

Que Russian recent actions have depicted that it is still relevant for the current world order. Why west has failed to contain Russia in Ukraine? What were the causes that pushed Russia to invade Ukraine? Analyze the possible response options for Pakistan.

1) Introduction

A fully independent Ukraine emerged only late in the 20th century, after long periods of successive domination by Poland, Russia & the USSR. Ukraine had experienced a brief period of independence in 1920. When the Soviet Union began to unravel in 1990-91, the legislature of the Ukraine SSR declared sovereignty & then outright independence in 1991.

In 1997, Big treaty was signed between Russia & Ukraine. But in 2008, friendly ties ended & conflict started again.

2) Why west has failed to containing Russia?

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Why West has failed?

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After the dissolution of the SU in 1991, Russia was recognised as the legal successor state of the SU & maintained the position on the UNSC.

Ⓑ USA dependency on Russian Uranium reserves

Russia is home of one of the world's largest uranium resources. The US is far more reliant on Russian uranium & imported about 14% of its uranium & 28% of all enrichment services from Russia in 2021.

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Russia is a major power after the USA & China. It can tilt the balance. USA does not want to tilt the balance of power towards China.

① Energy dependency of EU on Russian oil & gas reserves

Among EU countries Slovakia is the most dependent on Russian oil & petroleum products. In 2020, Russia was the origin country for 78% of the country's total imports of such commodities. When Poland condemn Russia, Russia halted its supply & then Poland pay in Rubels in Russian

currency.

3) Causes behind the invasion of Ukraine on

↳ NATO 2008 Bucharest Summit

NATO welcomes Ukraine & Georgia for membership in NATO. We agreed today that these countries will become members of NATO soon.

① NATO's acceptance of these countries threatens its security

Russia has long argued that NATO's acceptance of these countries threatens its security. It has vehemently opposed Ukraine's request to join the alliance, fearing this would encroach too closely on its territory.



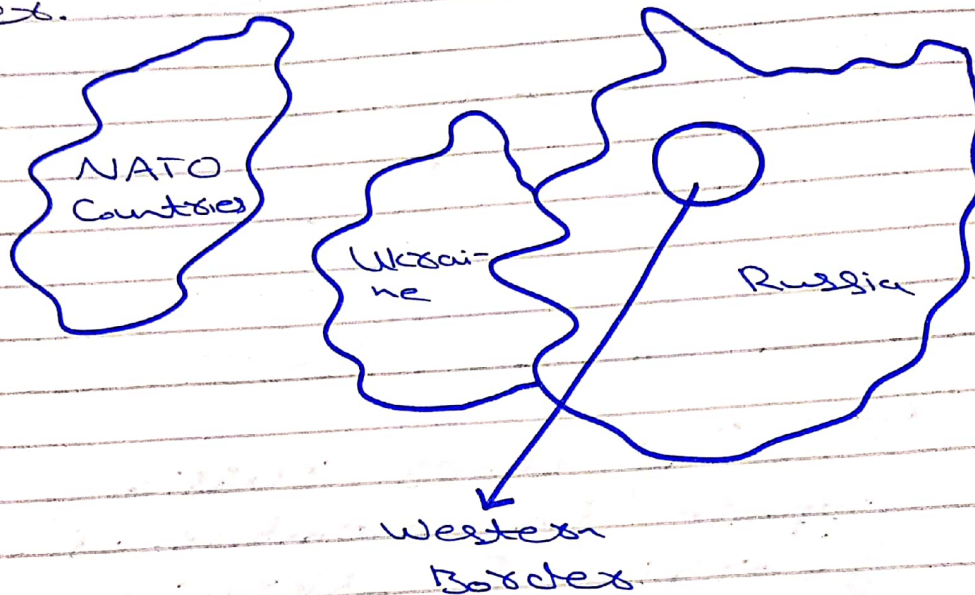
↳ Why does Russia oppose the membership of Georgia & Ukraine

- ① Russia security dilemma due to neighbouring NATO members

IF Ukraine, become the member of NATO. The security dilemma of Russia is increase. Because Ukraine & Russia share their border. & NATO countries can easily attack Russia.

