

(Part-II)

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Answer- Introduction

"Iran has always supported
Pakistan since its
inception."

(Foreign Policy of Pakistan-
Abdul Sattar)

Iran and Pakistan tension is on the rise as both countries launched air strikes on each other's territories. This highlights several factors behind Iranian airstrike. But, there might be other beneficiaries. However, with rational steps rising tensions between Pak-Iran can be curtailed.

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A bird's eye view on Pak-Iran
airstrikes conflict

"Iran initiated airstrikes
in Balochistan killing"

2 children."

(Pakistani Authority)

On 16th January 2024, Iran launched airstrikes in Balochistan. According to Iranian ally media - "Tasnim"

It was attack on Jaish-al-Adl "Army of Justice"

In response, Pakistan launched "Operation Mary Bar Sarmachar" in Sistan - Balochistan. Thereby, Pakistan wanted to disturb hidden outs of terrorists.

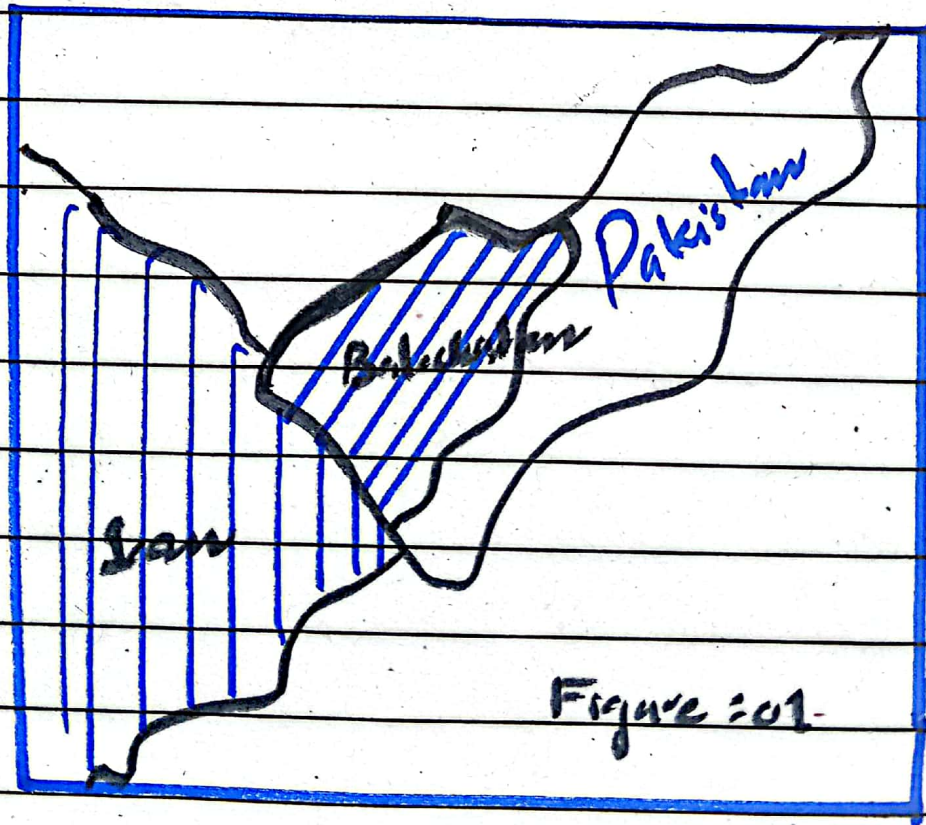


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3- Reasons behind Iranian air strike

According to Aziz Chaudhry - former secretary of Pakistan, following reasons can be:

a) Expansion of BRICS

Expansion of BRICS raised Iranian confidence. This resulted Iranian airstrikes against Pakistan's territory.

"Iran strongly advocate for BRICS success."

(Tasnim Media)

This shows BRICS expansion can be a reason.

b) KSA-Iran Reapproachment

Secondly, KSA-Iran reapproachment also supported Iran. It enhanced Iran's position in geopolitics.

"KSA-Iran reapproachment"

is a victory of Iran!"

(The News, 2023)

Thus, USA-Iran rapprochement could be another reason.

c) China-Iran Strategic Partnership

Additionally, China-Iran strategic partnership also revived position of Iran. It might encouraged Iran to rush towards economic hegemony.

