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Indian - Ocean is become a region of political concern. How political tug of war is cycling in Indian ocean. Is it threat to Pakistan's foreign policy?

Ans

### Introduction

"Indian ocean is a 'crest of jewel'."

Indian ocean is become a political concern among countries. The world's major powers, China and the USA, are leading political war in Indian ocean. However, Pakistan's external affairs are needed to

remain balanced in  
Indian-ocean political  
tag of war.

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## Indian Ocean: a

### game round

"Indian ocean is  
the world's 3rd  
largest ocean."

Indian ocean is become  
a political game circle.  
As per report, almost  
the world's one-third  
trade is done through  
Indian ocean. (Ecomse  
survey). Hence, Indian  
ocean is a  
political game round.

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## Political tag of war in

### Indian ocean

The US - sino strategy

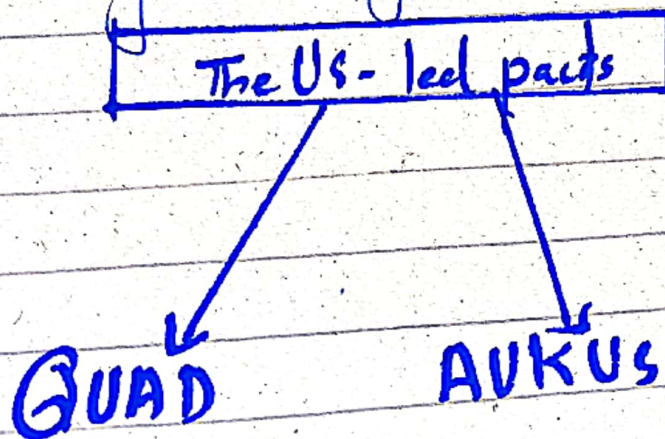


has made Indian ocean  
a platform of political  
war.

"The US-Sino political  
war has made  
Indian ocean  
a political  
game."

a) The US political influence  
in Indian ocean

The US is leading  
political tug of war  
by following pacts:



i) AUKUS ~ a trilateral  
Security pact



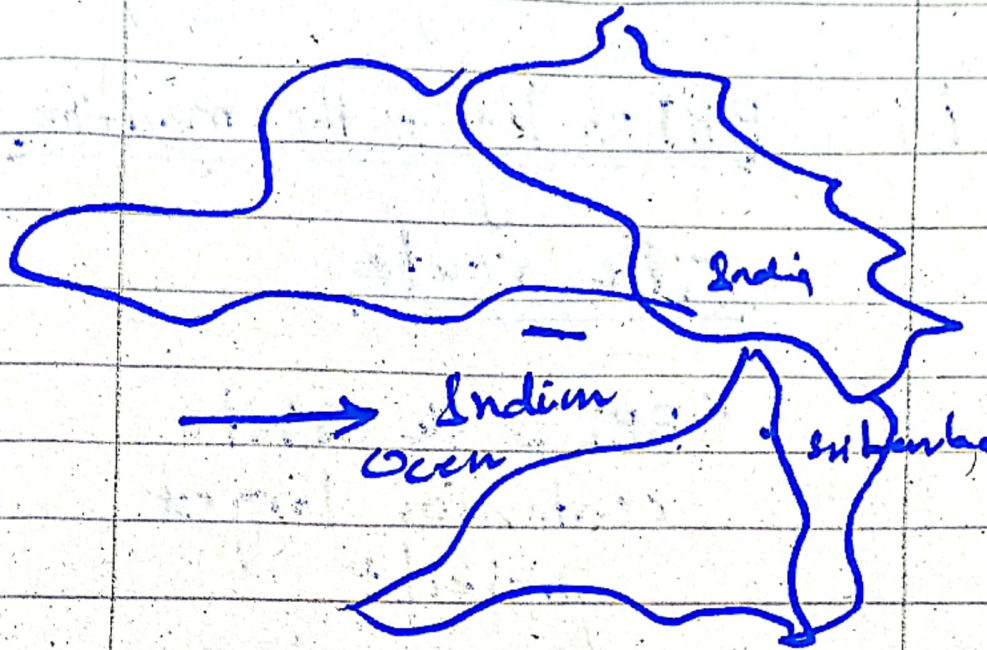
As per report, the US is empowering nuclear sub-marine in Indian ocean. According to the US-media, 3-nuclear submarine SSN will be ready by 2030. (www.cnn.com, 2023) Hence, the US is influencing Indian ocean.

