

Question # 4:-

Discuss the core causes of Russian invasion of Ukraine which have considerable socio-economic, political and strategic consequences on the world. Explain its devastating impact on Pakistan and its severe lesson for the country's survival.

Answer:-

Introduction

Russia attacked Ukraine on 24th February 2022, claiming that Ukraine is direct neighbour and allied country of Russia. While it is going to make alliance with NATO forces rival of Russia, which is a security threat to Russia due to NATO forces along the borders of Ukraine sharing with Russia.

History of Ukraine Alliance with Russia in 20th Century

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After Bolshevik's revolution in 1917, Russia became USSR and adopted expansionist policy by occupying neighbouring states. From 1922 to 1939.

Ukraine was a part of Russia. For a brief time period it was under the occupation of Axis states Germany and Italy.

Later on in 1954 again became an allied state of Russia till 1991 the official collapse of mighty USSR. From then it got separated with other fourteen small states.

But Ukraine was bound to make deals which would in favor or not against of Russian Federation.

Causes of War

Presence of two Ethnic Groups in Ukraine:-

There are two ethnic groups present in Ukraine. Eastern ethnic group comprising thirty percent of Ukraine alongside the Russian border. And Western Ethnic group comprising rest of seventy percent of Ukraine. Former wants to alignate with Russia because of economic interests and common ethnicity whereas later is interested in alliance with European Union due to cultural similarities.

Beginning of Conflict

Former President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich supposed to make an agreement for free trade with European

ps Union [→] on 21st November 2013 but he refused to do so for being pro-Russian. People started protest on roads while Parliament removed Mr. President through impeachment and elected Mr. Volodymyr Zelenskyy in general election. He made an agreement of free trade named DCFTA in January 2016. Meanwhile protests were started in pro-Russian part of Ukraine in favour of President Viktor and Russia.

Russia's Attack on Crimea
There are about four states of Ukraine who were protestants and pro-Russia since ever. Crimea was one of them. Russia attacked

Crimea in February 2014 and made his government in March 2014 through referendum. Furthermore, she supported other separatist movements in pro-Russian states of Ukraine to build a pressure on Mr. Zelenskyy to make him refrain from making an alliance with NATO.

Zelenskyy's Effort to make Ukraine a member of NATO:-
Ukraine officially requested NATO countries particularly America to allow Ukraine to join NATO forces. US herself wanted to be on the border of Russia in order to maintain its soft power in the influential region of Russia.

Russian Attack on Ukraine

Russia declassified two of the separatist states of Ukraine as independent states on 21st February 2022 and launched attack on Ukraine on 24 February 2022, claiming that NATO and US are its rivals must be away from Russian borders.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said

"We are not on the borders of US but the are on ours"

Consequences of War on World at Large:-

- (i) Socio-Economic Consequences
Russia is an oil rich country and a great exporter of oil.

was in Russia caused price
hike of petroleum and other
products. This inflation impact
is world wide. Moreover an
atmosphere of fear, social
anarchy and security threat
prevails throughout the region.

Economic Sanctions on Russia

USA and UK put economic
sanctions on Russia but she
is apparently not significantly
concerned about it in larger
National Interests.

(ii) Political Consequences

- This war may lead to
division of Ukraine into
two parts. Pro-Russian areas
may get separate from it
and make an alliance
with Russia while pro-west
part may remain under the
flag of current Ukraine.

Another political consequence may be in the emergence of new block of political powers against NATO.

This block may include Russia, China, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan and may be India and Pakistan. Although, Indian Foreign Office stated that "we are neutral regarding Russia-Ukraine war"

and Pakistan's former Prime Minister said "we are not going to be a part of any block but will focus on our National Interests."

(ii) Strategic Consequences

US and UK wants a prolonged war with Russia while on the other hand Russia has warned whole world to not to involve in this

was to secure their interests otherwise they will held responsible for the consequences. All this situation shows that Russia-Ukraine war has strengthened the risks of WWII. Once NATO forces involve in this war then neither country would be able to control its consequences.

Impacts on Pakistan

Global Criticism and Damage of Soft Image of Pakistan

Pakistan's former Prime Minister visited Russia the day when she attacked Ukraine. Western world criticized Pakistan for this.

This criticism damaged Pakistan's soft image in Western world.

Western states claimed that Pakistan is going to adopt pro-Russia policies.

Stance of Foreign Policy

It was blamed by western world

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that Pakistan has changed the stance of foreign policy from pro-West to pro-Russia. Pakistan's former Prime Minister rejected the blame by claiming in one of his speeches that former Prime Minister's views

"Pakistan is a sovereign state, has independent Foreign Policy and is free to make decisions to secure its National interests"

Political Consequences

US and other western world were pressurizing Pakistan for condemnation of Russia regarding war in Ukraine, but Pakistan's Foreign office and former Prime Minister refused for taking any stance in this war and replied to western media that

"Pakistan must have the

of being neutral in this was just like India to secure its National Interests."

Many political analysts claim that such a rigid stance may damage Pakistan in long run.

~~iii~~ Impacts on Economy

(i) Good Impacts (Expected)

Pakistan went to Russia for making economic deals including deal for low cost oil and investment in energy sectors. These deals may help Pakistan in long run in pulling her out of grave of economic crisis.

(ii) Bad Impacts (Fair lessons for country's survival)

(a) Major portion of Pakistan's economy is based upon bail-out packages of IMF which is

under the deep influence of US. Such a rigid stance of Foreign Policy may put circumstances of Pakistan's economy into danger. IMF can make more strict conditions for bail-out package which would be an unfavourable condition for Pakistan.

(b) FATF- Grey List

Pakistan was in grey list of FATF and chances of retention in that list were multiplied. Fortunately after collective efforts of institutes, state and government, Pakistan was removed from grey list in 21-22 October 2022. It was considered as a great achievement of Pakistan state and government.

(c) Regime Change in Pakistan

Former Prime Minister was removed democratically through vote of no confidence by members

of National Assembly because
opposition parties had strong
objections with his policies claiming
that those policies were against
the sovereignty of our state.

One of those policies was
neutral stance on Russia-Ukraine
war and tilt of Foreign
Policy towards Russia.

Conclusion

States go into wars in order
to secure their National
Interests but as a matter
of fact wars cause large
scale mass destruction and
loss of belongings. All the
disputes must be solved
on table by negotiations
democratically particularly in
this modern age. So Russia
must adopt the policy of
table talk to secure its
National Interests.

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