"China's 420 billions dollar deal raised Iranian confidence."

(Aziz Chaudhry)

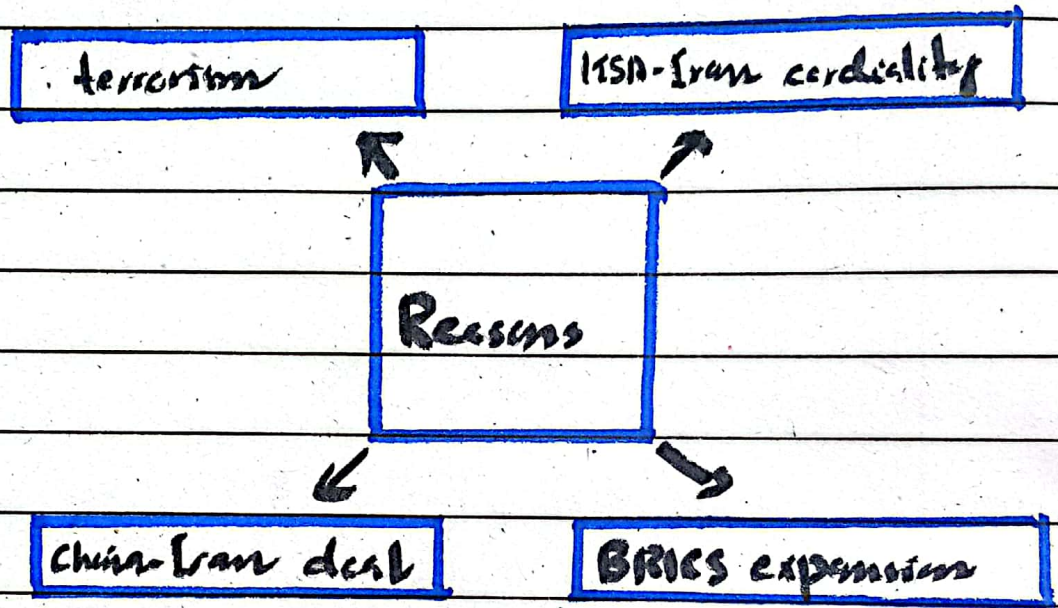
Thus, China-Iran strategic partnership is also a main reason.

d) Rise of terrorism

Rise of terrorism in Iran is a real cause of Iranian air strike. According to Mubashir Gulzari, "Kerman attacks in Iran"

killed 94 people and 294
injured.

This shows that use of terrorism
is a main cause behind airstrike.



4- Possible beneficiaries of Pak-Iran
tension or airstrike attack

Following can be
beneficiaries:

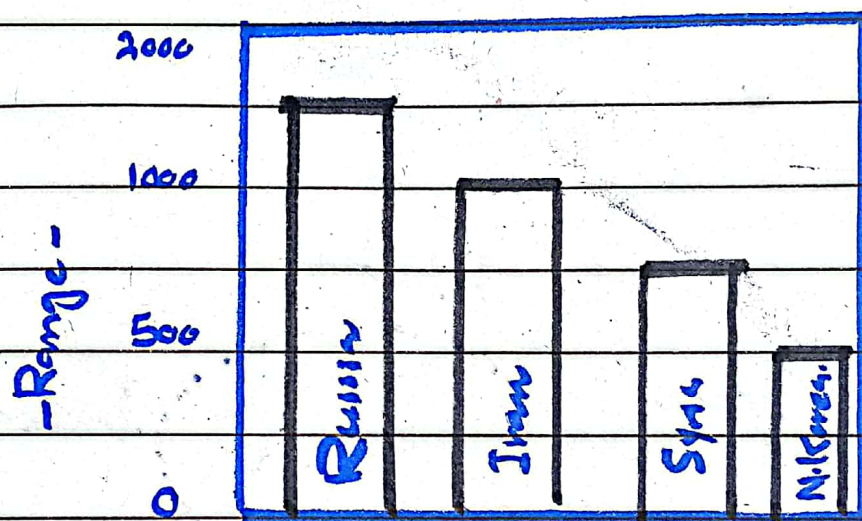
a) The United State

The United State as a
major Iranian rival can be a major

beneficiary. It can play proxy role to isolate Iran in the region.

"The USA imposed economic sanction on Iran."

