

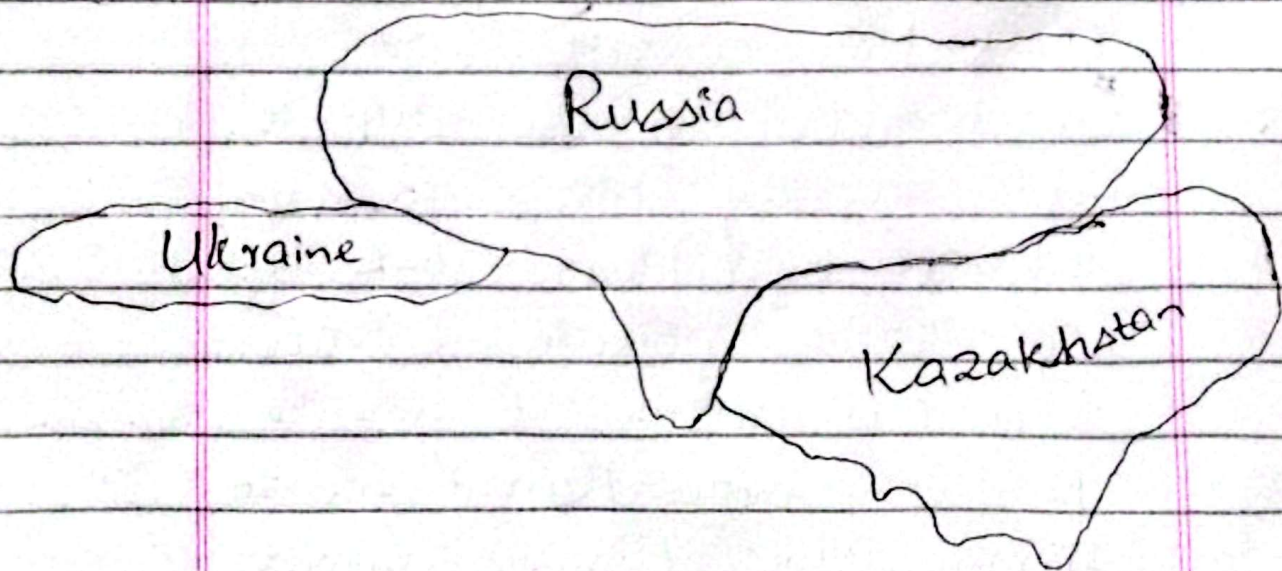
Q: What do you know about the causes of Russian-Ukraine conflict and analyse its consequences for European and global security.

1- Introduction:

Ukraine was a part of the Union Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR). It was one of the most resourceful states of the USSR. Moreover, after the disintegration of the USSR, it holds a key position for Russia. Through Kyiv, Moscow ~~was~~ supplied gas to the European States. For this purpose, it has to pay mammoth transit fee to Ukraine. While, Ukraine showed its sovereignty and independency to Russia by showing its

interests to join the US and European ^{states} alliance — The NATO. This step of Kyiv provoked Russia to attack Ukraine. Additionally, this invasion of Moscow poses innumerable impacts on European nation and global security.

2- Location of Russia and Ukraine on the global Map:



3- Causes of Russia-Ukraine

Conflict:



3.1- Familial Cause of Russia - Ukraine war:

As of 1922, Ukraine was a member of Russia, therefore, there existed familial link between these two states. While, Ukraine showed its wish for joining the western alliance Hence Russia invaded Ukraine.

== Ukraine is widely referred as the

mother of Russia =

3.2 - Russian Diaspora:

Almost eight million people of Russia lived in Ukraine, as of October 2022. Therefore, Moscow attacked Kyiv on the pretext of ~~their~~ its people.

3.3 - Ukraine Tilt towards NATO:

Since 2008, Kyiv showed its interest to join the NATO for its security perspective. This move of Ukraine is widely considered a major reason behind the attack.

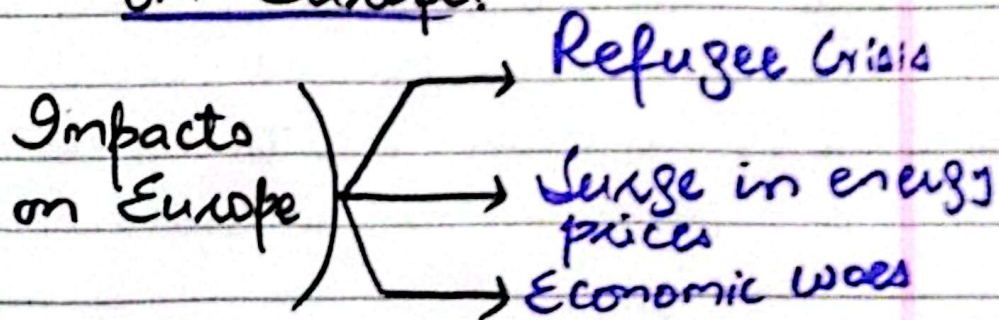
" = The US influence on the post-Soviet countries would be considered as a threat. " =

(Vladimir Putin)

3.4- Fear of Economic loss:

Economy is the major cause behind every conflict. Since 2012, China surpassed Russia in terms of economic trade. However, in order to overcome China's influence, Russia attacked Ukraine.

4- Russia - Ukraine Standoff and consequences on Europe:



4.1. Refugee Crisis in Europe:

European countries strongly condemned the attack of Russia on Ukraine. Meanwhile,

European states support and raise a voice for the membership of Ukraine to the European Union. Moreover, the EU countries allowed 4.5 million Ukrainians to live ~~4.5~~ in their states.

4.2- Surge in Energy Prices:

European countries excessively dependent on Russia for its energy requirement. This war exposed the EU's vulnerabilities. In this way, the EU faced 15% increase in the price of oil and gas.

4.3- Economic Anxieties:

This is because of war, the EU reduced its energy dependency on Russia. Therefore, it widely affected the economic goal of

European states.

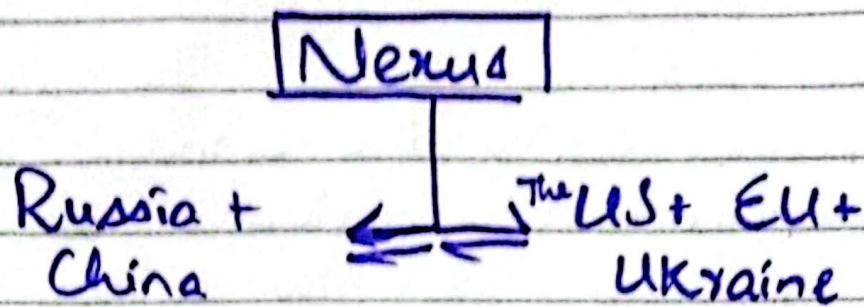
5- Russia-Ukraine war and Global Security:

The major cause behind the standoff between two countries is the desire for joining the Western defense force - The NATO. Therefore, in the recent summit of 2025, the member states of the NATO committed to increase the defense budget to 5% of their GDP. It would incite the global armed race.



5.1: Development of new alliances and the War of Russia and Ukraine:

The war between Russia and Ukraine paves a way for countries to build nexus against their rivals countries.



Conclusion:

In a nutshell, there are many causes of conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Some reasons are obscure and many are hidden. These factors include familial factor, Russian diaspora, and fear of loss of economic hegemony. Moreover, this war poses dire consequences on the EU like humanitarian crisis.

Likewise, this standoff aggravates the armed race among countries.