

## QUESTION NO: 02

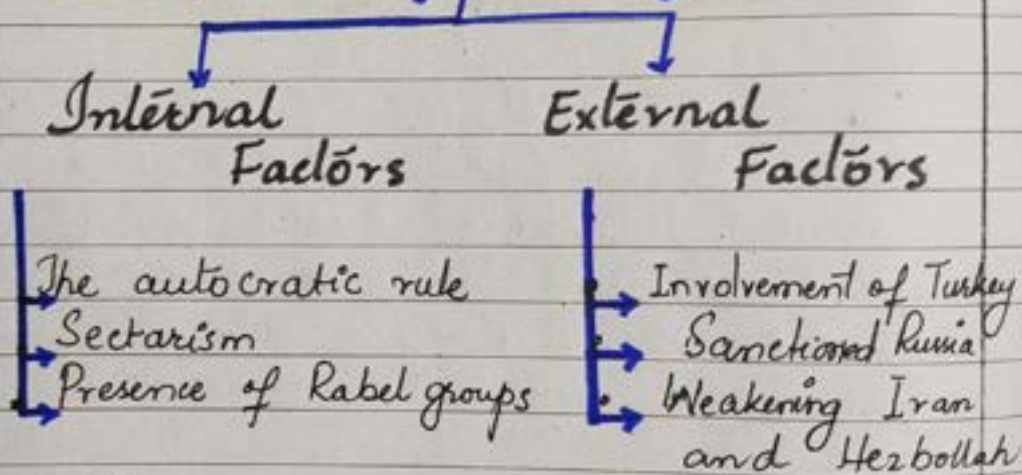
# Reasons and Implication Of Unprecedented Change In Syria:

## INTRODUCTION :-

It is said that "Every rise has its fall", Bashar al Assad's throne has been overturned by the HTS Islamic rebels. An era of about 53 years came into its end, on 7<sup>th</sup> december 2024. The HTS, Islamist rebels have toppled down Bashar-al-Asad regime in Syria. There are various factors and reasons due to which this could happen. The reasons include external as well as internal forces. The internal factors includes, the conflict between Shia and Sunni, presence of different rebel groups. However the int external factors includes the support of Turkey, Sanctions on Russia, weakening of Hezbollah and stop of aid from Iran to Syrian government. It cause severe implications in the

Country, region and overall world. The situation of uncertainty within Syria, the involvement of Israel in the Syria and a shock to Russia and Iran are few of implications of this unprecedented change in Syria.

## The Reasons for Unprecedented Change in Syria



## The Autocratic Rule of Bashar-ul-Asad:

Bashar-ul-Asad was considered to be an autocratic ruler, marked by centralization of power, suppression of dissent and lack of democratic freedom for the people. For decades Syria was under emergency law that was lifted in 2011, which curtails so many basic rights of people. The

brutality of Assad regime from inception of civil war till its end is not hidden. More than five million people were killed. A report published in Amnesty International claims that "The International Community has condemned Assad's action and wanted legal proceeding in International court of justice against him for the torture and other human rights violation."

### Sectarianism:

The Country was actually suffering from an internal war within shia and sunni. Basharul asad himself was a shia and ruling on 80% sunni muslims.

This internal conflict give rise to hate against Bashar-al-asad government and it served as a big reason of Basharal-Asad downfall.

Syria	
Sunni =	80%
Shia =	20%

### The Presence of Various Rebel groups within Syria

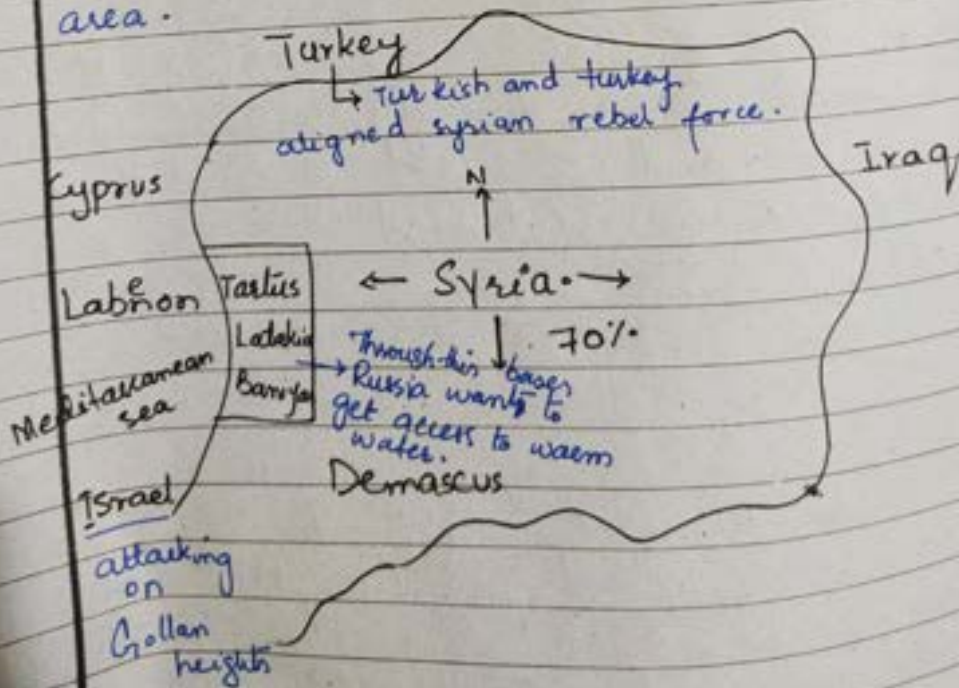
About 70% area of syria was under control of Basharal-Asad government, rest of 30% area was occupied by different rebel

