

CPEC and 'Indo-Middle East-Europe', new warfronts

1- Introduction

CPEC and collaboration of India, Middle East and Europe are opening new warfronts for the world. This geopolitical chessboard is causing long-lasting repercussions for the world. However, through effective mitigation measures the risk of war escalation can be reduced.

2- New Warfronts relating to CPEC and 'Indo-Middle East-Europe'

3- How new warfronts are opening through CPEC and collaboration of India, Middle East, Europe

- a- Disputed territory of Kashmir being a critical point of CPEC instigates Pak-India rivalry.
- b- Competition between bloc of Pakistan, China and India, Europe for accessing resources of Middle East
- c- Strait of Hormuz, a critical chokepoint for CPEC and global oil shipments, makes it a potential target for geopolitical rivalries

- d- Strategic competition for increasing influence in Asia Pacific to Indo-Pacific region through CPEC and IMEC
 - e- CPEC countering naval superiority of Europe in the Mediterranean sea
 - f- Expansion of naval infrastructure around Indian Ocean's littoral states increase maritime disputes
 - g- Militarization of maritime chokepoints increases risk of conflict escalation
 - h- Convergence of CPEC and IMEC has intensified sectarian tensions in Middle Eastern theatre
- 4- Implications of New war fronts on the World
- a- Proliferation of arms race
 - b- Exacerbating Proxy Conflicts
 - c- Heightened Cyber Warfare
 - d- Emerging Security Challenges for Pakistan
 - e- Devastating impact on Climate Change
 - f- Threat of Food Insecurity across the world

5- Mitigation Measures for Reducing the Risk of War Escalation

- a- Improving the role of international organizations in Peace Making across the globe
- b- Strengthening arms control treaties and agreements
- c- Promoting trade and tourism among rival states

6- Conclusion