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* INTRODUCTION:

Middle East has remained in the trouble since 2010- "The Arabs Spring". A lot of countries have become a victim of it, one of them being Syria. There are several groups fight for different reasons in that region. Different countries are also involved in order to create maximum influence in that region. There are various reasons why ~~so~~ Syria had remained in troubled water. They include both internal and external factors. Finally, this regime change is going to have multiple repercussions for the regional and global powers.

* BACKGROUND:

Syria had remained under the
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control of Assad family for the last 50 years almost.

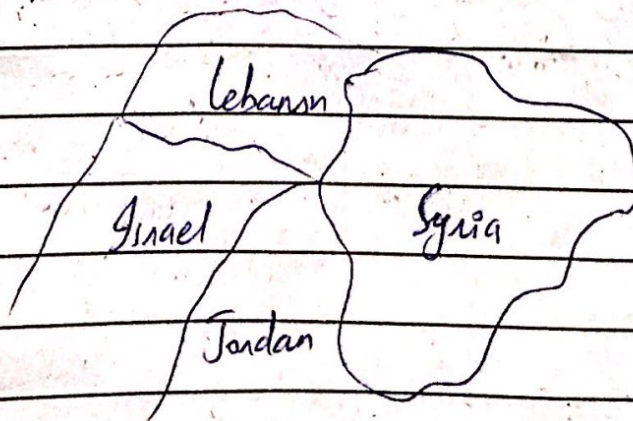
⇒ Assad's father:

For about thirty years, Syria remained under the control of Bashar-ul-Assad's father. Later, he was dependent on Russia and Iran. He had tried his best in suppressing the rebellion groups as much as possible.

⇒ Bashar-ul-Assad's Regime:

Since 2000 onwards, Bashar ul Assad has been governing Syria after the death of his father. He too, like his father, suppressed the rebellions with brutal force. He was also dependent on Russia, Iran, and Hezbollah's support in governing the country.

⇒ Map:



Reasons of Unprecedented change in Syria:

⇒ Weakening of Russia:

Russia - a strong ally of Bashar-ul-Asad government - had been paralysed in Ukraine-Russia conflict.

⇒ weakening economy

Russia's economic might has been worsened badly due to the war. Due to this very reason, Russia economic support to Assad's government declined.

⇒ lesser military support:

Due to Russia's weak economic conditions, it wasn't able to provide further military support to Syria.

⇒ Role of US Sanctions:

US sanctions on Russia had further reduced its ability to fund any war.

⇒ Lesser Support from Iran:

Iran was also supporting

Asad's government due to Shiite ideology. But, currently Iran was also not able to support Syria further.

⇒ Sanctions on Iran:

US sanctions on Iran had hit Iran badly, and due to this, its economic might was not that strong enough to fund war in Syria.

⇒ Role of Gaza Conflict:

Iran has already been engaged in Gaza conflict indirectly by supporting Hezbollah and Hamas to some extent. Its economy was not allowing to engage in another war front.

⇒ Weakening of Hezbollah:

Hezbollah - a key ally of Asad's regime - had also crippled down in Gaza conflict. Due to this very reason, it was also not in the position to support Asad's regime further.

⇒ Turkey's support to Rebel group:

Turkey had played a key role by

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supporting the rebel group both economically and militarily.

⇒ Internal Reason:

Assad and his brother had also not been united in his decision making, which also played a key role.

This can be proved by the fact, that after the regime change, Assad and his family took asylum in Russia, whereas, his brother took asylum in Iran.

⇒ Strengthening of Rebel group:

HTS which separated itself earlier from Al-Qaeda, gained strength when Assad didn't completely wipe them out. Slowly, they trained themselves and comeback with a stronger military fight.

⇒ Taliban's Influence:

Seeing that Taliban had also regained control over Afghanistan after the US war, they thought they can also do the same.

* Implications of unprecedented change in Syria:

⇒ Hope for Rebel groups all over the world:

This unprecedented regime change gave a new ray of hope for the rebel groups all across the globe to fight for their cause.

⇒ Example: TIP, BLA.

An example of this can be seen in TIP and BLA's conduct now. They would be restrengthening their military power to start fighting once again with a greater vigour for their ultimate goal.