groups. These groups were posing various challenges to Assad's government and they also served as a reason of down fall of Assad's government.



## Support from Turkey

According to International experts, Turkey was supporting the rebel group by giving training to the respective groups. Turkey is in the north of Syria and in the same location Turkish aligned rebels are occupying some area.



## Sanctioned Russia

Russia was supporting Bashar al Assad government because of two reasons, the friendship with Iran and Russia wants access to Mediterranean sea's warm waters. But due to Russia-Ukraine war, Russia was unable to pay proper attention to Syria. Moreover US and other European states impose Sanctioned on Russia which weaken Russia economically. The Russia gave political asylum to Bashar al Assad which is a ~~reason~~ proof that it was supporting Syria.

## Weakening Iran (Axis of Resistance):-

Due to Israel's continuous attacks on Lebanon on Hezbollah, and assassination of strong political ~~with~~ leadership of Hezbollah, which was a strong ally of Iran, the Organization has been weakened. Israel-Iran rivalry engaged Iran on the opposite front and Iran which was previously providing support to Syria, could not aided the respective government. This serves as main cause of down fall of Bashar al Assad, government.

## Implication of this Unprecedented change in Syria :-

- Rise of Orientalism
- Rise of Israel's Brutality
- Involvement of Super power in the regions
- Polarization in Muslim Ummah

## Rise of Orientalism:

Orientalism is a phenomenon use by west to represent culture, language, ethnicity and religion of muslim in a bad way to justify their own brutality. With the downfall of Syrian government the rise of Orientalism has been seen in the world. HTS which was previously an ally of Al-Qaida now heading a country in the middle east. This is defaming the entire muslim ummah, according to

Some experts.

## Rise in Israel's Brutality

Right after downfall of Syrian government Israel continued its brutality in the Syria. Israel is targeting military installation in Golan Heights, claiming that Israel wants to save chemical weapons of Syrian government. But the reality is something different. Professor Gibert, University of SOAS said, "Syria has no chemical weapons, but Israel is trying to weaken Syria as it hates Bashar al Assad."

## Involvement of Super power in the Region:

Recently, Trump has made an statement that "America has nothing to do with whatever is happening in Syria." But the presence of Israel is a proof that US is supporting Israel in order to remain as an hegemon within Middle East. America's double standards has not been <sup>can</sup> hidden from anyone. The involvement of US in Syria in future serves as an implication of downfall

of Basharal-ul asad government.

## Polarization of Muslim Ummah:

Year 2024, proved to be the better ~~ret.~~ for Iran - Saudi arab relations, as both country initiated good relations. But this unprecedented change in Syria now changing the dynamics, and increasing polarization between muslim states. As Iran was a supporter of Basharalasad while Turkey and Saudi arab was supporting the rebellions.

## Conclusion

There are various factors that leads to down fall of Syrian government. The Downfall of Basharalasad affects not only Syria but the whole world.

The ball is in the court of America because the situation is favorable to U.S.



