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Plan for extended answer question

Question: Examine the patterns of urban stress that have developed within one named city as a result of contested land use changes (10)

Named city: I will examine the patterns of urban stress that have developed over time in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, as a result of contested land use changes led by urban expansion.

Quick info about city/country: in an LIC in north eastern Africa, AA has a population of 3-5 million (2016), which is predicted to double over the next 10-15 years. (Unusual location since centre of country + high relief but due to high precipitation.)

Introduction to topic

Definition of key word in Q: urban stress refers to the social and environmental stresses in a city that impact the inhabitants' life, well-being and safety. These can lead to riots including deaths, wealth gaps and the reduction of green areas.

AA has seen incredible expansion over last few years, driven by rapid increase in population growth. This requires the need to create new housing for increasing demand, and this process, known as urban development, causes several problems. Most people are without proper sanitation or access to clean water, many lack steady electricity and rubbish collection is grossly inadequate.

I will be talking about ...

Outline what will be discussed:

Body paragraph 1

Idea #1: key features of urban redevelopment in AA, outlining central AA redevelopments in Bole.

Examples/facts/explanations: new apartment blocks are built like Koye Feche that will house over 200 000, building at fastest pace in Africa, areas like Bole have 5-star hotels, banks, office blocks, cafes, restaurants → "HIC profile", imported champagne, luxury shops → Bole-type areas are more and more common, housing "re-pats" (returned from London, Dubai, NY) spending their free time in bars and restaurants

Closing statement: in the centre of the city where the richest live, the urban development is providing good services but only to those who can afford it, BUT too modern and too radical in approach based on German design which might not work here → segregation (social and economic)

Body paragraph 2

Idea #2: impact of urban development on slum clearances in and around AA, including in Weregenu

Examples/facts/explanations: urban development in central AA requires the clearing of slums in central AA, which leads to unrest amongst the lower social and economic classes

Also expands outwards into farmlands and nearby villages such as Weregenu, all land owned by government so no possibility to resist, all evicted tenants are offered a condominium apartment but many can't afford it, have to get jobs on construction sites with no compensation, several hundred people killed in riots, anti-government protests

Closing statement: urban development includes the clearance of central AA slums or nearby farms and villages, causing unrest and protests from the villagers, no short-term benefits for them and get no compensation, leads to many deaths and full-blown political crisis

Body paragraph 3

Idea #3: Impact of urban development on green spaces

Examples/facts/explanations: shrunken green areas, evidence of heating as a result of heat island effects, expected to worsen due to massive construction, rapid and unplanned expansion, unsustainable use of land, uncoordinated urban development and insecure land tenure system, lack of awareness and community participation, poor implementation of government policies, , shortage of land, pollution from different sources

Closing statement: it is clear that urban development has led to the large depletion of green spaces in AA as less attention given to them

Conclusion

Summary of main themes: Urban stress in AA is caused by the massive urban development taking place to expand the city, leading to mass slum clearances and depletion of green spaces.

Personal evaluation/opinion: *1 more severe than other*