(The New York Times, 2022)



(The New York Times - 2022)

This shows the opportunity for the USA.

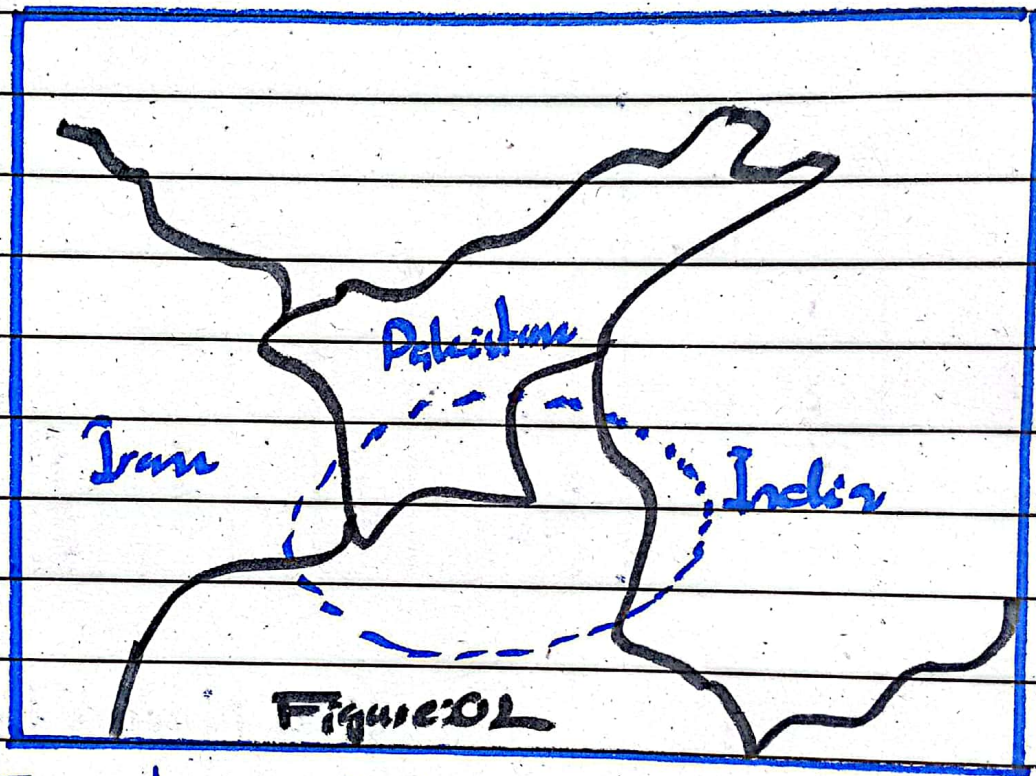
b) India as a regional hegemony

Further, India can promote regional hegemony. It can

isolate Iran by proxies.

"India might be proxy
between Iran-Pale
stines."

(Al-Jazeera, 2024)



This shows India as a second beneficiary.