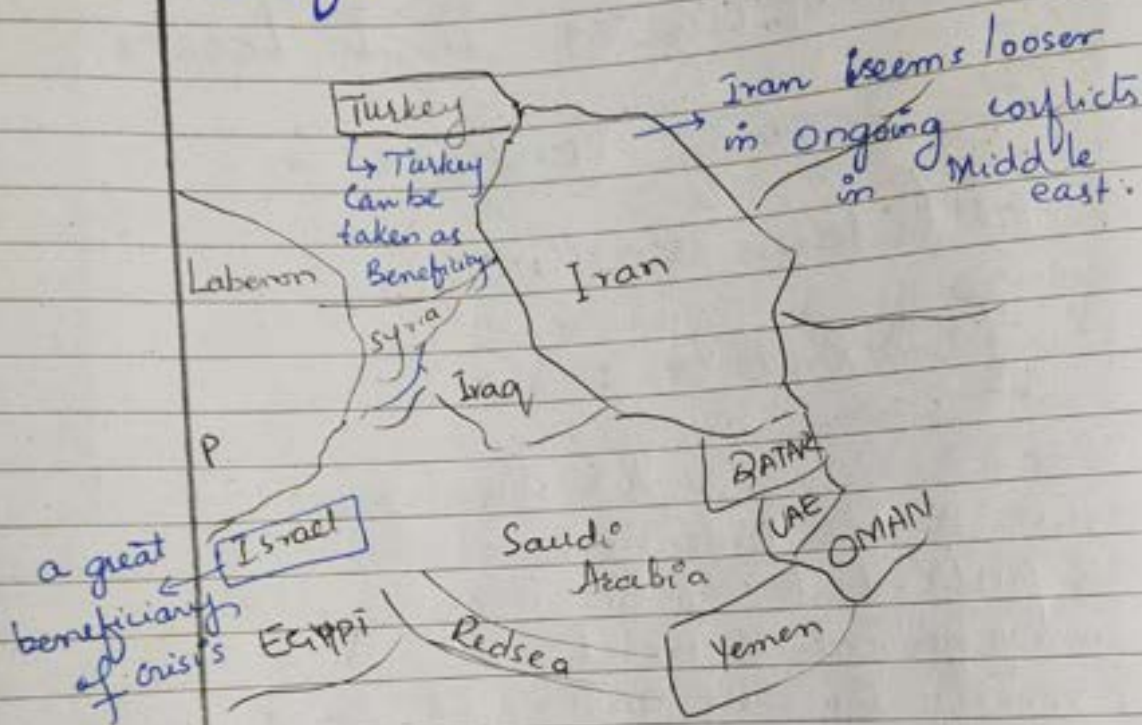
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# Beneficiaries And Losers Of Ongoing Conflicts in Middle East:-

## Introduction :

The ongoing conflicts in Middle east from palestinian apartheid, to Iran direct military engagement in Israel, and the most recent one the downfall of Bashar-al-Asad have created a haphazard situation. Some countries are taking the advantage of such circumstances and others are severely affecting. The beneficiaries of ongoing conflicts in Middle east includes Israel, U.S.A, and other western powers. While the major loss bear by countries of the middle east. As far as losers are concerned, the major losers in Syrian downfall are Russia and Iran. However turkey may be taken as a beneficiary of changing dynamics in Syria.

# Beneficiaries of Ongoing Conflicts In Middle East:



- Israel
- USA
- Turkey

## Israel as a Beneficiary

From the rise of Zionism Israel had only one intention, that was to occupy more and more land and because of ongoing crisis in Middle east. Israel has occupied major portion of Palestine as well as Golan height

Buffer zone in Syria. Israel wants its hegemony in the region. The Brutality of Israel is not hidden, from the world.

## USA as a Beneficiary

USA diplomacy is not and double standards has been exposed in the world. USA is supporting Israel. The aid received by Israel majorly consist of modernized weapons from U.S. America wants to be a hegemon in the region. US has designed Iraq as beneficiary developing country, allowing preferential trade terms. This can provide US favorable trade conditions. Moreover to counter china, USA is doing such tactics in middle east.

## Turkey as a Beneficiary

Turkey has pursued its interests in Middle East by supporting certain factions and engaging in military operations. Its involvement in Syria, for instance aims to counter Kurdish forces and assert its influence in the region.

According to experts HTS had support of Turkey.

## Losers of Ongoing Conflicts in Middle East:

### Iran (Axis of Resistance)

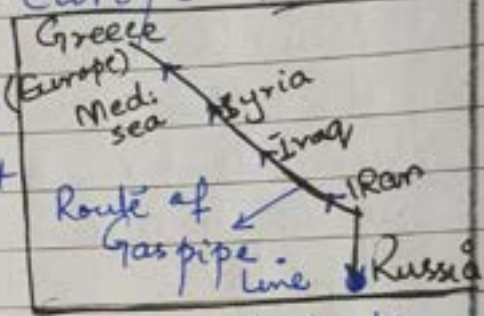
Iran supported Shia regime of Bashar-ul-Asad. while it has strong alliances with Hezbollah too. Hezbollah is losing its strength as the key leadership has been killed by Israel. The fall of Asad is like a shock for Iran as it has lost its close friend. Moreover, the brutality of Israel in Palestine is not controlled yet for which Iran was supporting its proxy alliances.

