

Current Affairs.

(Subjective - Part - II)

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I - Introduction

II - Hurdles for Pakistan to keep good relations with Iran.

A - united states camp.

B - Iran as a shia state.

III - Opportunities for Pakistan and Iran to establish comprehensive engagement with each other.

A - Easy trade due to border sharing.

B - Both can make strategic Alliance within region.

C - Loosening visa policies to promote tourism, cultural support.

D - signing treaties to increase business opportunities.

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IV Conclusion.

Pakistan and Iran are both neighbouring countries. Iran is a shia majority country. It is some kind of a religious country. If we see through the past years, we come to know that Iran has been maintained good trade relations with Pakistan (Pakistan). Since a long time, United States of America has imposed sanctions on Iran due to the violation of nuclear treaty. So, therefore, Pakistan also got many hurdles in the way to smooth relationships with Iran.

As in the past, Pakistan has been in the US block. Pakistan had its interests from US. Therefore, due to US sanctions on Iran by Pakistan, Pakistan also could not trade with Iran openly.

But now, the circumstances has changed due to stable relationships between Iran and Saudi Arabia. US has its own interests in the middle east region, interests related to energy and Moreover, USA's child state Israel is located in this region. Therefore, the presence of US is important in that region. One major conflict is, shia-sunni conflict, USA takes benefit from which and wages war between these countries.

Additionally, the main conflict between Iran and Saudi Arabia was also of shia-sunni and pakistan also has a majority of Sunni muslims. Therefore, this is also a hurdle between India and pakistan relations.

There are of course, some opportunities from which both Iran and pakistan can establish comprehensive engagement

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with each other. Firstly, Both countries share a border with of a significant length. So, there can be unstoppable and easy trade. Infrastructure and the roads should be repaired throughout the trade routes, so the transport and other costs would be saved.

As Iran and Pakistan are strategic partners with each other. They can make an alliance to counter terrorism and to support their economies through different treaties and energy conventions. In this way, Both countries can uphold their economies and can make alliances.

By loosening visa policies, for each other, they can promote their cultures through tourism.

Iran and Pakistan both can work on deradicalisation through their soft powers, such as education, tourism, cultures, sports etc.

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Moreover, to pave the way for better engagement, Both nations can cooperate with each other in energy sector, (like a project) and signing more projects like Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline.

Peace in Balochistan can also be a hurdle between the relationships of Islamabad and Tehran. By making peace in Balochistan, we can get more opportunities to make better relationships with Iran. In this way, we can also make our way more smooth to the middle east.

At the end, By maintaining peace between Iran and Saudi, many improvements are coming in future. Due to which, The region will prosper more. Because, Saudi now seems to escape from the US block.

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outline:-

I- Introduction.

II- Implications of Ukrainian war on Pakistan.

A- Disruption in supply of goods can lead to higher prices.

B- Decrease in foreign investments.

C- Trade relations can get weak.

III- options for Islamabad to follow in its relations with Russia.

A- Trade relations.

1- Pak-Russia oil deal

2- Russian access to warm waters.

B- Rise of communist block.

C- De-dollarisation.

IV- Conclusion.

Russia-ukraine war takes many problems with it economically, politically and socially as well. If we see in case of Pakistan, then a significant tilt can be seen by Pakistan towards Russia.

Because, Russia is the second option for Pakistan after Am^x USA. Russia can support Pakistan economically and socially as well. So, Russia-ukraine war is the best opportunity for Pakistan to get close relationships with Moscow.

When we talk about the Russia-ukraine war, and its implications on Pakistan, then, the first thing is disturbance in supply chain of goods which Pakistan imports from European countries. Due to disruption, there are chances of great hike in the prices of European goods.

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When a war begins somewhere in the world.

The economy of that state also get dwindled. So, the people get weak economically. Therefore, Foreign investments and Remittances also do not come from that countries.

Trade relations can also get weak due to instability in the region. Political instability causes a significant reduction of trade.

For Pakistan, going with Russia, there are a lot of (opportunities) options to follow for Islamabad to pave the way for better relationships with Russia in future.