

## **ABSTRACT**

*The conflict between Palestine and Israel has not yet been resolved. This conflict began when the Palestinian territories were occupied by Israel. This has had a big impact on the world in general and in the Arab world of course. It cannot be denied that conflict and struggle were felt by both parties. The war that took place between the soldiers in Palestine and the troops on one side, and the Israeli army has never stopped since the beginning of the conflict until now. Yasser Arafat was a very dominant figure in Palestinian politics for the last four decades before his death in 2004. Arafat played an important role in the struggle for Palestinian independence and is considered a national symbol for the Palestinian people. He led the resistance movement against the Israeli occupation and attempted to gain international recognition for Palestinian independence. This thesis analyzes Yasser Arafat's role in the struggle for Palestinian independence in 1994-2004. The main focus of this research is to understand Arafat's contribution to the struggle for Palestinian independence and leading the Palestine Liberation Movement (PLO) as well as the strategies he used in facing political, military and diplomatic challenges. By using the Theory of Sovereignty and Foreign Politics. Using a literature approach, this thesis explores Arafat's role in fighting for the rights of the Palestinian people, peace negotiations with Israel, and international diplomacy efforts. The research method used is descriptive qualitative with a literature approach where researchers use materials in the form of books, journals, news, theses related to this research. The results of the analysis show that First, Arafat's Struggle with Diplomacy was an central figure in the leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and provided international support for the Palestinian struggle. As leader of the PLO, he succeeded in increasing the visibility and legitimacy of the Palestinian movement in the international arena. Arafat played a leading role in initiating the peace process with Israel, which led to the signing of the Oslo Agreement in 1993. Although controversial and criticized by some parties, Arafat's role in the peace process demonstrated his active efforts to achieve political peace share the Palestine-Israel conflict. Secondly, Struggle with Non-diplomacy as the leader of Fatah and the initiative movement, Arafat mobilized the masses to fight against Israeli occupation and fight for Palestinian rights. He became a symbol of resistance and national pride for the Palestinian people.*

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