

Q: The U.S. has jumped into the Israel-Iran conflict, attacked the nuclear sites in Iran. Critically examine the implications on global power politics in context U.S, China and Russia.

Answer

Introduction

On the 22nd June 2008, United States of America launched "Operation Midnight Hammer" against Iran - officially entering into conflict with Iran. United States of America attacked three nuclear sites - Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan. The attack of United States of America on Iran was backed by pro-Israelian lobby and Jewish religious sentiments to curtail Iran's Uranium Enrichment. Consequently, U.S. jumping in Iran-Israel conflict has implications on global power politics in context of Russia and China. These implications are: Revival of cold-war style Bloc politics, strategic realignment in middle-East and Rise in proxy conflicts. However, pragmatic ways such as: Revival of JCPOA, U.N led Peace framework and Regional dialogue mechanism eventually curtail the Israel-Iran conflict.

Background Of Iran - Israel Conflict

This Iran-Israel conflict is deeply rooted since 1947.

According to Reuters,

"Iran was among 13 countries that voted against the United Nations Partition Plan for the British Mandate of Palestine."

This also intensified the Iran-Israel Relations.

"Two years later, Iran also voted against Israel's admission to the United Nations".
(Reuters)

On other hand, Prime Minister of Israel - Netanyahu - since 1990's debating in United Nation for Iran's illegal enrichment of Uranium. Recently, on 13th June, 2025, Israel launched operation Rising Lion on Iran.

As a result, it destroyed the nuclear facilities and killed twenty nuclear scientists in operation (Al-Jazeera).