⇒ lesser influence of Russia in the region:

Russia had the only key player - Syria - in that region, and now that has also been overturned. This is a threat to Russia's influence in the region.

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⇒ Lesser threat for Israel:

Israel, which had earlier being targeted from various borders, has now one of its borders secure. They would now be able to focus more Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

⇒ Dim Future for Gaza:

As Gaza saw that one of their ally's regime had been overthrown, they would now be more frustrated as Israel's focus on them would increase now.

⇒ Success for Turkey and USA:

In USA vs Russia fight, it is a clear victory for US led world order as one of the ally of Russia has been turned to ground.

⇒ Weakening Role of Iran:

This incident clearly depicted that Iran's economy and military might has crippled down. Iran now should focus more economic

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collaboration with them, rather than engaging with them in more ways.

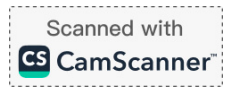
Conclusion:

In a nutshell, there is always an end to despotic rule. If you suppress your citizens, rather than engaging and cooperating with them, they are soon going to hit you at your weakest point. Same happened in Syria's case. When HTS saw that the support to Syria has weakened now due to various reasons, they quickly fired back at Assad's regime and toppled it down. Now, this new government of HTS will have to fight for legitimacy like Taliban in Afghanistan, but still, this regime change is going to have severe impacts on the region and also impacts are going to be seen on global level as well.

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* INTRODUCTION:

Pakistan has always been struggling to improve its economy, but there are several reasons why they could not achieve their goal till now. Since independence, the economy has not stabilised. Earlier, Pakistan engaged in wars. Then, they had to face other problems like Terrorism, extremism and climate change among other factors. State owned enterprises (SOEs) had also become a burden on the state's economy in the recent years. There are several reasons which clearly indicate that it's time for Pakistan to privatize these SOEs like other countries. The methods of how to privatize these SOEs are also going to be discussed in this answer ahead.



* BACKGROUND:

SOEs have been resulting in loss from the last few decades. The main SOEs that resulting in loss include PIA, railway, steel mills and several others. Seeing their record; one would clearly find that are resulting in billion of rupees loss to Pakistan almost annually. Along with this, the government of Pakistan is giving subsidies as well on it which is further crippling the economy of the state. The main reason behind their failure is over staffing and political influence. It is due to this over staffing that the state had to pay extra annually. Along with this, due to the political influence, there is very less check and balance. This is resulting in people taking salaries, but not attending and performing their duty due to political influence.

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* Reasons why these SOEs shall be privatized:

⇒ It will reduce political Influence:

Privatizing these SOEs will help in reducing the influence of these political parties in these enterprises.

⇒ Will result in correcting the amount of staff required:

Obviously, private companies won't want their loss in business. So, they will right away remove the extra staff being hired by their company.

⇒ Will result in meritocracy:

Due to capitalism and quest for wealth, they would hire less but quality staff that will be on merit and would their company in competing with other competitors in the market.

⇒ Strict check and Balances
For profit maximization,
they would maintain strict
check and balance on the
staff, and won't allow
their staff taking salaries
without performing duties.

⇒ Privatization will also help in cutting
luxuries and extra expenditure:

Private company would prefer to send
their staff on low tickets and would
also help in ~~lessing~~ reducing extra
expenditure by making right policies.

⇒ Reduced luxuries:

Extra AC's, first class
travel and all other such
luxuries would be clipped, till
the company start generating
profit.

⇒ Shrinking Expenditure:

They would take steps like
printing on both sides of
paper rather than single side,
and all other such steps are

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going to result in profit maximization.

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⇒ "Pakistan has always resulted in economic loss due to nepotism and favoritism which needs to be curbed in order to progress." This has been mentioned in the book "Pakistan a hard country."

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⇒ "Overstaffing and extra luxuries has always strained Pakistan's economy." This has been mentioned in "Issues in Pakistan's Economy" by "S. Akbar Zaidi."

* How to privatize these enterprises:

There are several reasons to privatize these enterprises:

⇒ Attracting foreign Talent:

Currently, there are several billionaires

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in the world, to who are ready to invest in order to maximize their profits.

