

Topic: China into Middle East: Impacts

I: Introduction:

China's strategic infiltration into the Middle East through Chahbahar port has ignited a geopolitical whirlwind, reshaping the region's delicate power dynamics.

While China, through Chahbahar deal - a watershed moment in Sino-Iranian Cooperation expands its footprints in this resource rich region, in order to achieve strategic objectives. Likewise, this outstanding collaboration of China will have significant impacts on worn-torn region's political fissad.

- "China's political role in the Middle East will only ^{be} enhanced, not diminished" -

Chinese Finance Minister

Wang Yi to AL-Jazeera

With China's growing influence, the political landscape of middle East is up for a profound transition, one that will surely reverberate across the globe. These impacts may range from enhanced geopolitical rivalry,

increased quest for balance of power and influence between regional and global powers to exacerbate security risk
An expert of international relations summarizes it as below;

- "China's entry into the Middle East will redefine the future of geopolitics of the region. Now, all hinge on Chinese shoulder"

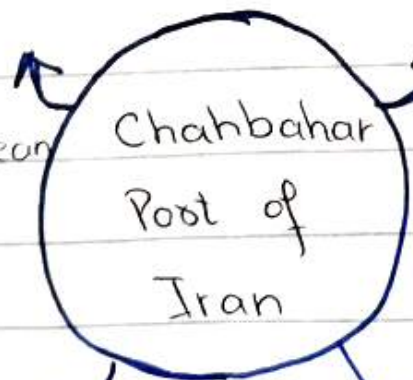
~ Fawaz Georges and
M.E Report

II: Understanding the Importance of Chahbahar Port with respect to Sino-Iranian Strategic Cooperation Pact: A troublesome reality for American policy makers:

Iran's only oceanic port, providing direct access to Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean

