

# Editorial Analysis

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## On the edge: On international pressure on Israel

The article highlights the tensions building up in Jerusalem. Stating the sequence of events that led to the violence, the author mentions first When Israeli police set up barricades at the Damascus Gate, preventing Palestinians from gathering.

The second was when Israeli police entered the Haram al-Sharif compound, injuring hundreds of Palestinians. The situation aggravated when the Israeli authorities permitted the annual Jerusalem Day Flag March.

Jerusalem has always been a centric place of Israel-Palestine conflict. Israel claims sovereignty over the city, but Palestinians want it to be the capital city.

After such frequent war and violence, Palestinians are weak and divided. With Israel expanding its settlement, causing repression of Palestinians has cornered condemnations from the other countries. The need is to treat Palestinians with dignity, which was overlooked in the past.

### Words to look out for

#### Culmination:

- **Synonyms:** peak, climax, apex
- **Antonyms:** bottom, base, beginning
- **Word usage:** That's the culmination of the thirty-day trial.

#### Repression:

- **Synonyms:** suppression, oppression, restraint
- **Antonyms:** ease, liberation, support
- **Word usage:** We will aid their struggle against violent repression.

#### Condemnation:

- **Synonyms:** criticism, censure, conviction.
- **Antonyms:** blessing, gratitude, acquittal
- **Word usage:** The condemnation precipitated in a departure to Rome.

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## Assam's new CM: Himanta Biswa Sarma's elevation shows how indispensable he has become to BJP

The article talks about the change in state leadership of Assam where Himanta Biswas has been named as the next CM. BJP's victory in Assam polls in coalition with NDA marked a debate about who deserves to rule the state.

Some believed that Sonowal should continue to govern the state as he has a clean image and is more committed to the Assamese subnational. On the other hand, Sarma had always been ambitious and has been aggressively committed to increasing BJP's footprint in Assam and other North-East states.

Also, his analytical skills to read the situation in Bodo areas and the emergence of anti CAA protests worked well in favor of the BJP.

All this helped him gain points against Sonowal. The biggest challenge for him is to tackle the surge in Covid cases in Assam, for which he needs to prove his worth too.

### Words to look out for

#### Stellar:

- **Synonyms:** astral, heavenly, leading
- **Antonyms:** inferior, substandard, awful
- **Word usage:** The crash of the whole solar and stellar systems could only kill you once.

#### Stature:

- **Synonyms:** standing, prestige, reputation
- **Antonyms:** insignificance, unimportance, chasm
- **Word usage:** As a five-time Grammy winner, Aretha has a huge stature in the music community.

#### Helm:

- **Synonyms:** tiller, rudder, navigate
- **Antonyms:** uncontrol, muddle, rebellion
- **Word usage:** During the crisis, the chief firefighter took the helm and got everyone to safety quickly.

Article Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/assams-new-cm-himanta-biswa-sarmas-elevation-shows-how-indispensable-he-has-become-to-bjp/>

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