

# Current Affairs

## Part - II

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### Introduction.

- Bangladesh being an independent and South-Asian country, stays on important position in the world. The country got its independence in 1971 following the rule of Mujeeb-ur-Rehman and his daughter Ms. Sheikh Hasina. Bangladesh stayed in this autocratic regime of Sheikh Hasina till Aug 2024. However, her long rule brought turmoil in the country resulting in decline of her rule.

### Historical perspective

- Bangladesh has a hard and dark story of independence. Issues firstly emerged on different aspects that caused Sheikh Mujeeb ur Rehman to think of a state independent from Pakistan. Contribution of Bengali families play a significant role into the war for independence which make the country sovereign.

- Following this contribution, the state under rule of Sheikh Hasina kept a specific and major portion of such families in the political and job sector.

## Reasons behind the protests in Bangladesh

- Bangladesh is a significant country in South Asia with a major growth rate in regions GDP and being rich in industrial and agricultural sector in terms of productivity.
- However, some major reasons paved the way for young students to led protests against the government, which are as follows:-

Bangladesh kept a major portions into the job sector for the veterans families that participated in war.

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Following their portion, students came up demanding their rights.

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This situation led to structural conflict within the state where

the educated young students were unable to get jobs according to merit



Following this situation, the students led protests demanding their structural rights from the government



In response to which the government refused to accept the demands of students



In a result of this, the protests turned into violent protests resulting in deaths of civilians.



Because of this much immense pressure from the students, the government was unable to give a counter-narrative and Sheikh Hasina fled the country, withdrawing from her long lasting position.

## Analyzing the political Earthquake in Bangladesh

- Bangladesh has gone into serious political crises following the recent turmoil and decline of Sheikh Hasina's regime.
- The situation resulted in deaths of civilians as well as government persons. The pressure of protests did lead to the end of Hasina's government. But, she has put the state in emergency.
- The country has gone into serious political crises because of lack of above authority and have created a situation of Anarchy.
- However, the state needs to take an urgent action towards the fair and free elections so that the state will come back to its position gradually.

## Possible fallouts of the situation

The recent situation can lead towards different other impacts like:

1. Political instability could give rise to Economic disturbance.
2. The recent situation might engage the Non-state and rebellious actors causing more destruction.
3. The students can put up more demands as they have known the power of their pressure.
4. The situation in Bangladesh has its effects regionally.
  - For example: It can motivate the regional powers and their population to step up against their governments to meet their demands.
  - As happened in **Arab Spring**.

## Conclusion

- The recent event has brought turbulence in the country, as Bangladesh being in state of emergency. However, the country needs immediate measure to come back to its previous situation. Also the veterans family percentage decreased to 7%. <sup>The</sup> event showed the students being a powerful element in the country.

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### Introduction.

- The world is moving towards Uni-multipolar order. USA remains the top global power in the world, whereas China remains on the 2nd most powerful country. Other states are emerging as third party country like Russia, Japan, UK, India etc.
- US and China remain the top most influential powers among the world where the both states are in continuous engagement with each other because of the Anarchic structure of the world.

### US: Global Power

- USA remains the most powerful nation in terms of Economically and financially. Being a major financial economic hub. US remains home to sectors like IMF, WB, Bretton woods system<sup>G7</sup> and so on. However is facing some financial dents but still remains the global power.

## China: Global Power

- China on the other hand, remains the 2nd most top Economic power. A major investor in such areas like: BRI, South China Sea and a major investor in Middle east and south Asian nations, BRICS etc.

## The Great Rivalry of US & China

- This security dilemma creates a BOP situation for both as the two powers are in continuous engagement with one another in competing areas and regions of the world. Both are significant actors globally.

- US calls itself as the "leading democratic power and the human right protector of the world". Whereas China calls its rise as "Peaceful rise, following its Dragon Foreign policy" while integration with the other world powers. Both are unique in terms of their actions and play a significant role in global power politics.

## Currency War

- An important aspect of rising tensions between US and China is their increasing currency war.
- Currency remains as an important aspect in dominating the world and being an authoritative figure among the countries. US uses the currency tactic long ago to maintain its hegemony over states following its Great Bretton woods system.
- US conducts its trade with other nations in its own currency, Dollar. As who control the world finances, will control the world! and Dollar remains the top most currency around the globe.
- However, China, in recent times has come up and is giving an Anti-Thesis to the US Dollarization to De-Dollarization.



- China has come up with the tactic of Currency Swap agreements and is conducting trade with the other powers in either his or their currencies.
- However, this very initiative of currency swap agreements is giving dents to the US hegemony.
- Also, China is using the 'BRICS platform' to conduct the currency swap agreements and process of De-dollarization. As, BRICS countries contribute around 24% GDP of world which will eventually have far reaching impacts over the International political Economy and resultantly, on US's Economy.
- Both the countries are in continuous cycle of power where US wants the 'continuation' of dollarization and China wants to de-dollarize it.

## Conclusion

US and China remain as significant figures in International political Economy and both have their own impacts on world. Both such nations are competing powers of the globe and are engaged in continuous cycle of power. At the same time, US still remains the global power despite the dents given from China and China remains an important figure around the world.

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## Introduction.

