

# Assessing Appreciation Value through Systemic Functional Linguistics in Semiotics of Potential Maltreatment of Human Rights in Maintaining Holy Site in Critical Discourse Study

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This academic work is intended to traverse a value of appreciation which shows the human rights maltreatment through the linguistic angle in systemic functional linguistics from seven kinds of online news namely: BBC, Bloomberg, The Guardian, Fox News, New York Times, The Times of India and Huffington Post to get consistent information. The academic work applies the credibility of source and the credibility of system analysis. The data is restricted on the appreciation assessment which covers potential meaning, namely: reaction (in impact or in quality), composition (in balance or in complexity) and valuation (worthwhile or not worthwhile). The findings show that there was a consistent ratio of appreciation value found among BBC, the Guardian and Huffington Post which explored more in power abuse than the Palestinians' sorrow. The Bloomberg was reliable with New York Times which explored the power abuse less than the description of Palestinians' sorrow. There were two kinds of data with independent result such as the Times of India which showed 100% power abuse and the Fox news which showed the same ratio (50:50) between the power abuse and the Palestinians' sorrow.

**Key words:** *Appreciation, semiotics in systemic functional linguistics, potential maltreatment, holy site, critical meaning.*

## Introduction

An ongoing universal issue in the form of colonialism with the cause to save the continuity of the country and to maintain self-defense have sacrificed many innocent people. The superior control the weak when they handle much more sophisticated weaponry and good ability in handling communication to convince the world that they are on the right side and that the superior get more support from the developed countries. When the situation has happened, the hegemony can be created (Van Dijk 2001). There is a close relation between linguistics and the hegemony. The linguistics can be applied as an instrument to determine how much influence the hegemony has had through the analysis of the critical discourse. The linguistics becomes a micro aspect and the hegemony becomes a macro aspect (Van Dijk 2001).

The semiotics in the form of linguistic signs is essential to decide the political function whether in positive or in negative impact. The positive impact of the linguistic signs can give the benefit such as creating a good image but it can also exploit the fact (Wilson 2001). There are many preceding linguistic analysts who have handled a study on critical discourse but they still focus only on transitivity (Ong'onda 2016), (Chalimah dan Sumarlam 2017). Vice versa, there are researchers focused mostly on the investigation of maltreatment by using the pure theory of law (Thantowi 2003), (Kalele 2015), (Mawikere 2017), (Hernoko, A.Y. and Anand 2017), (Zholzhaksynov 2018). The object of the study are from various electronic media and print media (Dong 2006), (Pascual, M., & Unger 2010), (Wang 2010), (Alvi et al. 2011), (Bonyadi 2011), (Ardianto 2012), (Kondowe 2014), (Mahmood 2014), (Drasovean, A. & Tagg 2015), (Hadidi, Y., & Parvin 2015), (Haristyanti 2015), (Mustafa 2015), (Wei, Y., Wherrity, M., & Zhang 2015), (Sumarlam 2015), (Sumarlam 2016), (Ong'onda 2016), (Al-momani 2017), (Tampubolon 2017) but the ongoing case taken from online news has not been investigated holistically. Some others, (Calzadilla 2018) and (Danwitz 2018), have investigated the form of maltreatment in human rights but they have not seen the case in religious context. The research gap of this study is giving the value of appreciation by seeing the value of semiotics in positive and negative imaging. The aim of this academic work is to determine how linguistic terms can show the value of appreciation. This is in the form of assessment in human relation in the different value of reaction, composition and valuation. It is assumed that the linguistic assessment can show the level of human rights maltreatment.

The assessment of appreciation value in critical discourse can show the ratio of the domination of the superior to the inferior. The result of this academic work can manifest the jeopardy of colonialism and can be used as one of the considerations to overcome the human rights maltreatment (Van Dijk 2001). It has the same view with Locke's argument that the discourse can be included in the category of critical discourse when the linguistic analysts can investigate the complicated case in a systematic way (Locke 2004). The assessment of linguistics in critical

discourse (Locke 2004) must use theoretical base and it must consist of attractive ongoing issue to be solved.

Linguistics becomes an inseparable part of critical discourse in the interpretation and takes the explicit and the implicit meaning of the discourse. One critical discourse can have different interpretations based on the knowledge of the analysts (Locke 2004). The level of social status of the analysts influences their way of interpreting discourse. The implicit sense is delivered to reach a purpose in the form of discourse and influences people in a social area and in a certain social process (Locke 2004). The function of linguistics in the discourse is used to explain how the social process occurs. The discourse has belonged to the semantic unit because it creates a unique description and analysis with a certain meaningful message.

The semantic meaning has been the result of analyzing the critical discourse by using systemic functional linguistics by finding the meaning points taken from the communicative interaction (Halliday, M.A.K and Matthiessen, C 2006). The systemic theory assists to investigate the form of pressure as the result of the complex people's thinking and acting. The important information about maltreatment in human rights and colonialism is clearly seen from the use of linguistic terms chosen (Bloor, T and Bloor 2004), (Hart 2010). The news has become one of the favored media outlets to help people get information although can also influence them to support or reject something in a critical fashion from a critical discourse which has been easily distributed through the internet. The ideology of the news writer or the news company can be valued through the linguistic description used (Hart 2010; Haque & Chandio 2013). The value of appreciation by using linguistic assessment in grammatical theory shows the social meaning among the characters involved (Martin, J R; White 2005) and (Martin and Rose 2007). The appreciation consists of the value of ideas seen from the meaning behind the phrases and the clauses written. The appreciation decides the value to see whether the action belongs to the good reaction in impact and in quality, good composition in balance and in complexity and good valuation or not.

## **Results**

The result of analysis by assessing the appreciation value is presented below.

