

IR- 2024

What are the potential implications based on Realist School of Thought? Analyze the shifts in the relationship (geographical geopolitical, national interests and power dynamics) evaluate potential consequences according to realist principle.

INTRODUCTION:

On January, 2024, Iran struck in Pakistan claiming to target terrorist camp. Iran claimed that these ~~that~~ terrorist groups were carrying out terrorist attacks on Iran. Therefore to protect its own national interest, the attacks were carried out without taking Pakistan's authority into confidence. This violated the sovereignty of Pakistan, thus, in response to it, Pakistan also attacked terrorist camps in Iran which were ~~operating~~ cross-border terrorism in Pakistan. This event violated both country's sovereign principle and territorial integrity. ~~without~~ However, the terrorist issue could be resolved bilaterally.

REALIST SCHOOL OF THOUGHT:

The ~~realist theory~~ Neo-Realist theory of International Relations has

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its root in the 3rd Great Debate of IR. (1960s - 1970s). This theory emphasizes on the state-level analysis. Generally, Realism theory states that, the world's system is based on anarchy (absence of International authority), therefore, every interest state secure its national interest by maximizing its power.

Similarly, there are two forms of realism: Offensive realism (power control for hegemony) and defensive realism (power control for self-preservation).

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Structure (hierarchical) [Link to question](#)

Anarchy

un-equal distribution of power

different capabilities

Polarity

National Interests

CO-RELATION OF REALISM AND PAKISTAN - IRAN INCIDENT 2024:

To secure its national integrity,

Iran conducted attack on terrorist camp in Pakistan. To retaliate that attack, Pakistan also conducted attack on Iran in the same manner. Resulting in win-win game. In this scenario, Iran adopted offensive-realism, to gain maximization of power and Pakistan adopted defensive-realism, to response the attack Iran carried out.

SHIFT IN RELATIONSHIP OF IRAN AND PAKISTAN:

Every violent incident shapes the entire global dynamic as well as influence on the regional players. The relations between Pakistan and Iran are widely effected after this event. These ties can be decoded as:

GEO-POLITICAL TIES: Add IR jargon

Subsequent to this event, Pakistan suspended all the ties with Iran. The trade routes, import/export, every activity was suspended. Also, Pakistan called their ambassadors back to Pakistan immediately. Later, the suspense was ease gradually.

NATIONAL INTERESTS:

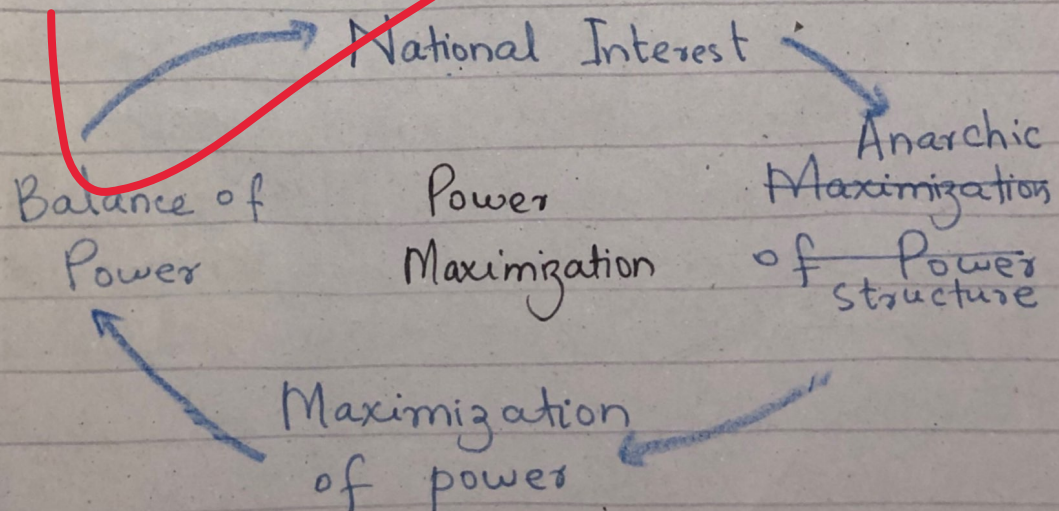
Both countries immediately secured their national interests and also their sovereignty. The violation of principle of non-intervention, lead to strengthening national security.

POWER DYNAMICS:

This incident gave rise to power dynamics between the both countries. Pakistan responded immediately to the attack in order to deter Iran's power hegemonic stance.

CONSEQUENCES:

THE VICIOUS-CYCLE OF POWER MAXIMIZATION IN REALISM:



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To attain the national interest in the presence of anarchic structure, it is necessary to maximize power for the sake of survival. But, due to maximization of power, it creates unbalance in the global power dynamic which eventually hinders the rival's national interest.

Hence, this never-ending cycle keeps prevailing and the attainment of power keeps growing.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion: according to the realist school of thought, this event took place for the attainment of power.