

Russian action of february 2022 show that it is still relevant for enlightened world order. Delineate the causes behind Russian invasion of Ukraine. Why did the West fail to contain Russia?

1) Introduction

The Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 exposed the fragility of modern international order and raised question about the ability of West to contain Russia. Rooted in complex historical, political and security concerns, the invasion was driven by desires of Russia to reassert influence over its neighbours, counter the expansion of NATO in Eastern Europe and secure its strategic interests. Despite sanctions and diplomatic efforts, NATO and West failed to deter Russia, revealing its limitations.

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Ukraine is not just a neighbouring country for us. It is an inalienable part of our own history, culture and spiritual space.”

(Vladimir Putin)

- President of Russia

2) Causes of Invasion of Russia in Ukraine

Buharest Summit
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(A) Bucharest Summit of NATO in 2008

NATO is a collective defence alliance, established in 1949, to contain Russia. It was decided in Bucharest Summit of NATO 2008, that Georgia and Ukraine would join NATO which antagonized Russia.

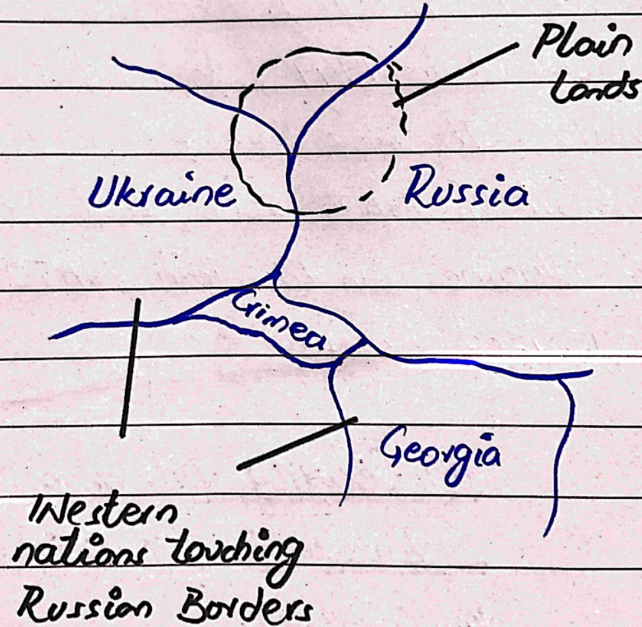
(B) Security Dilemma of Russia due to neighbouring NATO Countries

Georgia and Ukraine are neighbouring countries of Russia. If they become NATO members, NATO would touch Russian borders.

(C) Security Dilemma of Russia due to plain lands

Russia has plain lands on its

Western side which make it easily attackable. This challenging the security of Russia.

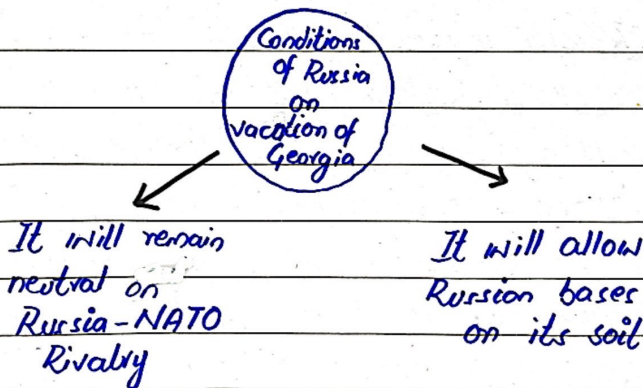


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Invasion in Georgia and Ukraine

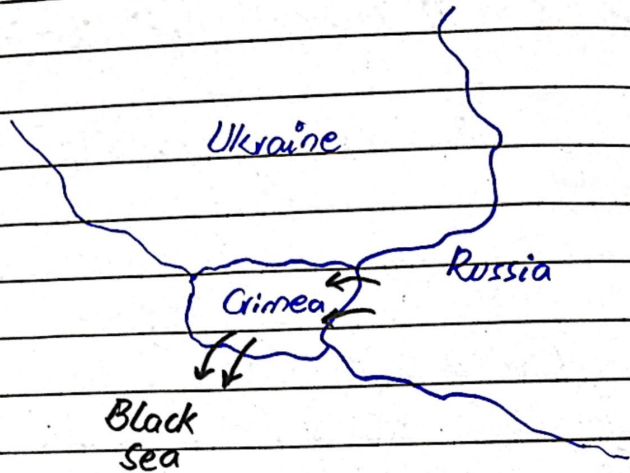
(A) Invasion in Georgia

Russia attacked Georgia in 2008 and controlled multiple strategic location there i.e. Military bases, hydrocarbon storages, sea ports, highways, airports etc. Russia, later on, vacated Georgia conditionally.