### ***Appreciation Value of BBC***

#### ***Positive and Negative Appreciation Value of BBC***

The positive and negative appreciation values are assessed and shown in table 1 below.

**Table 1:** Appreciation Assessment in BBC

No.	Appraised	Semiotics in Statement	Type	$\Sigma$	
1.	Palestine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the deadliest day</li> <li>soared deaths</li> <li>there have been six weeks of protests</li> <li>violent_riots</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it wasn't worthwhile	4	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>great march of return</li> </ul>	positive reaction: impact	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hamas would step up the protests</li> <li>black smoke poured from burning tyres</li> <li>Tuesday is expected to be a very big demonstration</li> <li>it is a day known by the Palestinian as the "Catastrophe"</li> <li>it is expected to be bigger than Monday and_more bloody</li> </ul>	negative composition: complexity	5	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>incendiary devices</li> </ul>	negative composition: imbalance	1	
<b>Total</b>				11	28.20%
2.	US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the US opened its embassy in Jerusalem</li> <li>clear US backing</li> <li>a small interim embassy will start operating</li> <li>a larger site will be found</li> <li>the rest of the embassy moves from Tel Aviv</li> <li>US was no longer a mediator in the Middle East</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it wasn't worthwhile	6	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>larger site</li> </ul>	positive reaction: quality	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>small interim embassy</li> </ul>	negative reaction: quality	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lasting peace agreement</li> </ul>	negative reaction: impact	1	
Total				9	23.08%
3.	Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem is not recognized internationally</li> <li>Israel has occupied East Jerusalem since the 1967 Middle East war</li> <li>it effectively annexed the sector</li> <li>this was not recognized by any countries</li> <li>Israel has built a dozen settlements, home to about 200,000 Jews</li> <li>these are considered illegal under international law</li> <li>Israel disputes this</li> <li>Israel passed a law in 1980 formally making Jerusalem its capital</li> </ul>	negative valuation (it wasn't worthwhile)	8	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sovereign nation</li> <li>its own capital</li> </ul>	negative reaction: quality	2	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>every nation has the right to defend its borders</li> </ul>	negative composition: complexity	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Israeli military used snipers</li> <li>aircraft and tanks had also targeted military</li> </ul>	negative composition: imbalance	3	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>positions belonging to Hamas</li> <li>Israel should do so proportionately</li> </ul>		
Total				14   35.90%
4.	Western nations and UK; EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a number of western nations including the UK called for restraint</li> <li>utmost restraint</li> </ul>	negative reaction: impact  negative composition: complexity	1   1
Total				2   5.13%
5.	UN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the strongest statements (UN)</li> </ul>	positive reaction: quality	1
Total				1   2.56%
6.	Israel and Palestine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>violent clashes</li> <li>further loss of life</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it wasn't worthwhile  negative composition: complexity	1   1
Total				2   5.13%

The data is interpreted to see the form of cultural themes in the case of maltreatment of human rights and colonialism in the holy site extracted from online news. This was done by giving an assessment in negative and positive appreciation value. The data can be interpreted that the highest appreciation level was given to Israel as much as 35.90%. This consisted of eight negative valuations through the chosen words that what Israel had done wasn't worthwhile, two negative reactions on quality which told that Israel had made its own decision as a sovereign nation and Jerusalem as its own capital, one negative composition in complexity which showed the complex situation because Israel had a reason to do the power abuse or maltreatment as the right to defend its borders and three negative compositions in imbalance of excessive military devices and military action.

The second appreciation level was given to Palestine as much as 28.20% which consisted of four negative valuations on the victims in the protests that shouldn't have happened.

One positive reaction in the impact that Palestinians had done a great march of return in their land, five negative compositions in complexity in worse Palestine's condition. One negative composition in imbalance because Palestine is much less in military devices.

The third appreciation level was given to United States as much as 23.08% which consisted of six actions not worthwhile in moving the embassy in Jerusalem and clear its one side backing for Israel, one positive reaction in quality that United States could have made a larger site for its embassy, one negative reaction in quality and one negative reaction in impact about the peace agreement efforts of United States. The same number of valuation (5.13%) was for western nations and for relation between Israel and Palestine. There is one negative reaction in impact and one negative composition in complexity for western nations and UK which called for restraint in the complex situation, one negative valuation was for violent clashes between Israel and Palestine and one negative composition in complexity for further loss of life. The last level of valuation (2.56%) was for United Nations in giving the strongest statement in the conflict by using positive reaction in quality.

#### ***Ratio of Negative Appreciation Value of BBC***

The ratio of power abuse and violence of law done by Israel supported with the allies and the impact for Palestinians is presented in Figure 1 below which focuses on the negative value only.

