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Introduction

The relentless rise of HTS Rebel in Syria overthrew the rule of Bashar-ul-Assad regime. More than 53 years of Assad family rule have been described as a historical manuever in Syria. On November 27, a coalition of opposition fighters launched a major offensive against the pro-government force.

Rebels had a chance with a open window:

Many Rebelious organization or groups are attached to Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) which was supported by allied i.e. Turkish and other allies. HTS was led by Abu Muhammad al-Julani which is the largest and most organized, having ruled the governorate of Idlib for years. Thus, they had a chance to attack the Assad Armies.

Reasons

Assad government and Armys moral get down and corrupted:

The Assad government and specially the army get corrupted. They was fighting for long time. They were tired to fight for the rebels. Also the

opposition government or leader welcome the HTS group in Syria. Furthermore the army was also busy with Israel and Gaza Issue.

Hezbollah is capable of help the Assad regime:

The fight between Israel and Hezbollah, weak the Assad regime. As Hezbollah was busy with the Israel war. Also the Hezbollah was main supporter of Syria. It get further weak by Lebanon war between Israel.

Russia and Ukraine war:

The Russia was Allies of Syria they were able to connect the dependence of Assad regime in Syria. But due to Russia and Ukraine war. All Russian force get busy in Ukraine war, which lead the Assad down fall. They don't have give enough military aid to Syria to uphold the Assad regime in Syria. There were only four planes left in Syria for the fight against rebels. All the military and troops and machinery were back to Russia for the Ukraine war.

The HTS was preparing the plan to end Assad regime:

The leader of HTS, has the most advanced weapons and drones. They also called the cabinet i.e. Shaheen Cabinet and that play very important role in throwing the Assad regime. The HTS was properly organized and its structure was a mixture of Syrian National Army, Free Syrian Army and other armed groups.

Implications:

Syria now has a new force in power i.e. HTS and its leadership which is headed by Abu Mohammad al-Jolani. Syria has mainly four new implications.

Consolidating power

The new leadership ensure that no armed group to be remains in Syria for sake of their own rule. Mainly Al-Jolani is likely to become new president and other opposition will have power sharing government. The new government is likely to recognise the Syrian Kurdish peoples protection units (YPG).

Reactions of International Community:

The new government can only be sustained if it gains international recognition. The major actors are Turkey, the European Union, the United States and Israel (it should be through U.S.) However, Israel or U.S. should ensure that Syria should not support Hezbollah or Hamas, as per experts, like Rajam Sethi.

Challenge of New Government

The forces are now in watch list that what type of government they establish.

The new government is likely to be ultra-conservative theocratic rule of the Taliban, as per leader of the group.

Building the country's infrastructure and maintain the unity.

HTS's political Affairs Department said the new Syria will focus on construction, progress and reconciliation. Also they create positive conditions for displaced Syrians to return their home land and establishing a good ties with the other countries.

Conclusion:

After the Assad's down fall the Syria has a good change to rebuilt its image in world order. However, there have many challenges to this, that how the international community and middle will take this, but the Syrians are very happy with the enhance change in their country.

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Introduction:

Since the establishment of the Brics group (Brazil, Russia, India and China) in September 2006, and its first summit meeting in 2009, & addition of S. Africa in 2011, which led Brics to become fastest growing economies in the world. Brics is their to attempt to escape western control at the economic level.

Transition of the economic power of Russia and China

The economic development in Russia, which was clearly evident in Russian national Security Strategy, and in Russia's approach it was dealing with the challenges it faced on international level. In 2020 Russian economy ranked second strongest economy of world. despite the war in Ukraine. As far as Chinese economy is concerned the record was higher than it was expected almost reaching 4.5% year-on-year supported by policymakers.

The Kazan Summit a game changer:

The period of 22-24 October 2024, Russian city Kazan hosted 16th presidential Summit and following are main points which

help to counter counter the western exploitation.

a) The group is increasing and attracted by many countries:

The group represent 36.7% of global economy in 2024, which is more the the share of G7 countries. Countries like Turkiye and Azerbaijan, Belarus and even Pakistan applied to join the group.

b) Focuses on International Issues.

Main focus is to the governance of the global system and its institutions, especially the financial institutions.

c) Moscow proposals:

Resolves dispute related to e-commerce; established the BRICS investment Arbitration center; BRICS grain exchange; to ensure food security and protect national markets from harmful external interference

d) Cross-border payment system:

BRICS is establishing an independent infrastructure to regulate the settlement of cross-border payments and financial transactions, with BRICS interbank-cooperation Mechanism (ICM), focusing on expanding financial practices, including

finding acceptable mechanisms for financing is local current.

global governance system
Aiming the partner countries to be more democratic, representative, effective and efficient, and increasing the representation of developing countries.

Establishing a unified currency:
The Russia-chinese orientation at the expense of their interest and their relationship with the west, most notably India and Brazil. There is a degree of exaggeration in imagining the possibility of eliminating the dollar's position in the global system and moving towards removing it from global system.