## ii) QUAD - a quadrilateral Security pact

Along with AUKUS, the US also strives to empower Indian navy to curtail China. As per report, the US has provided maritime support to Indian navy. (think tanks, 2022). Therefore,



the US is leading  
a political war in  
Indian ocean.



- QUAD
  - AUKUS
- the US-led pacts

b)

## China's influence in Indian ocean

'The US must  
end its holidays'

(~The US Secretary)

China is also active



in Indian ocean  
game. BRI is become  
China's global project.

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BRI's leg = the maritime  
silk route

"BRI is the 21st  
century's largest  
project."

(China media)

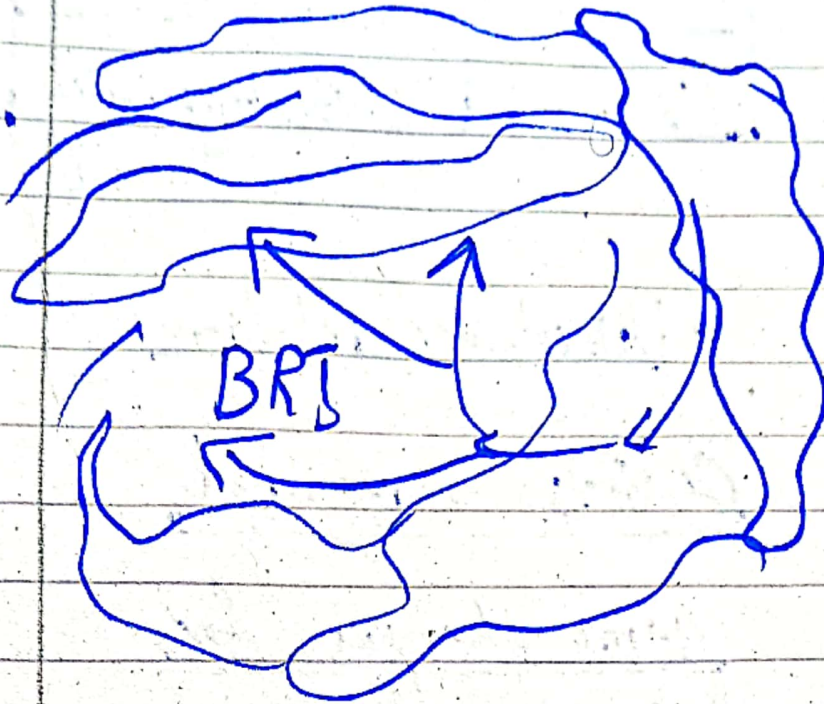
The maritime silk route  
is ongoing to connect  
regions. As per reports,  
BRI is a project  
of \$ 4.2 billion \$.

(Chinese media report)

Hence, it will be  
beneficial. In order  
to balance the  
US, China is ready  
to build seaports



in Indian ocean. Hence,  
Indian ocean is become  
a tag of political  
war.



• BRT - connectivity

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Pakistan needs a

balance not independent

foreign policy

Pakistan has tie with  
between US - China  
influence:

China	neighbour economic partner
US	strategic ally

• Pakistan's relations

a) China; a regional  
game changer for  
Pakistan

'Pakistan has an opportunity to come out from the West sphere.'

(~ the expertise)

Pakistan is a main key ally of China.



Pakistan's foreign policy should be balanced. Pakistan needs to promote its economy that has been in downfall. Therefore, Pakistan needs to support its national interest.

"Why we chase one?"

Why we don't have relations with both."

(Imran Khan)

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Conclusion

"Indian-ocean is 'ratnakara'"  
(= global title)

Indian ocean is



in political tug of war that is prevailing between two powerful countries. However, Pakistan needs to maintain its foreign policy in the US-Sino relations.