**Figure 1.** Ratio of Negative Appreciation for the conflict between Palestine and Israel in BBC

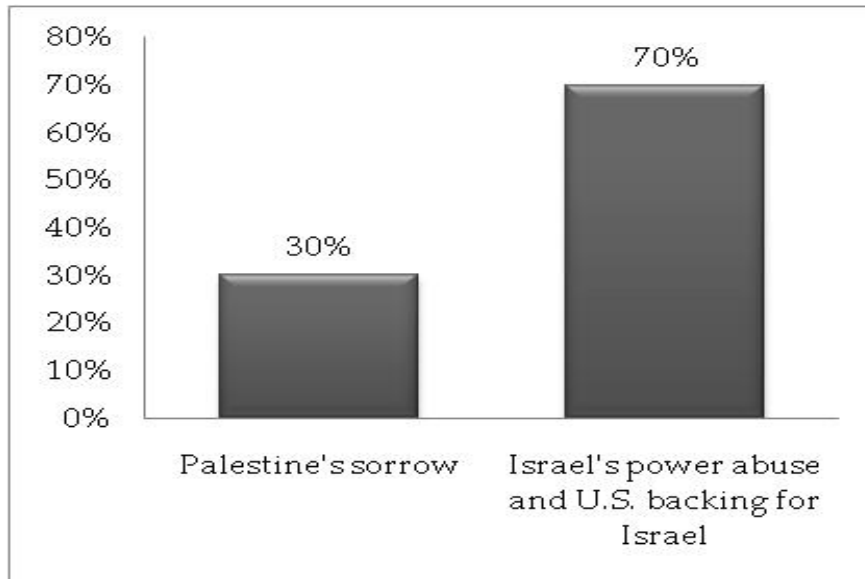


Figure 1 above showed that the power abuse and violation of law is in a high scale as much as 69.69 or almost 70% from both sides of Israel and United States which seems as the pressure came from Israel (42.42%) and from U.S. (27.27%) and the description of the Palestinians' sorrow is described only 30.30 % of the whole texts in the BBC newspaper.

### *Appreciation Value of Bloomberg*

#### *Positive and Negative Appreciation Value of Bloomberg*

This following Table 2 shows the appreciation value in positive and negative meaning.

**Table 2:** Assessment of Appreciation in Bloomberg

No.	Appraised	Semiotics in Statement	Type	$\Sigma$
1.	Palestine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the violence last Friday in Gaza was the worst since the war of 2014</li> <li>everything is in place for a significant escalation in coming weeks, particularly in mid-May</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	5



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vendors sold ice cream to picnicking families</li> <li>• there's virtually no way in or out of the territory which, since a violent takeover in 2007 by the Islamist faction Hamas has been under a lockdown by Israel and Egypt</li> <li>• with Hamas's militancy and Abbas's diplomacy both thoroughly discredited</li> </ul>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• things are so bad in the wretched open-air prison of Gaza</li> <li>• the only surprise is that the death toll wasn't even higher</li> <li>• one of the most densely populated places on earth, Gaza now barely habitable</li> <li>• rampant hunger</li> <li>• undrinkable water</li> <li>• unemployment is close to 50 percent</li> <li>• health-care is scanty at best</li> <li>• electricity is available just two to four hours per day</li> <li>• the once-beautiful seacost is now a giant sewer</li> </ul>	<p>negative composition: complexity</p>	<p>9</p>

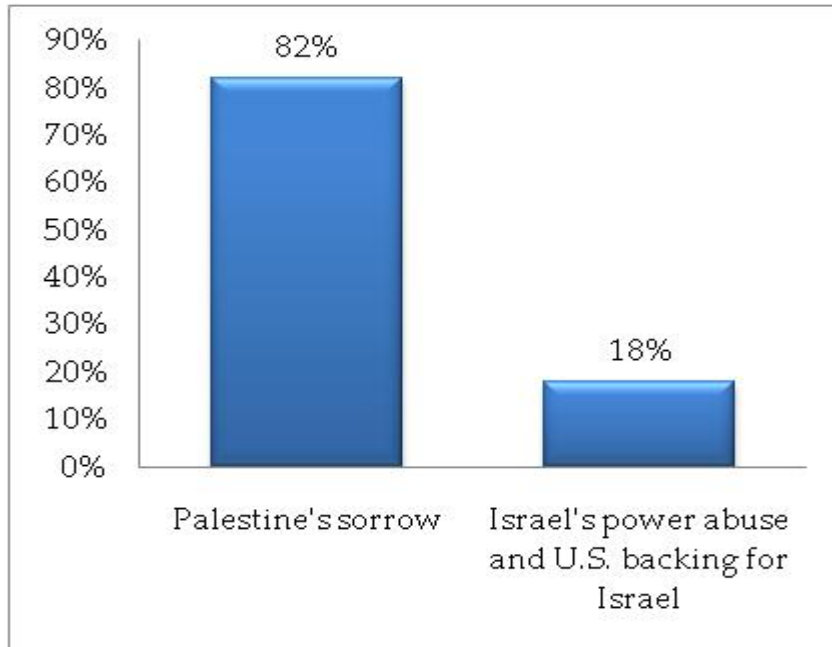
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>political and religious spectrum</li> <li>foreseeable future</li> </ul>	positive reaction: quality	2	
Total				16	57.14%
2.	Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>significant escalation</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>large chunks of the West Bank</li> </ul>	positive reaction: quality	1	
Total				2	7.14%
3.	Hamas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hamas attempted to use a fictional “reconciliation” agreement with its Fatah rivals, who control the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank, to get out of this</li> <li>Hamas tried to assassinate his prime minister, Rami Hamdallah</li> <li>Hamas has thus far managed to hijack them</li> <li>The protest movement leads to another war with Israel</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	4	
Total				4	14.29%
4.	Fattah (Abbas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harsh sanction</li> </ul>	negative composition: complexity	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abbas has been prodding Hamas and Israel toward another conflict</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	2	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His two adversaries scorch each other</li> </ul>			
Total				3	10.71%
5.	U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Trump administration has reinforced this conviction by abandoning Washington's long-standing commitment to a two-state outcome</li> <li>• The Trump administration has recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	2	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington scrambles to douse the flames</li> </ul>	negative composition: complexity	1	
Total				3	10.71%

From the data above, it can be explored that the first level appreciation value was for Palestine (57.14%) which consisted of five negative valuations for Palestine's condition that was not worthy, nine negative compositions which described the complicated situation in Palestine, two positive reactions in quality about Palestinians' political and religious spectrum and their belief in foreseeable future. The second level was Hamas (14.29%) which told about the bad image of Hamas by giving negative valuation. The third level was for Fattah (Abbas) and U.S. as much as 10.71%. The negative valuation for Abbas was about his wisdom to give sanction to Hamas and creates conflict between Hamas and Israel. The negative valuation for U.S. was its idea and its backing for Israel. The lowest appreciation value was for Israel which had significant escalation and its effort to get large chunks of the West Bank.