- Israel-Palestine is the most intractable and long-standing conflict in the world. The conflict has resulted in serious human rights violations. The conflict has turned more violent in 2024, when Hamas attacked in Israel. Resultantly, Israel started attacks from his side which resulted in the violation of international law.

## Options for Israel to deal with Palestine

- In this current scenario Israel have different situations to deal with Palestine which are discussed as follow in detail:

### 1. Israel as a democratic state

- The first option for Israel is to act as a democratic state.

This option is the best option to opt for as it will result in more opportunities for people of Palestine.

As the statement says "Democratic states tend to be more peaceful as compared to authoritative regime"

(Democratic Peace Theory)

- Looking into this option in the current scenario, realistically, it's not possible in current times. Israel has turned into a violent and most destructive agent towards Palestine.
- Israel now has gone too far that it cannot opt for political solution rather intervening militarily.

## 2. Israel as a two-state

- The second option for Israel to deal with Palestine is as a two-state system. This will encompass as drawing a boundary line as 1 to be Israel and the other to be Palestine. Both the states will be sovereign and will not interfere in each other's matters and will also compromise of some of the things.
- Two state solution is the best solution in times of conflict and results in peaceful resolution.

- Currently, this 2nd option is also not suitable for Israel. As "Israel is going towards Greater Israel" (As per Noam Chomsky) and in the two state solution states have to compromise on territorial authority. Israel, right now doesn't seem to give on territorial authority and intends to capture and dominate more land, so this situation is also not possible in the current scenario.

### 3. Apartheid state

- Third option for Israel is to put Palestine in a state of Apartheid where they are segregated from them, considering Palestinians as 2nd class citizens and by not giving them equal opportunities as they do have.

- Israel has opt for this option and currently has gone too far. Palestinians are in a state of apartheid where they are treated as 2nd class citizens, don't have even the basic rights, can't have the nationality, property

and are in a state of dying from shortage of food, water, electricity, home, etc.

- Israel opted this option for long years and now have turned into a more lethal form. Israel has even violated the international law by conducting the worst crimes against palestinians.

#### 4- Ethni cleansing

- Ethni cleansing is the worst form of killings. by clearing an area, removing or killing of a certain group to become Homogeneous.

- Israel has opted for this solution in such a way that is conducting a great number of killings on daily basis.

"I will clear all the people from here"  
(As per Netanyahu)

- Ethni cleansing in palestine by Israel has become one of the most brutal form of Ethni killings in history. and Israel intends to kill all the palestinians in a row.

## Conclusion

Israel is conducting war crimes against Palestine in the most lethal ways possible. Palestine, on the other hand has failed to give a counter narrative of it. Israel now has opted for policy apartheid and ethnic cleansing rather than being a democratic and true state solution. This Brutality has resulted in mass graves, displacements, killing and infrastructural damage in Palestine going more downwards day by day.

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### Introduction.

- Pakistan and Afghanistan have been an important figures in South Asian region. Both have shared a history of relations seeing ups and downs, where Pakistan being an important part during Soviet-Afghan war as well as War on Terror.
- However, Pakistan is still facing the far reaching impacts of 9/11 in various ways among which terrorism and Extremism are on top of the list.

### Pak-Afg tensions

- The Pak-Afghanistan relation has been on another path following the 9/11
- Pakistan was a major actor during the War on Terror and played an important role in the Doha peace Deal 2001 by being a prominent actor in war as well as in the Deal.



- Recently, Pakistan is in a state of managing relations with Afghanistan which have deteriorated because of terror infiltration.
- Pakistan has seen a rising trend in Terrorism after Taliban's government in Aug 2021. This situation happened because of multiple reasons like:
  1. Emergence of New terrorist organizations
  2. Porous borders
  3. Victory of Afghan Taliban in WOT.
  4. Ambiguous policies of Pak government.
  5. Loopholes in policing system and overall security apparatus.

### TTP's role in Pak-Afg rising tensions

- Tehrik-Talibani-Pakistan is Pakistan's top terrorist organization operating in North and South Waziristan, Makran division, Balakand division etc.
- However, the presence of TTP in Afghanistan is posing tensions for both Afghanistan and Pakistan where TTP is conducting terror activities in Afghanistan and

is using Afghanistan as a launching pad of attacks to Pakistan. TTP is being aided by Afghanistan and can simply travel because of porous borders. This situation is giving rise to tensions between both states which is giving rise to terrorism once again, making the whole region vulnerable.

## Recommendations.

### 1. Political Solution

Every group or state firstly must accept the political solution which includes:

talks

Mediation and negotiation processes  
Conflict resolution mechanisms.

Here, both countries should indulge in talks putting the terror organizations on the table as well and to resolve the matter by give and take policy.

### 2. Military Solution

If the political solution is not workable, state should go towards military solution by taking military action towards

such groups and look for eliminating arms & weaponry ammunition. De-weaponization of society will result peacefully.

### 3. Reforms

State should also look for taking some Reforms in social, economic, political and military sector that will result in peace process.

### Conclusion

Pakistan and Afghanistan are in a challenged state right now where both should look for a grand strategy to resolve their issue and firstly go towards the political solution. If the political one's not working, then state should opt for military one. Through such processes both can eliminate terrorism and Extremism and play an important and peaceful role in the region.