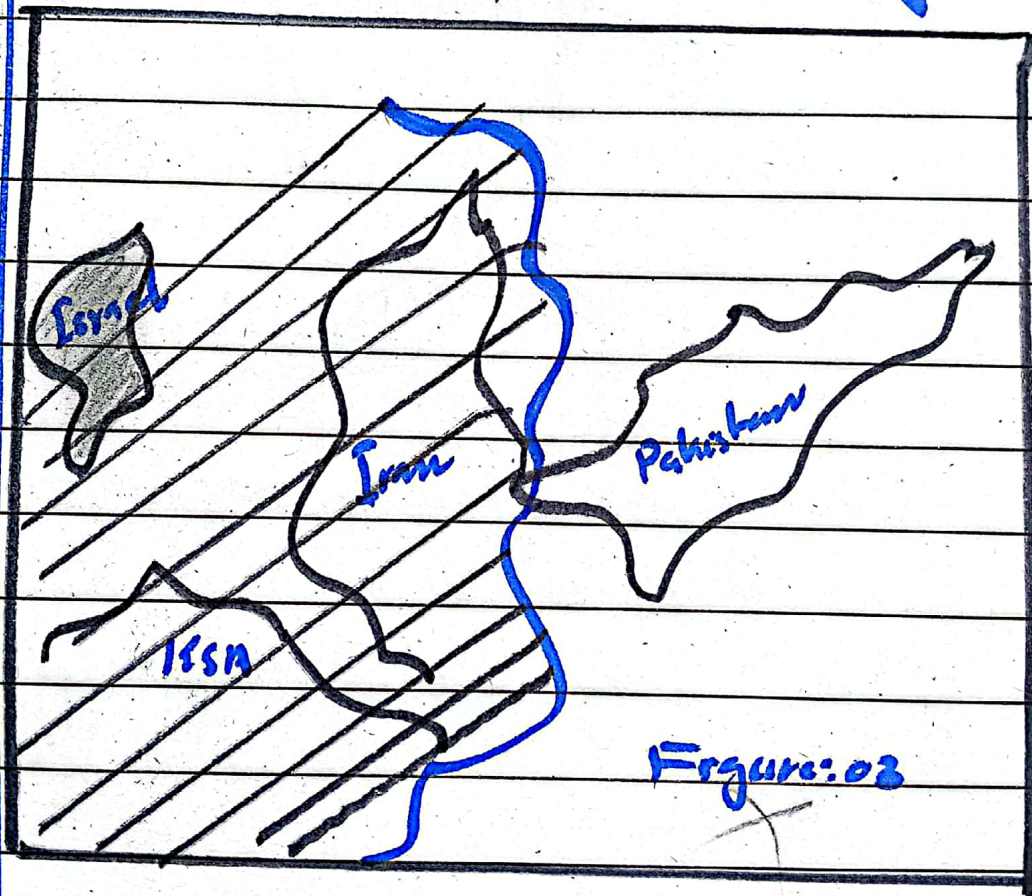
3- Israel in the Middle East

Moreover, Israel can also make its position strong in the Middle East. It might promote a

dark image of Iran in Arab countries.

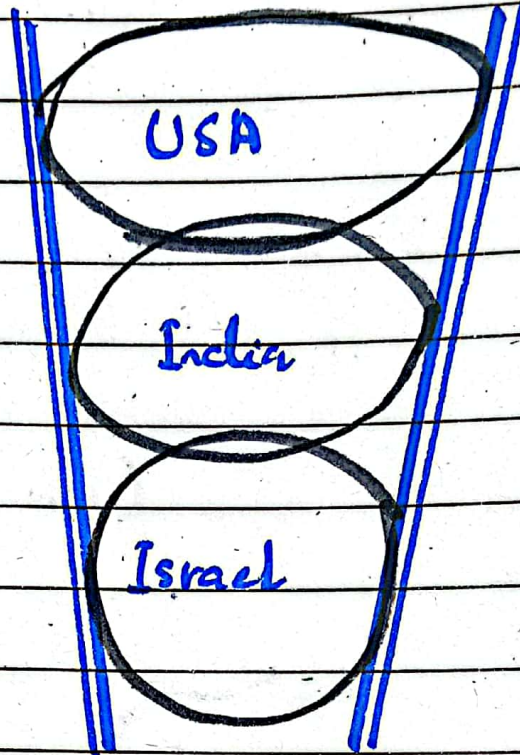
"Israel is a major player of anti-Iranian movement."

(www.cfr.org)



//// Middle East

This indicates benefits for Israel in the heart of the Middle East.



(Possible Beneficiaries)

5. Proactive measures to normalize Pak-Iran tensions

Following are proactive measures:

a) Peaceful Dialogue

Peaceful dialogue is the first step to normalize relations between Pakistan and Iran.

"Pak-Iran should go through table-talk"

(-Xi-Jinping)

Thus, peaceful dialogue can normalize relations.

b) China's peace talk mediator role

In addition, China's peace talker role can also bring two regional countries close. This will bring a friendly relation.

"Pak-Iran border is a symbol of peace, and love."