⇒ Advertisement:

Pakistan can attract these tycoons by investing in advertisement. Presenting the benefits of it, will clearly attract outsiders to own it soon.

⇒ Attracting friendly countries:

There are several countries which Pakistan can invite to own these enterprises. Some of them include:

⇒ China,

China, the world's second biggest economy, and largest producer, would surely like to gain benefit from these, if engaged properly.

⇒ India,

India, another big economy, have also the potential to convert them into profit machines.

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if been properly advised to them.

⇒ By making deals with Pakistan's richest families:

Pakistan can ensure these families that it would generate revenue and if not, then they would pay certain profit to them. Just like IPP's, this deal will also result in its privatization. Once privatized, surely the private owners would conduct them ahead and won't allow these enterprises to make further loss ahead.

* Conclusion:

In a nutshell, it just require political will and cooperation between the political parties to get this done. Our politicians seem to have more focus towards power capturing, rather ~~than~~ ^{then} improving the economic structure of Pakistan. Due to this political polarization, they had to hire family relatives and other favorite persons, which surely

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adds to their vote, but results in a loss to these enterprises and indirectly to the state. Finally, there are several methods to privatize these companies in order to take control of these losses. Pakistan should work on them in order to achieve success in future.

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Introduction:

The world has been in transition between multiple polar world and unipolar world. Earlier, the world was multipolar as multiple super powers existed. They include Germany, ~~Great~~ Great Britain, France, US and several others. With the world war taking place, the other super powers faced greater set back, and US emerged as the only super power leading to a unipolar

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world in the second half of the nineteenth century. Then, in the start of the 20th century, the world again witnessed the rise of other super powers and the earth transitioned to multipolar world again. Among the emerging super powers are China and Russia, who are currently cooperating with each other in various forms, to challenge the US led world order.

* BACKGROUND:

US had always tried to dominate the world, and had displayed its hegemony in several forms. In military aspect, they had showed their might in Afghanistan, Iraq, and several other countries. They had tried to dominate the world economically by using their currency, dollar, as global trade currency. Similarly, they had also dominated the global institutions of World Bank, IMF, World Trade Organization and several others. They further strengthened its hegemony by making alliances like NATO, five

eyes, AUKUS, QUAD, and several others. In such an hegemonic world led order, it is quite difficult for the new super powers to challenge it, but still they are trying their best. China and Russia are also among the new emerging super powers who are trying to challenge the US led world order.

* **Russia - China growing economic collaboration: an effort to challenge US led world order:**

Russia - China had been increasingly cooperating with each other from economic aspect in order to challenge the US led world order. These economic collaboration could be seen in various form, which are being mentioned below:

=> Deals related to fossil fuels and Gas:

US, NATO, and European Union tried to cripple down Russia's economy, by sanctioning it harshly

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due to Russia-Ukraine conflict, Russia was going to be paralyzed, but it was China, which supported it against the US led order, and led to the economic benefit of both by signing various gas and fossil fuels related deals.

⇒ Increasing trade between China and Russia:

Russia is sharing ~~its~~ and exporting its military weapons and gas to Russia. In return, China is providing it with advanced chip and other industrial products. This has reduced the reliance of both the countries on US led order and is in a way posing a threat to dollar by trading ~~it~~ in its local currencies.

* Strategic Collaboration:

Russia-China are increasing their strategic collaboration as well in order to increase its might against the

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US led world order. There collaboration can be seen in various forms which are being listed below:

⇒ Russia providing military weapons to China

Russia has been continuously providing its latest military weapons to China which is in a way strengthening power of China to challenge US in South-China sea, Taiwan, and in several other places. In return, Russia is benefiting by receiving money.

⇒ Russia providing latest jet bombers, naval, and air force technologies to China

Russia has recently also helped in providing guidelines in improving and developing latest military, navy, and air force technologies. They had also sold their latest technologies only to China, in order to challenge US led order.

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⇒ China providing "Chip"
to Russia,

China in return had strengthened Russia by providing the key element i.e. chip, without which everything would just seem as toys.

Political Collaboration between China and Russia:

Politically, they had been cooperating with each other on various platforms. Few of them are listed below:

⇒ BRICS + :

BRICS + is an alliance being made specially by the two in order to challenge US led world order by providing an alternate currency to dollar, and alternate ^{transaction} system to SWIFT and global organizations such as WB, IMF, and WTO.