### *Ratio of Negative Appreciation Value of Bloomberg*

**Figure 2.** Ratio of Negative Appreciation for the conflict between Palestine and Israel in Bloomberg



From Figure 2, it can be explained that Bloomberg tried to show more on Palestine's bad condition now as the result of the conflict with Israel, United States and its own internal government between Hamas and Fattah as much as 82.14%. The figure 2 also described the Israel's power abuse and US' backing for Israel as much as 17.85%.

### *Appreciation Value of Guardian*

Positive and Negative Appreciation Value of Guardian

Here is the result of assessing positive and negative appreciation value presented in table

**Table 3:** Assessment of Appreciation in the Guardian

No.	Appraised	Semiotics in Statement	Type	Σ	
1.	Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>alleged Israeli war crimes</li> <li>Israel__is not a signatory to the ICC</li> <li>Israel is not a member of the court</li> <li>Israel has not signed the Rome Statute that established the court</li> <li>Israel’s settlement regime was “the single most dangerous threat to Palestinian lives, livelihoods and national rights</li> <li>Israel maintains, expands and protects the settlement regime by committing war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of apartheid against the Palestinian people</li> <li>war crimes</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	7	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ongoing, widespread and systematic crimes</li> <li>most dangerous threat</li> </ul>	negative reaction: quality	2	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lengthy_investigation</li> </ul>	negative composition: complexity	1	
Total				10	50%

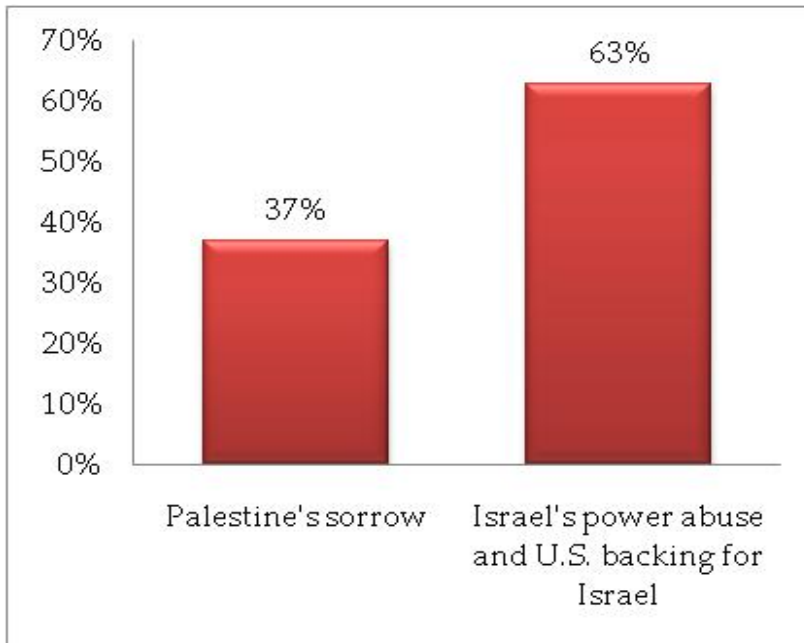
2.	Palestine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>important and historic step</li> </ul>	positive reaction: quality	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>unarmed protesters</li> <li>the Palestinian Authority is not a state</li> </ul>	negative composition: imbalance	2	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>severe view</li> <li>absurd and politicized referral</li> <li>cynical step</li> </ul>	negative reaction: quality	3	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the probe included crimes allegedly committed by both sides in the 2014 Gaza conflict between Israel and Hamas</li> </ul>	positive valuation: it was worthwhile	1	
Total				7	35%
3.	ICC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the ICC lacks jurisdiction over the Israeli-Palestinian issue</li> </ul>	negative composition: imbalance	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the court has not opened a full-blown investigation</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>full-blown investigation</li> </ul>	positive reaction: quality	1	
Total				3	15%

From table 3 above, it can be interpreted that the highest appreciation value was for Israel mostly in negative valuation (50%) which was considered doing war crimes and refused to be investigated by the International Criminal Court (ICC) and even continued doing ongoing, widespread and systematic crime to Palestinians. The second value was for Palestine (35%) which mostly described the condition of Palestinians in the protests and the probe of crime between Israel and Hamas. The third value was for ICC (15%) which explained about the lack of jurisdiction and the failure of doing the investigation.

### ***Ratio of Negative Appreciation Value of Guardian***

The valuation of negative appreciation which showed power abuse can be seen in the following Figure 3:

**Figure 3.** Ratio of Negative Appreciation for the conflict between Palestine and Israel in the Guardian



Based on Figure 3 above, it can be interpreted that the Israel's power abuse has shown bigger in rate (63.16) to be explained to the world than the description of Palestinians' sorrow (41.18%) because of the war crime. The power abuse of Israel was shown when it refused the International Criminal Court (ICC) and its expansion in its settlements in Palestine mentioned in ten statements. The Palestinians' sorrow was expressed through seven statements which told its historic step in asking for help from the ICC which ended in getting no certainty because the ICC could do nothing because of lack of jurisdiction over Israel which mentioned twice in the news text and the crime held by Israel mentioned ten times.