Resolving the balance of power:
The BRICS express their desire to change the balance of power in the global system based on western hegemony and to express dissatisfaction with the prevailing system, which reflect the interests in the efforts of china and Russia to direct the international community.

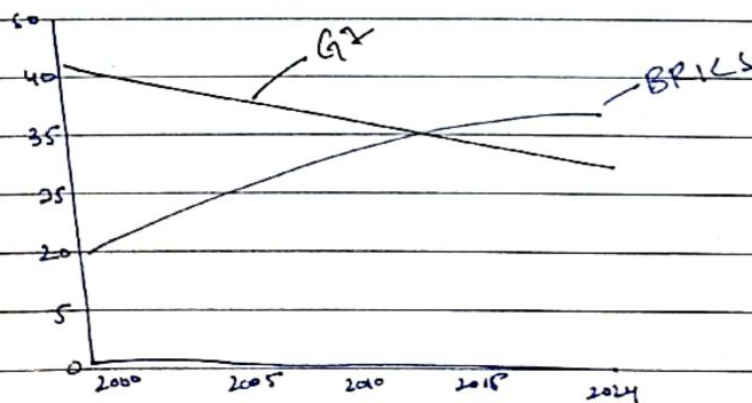
The BRICS Toward Turkish policy:

The BRICS is liking the Turkey to join the group as it will achieve strategic gains for the group, this will create a anti-western achievement, and will benefit from the flexibility of its relationship with both the East and west.

BRICS importance:

A rapid transformation in the global system cannot be overlooked, within the framework of what is includes in term of economy, markets, natural and industrial resources.

BRICS and G7:



Data indicates that economic cooperation between BRICS is increased during (2000-2023), while the G7 countries for the first time in history in 2020, the BRICS surpasses the G7.

Conclusion: BRICS group is one of the most important global economic groups that is characterized by a large number of advantages that qualify it to play a critical role in bringing about changes in the global economy due to the diversity of its member economies especially the de-dollarization.

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Introduction:

CPEC is the most important project towards the both countries i.e. China and for Pakistan. However due to the internal factor faced by Pakistan the CPEC project became slow down in past few years. There are many reason i.e. political instability, Militancy and economic instability and security threat or issues.

Security Issue

The Chinese are mostly concerned with security issue which is faced by Chinese. However, the Pakistan is try to protect the Chinese. The Chinese project and national are being targeted at many area - (Targeting Chinese nationals by M. Amir vana.

Political instability

The political instability, is also contribution to the CPEC project. As there is no political stability nor they follow the sustainable policies. For example at this time of Imran Khan Government, the CPEC project got in zero stage and no progress was made in CPEC projects.

Militancy Issue:

The militants group i.e. TTP and BLA are targeting the CPEC project and Chinese nationals. This shakes the confidence of Chinese national who are working in Pakistan. For example TTP has been projected as the prime suspect, as one of its commanders was declared the mastermind behind a similar attack on the Chinese in Kohistan in 2021. Similarly in some areas of Balochistan especially Quaidar which is a hub of CPEC have threat to Chinese by BLA & other militant group.

Economic Issue:

The Pakistan was going through a economic challenge in many years. However, this issue to some extent is resolved that the IMF and other allies countries help in this to revive the Pakistan economy. Furthermore, the SCO Summit which was conducted in Pakistan, shows a good picture of Pakistan in international level which can be better of investment purposes.

CPEC is being revived:

Both countries make an understand to upgrade the CPEC also to curtail the Counter terrorism Security Cooperation between two countries. Both side implement the framework agreement on industrial cooperation, agriculture, mining, New energy and IT.

CPEC Phase II

In CPEC phase II, was formal started in which the main projects are agriculture and main line-2 of Pakistan railways, business-to-business deals and realignment of Karakoram highway (KKH).

Pakistan to maximize the SEZs:

Pakistan and China in second phase working on export, energy, equity, environment and e-pakistan. also China argued to maximize the Special economic Zones for maximum investor to invest in Pakistan to upgrade CPEC Phase-2.

Both countries should develop strategic tie specially to uphold the CPEC:

The both countries should encounter the CPEC slowdown by making too much effort on mutual agreed term which can be B-2-B, Counter-terrorism, Security patrolling from both sides and

ensure the trust of masses in term of CPEC.

creating opportunity for Pakistan:
CPEC which mostly starts from Quador Balochistan. The young generation should be entertain by CPEC like creating jobs, ensuring the good infrastructure and upholding the basic right of the mass of Balochistan, which can be help ful to uphold in CPEC projects.

Conclusion:

The CPEC is the biggest investment of china. the CPEC serves both countries interest in terms of economic and strategic interests. The government should try to give the trust to the chinere and rebuilt the Image of Pakistan in front of chinese so that the CPEC project will get in the fast track.