

US Vetoes UN Security Council Resolution On Israel-Hamas War

Why In The News?

- The United States Vetoes A UN Security Council Resolution On Wednesday Calling For A "**Humanitarian Pause**" In The Raging Israel-Hamas Conflict As The Text **Did Not Respect Israel's Right To Defend Itself**, The US Ambassador Said.
- Twelve Out Of 15 Council Members Voted In Favor Of The **Resolution Put Forward By Brazil** And Negotiated Over Several Days, While **Russia And The United Kingdom Abstained**. The **United States Was The Only Vote Against**, But As One Of The Body's Five Permanent Members Its Vote Counts As A Veto.



What Do We Know?

- "The United States Is Disappointed This Resolution Made **No Mention Of Israel's Rights Of Self Defense**," US Ambassador To The UN Linda Thomas-greenfield Said After The Vote.
- The Resolution Said The Council "**Firmly Condemns All Violence And Hostilities Against Civilians And All Acts Of Terrorism.**" It Said The Body "Unequivocally Rejects And Condemns The Heinous Terrorist Attacks By Hamas... And The Taking Of Hostages."



- The Text Also "Urges All Parties To Fully Comply With Their Obligations Under International Law". The Vote Comes After The Security Council On Monday **Rejected A Russian Resolution** Condemning Spiraling Violence In The Middle East.
- That Resolution Did Not Single Out Hamas For Its **Surprise Attack On Israel** On October 7, And It Was Rejected By Permanent Members The United States, The United Kingdom And France, As Well As Japan.
- The Assault On Israel Left At Least **1,400 People Dead** And Saw Hamas Militants **Take 199 People Hostage**. Israel Has Retaliated With Air Strikes That Have Now Claimed The **Lives Of 3,478 People**, According To Health Officials.