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⇒ SCO :

Shanghai cooperation organization is another alliance where we can clearly see, the two have been trying to challenge the US led world order to their best by increasing their political clout as much as possible.

* Conclusion:

In short, US had remained an unchallenged global super power in the second half of the 20th century. But, now emerging super powers especially China and Russia are cooperating among each other in almost every aspect in order to turn the world from unipolarity to a multipolar world. For this, China and Russia had been cooperating with each other in every aspect including economic, strategic and geo political collaboration. Finally, both of them are slowly achieving their goal of multipolarity as US hegemony is slowly

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and gradually declining in the world.

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* Introduction:

Earlier, trade transaction used to be in a form of barter trade system. People used to exchange commodities among each other in return for commodities. Then slowly, transaction started in the form of local currencies. No one currency was dominating the world's trade. However, pound started dominating in the earlier ~~of~~ 20th century. This too, was replaced soon by dollar, as US emerged as a sole super power of the world after the world war in the late 20th century. US started dominating the world by using its own currency i.e. dollar in world's trade and by creating its own transaction system that is

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SWIFT. This led to exploitation of various countries and also created resentment in countries which are now retaliating in several forms which will be discussed ahead in this answer.

* Background:

US dominated the world after the world war - 2 especially by taking certain steps which are mentioned below:

- => Dollarization of world's trade:
- => US took control of the world by signing a deal with them that US would print dollar against gold, and rest of the countries would print their currencies against dollar. This led to dollarization of state banks of the countries.
- => US also signed with world's leading petrol producing countries especially KSA, to export its oil in dollar. This

converted major chunk of world's trade into dollar.

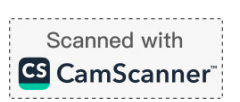
=> As a result, both world's trade major chunk i.e: oil and countries banks started to convert their reserves to dollars.

=> US hegemony of World sea trade routes:

US also replaced the queen of sea i.e: Britain, by taking the responsibility of sea routes as well. This further strengthened US hegemony as world's mostly trade took place through these sea routes.

=> US hegemony over International Organizations:

US being the sole super power also took control over the global organizations like World Bank, IMF, and WTO, and also used them in its favor while sanctioning or penalizing



other countries.

⇒ SWIFT:

The transaction system of SWIFT - dominated by US - led to dollarization of all the countries reserves, which further strengthened US hegemony over the world.

⇒ Alliances:

US also strengthened its military might and diplomatic power, by making Alliances like NATO, Five eyes, AUKUS, QUAD and several other in order to control the global south further.

* US exercising dollar and Swift as a weapon against global south:

There are various instances where US has exercised these as a weapon against global south:

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⇒ Iran:

Iran has been paralysed severely due to ^{use of} dollar and SWIFT as a weapon by US against them.

⇒ Pakistan:

Presley amendment and other sanctions of US against Pakistan.

⇒ Iraq

Iraq had also been sanctioned earlier in order to force it to destroy its Weapons of Mass destruction.

⇒ Russia

The recent example is of Russia which has been severely hit due to US sanctions on it.

⇒ China:

China had also been sanctioned for providing nuclear support to Pakistan.

* How BRICS+ can get rid of western exploitation on permanent bases:

There are several ways in which BRICS+ can get rid of western exploitation which are being enlisted below:

⇒ Introducing alternate currency to dollar.

By introducing alternate currency they are going to end the hegemony of dollar in the world.

⇒ Introducing alternate transaction system to SWIFT.

⇒ By convincing member and friendly countries to trade in local currencies rather than dollar.

⇒ By utilizing BRICS+ as an alternate to NATO.

⇒ By utilization of New Development Bank as an alternate to WB, IMF, and WTO.

⇒ By using this as a platform to solve global issues and increase cooperation among the member countries.

Conclusion:

In a nutshell, US had sidelined the global south till almost a century, but now the BRICS+ is challenging its hegemony in several ways. US could not suppress them further, either today or near future, BRICS+ is going to retaliate as just like HTS had retaliated to the despotic rule of Assad.

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US should start cooperation with global south, else BRICS+ will sooner over ride it.