(Xi-Jinping)

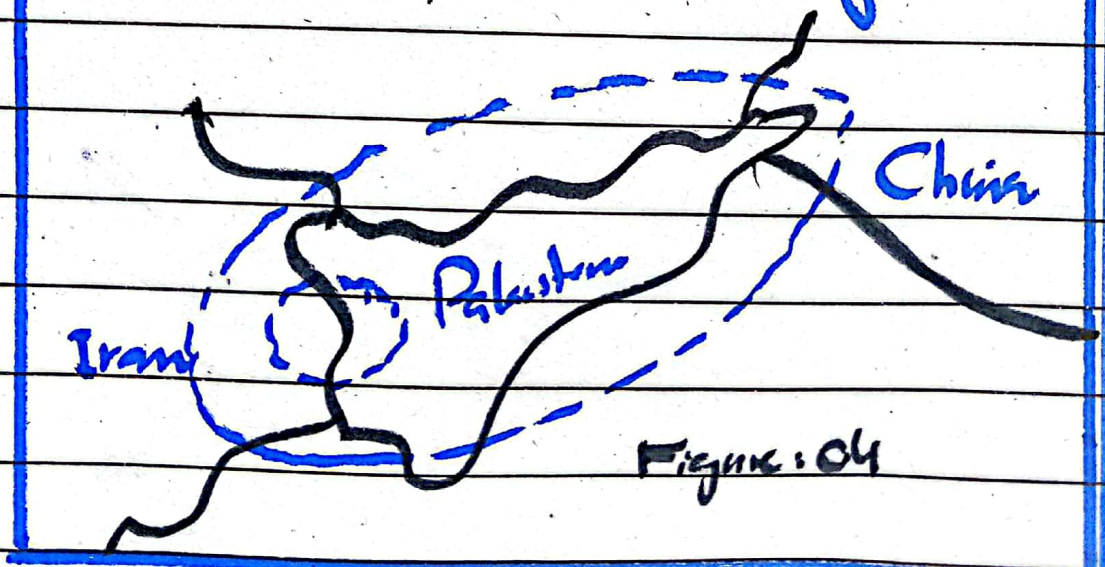


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This highlights China's role in a peace-talk can normalize relations.

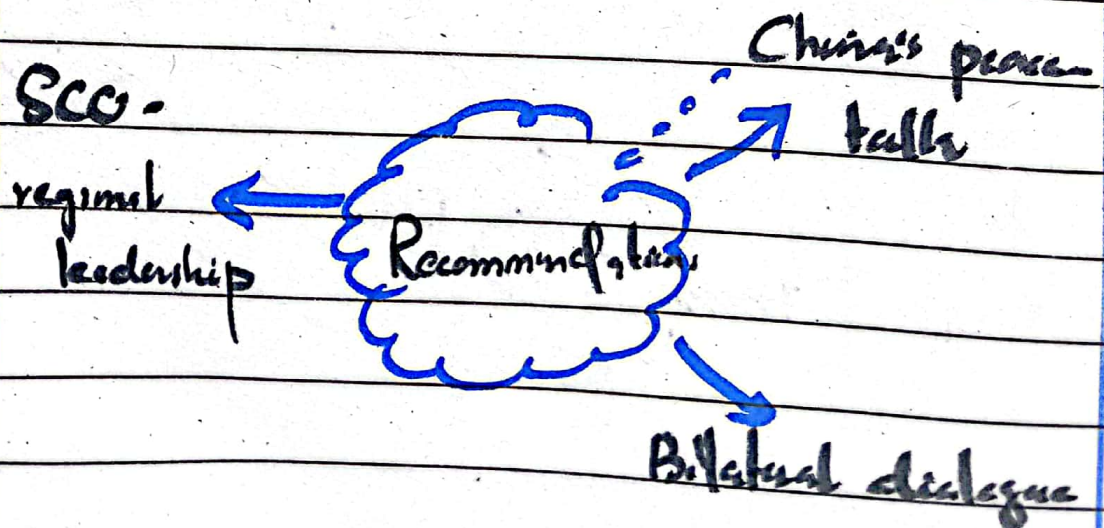
c) SCO - Regional leadership

Best but not the least, the SCO can initially play a crucial role to make its member countries normalize. Both as members of the SCO can carry responsibility of peace.

"Pakistan (and Iran) are both active members of SCO."

(Ex- Jinping)

Thus, SCO - regional leadership should be engage in normalizing Pak-Iran tensions.



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Conclusion

"Pakistan can not base
another partition
after 1971."

(Aziz Chaudhary)

Pak-Iran tensions are

On rise. Both started airstrikes ag-
ainst each other's territories. Several
reasons influenced Iranian air strike, which
may provide opportunities to beneficiaries.
Thereby, rational steps be adopted
to normalize relations between Pak-Iran.