

Q Propose prospective foreign policy options for Pakistan in the wake of Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022.

### Introduction:-

A foreign policy of a country is actually a way through which it connects to the other countries of the world. Foreign policy is made according to the self-interests of the country. Pakistan always wanted a peaceful and healthy relations to the world. Foreign policy of Pakistan is designed under the principles of charter of united nations (UN). It always respects the sovereignty and territorial borders of other countries. Pakistan always talks about the rights of people of Kashmir, so the sovereignty of Ukrainians is also important. But Pakistan also have good relations with Russia in economic and strategic areas. Pakistan took a middle way to deal with these two countries in wake of their ongoing conflict.



## Brief description of the Russia-Ukraine Issue:

In 1991, when Soviet Union collapsed, Russia came into being with 15 other independent states. Ukraine was one of them. In 1989, at the event of Berlin wall, U.S. guaranteed to the Moscow that it will not expand towards the Russia-influenced states. But with passage of time four states became allies with **NATO** and now it started to move towards Ukraine. Russia warned NATO and U.S. to not make relationships with Ukraine in future but they didn't took it serious. In 2014 Russia took over the control of **Crimea** - a part of Ukraine. In 2022, after so many warnings given to Ukraine and NATO, Russia invaded to Ukraine by launching a full-scale attack from air, land and water.

## Teachings of founder of Pakistan about its foreign policy:

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan.



has talked about the content of relations of country to the world.

on **15 August, 1947** during his speech to people, he said:

"Pakistan foreign policy based on being friendly and kind to all nations. Pakistan does not want to attack or harm any other country."

"Our object should be peace within or peace without. We want to live peacefully and maintain cordial and friendly relations with our immediate neighbours and with world at large. We have no aggressive designs against anyone. We stand the United Nation Charter and will gladly make our full contribution to the peace and prosperity of the world."

### Foreign policy of Pakistan before 24 Feb, 2022:

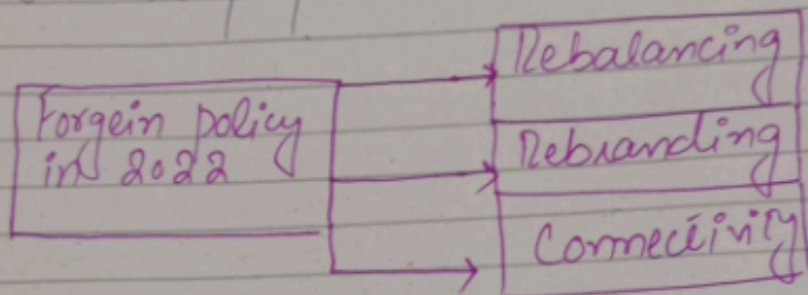
Before the invasion of Russia into Ukraine, Pakistan adopted the policy of friendship and collaboration towards both



countries, especially towards Russia.

## Speech of foreign minister in 2022

Shah Mahmud Qureshi, the foreign minister of Pakistan in 2022 talked about the rebalancing of country's relationships with other countries (without getting influence of the west or superpowers).



## Prospective options for Pakistan in wake of Russia-Ukraine conflict:

Pakistan showed tilt towards the U.S, that is actually backing the Ukraine against Russia. There are some important factors behind this decision. These are as follows:

### Cause of Kashmir:

Pakistan always talked about



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the sovereignty and independence of Kashmiri people. If Pakistan didn't condemn the attack of Russia on Ukraine, it would have denied its cause of Kashmir itself.

### U.S is Still the Superpower

Pakistan could not openly oppose the United States because of its hegemony on the world. So, some sort of tilt towards America was important to remain useful in the eye of west.

### Under the Debt of IMF

Pakistan has been under the debt of IMF long ago. So opposing the Americans means tangling the IMF. That's why Pakistan decided to go with U.S somehow.

### Fear of Terrorism hub in the Afghanistan:

The collaboration of U.S and Pakistan towards the end of terrorist hub and organizations like TTP, Al-Qaida in the Afghanistan was one of the



important reason.

Why Pakistan could not ally the Russia despite a move tilt towards U.S:

After the cold war, Pakistan and Russia has started to move towards good relationship.

**Investment of Russia in Pakistan:**

Russia has invested \$2bn in Pakistan Scream Gas pipeline that will transfer or supply gas from Karachi to Kabul (Punjab).

Central Asia, South Asia-1000  
CASA-1000 has been started with the investment of \$500 million. This will help to meet the energy challenges in Pakistan.

**Members of SCO:**

Both Pakistan and Russia are members of Shanghai cooperation organization (SCO). They are working together for better economic integration and for stability and peace of the region.



## Increasing relation of China with Russia:

China has been developing a deeper relation with Russia. China is supporting Russia in its war with Ukraine. So Pakistan could not go against Russia because of China. China has far more investment in Pakistan that can be proved helpful for better economy of the country.

## Russia is promoting the Multi-polarity:

The world order has been changing. The uni-polarity of America is changing in Multi-polarity. Russia can veto any decision in UN. Without its concern, it is difficult for U.S to do anything in the world.

## Visit of PM IMRAN KHAN TO Moscow:

Despite the threat from west, PM Imran Khan did not abstain from his tour to Moscow. This decision was sound. It showed the Independence.



of country's foreign policy.  
It gained the trust of  
Moscow that has been a goal  
of the country long ago.

### Conclusion:

Pakistan showed tilt towards  
the U.S, without annoying the  
Russia. Pakistan wanted both  
countries to sit and resolve  
their conflict. Prime minister  
of Pakistan visited Moscow  
despite these issues, as well  
as Pakistan purchased  
wheat from Ukraine to  
maintain our relationship,  
Pakistan always conveyed the  
message of peace.