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Public cannot sue lawyers for deficiency in service

- The legal profession is unique. The nature of that work is special. It cannot be compared to other services.
- So advocates do not come under the purview of Consumer Protection Act and hence advocates cannot be sued for service deficiency in consumer courts.
- A lawyer exercises a considerable degree of direct control over the manner in which his services are rendered by the client in the course of his practice. Services received by an attorney constitute a contract of personal service.
- Therefore, the profession of advocate will be exempted from the definition of service. So advocacy falls within the exempted area of ??definition of service in Section 2(42) of Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
- The purpose of the Consumer Protection Act is to provide timely and effective administration to consumers and to settle their disputes.
- If all services are brought under the purview of the Service Act, cases will pile up.

Israel and Rafah

- 2023 October 7, 2023 Israel continues its retaliatory attack on Israel by Hamas.
- More than 35,000 people have been killed in Gaza by the Israeli army.
- Israel has intensified military operations in the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah.
- Israel has advised people to leave Rafah and go to the coastal area of ??Al Makhazi.

Why the attack on Rafa?

- On May 5, four Israeli soldiers were killed in an airstrike by Hamas militants near Rafah.
- Subsequently, Israel planned to attack Hamas positions in Rafah.

Palestinians leaving:

- Palestinians living in Rafah have started to leave their homes due to the Israeli occupation.
- Rafah has been a lifeline for the displaced people since the start of the Israeli army's brutal attack on Gaza.
- More than 10 lakh people stay in Rafah. In this case, this action of Israel has put the people in unspeakable distress.
- The Rafah area is located on the border with Egypt, so the UN has not been able to help the people affected by the war. Relief items such as food and medicine provided by human rights organizations are arriving through Rafah.

Israel denies:

- Israel does not see the Rafah area as a border crossing for humanitarian aid. Instead, it sees itself as a hub for terrorist purposes. Israel defines Rafah as Hamas's last bastion.

Cracks with Allies:

- The US has expressed its displeasure over the attack on Rafa.

Continued Negotiation:

- Hamas, Israel, the United States, Qatar, and Egypt have made proposals for an end to the war in Cairo. Three suggestions are given.
- As a first step, a 40-day ceasefire and the release of 33 hostages held by Hamas. Israel must also release Palestinian prisoners.
- Second, the ceasefire must be extended for another 42 days and Hamas must release all hostages.
- Finally, Hamas must hand over the bodies of the dead hostages.

A controversial Russian-style bill

- Georgia, a former Soviet Union country located in Southwest Asia, has passed a controversial foreign influence bill criticized as a Russian-style bill in parliament.
- The bill states that media and non-governmental organizations operating in that country must register themselves as organizations operating in the interest of foreign powers if they receive more than 20 percent of their funding from foreign sources.
- With this, one side accuses it of trying to suppress anti-government views and taking away media freedom, just like in neighboring Russia.
- The Government of Georgia has drafted this bill following the policies of the Kremlin (President of the Russian Federation).