### ***Appreciation Value of FoxNews***

#### ***Positive and Negative Appreciation Value of Fox News***

This is the representation of appreciation value in Fox News both in positive and negative value shown in Table 4 below:

**Table 4:** Assessment of Appreciation in Fox News

No.	Appraised	Semiotics in Statement	Type	$\Sigma$	
1.	The Associate Press in Palestinian's side	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Associated Press reported erroneously</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	1	
Total				1	14.29%
2.	Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Israeli troops apparently shot and killed a-Majdalawi during the attack on Monday</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It retaliated with airstrikes</li> <li>an Israeli was killed by a Gaza sniper during this same period</li> </ul>	negative composition: imbalance	2	
Total				3	42.85%
3.	MSF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>extremely serious incident</li> </ul>	negative composition: complexity	1	
Total				1	14.29%
4.	Israel and Hamas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>serious conflict</li> </ul>	negative composition: complexity	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>militants launched rockets and mortars into Israel</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	1	
Total				2	28.58%

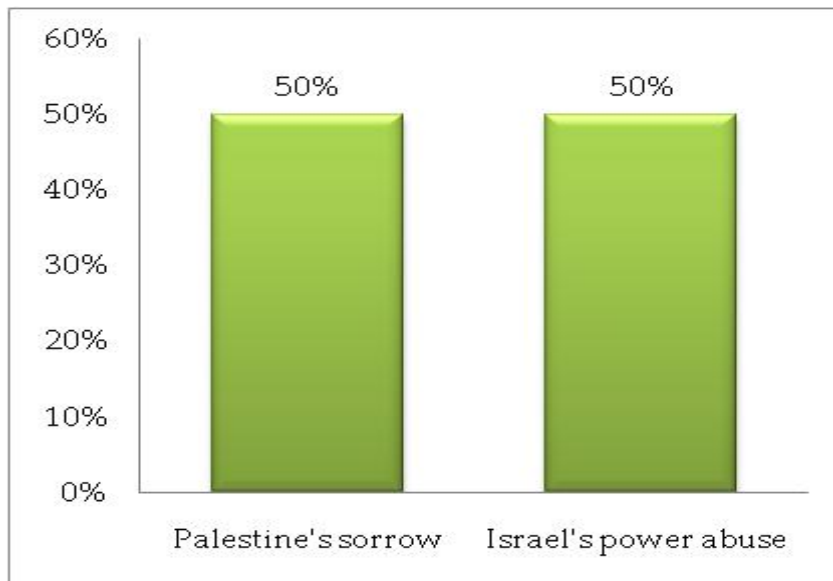


Referring to the Table 4 above, the first appreciation value was in Israel's side as much as 42.85% or consisted of three statements which one statement told about Israel that killed the nurse (negative valuation and two negative compositions in imbalance in its attack. The second appreciation value was for Hamas as much as 28.58% about its serious conflict with Israel. The lowest appreciation value was for the press (14.29%) which reported the news of the nurse's death killed by Israeli and for Doctors without Borders (MSF) as much as 14.29% which considered the death of one of its nurse was a serious case.

### *Ratio of Negative Appreciation Value of Fox News*

The Israel's human rights maltreatment and the form of colonialism are described in Figure 4 below:

**Figure 4.** Ratio of Negative Appreciation for the Conflict between Palestine and Israel in the Fox News



The Figure 4 above explained that the Fox News gave the appearance of power abuse held by Israel (50%) which had the same number with the incident happened in MSF and Hamas treat (50%) that implicitly showed the bad impact for Palestinians. The number of the information in both sides are balanced which could be argued that the Fox news wanted to keep its balance without taking the both sides.

***Appreciation Value of New York Times***

***Positive and Negative Appreciation Value of New York Times***

The following Table 5 is the result of appreciation value.

**Table 5:** Assessment of Appreciation in the New York Times

No.	Appraised	Semiotics in Statement	Type	Σ
1.	Palestine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sparkling green eyes</li> </ul>	positive reaction: quality	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the child inhaled a draft of acrid gas that set off a rasping cough and watering eyes</li> <li>the story shot across the globe</li> <li>the story providing an emotive focus for outrage at military tactics</li> <li>the family's story was being questioned</li> <li>a congenital heart defect might have caused her death</li> <li>a small but intense tragedy of people living chaotic lives in turbulent times has become fodder for competing narratives</li> <li>it was the second personal devastation in two years</li> </ul>		negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	15	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a candle toppled over in their bedroom during one of Gaza's frequent power failures</li> <li>• frequent power failures</li> <li>• the flames burned Ms Ghandour</li> <li>• the flames killed her son</li> <li>• the protest was raging</li> <li>• entire families had come along</li> <li>• her limbs were cold and blue</li> <li>• it was not the first public death in the family</li> </ul>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rasping cough</li> <li>• watering eyes</li> <li>• emotive focus</li> <li>• potent political symbol</li> <li>• small tragedy</li> <li>• intense tragedy</li> <li>• chaotic lives</li> <li>• turbulent times</li> <li>• perilous front line</li> </ul>	negative reaction: quality	9	
Total				25	56.81%
2.	Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a cloud of tear gas engulfed them at the protest in Gaza on Monday</li> <li>• the Israeli military issued claims,</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	10	

		<p>unsupported by evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it held information that disproved the family's account</li> <li>• the Israel Defense Forces seized on the uncertainty</li> <li>• its soldiers have come under mounting criticism</li> <li>• unfortunately, some of the overwhelming pictures have been by a knockout</li> <li>• overwhelming pictures</li> <li>• the army had obtained multiple accounts that raise doubts about the baby's death</li> <li>• the army did not respond to requests for copies of those accounts on Wednesday, in a statement saying only that Layla's story was " Hamas propaganda"</li> <li>• the army saying only that Layla's story was " Hamas propaganda"</li> </ul>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tear gas</li> </ul>	<p>negative composition: imbalance</p>	<p>3</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acrid gas set off a rasping cough and watering eyes</li> <li>• Israel's disproportionately violent</li> </ul>			
Total				13	29.55%
3.	Israel and Palestine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the controversy underscored the power of images of children in the most wrenching conflicts of the Middle East</li> <li>• there were competing narratives</li> <li>• the competing camps have used the baby's death to prosecute broader arguments</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it wasn't worthwhile	3	
Total				3	6.82%
4.	An unnamed doctor in Gaza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a heart ailment, not Israeli tear gas was the cause of Layla's death</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it wasn't worthwhile	1	
Total				1	2.27%
5.	Dr. Gerald Ross Marx, an associate professor in pediatrics at the Harvard School of Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P.D.A.s can be common</li> </ul>	positive composition: not in complexity	1	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most are small and insignificant</li> </ul>	negative composition: complexity	1	

