

Language laboratory – Challenges for the UN



at a bleak moment

If a situation is bleak, there is little or no hope for the future

The economic outlook is bleak.



Ramifications

The possible results of an action

Have you considered all the ramifications of your suggestion?

what are other
words for
ramifications?



consequences, branching, fork,
branch, leg, effect,
repercussions, impact, result,
consequence



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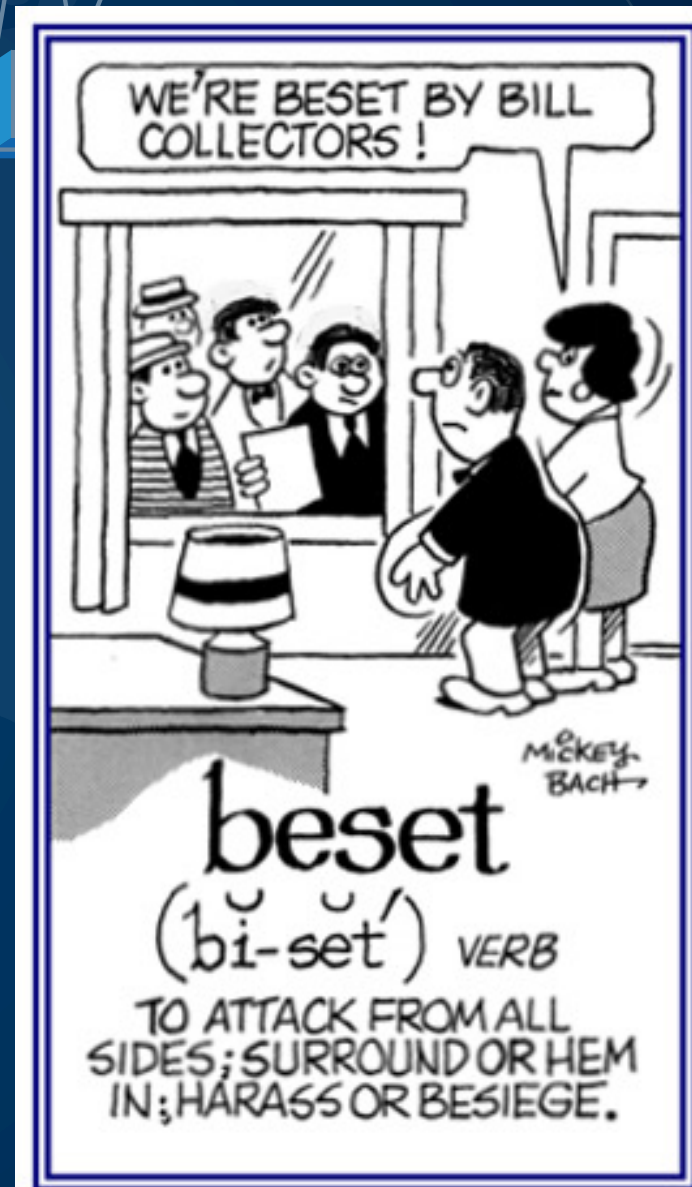




Beset by/with

having a lot of trouble with something,
or having to deal with a lot of
something that causes problems

With the amount of traffic nowadays, even a trip across town is
beset by/with dangers.



Dispiriting



causing you to not have much hope about
a particular situation or problem

There has been a dispiriting fall in sales.



To rally

come together in order to provide support or make a shared effort

Supporters/Opponents of the new shopping development are trying to rally local people **in favour of/against** it

The president has called on the people to rally **to/behind** the government

The general rallied his forces to defend the town.





To shroud

to hide something
by covering or surround-
ing it

Suddenly all the lights went out and
the house was shrouded in darkness.



To hamstring

to limit the amount of something that can be done
or the ability or power of someone to do
something

The company was hamstrung by traditional but inefficient ways of conducting business.





Conflagration



a large and violent event, such as a war, involving a lot of people:

The government has turned a minor local problem into a full-blown regional conflagration.



To gain traction

the fact of an idea, product,
etc. becoming popular or being accepted

In our digital age, it takes less time for new words and phrases to gain traction than it did in the past.



Attrition

gradually making something weaker and destroying it, especially the strength or confidence of an enemy by repeatedly attacking it

Terrorist groups and the government have been engaged in a costly war of attrition since 2008.



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The Knesset is considering branding UNRWA a
terrorist organisation, which would have _____
for its operations inside and outside Israel



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The UN's inability to end the war or lessen the risks of a wider regional _____ did not halt its work elsewhere, but there is little doubt that it cast a long shadow over the organisation.



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The gloom _____ the organisation does not mean
that the UN has been rendered a bystander in
world affairs.



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But while those were bruising eras, the
organisation's members managed to _____,
reconcile and institute important reforms on
each occasion



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The organisation needs to look for ways to
sustain and strengthen these efforts despite the
_____ geopolitical circumstances.



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The war between Israel and Hamas has cast a long shadow over the world organisation, and many of its members worry that it is failing to fulfil its core mandate of preserving peace and security. Leaders will meet at the UN General Assembly _____.



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Even so, the UN continues to be involved in a
wide range of peacemaking and humanitarian
initiatives in countries _____ by conflict



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Even though rifts between states inevitably
constrain what the UN system can achieve – no
more so than in the Middle East and Ukraine – it
is not _____ in every instance.



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As the war of _____ between the two sides has worsened over the course of the Gaza conflict, Israel has signalled that it could intensify its bombing campaign in southern Lebanon and even mount a ground invasion.



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This approach is _____. China and Russia's
sceptical positions on sanctions in particular
have converged with those of the Council's
African members, who complain that UN
measures such as arms embargoes infringe on
the sovereignty and interests of governments on
their continent