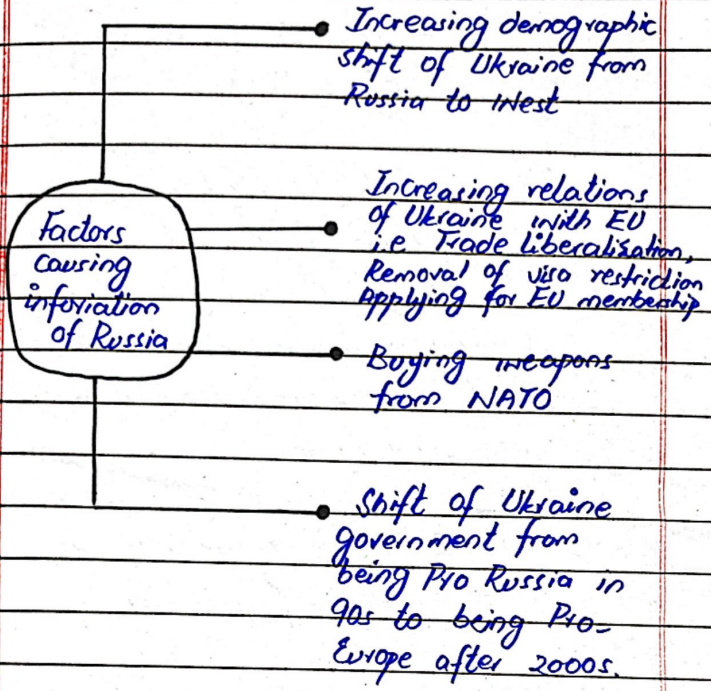
(B) Annexation of Crimea

Crimea is of great strategic importance due to its location. Russia annexed it in 2014 and is accessing black sea through it.

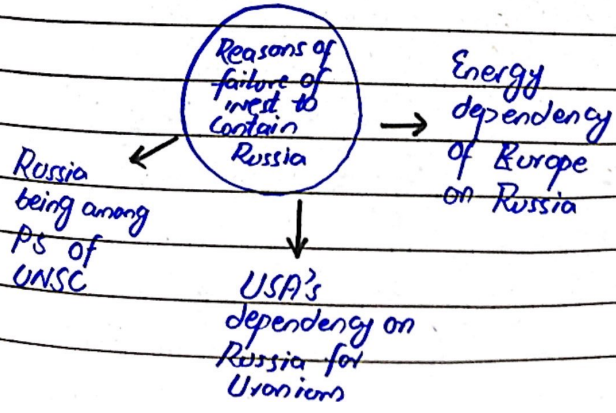


(c) Invasion of Ukraine

Russia invaded Ukraine on February 20, 2022 and waged an all out war against Ukraine. Approximately 20000+ troops participated in war. At first it was hit by Airforce struck missile. Later on, Infantry and Navy also participated. More than 50000+ mercenaries were hired called Magnors. There were series of factors which infuriated Russia and resulted in invasion.



41 Why West has failed to contain Russia?



(A) Russia being among PS of UNSC

West is unable to contain Russia since Russia is permanent member of UN Security Council with veto power. Any resolution passed against favour of Russia in UN by west is vetoed by Russia.

(B) USA's dependency on Russia for Uranium

USA is an importer of Russian Uranium for its nuclear programs. Any attempt by USA to condemn Russia can lead to halt of supply of Russian Uranium to USA.

(C) Energy dependency of Europe on Russia

Europe is highly dependent upon Russian oil and gas. About 51%.

of European Energy is fulfilled by Russian hydrocarbons.

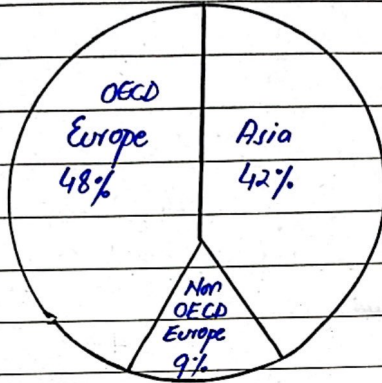


Fig: Russia's Crude oil exports by destination 2020

Austria condemned Russia which antagonized Russia and it halted its oil and gas supply. This resulted in three days shut down across the country.

5/ Conclusion

Russia's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine highlighted unresolved