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Total	2	4.55%
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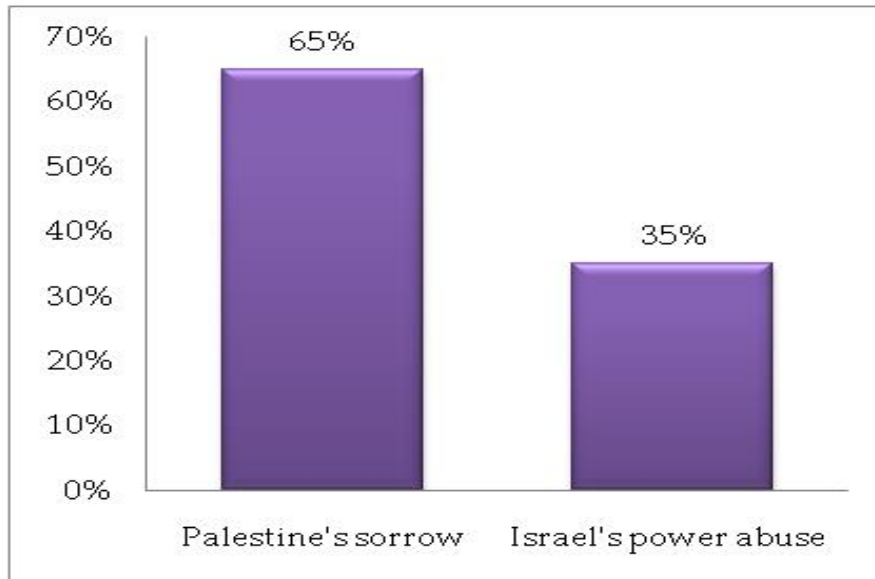
The data in the Table 5 above showed that the biggest number of appreciation value was for Palestine as much as 56.81%. It consisted of one positive reaction in quality which described the good physical appearance of the child as the victim of the conflict, fifteen negative valuation which told about the bad condition of the victims and their family in Gaza and the bad situation of economics and bad living there which were considered are not worth. The second was for Israel (29.55%) which showed the necessary social sanction for Israel as much as ten times mentioned about its crime war and its confusing step statement about the child death and also three statements which describe the excessive attack or showing the imbalance.

The third value was in the description of the controversy in the child death between both of sides (Israel and Palestine) as much as 6.82%. The fourth value (4.55%) was for Doctor at the Harvard School who supported the information from Palestine's side that the child death was because of the tear gas. The last value (2.27%) was given to the unnamed doctor who agreed with Israel's side that the child died because of a heart ailment.

#### ***Ratio of Negative Appreciation Value of New York Times***

Focusing on the form of power abuse and violation of law, the Figure 5 below explained it in detail.

**Figure 5:** Ratio of Negative Appreciation for the conflict between Palestine and Israel in the New York Times



Based on figure 5 above, it can be explored that the information about the Palestinians' sorrow was much higher (64.86%) than the information about the power abuse (35.14%). The data showed that the power abuse and violation of law had made a great impact for Palestinians.

***Appreciation Value of Times of India***

***Positive and Negative Appreciation Value of Times of India***

**Table 6:** Assessment of Appreciation in the Times of India

No.	Appraised	Semiotics in Statement	Type	$\Sigma$
1.	Britain (in supporting Israel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government is actively discussing the two eventualities</li> <li>We must respect the strict criteria laid down in law</li> <li>We must look at what's happened in Gaza</li> <li>They would have to revoked</li> </ul>	positive valuation: it was worthwhile	4

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been £42 million worth of licences to export military only equipment to Israel</li> <li>• Licences granted include naval guns, drones, ammunition, submarines and combat aircraft parts</li> <li>• Israel equipment used in Gaza in the 2008-9 conflict “almost certainly” contained UK supplied components</li> <li>• The government’s arms export policy essentially one of reacting to events and not taking sufficient account of the nature of the regimes concerned at the point</li> <li>• UK weapons have been used for internal repression in places such as Libya</li> <li>• the weapons were used on Libyan citizens</li> <li>• Bahrain-where BAE Systems military vehicles</li> </ul>	<p>negative composition: imbalance</p>	<p>15</p>
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		<p>were used against the pro-democracy protesters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Egypt-where UK produced gas canisters were used to suppress dissent</li><li>• For far too long the UK foreign policy has been one of arms control by embarrassment</li><li>• Why should it take a humanitarian crisis before the government</li><li>• Humanitarian crisis</li><li>• The UK has consistently given extensive political and military support to Israel</li><li>• extensive political and military support to Israel</li><li>• Prime Minister David Cameron described his support for Israel as unbreakable</li><li>• The UK has a history of selling arms to Israel with over £10 million of military licences having</li></ul>		
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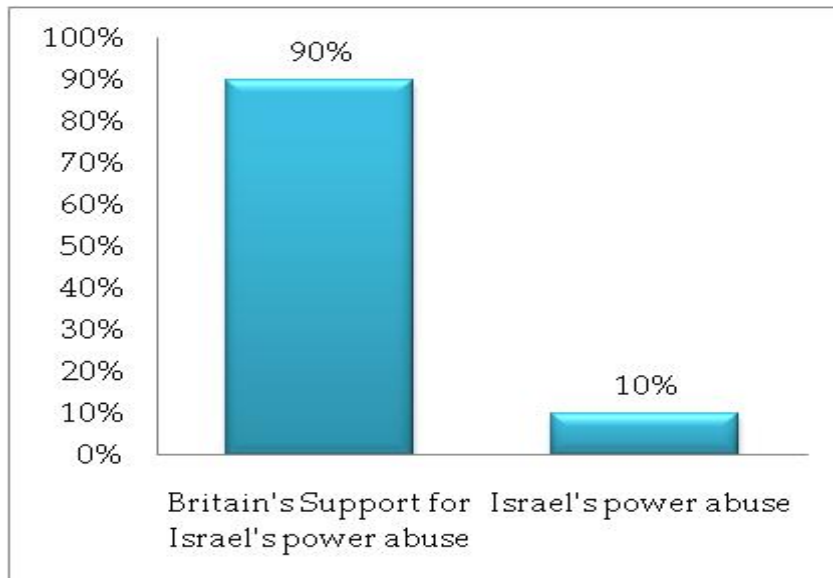
		been agreed in 2013 alone		
Total			19	90.48
2.	Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those criteria were breached</li> <li>• Oppressive regimes</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	2
Total			2	9.52%