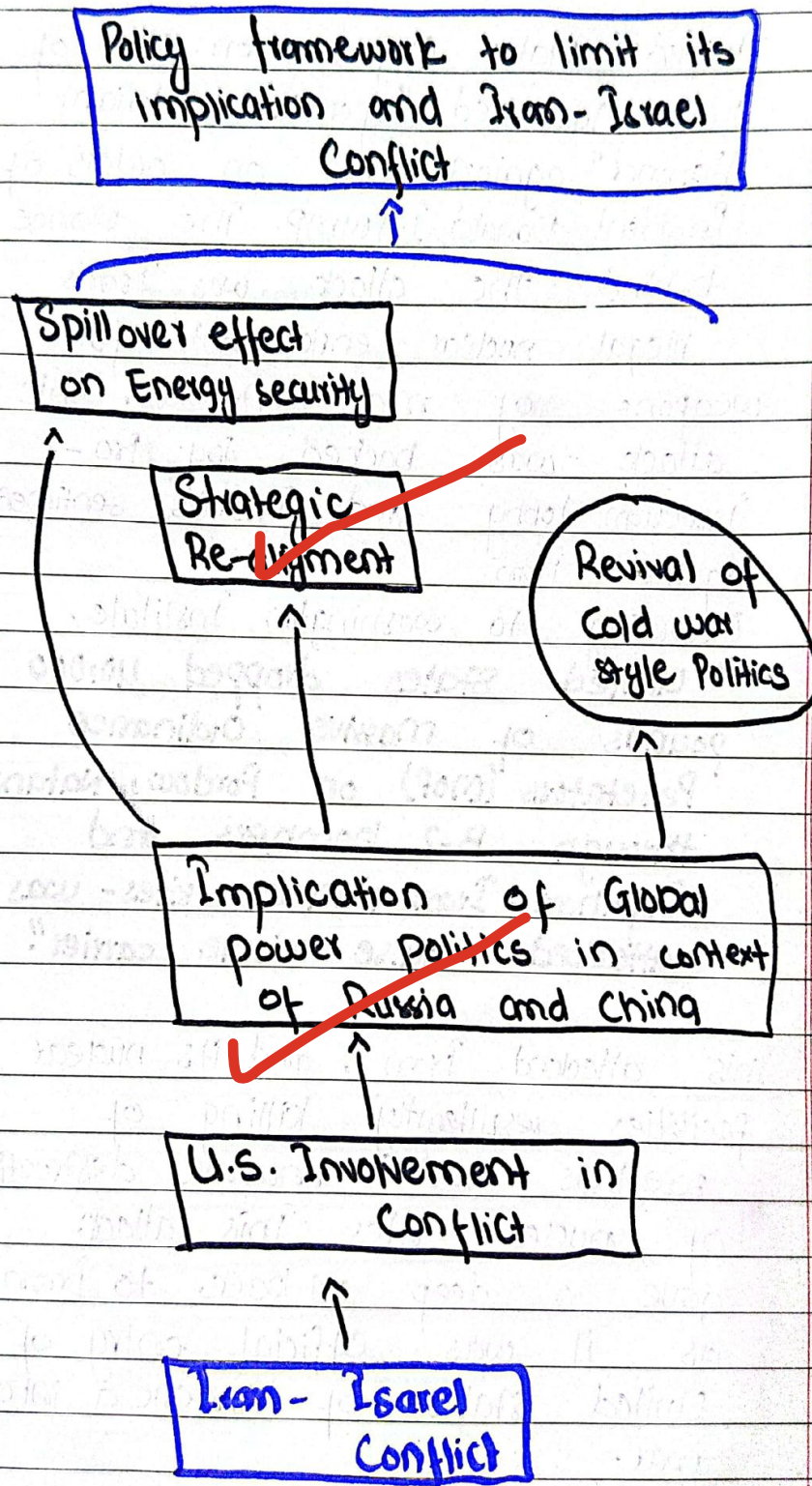
U.S. INVOLVEMENT In CONFLICT: ATTACK ON NUCLEAR SITES

United States Airforce on 22nd of June launched "operation midnight Hammer" against Iran on orders of President Donald J. Trump. The stance behind the attack was Iran's illegal nuclear enrichment for weapons of mass-destruction. This attack was backed by pro-Israeli lobby and Israel's sentiments against Iran.

According to Washington Institute, "United States dropped 40,000 pounds of massive ordinance Penetrators (MOP) on Fordow, Natanz through B-2 bombers and Isfahan - Iran nuclear sites - was attacked by cruise missile carrier!"

This attacked Iran, and its nuclear facilities resulting in killing of scientists and massive destruction of nuclear sites. This attack gave a deep set-back to Iran as it was official entry of United States of America into war.

This bottom to top flowchart represents the framework of U.S. involvement, its implications and way-forward.



Implications Of U.S. Involvement In Conflict On Global Power Politics In Context Of Russia, U.S. and China

United of America attacks has far-reaching implications on global power politics in context of China and Russia.

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Revival of Cold War Style Bloc Politics

This attack eventually give birth to the revival of cold war style Bloc politics which creates the two blocs such as: U.S. - Israel - NATO ~~verse~~ Russia - China - Iran.

These blocs further curtail the on-going Iran - Israel conflict.

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Strategic Realignment in Middle-East

U.S. involvement in conflict impacts middle-East as well. It creates strategic Redignment in middle-East. Arab countries - U.A.E and Saudi Arabia - ~~seeks~~ normalization with Israel. And, Iran deepens military cooperation with Russia and China.

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Shift in China's Foreign Policy Strategy

U.S. involvement also impacts China.

According to experts, China has made pragmatic shift in its foreign policy. China avoids direct military involvement but strengthen its role as Neutral mediator.

"China position itself as a peace broker under Global Security Initiative (GSI)".

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Russia's Re-emergence as a Regional Balancer

After U.S. Involvement, Russia has re-emerged as a regional balancer and tilted towards Iran.

"Russia offers diplomatic support to the Iran, Enhancing its strategic footprint in Gulf".

Russia also strengthens anti-west narrative among global south countries to tackle United States of America's growing influence in the region.

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Spillover effect on Global Energy Security

As a consequence of operations, midNight Hammer's Iran threatened to block "Strait of Hormuz". It surges in prices of global oil supply. According to Think Tank Journal, "Prices could reach up to \$100 if Iran block Hurmoz"

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Collapse of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: Article IV

In the retaliation of U.S. attacks on Iran, lead to the collapse of Article IV of Non-proliferation Treaty. Article IV deals with the enrichment of Uranium for purpose of weapons of mass destruction.

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Rise in Proxy Conflicts and Cyber warfare

As result of attack on Nuclear sites, Iran might increases its aid towards to the Groups like - Hezbollah and Hamas - to tackle Israel in retaliation. This leads to enhancement in proxy conflicts with Middle East and eventually de-stabilize the region.

COMPARATIVE Impact Analysis

Country

Strategic
Gains

Strategic
Losses

United
States

→

maintains alliance
with Israel,
asserts deterrence

Alienates
peace in
Global South,
worsens energy
crisis, erodes
its credibility

China →

Expands diplomatic
ties, gains
Neutral stance

oil-trade
disruption
and supply
chain
vulnerabilities

Russia →

Gains influence in
middle-East,
strengthens ties
with Iran

Overstretched
military,
potential
economic
backlash

BALANCED Way Forwards To Tackle Down Conflict And U.S. Involvement

- UN-led Peace Framework to prevent further escalation
- Revival of ICPOA with stronger enforcement and regional oversight
- Regional Dialogue Mechanism: Iran, GCC, Turkey and Israel
- Energy Transition Acceleration to reduce global dependence on Middle-Eastern oil
- Cyber security treaties under UN auspices to limit digital warfare

Conclusion

United States of America has launched "Operation Mid Night Hammer" against Iran for illegal enrichment of Uranium for production of weapons of mass destruction. Though, this attack was backed by pro-Israelism and Israel's sentiments against Iran. This U.S. involvement has far-reaching affects on global power politics in the context of Russia and China. However, balanced policy framework such as: Restoration of JCPOA, Regional dialogue mechanism and UN led peace framework to curtail its implications. This eventually stabilize the region and long-lasting conflict between Iran and Israel.

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