official website of *Detik.Com* (Niken Purnamasari, 2017) writes that Palestinian children must study in tents to avoid the heat without chairs and tables.

Apart from dismantling schools, Israel also locks up or detains Palestinian children. Reporting from the official website (*Tempo.Co*, 2022) that Israel has detained more than 9,000 Palestinian children in the last seven years. This detention was carried out with the aim that Palestinian children could not oppose Israel, destroy the education of Palestinian children and so that a generation of weak Palestinians was formed.

What a cruel act committed by Israel against Palestine. A kind-hearted country willing to accept Jewish refugees who were threatened by European genocide, is now being colonized and deprived of all the property, wealth, rights and dignity of the Palestinian people by migrants who do not know how to thank them for the help they have given in the past.

The condition of this war clearly creates something that is not good, especially in the psychology of the young generation of Palestine. This can be said so because exposure to experiences and events of war can be a risk factor for the development of post-traumatic stress disorder, grief and depression. UNICEF is a world organization that works a lot in the field of children. Therefore, in a war conflict situation like this, UNICEF is here to carry out its duties, namely as an initiator, facilitator and also as a mediator (Ririn Suhasni Rahayu, 2022: 7-11). This is very important to do, of course, with the aim that the conflict can be resolved and also so that children can be separated, freed and not become victims of the war that took place.

The majority of UN countries support and recognize Palestinian independence, one of which is Indonesia.

Indonesia is a country that has a very close relationship with Palestine. This happened because Palestine was one of the first countries to recognize the independence of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia and at the same time contributed the most to the independence of the Indonesian nation which was carried out by a mufti from Palestine named Shaykh Muhammad Amin Al Hamusaini by spreading it to all countries in the Middle East so that in 1947 Egypt recognizes Indonesia's independence and continues to be followed by other countries in the Middle East. After the independence, Indonesia became one of the leading countries that supported and assisted Palestine in dealing with Israeli tyranny.

In 1974 Indonesia recognized the PLO or Palestine Liberation Organization which was founded by the Palestinian president, Yasser Arafat, who was a representative of the Palestinian community in the international world. Then, in the Algerian capital, namely Algiria, precisely on November 15, 1988 Palestine proclaimed or announced its independence and on November 16, 1988 Indonesia immediately recognized Palestinian independence and continued to establish very good diplomatic relations with Palestine and the Palestinian embassy was established in Jakarta in 1991 (1991). Rezki Satris, 2019: 165-166).

Lots of helping hands from donors, both Indonesian and Indonesian volunteers who voluntarily help our brothers and sisters in Palestine

Reported from the page www.CNN Indonesia.com that Indonesia often provides assistance in the form of money to Palestine. The Director General for Multilateral Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Febrian Alphyanto Ruddyard, said the government would provide a number of aids to Palestine, one of which was worth US\$500 thousand or the equivalent of around Rp.7.1 billion and would be distributed through the international red cross. Indonesia also routinely provides assistance humanity to Palestine every year. Over the last two years, the total amount of aid provided was US\$2 million. In 2019, Indonesia handed over US\$1 million in humanitarian aid to Palestinian refugees in Camp Jerash. Aid was distributed through the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and in 2020 Indonesia will again provide humanitarian assistance and covid 19 (CNNIndonesia, 2021).

Reported from the website (mer-c.org, 2013), that Indonesia built a hospital on a 16,261 m² land located in Bayt Lahiya, North Gaza which is a waqf from the Palestinian Government in Gaza and while the funds for the construction of the hospital have so far come entirely from from the donations of the Indonesian people, there are no foreign aid funds. The construction of the Indonesian hospital in Palestine began on May 14 2011 and it was also said that the Indonesian hospital started from the idea, the hospital design process which included structure, architecture and ME to the engineers and technical workers involved in the process of building an Indonesian hospital. In Gaza are the sons of the Indonesian nation whose status is as volunteers. They give their contribution without expecting anything in return and everything is done as a form of professional jihad.

Reporting from the kemenlu.go.id page, on March 23 2022 the Indonesian Embassy in Ammam visited a refugee camp of Palestinian origin named Al Sukhneh in Zarqa by giving or distributing donations from Indonesian donors, namely Friends of Palestine Calling (SPM) in the form of daily necessities before the end of holy ramadan.

Based on information from the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO), the Al Sukhneh refugee camp is one of the camps that has been hardest hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. The camp, which consists of 500 families and around 7,000 Palestinians, has more than half of its young people out of work due to the pandemic.

During the visit, the Indonesian Embassy in Amman distributed 75 packages of daily necessities. Previously the Indonesian Embassy in Amman also distributed medicines to Medicine Aids for Palestine (MAP) which manages the clinics in the refugee camp (RI Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2022).

Not only that, reported on the Kompas.Com page (Achmad Nasrudin Yahya, 2022) wrote that the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Indonesia through its minister, namely, Prabowo Subianto, said that it would provide scholarships to Palestinian children so they could take part in the teaching and learning process or study at Defense University of the Republic of Indonesia. He also said he would provide scholarships so that Palestinian children could attend boarding schools or boarding schools.

4. Conclusion

From this explanation, we can see that this conflict is an act that is very bad for all things, including in terms of education. Education in Palestine has also felt the impact of the conflict, many schools have been demolished or destroyed by Israel so there are no schools for children to study. The United Nations as a world organization and UNICEF as an organization that is mostly active in the field of children, should continue to support and participate in reaching out to Palestine so that this conflict is resolved quickly and Palestine can get back what is rightfully theirs.

Education is an important thing, which with education will be able to give birth to generations of quality nations. Likewise with Palestine, Palestinian children who enthusiastically study at school are forced to study or go to school using tents that have been made because the building where they usually go to school has been demolished or destroyed by Israel.

Indonesia as a friend and brother of Palestine continues to be with Palestine and continues to help Palestine with various aids. This could happen because Palestine was one of the first countries to recognize the independence of the Republic of Indonesia. Since then there has been a very close relationship like friends and brothers between Indonesia and Palestine..

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