Located near strait of Hormuz - a critical oil

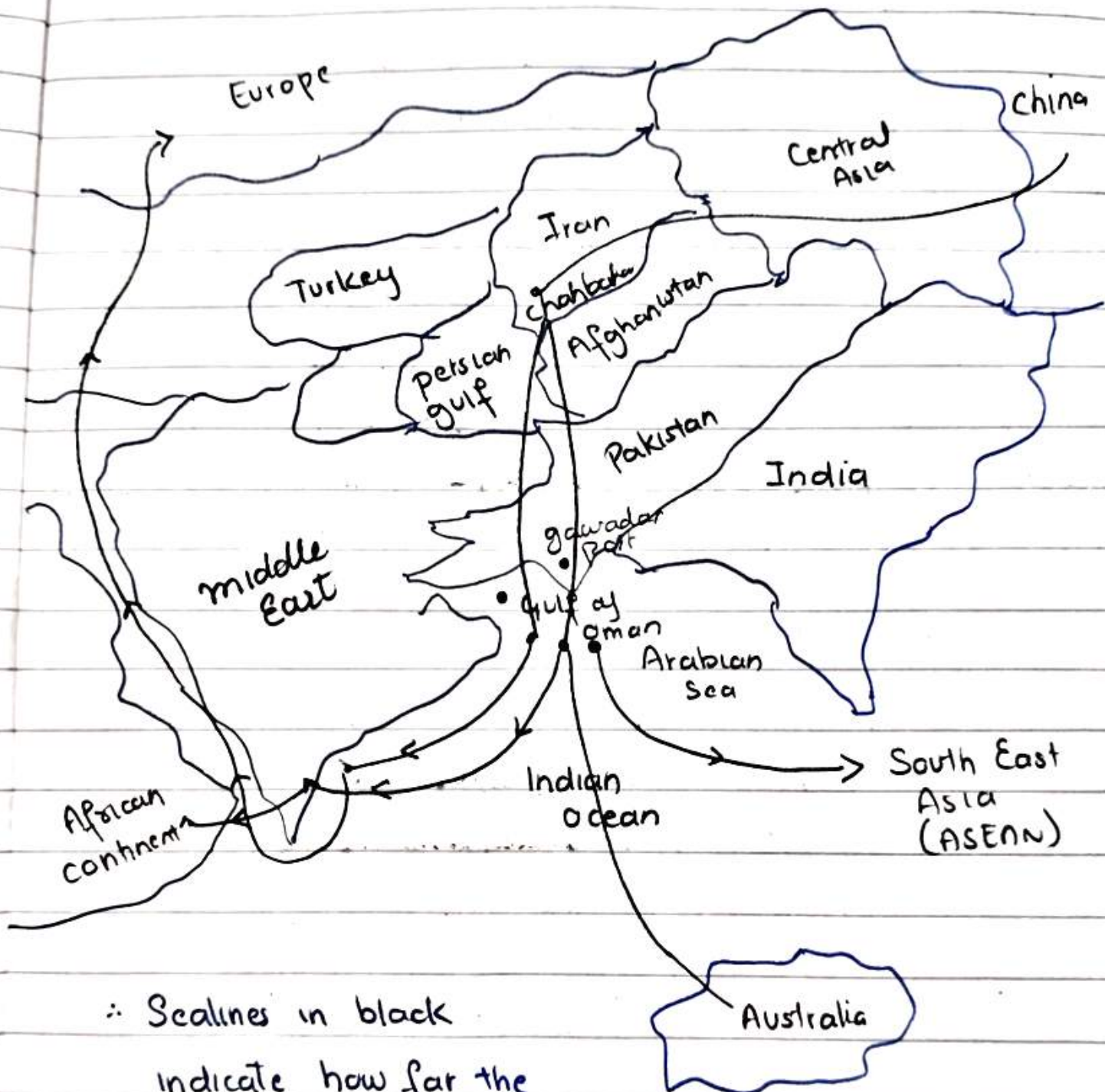
Shipping choke point



Center of attraction for regional and international trade

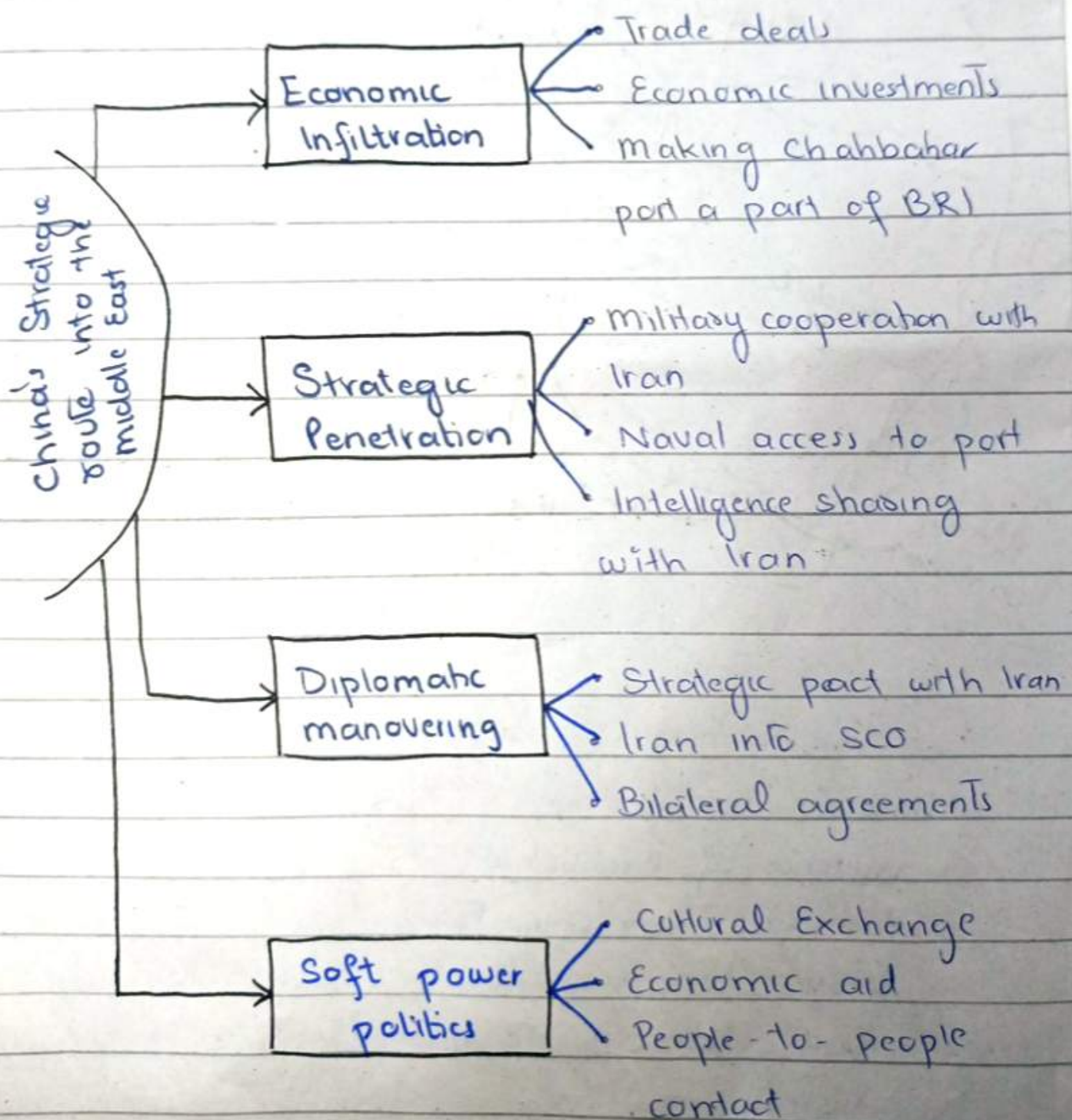
Connects Iran with Africa, Europe, Australia and far East Asia

Illustration :



∴ Seelines in black indicate how far the influence of Chahbahar Port goes . from China To Europe , to Africa , to Asia and cross to Australia

III: Exploring the module China has utilized via Iran's Chahbahar port to infiltrate into middle East region: An oracle who will decide the future of global politics