### Russia

Russia is also a loser in middle east conflicts, as far as downfall in Syria is concerned Russia now in a position of huge loss. As it had one military base in Mediterranean Sea named "Tartus", which Russia

wanted to use for access to warm water. Moreover Russia want to control Europe and does not want to enter European pipeline from Syria. Russia made a Gas pipeline in response of American "Gatar Turkey pipeline". But with the downfall of Assad's government, Russia now unavailable to Europe there.

Iraq - Syria pipeline and Gatar Turkey pipeline both intersect at the same point in Damascus, Syria.



It is the big reason of conflict too.

## Conclusion

The Ongoing Middle east crisis at the same time are turning as an advantage and disadvantages for other countries. USA, Israel, Turkey and Saudi Arabia are great Beneficiaries. While Iran, Russia and Gulf states are taking as losers.

## Question 06

COP 29 Summit  
Failures and Commitments:

## Introduction :-

The 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Baku, Azerbaijan, concluded with mixed outcomes, marked by both commitments and perceived short comings. The commitment includes climate - Finance agreement, adaptation initiatives, Energy infrastructure pledge. While the perceived failures includes insufficient climate finance, Lack of progress on Fossil Fuel phase-out, Exclusion of key sectors, developing countries discontent.

Key Commitments of  
COP-29

- 1 - Climate Finance Agreement
- 2 - Adaptation Initiatives
- 3 - Energy infrastructure pledge

## Climate Financing Agreement

Developed nations pledged to provide \$300 billion annually by 2035 to assist developing countries in addressing climate change impact. This commitment is known as The New Collective Quantified Goal on climate Finance (NCQG), aims to enhance support for mitigation and adaptation efforts in vulnerable regions.

## Adaptation Initiatives

The Conference adopted the Baku Adaptation Road Map and Baku high-level Dialogue on adaptation focussing on enhancing the implementation of adaptation strategies and continuing efforts towards transformational adaptation.

## Energy Infrastructure Pledge

A Global Energy Storage and Grid pledge was introduced aiming to significantly expand global energy storage capacity and improve grid infrastructure.

to support the broader adoption of renewable Energy.

## Criticism and Perceived failure of Cop-29:

### Insufficient climate Finance

Despite the 300 dollar billion annual pledges, many environmental groups and developing nations criticized the commitments as inadequate and delayed. Arguing that it falls short of addressing the urgent needs of vulnerable countries.

### Lack of Progress on Fossil Fuel Phase-out

The Conference did not achieve significant advancement in commitments to phase out fossil fuels, a critical step towards mitigating climate change. The omission was viewed as a set back in global efforts to transition to clean energy.



## Exclusion of key sectors

Notably, the electric vehicle industry received little attention during the conference, despite its significant role in reducing global emissions. This oversight was seen as missed opportunity to advance transport decarbonization.

## Conclusion

COP-29 resulted in notable commitments towards climate finance and adaptation strategies. It face significant criticism for perceived delays, insufficient funding and lack of decisive action on critical issues such as fossil fuel reduction and support for key sectors. These outcomes underscore the ongoing challenges in achieving global consensus and effective action in the fight against climate change.

## Question 05

## BRICS +

## Introduction

Dollar and SWIFT, being used as a weapon by US against the countries of Global South. "Society for worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication system" as instrument of economic system influence particularly through the implementation of sanctions on countries of global South by America. The countries sanctioned by U.S include Iran, Cuba, Venezuela and North Korea. BRICS + counter this, to get rid of western exploitation on permanent basis.

Measures taken by BRICS + to counter western exploitation on permanent basis:-

- De-dollarization
- BRICS payment system
- BRICS BANK

## Dedollarization :-

BRICS + nations  
Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa are promoting trade in their local currencies to ~~reliance~~ reduce reliance on dollar.

## Just Democratic Transition from Unipolarity to Multipolarity

Previously world was dominated by only one super power that is USA, but now the dynamics are changed. BRICS is changing the power and transmitting it to Global South countries. Because west dominated system has unequal structure

## BRICS payment system

Developing alternative to SWIFT, such as cross border inter bank payment system (CIPS) by China offers parallel system for transaction to Global South countries. Moreover the Contingent Reserve agreement CRA is also being made which provide a transaction payment system.

# BRICS BANK

The New Development bank provides financial support without western imposed conditions, empowering global South. It provides loan for various projects Urban development project, Agriculture, Transport in developing countries, in order to promote financial co-operation in the region.

## Conclusion

BRICS+ is going to change the scenario, previously USA was creating its hegemony by Dollar and SWIFT being used as a weapon for the countries of Global South. But now BRICS+ by dedollarization, formation of easy payment system and BRICS bank is emerging as a hegemon to counter western hegemony.