The data in Table 6 above showed that there were only two kinds of information. There were appreciation value for Britain’s support for Israel (90.48%) and the appreciation value for Israel (9.52%). There were four statements which gave positive valuation on Britain’s plan to revoke the sale of military devices to Israel but there were fifteen statements which gave negative composition in imbalance of Britain’s support for Israel. There were two statements expressed the negative valuation for Israel related to its breaching the criteria of importing military devices and for its oppressive regime.

***Ratio of Negative Appreciation Value of Times of India***

The power abuse can be seen in the figure 6 below.

**Figure 6.** Ratio of Negative Appreciation for the Conflict between Palestine and Israel in the Times of India



The Figure 6 above showed that the power abuse done by Britain and Israel was a real fact and considered to be in a totally high degree. The power abuse done by Britain was very highly described than the Israel's one. The data showed that 100% consisted of Britain's support for Israel (90%) and Israel (10%) of the text news showed the power abuse and the violence of law had happened in Gaza.

### *Appreciation Value of Huffington Post*

#### **Positive and Negative Appreciation Value of Huffington Post**

**Table 7:** Assessment of Appreciation in Huffington Post

No.	Appraised	Semiotics in Statement	Type	$\Sigma$
1.	US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the U.S. embassy in Israel officially relocated to Jerusalem</li> <li>controversial decisions</li> <li>momentous foreign policy decisions</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	3
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>greatest hope</li> <li>lasting peace agreement</li> </ul>	positive reaction: quality	2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the status of the city is key in peace negotiations</li> </ul>	positive reaction: impact	1
<b>Total</b>				6   42.85%
2.	Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Israeli forces killed dozens of Palestinian protesters</li> <li>Israeli forces wounded hundreds more</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Israel has controlled the city since 1967</li> </ul>	negative composition: imbalance	1
<b>Total</b>				3   21.43%

3.	Palestine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provoking violence</li> <li>tragic deaths</li> </ul>	negative valuation: it was not worthwhile	2	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>deadly protests</li> </ul>	negative composition: complexity	1	
Total				3	21.43%
4.	United Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>most United Nations don't recognize Israel's sovereignty over East Jerusalem</li> </ul>	positive valuation: it was worthwhile	2	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the city should possess international status</li> </ul>			
Total				2	14.29

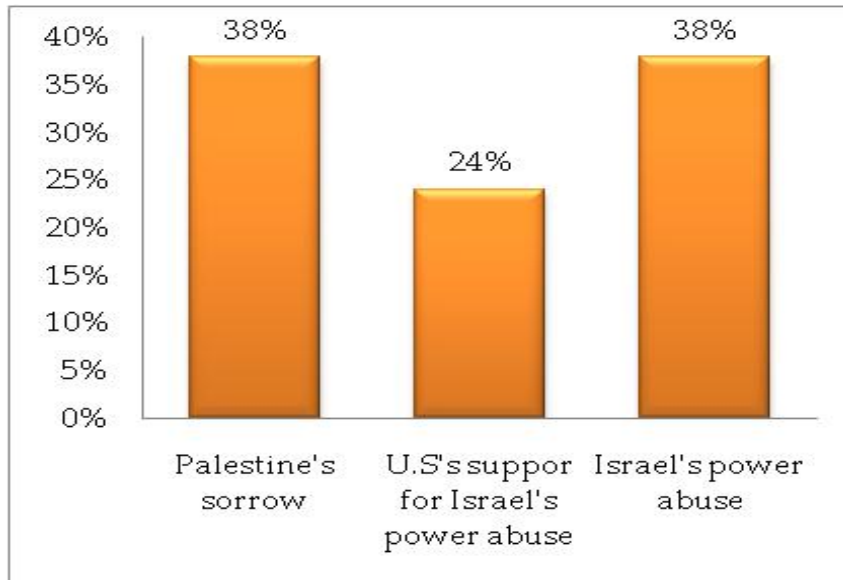
Based on Table 7 above, it can be explored that the highest appreciation value was for US (42.85%) which showed negative valuation for the controversial decision to relocate its embassy to create a peace agreement between Israel and Palestine in three kinds of valuations namely: three statements in negative valuation, two statements in the form of positive reaction in quality and one statement in positive reaction in impact. The information related with the U.S. created an ambiguity when it used the statements in the different implicit meaning.