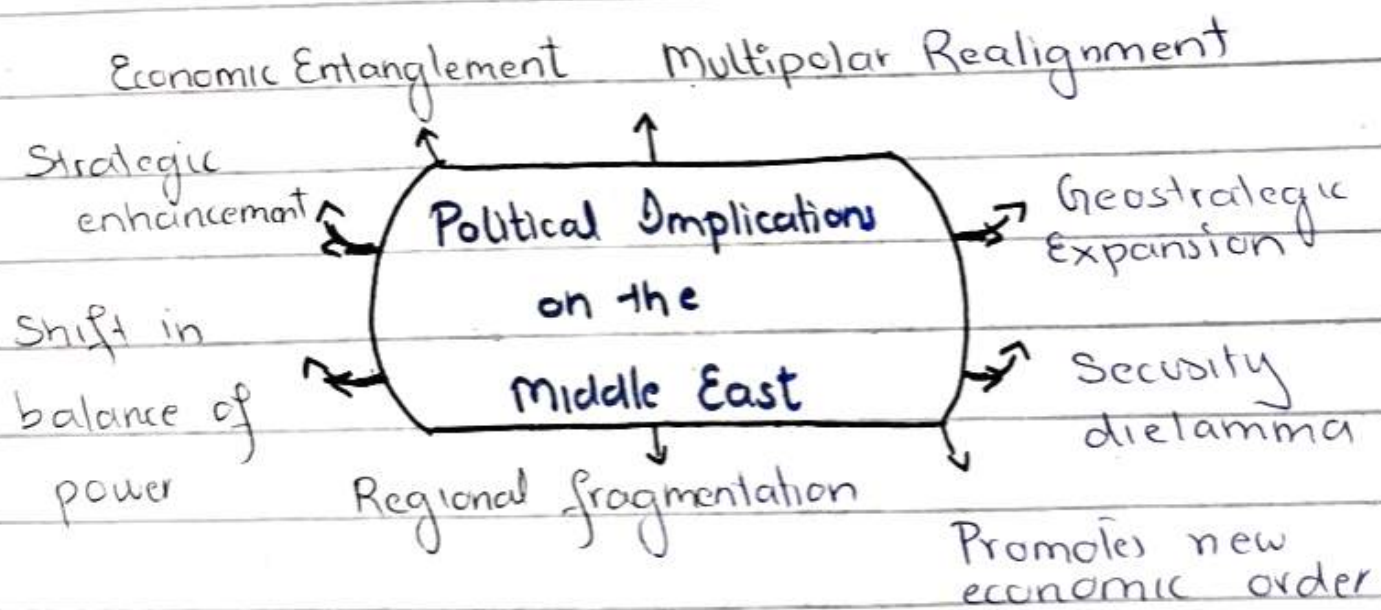


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"China's infiltration into the Middle East, is a grand strategic play, leveraging economic and diplomatic tools to secure its interests."

~ Dr. Saman

IV: Examining the effects of China's penetration on Middle East Political landscape: An opening for paradox's box.



(A): Strategic enhancement - Grow military presence to challenge US hegemony.

China already has a naval base in Djibouti yet China made an agreement

with Iran to build up its military presence at the Chahbahar port. This is a potential looming threat to the US military presence in the region. Resultingly, it will alter the regional power dynamics of the middle East.



∴ The blue dots represent US military bases in the Middle East

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∴ Source - AL-Jazeera

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(B) Economic Entanglement - China's

BRI is expanding and heading towards middle Eastern State:

With China's BRI initiative integrates regional economic ties, it is directly putting an affect of dependency of other regional countries on the Chinese funding and aid. The link of China through BRI to Iran's Chahbahar port will lead countries to have easier and quicker access to other parts of the globe.

"China's expanding BRI to middle East will give birth to a new economic order in a region where there is a risk of debt"

- Dr Jonathan "China in the middle East" - The Economist

(c): Multipolar realignment - formation of new alliances and alteration in the traditional dynamics.

Considerably, China is marching forth for new alliances, as it made deals with great powers such as Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar and Kuwait. This too challenges the US-led bloc's allies.

New power structure is being under formation. Ultimately, this threatens US-diplomacy.

- "China's partnership in Middle East Signals a multipolar world"

~ Dr Karan Young - Journalist
and Author - AL-Jazeera

(D) Shifting Balance of Power: formation of novel power projects.

Historically, KSA has been leading power of region with the help of US, but now China has stood up with Iran, which signals shift in power dynamics.

- "China's deal with Iran - grew Iran's influence in the region which is a threat to KSA. This will raise a quest for balance of Power between Iran and KSA"

~ Middle East: Iran -
China - KSA in the
region

V: Conclusion:

China's growing economic power and influence compel to foster deals with Iran to achieve not only energy - fossil-fuel, but also to use the

Chahbahar port as a strategic mean of infiltration; and to ^{secure} safe trade route

Iran has made significant strategic pact with China to develop its infrastructure, and will give China a chance to use the Chahbahar port for strategic alignment. Economic entanglement and to drive the US out of the region by fostering economic growth and dynamic geopolitical influence.