

Chapter 8

Role of Strategic Leadership in Managing Political Crises: From the Perspective of Youth in Arab Regions

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ABSTRACT

Effective problem-solving in strategic leadership relies on a scientific workflow that necessitates the formulation of basic requirements. These requirements, including effective diversity management, organizational flexibility, decision-making, leadership skills, problem-solving teams, effective communication, and information management, form the backbone of an integrated approach to problem-solving. Strategic leadership, characterized by efficiency, integrated planning, strategic vision, and informed decision-making, is essential for protecting society from turmoil, conflicts, and various crises while promoting progress across all fields (Hashim & Abdullaq, 2018). The interaction of numerous sudden and external variables often lies beyond our control, making the importance of leadership in managing crises one of the most pressing issues today. Addressing this challenge requires effective crisis management strategies that reduce negative consequences, as decision-makers often face elements of surprise, confusion, and limited time for decision-making and response (Serafi, 2008).

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INTRODUCTION

Crises are significant and influential events that profoundly impact people's lives, shaping their experiences and perceptions. The concept of crisis has become ubiquitous, affecting individuals, organizations, and societies on multiple levels. Whether social, economic, or security-related, crises present challenges that are difficult to control, making them a source of concern for employees and officials alike (Hussein, 2020). The pervasive nature of crises in contemporary society necessitates a comprehensive approach to crisis management, integrating various disciplines and strategies to mitigate their impact effectively. In the context of political crises, particularly in volatile regions such as the Middle East, organizations must establish a robust framework to navigate these challenges. This framework should include essential requirements such as effective crisis management planning, the ability to make timely and informed decisions, the presence of skilled leadership and crisis management teams, and access to reliable communication and information systems. Clear and effective strategies are crucial for managing crises, ensuring that organizations can respond swiftly and appropriately to emerging threats.

The dynamic environment in which contemporary organizations operate means that crises are an inevitable part of their landscape. No organization can escape the impact of crises, making it imperative to develop wise leadership capable of effective planning and adaptation. Strategic leadership involves not only addressing immediate crises but also anticipating future challenges and opportunities. This proactive approach enables organizations to mitigate risks and capitalize on opportunities, ensuring resilience and sustainability.

Political crises in the Middle East have had a profound and far-reaching impact on society, individuals, and organizations. These crises necessitate political entities to confront challenges, protect their integrity, and continuously develop innovative solutions. Effective crisis management in this context requires a scientific and practical approach, utilizing advanced procedures and superior skills to manage crises comprehensively. From crisis detection to mitigation, a systematic approach is essential to protect the political, economic, and social standing of organizations. The importance of managing crises and risks for state institutions, particularly in developing countries, cannot be overstated. These institutions often face heightened vulnerability and compromised effectiveness in providing services during crises. Therefore, it is crucial to examine the role of strategic leadership in managing these challenges. Strategic leadership involves not only the development of effective crisis management plans but also the cultivation of leadership skills and the formation of crisis management teams that can operate under pressure and uncertainty.

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