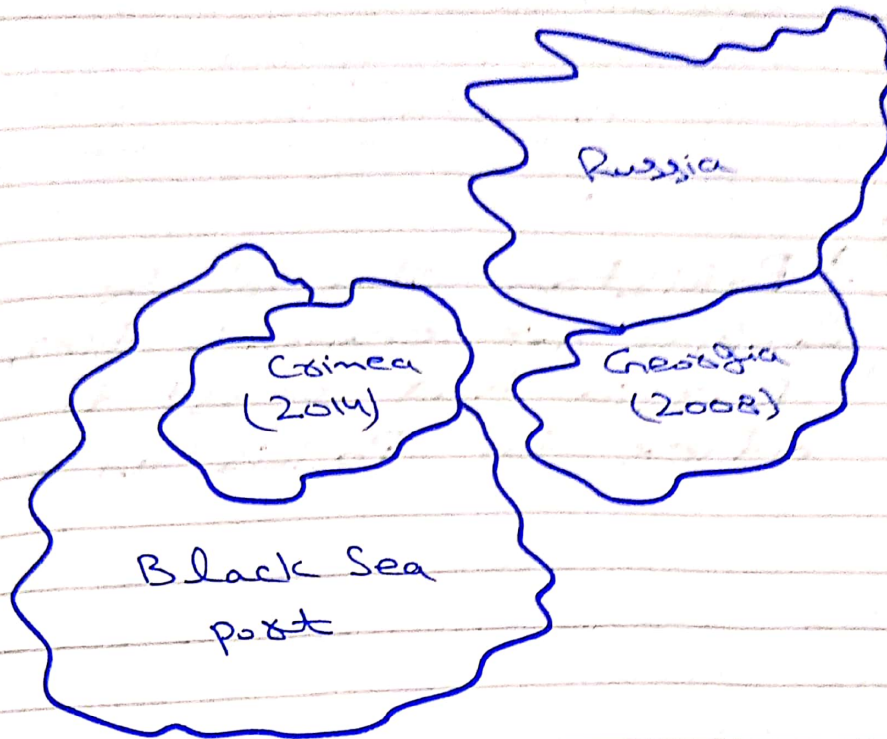
- ② Russia's security dilemma due to its western plain lands

The western sides fears Russia is planning to invade Ukraine & claim it has amassed thousands of troops at the border.



↳ This dilemma led to invasion of Georgia & Crimea

○ On 8 August 2008, Russian forces began the invasion of Georgia, marking the start of Europe's first twenty-first century war. In February & March 2014, Russia invaded & subsequently annexed the Crimea. The Black Sea ports of Crimea provide quick access to the Eastern Mediterranean, Balkans & Middle East.



4) Possible response options for Pakistan

↳ Pakistan should
adopt a neutral
approach

Pakistan maintained a delicate balance on the brewing conflict. Pakistan is not impartial in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict & has been involved in supplying arms & ammunition made in Pakistan, for the end use of Ukraine.

“ Say no to war, yes to

Cooperation"
Current new policy guidelines
of Pakistan in NSP
2022.

↳ Pakistan should be
looking for economic ties,
Russia has least to
offer to Pakistan

Pakistan & Russia trade
is less than 1 Billion USD. Russia
is not technologically & diplomati-
cally strong. Russia announced
North to South pipeline from
Russia but no work has been
started.

↳ If Pakistan sides
with Russia, it will
lose diplomatic &
economic support

If Pakistan support
Russia, it will be against USA.
USA has 16% voting rights in
IMF. To pass any resolution
in IMF 85% voting is required.
If USA is not voting in favour
of Pakistan, the resolution is
not pass. We need USA in IMF.
In FATF, USA has a clout.

Pakistan should maintain neutral approach in Russia-Ukraine war.

5) Conclusion

In the end, we can say that the invasion has caused tens of thousands of deaths on both sides. Russia should adopt the peace policy on Ukraine issue. Because this can affect the whole country.