

## Possible Solution to Russia-Ukraine Conflict

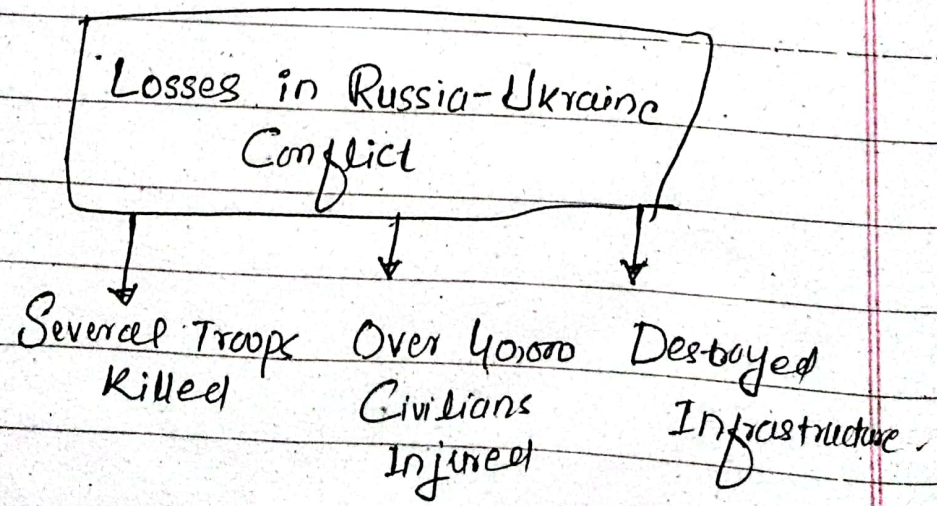
Russia-Ukraine conflict is not new; however, it started to intensify when Russian president Vladimir Putin declared Nato's expansion and Ukraine's Euromaidan national movement in 2014, a strategic threat. This followed the annexation of Crimea and support of eastern separatist movement by Russia. In February 2022, Russia entered to a full-scale war with Ukraine which has not been concluded yet. It must be acknowledged that war is not the feasible solution of this conflict. This issue, like all other issues, should be resolved through dialogue.

## Current Scenario:

Currently, the war does not seem coming to the conclusion. Russia holds one-fifth of Ukrainian territory. Meanwhile,

Ukraine recieves financial and technical assistance for United States (US) and European countries. In this war, hundreds of thousands of Russian and Ukranian military personnel have been killed. Moreover, over 40,000 Ukranian civilians are killed or injured, according to news report broadcasted on BBC News.

Russia is not ready to withdraw its forces from Ukraine whereas Ukraine does not seem to quit its Nato aspirations.



## Solutions to End the Conflict

It is clear from the situation that war has not been able to decide the fate of this conflict in spite the loss of thousands of precious lives.

Therefore, it can be solved by agreeing to two important steps. First, Ukraine will have to accept Russian demand of forgoing Nato membership, otherwise there would be a zero hope of securing Russian withdrawal from Ukraine. Second, the sovereignty issue should be addressed through a formula for shared governance in the disputed regions.

To summarize, there is no military solution to the Russia-Ukraine ongoing conflict. Ukraine will have to help Russia's unrest by abandoning NATO aspirations whereas Russia will have to respect Ukraine's sovereignty and earn its trust by helping in reconstruction of its war-torn infrastructure.