The second appreciation value was for Israel and Palestine (21.43%) for each of them. In Israel's side, there were two statements that indicated that Israel was not worth to kill dozens of Palestinians and wound hundreds of them and one statement which showed the negative composition in imbalance for its control in Jerusalem. In Palestine's side, there were two statements that showed the negative valuation on violence and tragic deaths happened there and one statement for negative composition in complexity which was about the deadly protests. The last appreciation value was for United Nations (14.29%) which got two positive valuations in the term of its not recognizing Israel's sovereignty over East Jerusalem and its suggestion for Israel to possess international status.

### *Ratio of Negative Appreciation Value of Huffington Post*

The Israel's power maltreatment can be seen in the Figure 7 below:

**Figure 7.** Ratio of Negative Appreciation for the Conflict between Palestine and Israel in the Huffington Post



Referring to Figure 7 above, it can be interpreted that the Huffington Post showed the power abuse in a high level as much as 62% done by Israel and the United States which came up from United States' side as much as 24% and Israel's as much as 38%. The description of Palestine's sorrow was only found much less as much as 37.5% or 38%.

### **Discussion**

The maltreatment of human rights as well as the power abuse which creates hidden colonialism is assessed in systemic functional linguistics through appreciation value as semiotics has been found out and described in detail by exploring the form of statements used in the text which had the same argument given in (Martin, J R; White 2005) and (Martin and Rose 2007). The appreciation value could help to show the level of human rights maltreatment in using excessive power so that the sorrow of the innocent victims has been arisen. The human rights maltreatment was interpreted with the different results in different ways and in different number for each kind of newspapers but all of them had shown the reflection of power abuse as well as violation of law in hidden colonialism with the reason that it was for the sake of better life and for the self-defence.

BBC news was reliable with the Guardian news and with the Huffington Post news which showed the Palestinians' sorrow smaller than the action of the power abuse in BBC news with the ratio (30:70); in the Guardian News with the ratio (37:63); in the Huffington Post with the ratio (38:62). Bloomberg news (82:18) was reliable with New York Times news (65:35) which described further about Palestinians' sorrow than the power abuse held by Israel and its ally. There were two kinds of newspapers which had independent ways such as Times of India which explored 100% of power abuse and the Fox news which explored the same number in the Palestinians' sorrow and Israel's excessive power as much as 50% for each of them. This academic work hasn't discussed in detail from the judgment's point of view that can be continued in the future study.

## **Materials and Methods**

Textual analysis is implemented in this academic work by evaluating seven types of news, namely: 'BBC, Bloomberg, The Guardian, Fox News, New York Times, The Times of India and Huffington Post' by using systemic functional linguistics. The data are phrases and clauses in critical discourses which are valued through appreciation assessment using the meaningful grammatical theory. The ethnography analysis model is applied to find the cultural theme (Santosa 2017) by classifying the phrases and the clauses in the right form of reaction, composition and valuation. The news document analysis becomes the essential instrument. The principal data are phrases and clauses which are assessed which show the maltreatment and colonialism restricted only on the appreciation. The secondary data is the gap taken based on the findings of the preceded studies to assess the maltreatment in maintaining the holy site. The purposive sampling is applied by selecting the news about the maltreatment of human rights and colonialism in the holy site. The credibility of source and credibility of system analysis are considered to be noticed. There are many data from different sources are used to keep the consistency of the trustworthy data.

## **Conclusions**

The phrases and the clauses used in the news have very significant role in giving appreciation value. The language valuation can be used to give an interpretation on information given by giving notice on the reaction, composition and valuation. Each of the assessment depends on the positive and negative value. The reaction can be measured by answering the question whether the phrase and the clause describe a good impact or not. The composition can be valued by seeing the level of balance and the level of complexity. The valuation can be assessed by deciding whether the action done is worth

doing or not. The main point is in the vocabulary chosen which can show both explicit and implicit meanings. In fact, some kinds of newspapers have shown reliability with other newspaper. It means that the information given is reliable so that it is trusted.

## Patents

The data is taken from internet.

The first source is taken from BBC 'Gaza clashes: 52 Palestinians killed on deadliest day since 2014' on <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-44104599>.

The second data is from Bloomberg with the title 'May is likely to be an ugly month in Gaza: Palestinians are angry at both Israel and their own leaders and feel they have nothing to lose' on <https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2018-04-04/israel-palestine-gaza-violence-is-about-to-get-worse>.

The third data is from the Guardian with the title 'Palestinian minister delivers Israel 'war crimes' referral to ICC (International Criminal Court)'. The Guardian news is available at <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/may/22/palestinian-minister-israel-war-crimes-icc-referral>.

The fourth data is from Fox news with the title 'Correction: Israel-Palestinians story' on <https://www.foxnews.com/world/correction-israel-palestinians-story>.

The fifth data is from New York Times with the title 'A Child of Gaza Dies. A Symbol Is Born. The Arguing Begins' taken from [https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/16/world/middleeast/layla-ghandour-gaza.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FPalestinian%20Authority&action=click&contentCollection=timestopics&region=stream&module=stream\\_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=1&pgtype=collection](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/16/world/middleeast/layla-ghandour-gaza.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FPalestinian%20Authority&action=click&contentCollection=timestopics&region=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=1&pgtype=collection).

The sixth data is from the Times of India with the title 'Britain plans to suspend sale of all military equipment to Israel'. The Times of India online news can be read or accessed online from <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/uk/Britain-plans-to-suspend-sale-of-all-military-equipment-to-Israel/articleshow/39826806.cms>.

The seventh data is from Huffington post with the title 'U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem Opens Its Doors as Protests Rage Nearby' which have been read from [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/us-embassy-jerusalem-opens-doors\\_us\\_5af965eae4b0e57cd9fb673d](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/us-embassy-jerusalem-opens-doors_us_5af965eae4b0e57cd9fb673d).

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