

CPEC and "Indo Middle East-Europe", new war fronts.

Outline

Introduction:

Thesis statement: Competition for influence in the region among the super powers, struggle to play a crucial role in the global trade, increased military alliances in the region along with many other factors proves that CPEC and IMEC are new war fronts.

CPEC and IMEC are new war fronts:

i) Increased competition for influence in the region among super powers.

Evidence: Article published in IPRI shows that US and China are competing to maintain greater influence in South Asia and Middle East.

ii) Struggle among the powers to play crucial role in global trade;

Evidence: India and China are trying to maintain dominance in the global trade. (ISSI)

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iii) Increased military alliances in the region to counterbalance influence;

Evidence: Washington has revitalized Quad while deepening its defense partnership with ASEAN and AUKUS.

iv) Increased economic polarization rather than economic cooperation;

Evidence: European council of foreign relations shows that economic polarization has increased with nations aligning themselves either with US-led IMEC or China's BRI.

v) Competition among regional powers to control maritime trade route;

Evidence: India Invested in Chabahar port to counterbalance China's CPEC.

vi) Risk of trade restriction and diplomatic confrontation between the two Asian giants;

Evidence: The competition between India and China always poses threat for regional trade and stability (IPRI).

vii) Struggle to maintain sphere of influence in key energy suppliers;

Evidence: USA and China always tried to maintain dominance in resource rich countries like CARs.

viii) Competition to hold larger influence in the Arabian sea and Indian Ocean;

Evidence: India is engaging with USA to counter rising influence of China in Indian Ocean (Stockholm. IPRI)

ix) Increased proxy conflicts and regional instability;

Evidence: Pakistan's internal conflicts threaten CPEC, with accusations of Indian and Western sabotage.

x) Economic warfare among the

Super powers at global level.

Evidence: Struggle for global hegemony between US and China led towards cold war. (ISSI)

xi) Rising influence of two ideologies in the region;

Evidence: The Gulf region is important geopolitical hub for China and USA to secure their oil resources, which indicate the competition to influence the region and trade routes.

xii) Risks of technological race to attain digital dominance;

Evidence: The US formed the Chip alliance with Japan and Taiwan (Chip 4) to block China's chip industry, cutting off 14-17nm tech, intensifying US-China rivalry.

Conclusion: