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Current Affairs

Subjective Part

(Q#2)

Iran and Pakistan tension is on the rise as both the countries launched air strikes on each other's territory.

Critically evaluate the reasons and beneficiaries of this tension. Also find ways the de-escalation of tension and attaining normalcy?

Introduction:-

Recently Iran has missileed strike on Pakistan border. In counter response Pakistan^{na} also struck against them. Before attack both have cordial and friendly relation ~~one~~ another. But the Iran militant group Jaish al Adl was the main reason of this attack. Iran said

that this group used the Pakistan border for the attack on Iran. So that is the reason of this missile strike, otherwise Iran has no conflicts to Pakistan. It is beneficial for both countries to start the work of gas pipeline, which has disturbed or closed because of American sanctions. But, both of the countries prefer the diplomatic ties to de-escalate the tensions.

History of Pakistan and Iran relation

→ Cordial and Friendly relation

→ Iran Pakistan Gas Pipeline in 2013

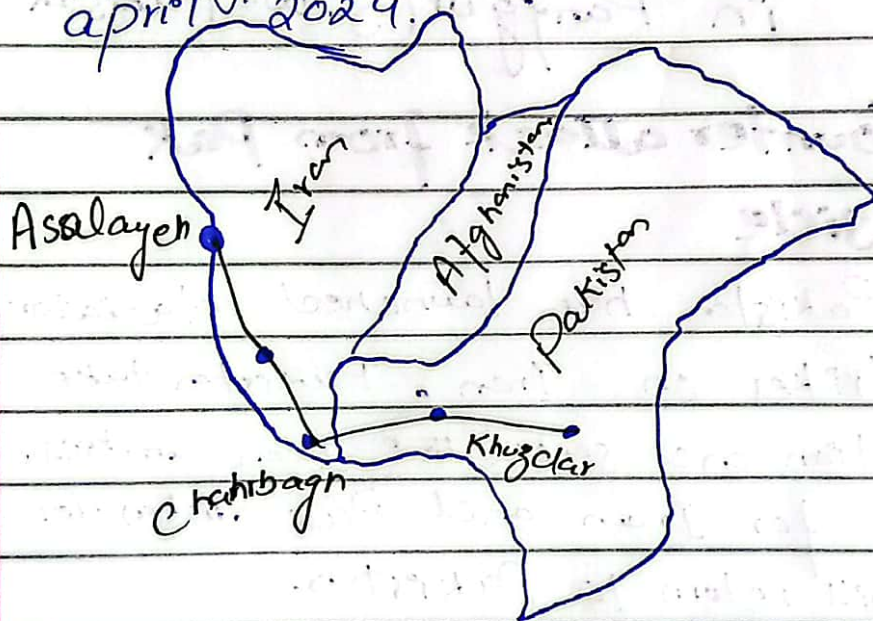
→ Cordial and Friendly relation
Iran and Pakistan has good

and cordial relation. They supported peace and diplomatic relation.

Even Iran supported Pakistan to reshape the Afghan relation.

Iran and Pakistan gas pipeline

Iran and Pakistan signed the gas pipeline in the way of Chahrbagh. But Pakistan did not start work and Iran fined the \$18bn if they will not start work April 2024.



⇒ Iran Pakistan Gas Pipeline

Air strikes :-

Iran has started missile

strike to Pakistan and it says that it has no intention to threaten the Pakistan. Iran ^{has} started operation against Jaish-al-Adl militant group. These fighters have hidden in Pak to cross the border. Either Pak will take action or Iran would attack.

Iran missile attack
in Panjgur (S-W-Pakistan)

Counter attack from Pak
side

Pakistan has launched retaliatory strikes on Iran. Pakistan take action and seized the Iran ambassador go for Iran and Pak ambassador will return to Pakistan.

Reason and Beneficiaries

Reason

Jai sh al adl
militant group

Against the
militancy because
they killed the
Iran people

HQ in Pakistan:

1. Jai sh al adl

Iran strikes against Jai sh - al - adl
militant group in Pakistan border
They lived in South East province
of Iran "Sistan and Baluchistan"

2. Against that Group

Iran was against this group, because
Jai sh - al - adl started operation
in Rasik (near Pak border). They
killed the Iranian soldiers.

3: HQ in Pakistan

When Iran wanted to attack they entered in Pakistan, so that's the reason of attack.

Beneficiaries

For West →
• Condemns Iranian
strike

Iran against Israel
and support the
Yemen.

This tension is beneficial for the USA, Even US condemn Iranian strike on Pakistan. US does not want for cordial relation of Iran and Pakistan. Because Iran against the US in Israel-gaza conflict.

Deescalation of
tension between
Iran and Pak

→ Both countries deescalate the tension through telephonic conversation.

→ Prefer diplomacy to resolve this tension.

→ Further no air missile strikes.

Telephonic conversation between both countries F.M.:

Iran too realized that there was no point in escalating the matter. Soon the two countries established contacts to lower the tension by the telephonic conversation.

Diplomatically resolve the issue

Iran and Pakistan prefer the diplomatic ties and decided that not further attack to one another.

(Q#4)

India - Middle East Europe Economic Corridor is projected as a competitor to the Belt and Road Initiative of China. Critically evaluate the potential and the future prospects of the two projects.

A broad alliance, including the United States and Saudi Arabia, unveiled ambitious plans to create a modern route. It is India's Middle East Europe Economic Corridor. It is the great project to compete the China's Belt and Road Initiative. It would establish railways, ports, electricity and data networks and hydrogen pipelines across the middle east in a counter balance to Chinese infrastructure. All the countries support this project financially. China's BRI is larger in scale.

and many of critics says that it is China centric and The China's debt trap plan. On the other hand IMEC is no doubt great project but there is not connectivity in such groups.

Spice Routes or New rail and Shipping project

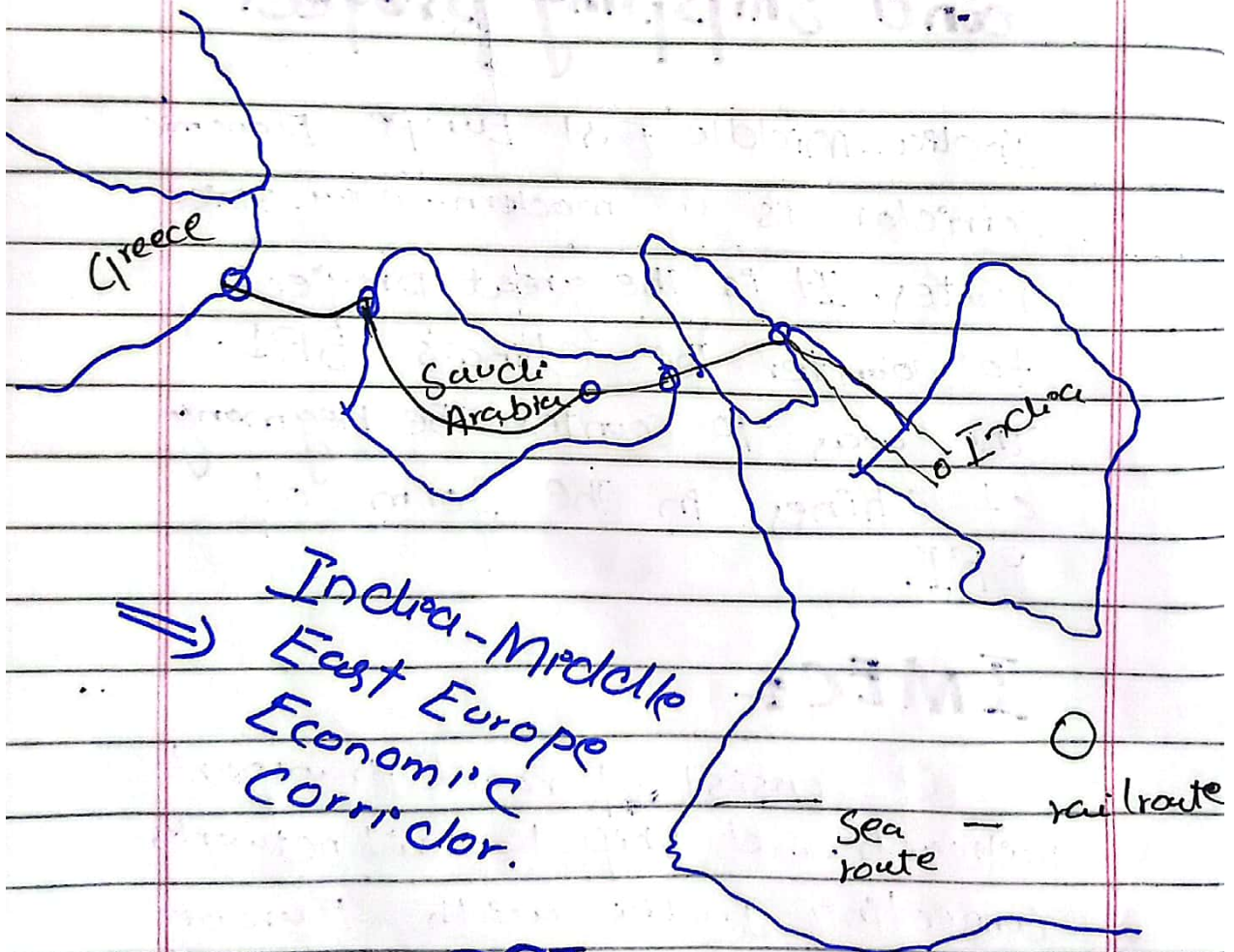
India - Middle East Europe Economic Corridor is a modern-day-spice routes. It is the great project to counter the China's BRI. The way to counter the hegemony of China in the form of BRI.

IMEC

It consist of road transport railroads and ship to rail networks connecting India with Europe via Arabian Peninsula. With IMEC divided into two parts.

East Corridor - Connect India
with Arabian Gulf

Northern Corridor - Connect
Gulf with Europe.



China BRI

China's BRI is an infrastructure

project. It provides China ample opportunities to increase its global power. It is a win-win situation for all countries. US (tried) continues to struggle to offer a competing project. It is potential to counter BRI. It will reduce political tension in Arabian Peninsula.

Many of the BRI countries exit to BRI like Italy. There is many criticism on China's BRI.

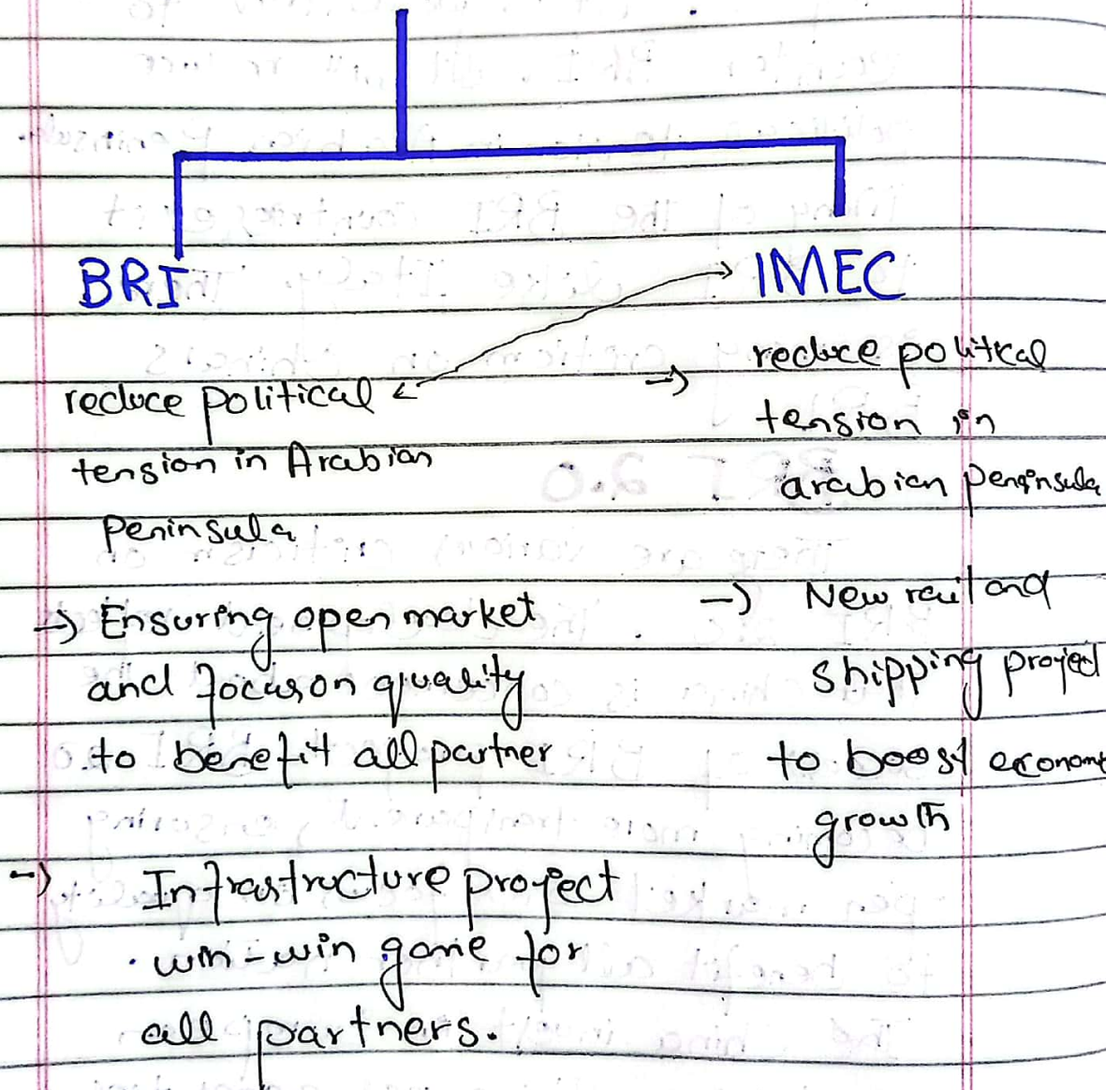
BRI 2.0

There are various criticism on BRI 2.0. The development reflects that China is concerned about the success of BRI project. BRI 2.0 becoming more transparent, ensuring open market and focus on quality to benefit all partner nation.

The China invest in European countries. China has good ties with Russia to expand BRI network.

Potential and Future Prospects of two projects.

Potential



BRI :

BRI has the potential to increase the development of

Infrastructure and increase the economic growth. BRI is large in terms of scale. It provides the open market facility and focus on quality to benefit for all.

IMEC:-

It is potential to counter BRI. It could reduce political tension on the Arabian peninsula, deepen India's strategic engagement with the peninsula, offer strategic advantage and opportunity to US. This project will boost the economic growth.

This project will facilitate development and export of clean energy, strengthening food supply.

Future Prospects

BRI

Criticism on BRI

→ It is diplomacy of debt trap

→ China centric project

IMEC

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Absence of Interconnectivity

→ in such groups: Challenging
for the future

→ Failed to reach BRI
Popularity

BRI

The future prospects shows that according to the critics: it is the part of China's debt trap policy. The reason was that China's bail-out as imagined hasn't come cheap for many BRI partner nation like Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Afghanistan charged 5% interest rate against 2% of IMF for rescue loan.

IMEC:-

IMEC failed to reach BRI popularity, in apparently it is great project but either it has the ability to (conne) implement this plan.

(Q#5)

How do you see Pak-Afghan relations in the wake of repeated attacks by TTP and ISKP in Pakistan using Afghan land against Pakistan and in return Islamabad decide to pull out Afghan refugees?

Pakistan and Afghan relations are not cordial and friendly after the consecutive attack of Afghan Taliban, TTP and Salafi-jihadist organization. These groups have used and continuously using Afghan land (for) for terrorist against Pakistan. In 2023, many of the terrorist attack has happened in the country. This situation have created fear in citizens of Pakistan. The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan have probably played a major role in (weak) arising ISKP in Pakistan. These groups has used Afghan land

against Pakistan so Islamabad has decided to remove the illegal Afghan refugees. Afghan Taliban is not ready for the massive refugees because of economic crisis and food insecurity.

Pak - Afghan relation is not cordial :-

Pak - Afghan relation is not good yet. There are many reasons of conflicted relationship with one another. Pakistan faces different problems because of Afghan Taliban, TTP and ISKP.

Afghan Taliban

Tehreek-e Taliban
Pakistan

ISKP

These three groups consecutively

attacks on Pakistan by using the Afghanistan land.

Islamic state - Khorasan Province suicide bombing attack

The Islamic state - Khorasan Province conducted a suicide bombing at an election rally for the Pakistan Political Party Jamiat Ulama-e Islam Fazl, killing at least 54 people, the attack placed in Bafaur District, KPK.

This attack is a serious threat for Pakistan for further more attacks.

TTP attacks in Pakistan

A recent deadly suicide attack on a military post in northwest Pakistan has raised fear in Pakistan and the public of Pakistan.

Furthermore, TTP has claimed that he will attack on different areas of Pakistan. In this critical

situation Islamabad has closed the educational institution for the security purposes.

Pakistan decision to pullout Afghan refugees.

Now Pakistan decided to pullout the Afghan refugees to for those people who lived illegally in Pakistan. They have no card. Pakistan blames to Afghan for different problems which are arising in Pakistan.

→ Create / Promote Terrorism in Pakistan.

→ Involve in bombing attack

→ Drug and human trafficking in Pakistan.

Pakistan always support Afghanistan in difficult situation. The Afghan

refugees lived without permission and even Pakistan did not sign the Geneva convention for refugees but Pakistan allowed the Afghan. Even 1.2 million Afghan lived in Pakistan after the US withdrew to Afghanistan.

It is not accepting decision for Afghanistan expulsion of Afghan. Because they said that:

→ No proper resources for 1.2 million refugees

→ No places for the people.

→ Severe economic crisis prevail in the Afghanistan.

Relations between Afghan and Pakistan after attack

Underlying tension:

After the attacks the tension has escalating between Afghan and Pakistan relations. Both are not coming in diplomatic ties.

Islamabad and Kabul:-

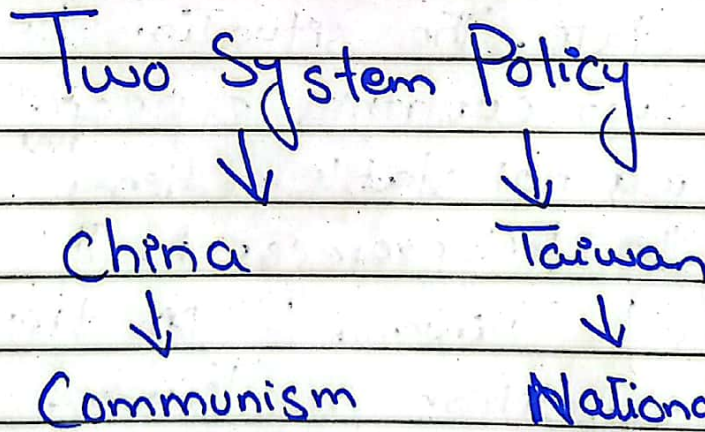
The relations between Islamabad and Kabul is in contrasting situation. A former Pakistani diplomat has argued that Pakistan should "assure the Afghans that we have no strategic depth design in their country or any intention of interfering in their internal affairs.

→ Moreover the tension will not (deescalation w/) decreased when TTP and ISKP stop the attack on the land of Pakistan and when Afghanistan do not stop the TTP to use Afghan land for attack against Pakistan.

(Q#7)

What is "One China Two System Policy" How US policy towards Taiwan is hurting it? What could be its possible implication? Give recommendation.

"One China Two System Policy"
 China always considered the Taiwan (is also) the part of China. The two system policy means.



China is based on Communism and Taiwan is based on nationalism. US always support Taiwan to defend from China and Biden's give strict remarks against them. It is problem creating

if US do not far away from
the China and Taiwan reunification
If .US not far away from this
interference, the chances of war
like Russia and Ukraine.

China Claim for Taiwan

China claim for Taiwan
because before WWI, Taiwan
is also the part of China and
after that it became an independent
state. The situation between
two countries especially Taiwan
was not stable; China ^{now} started
the drill exercise in the area
of Taiwan. It is troubling
condition for Taiwan.

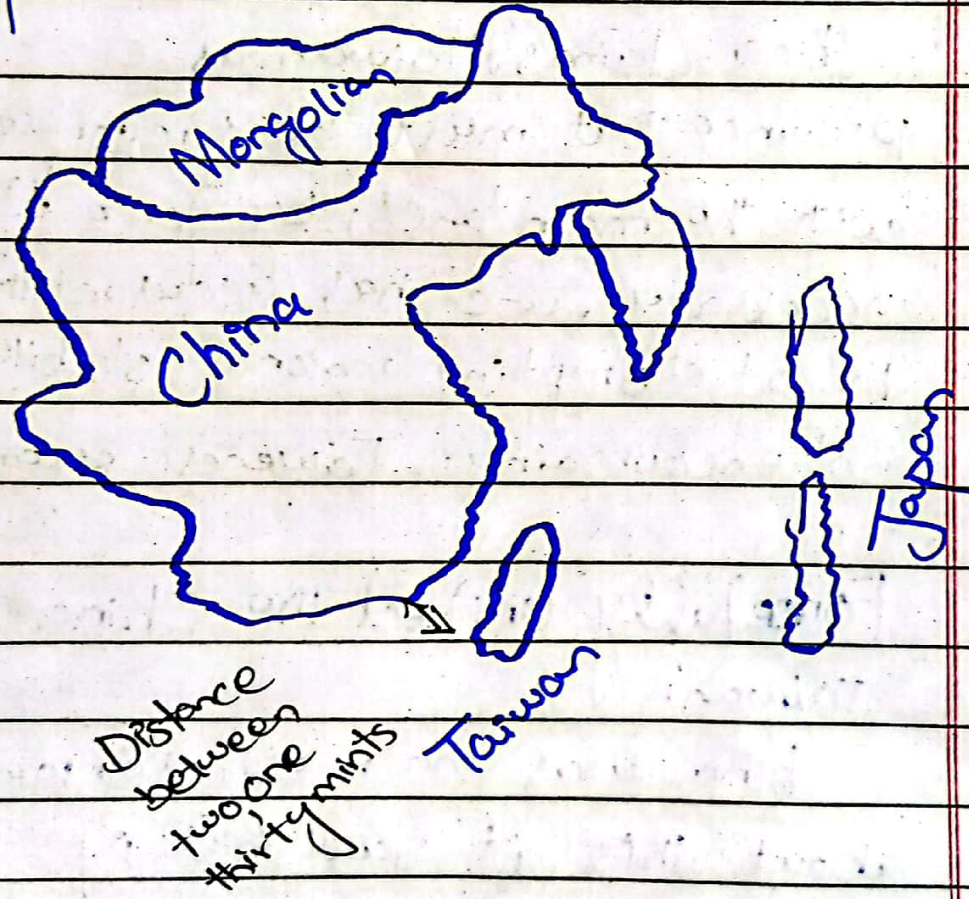
Biden's View :-

Nancy policy visit to Taiwan
and said that US will defend
Taiwan. China X, wars in

call with Biden

“ Don't play with fire over Taiwan. ”

US provided defend material to Taiwan to tackle the Chinese fire



US Policy towards taiwan is Hurting it.

The US defend the Taiwan and

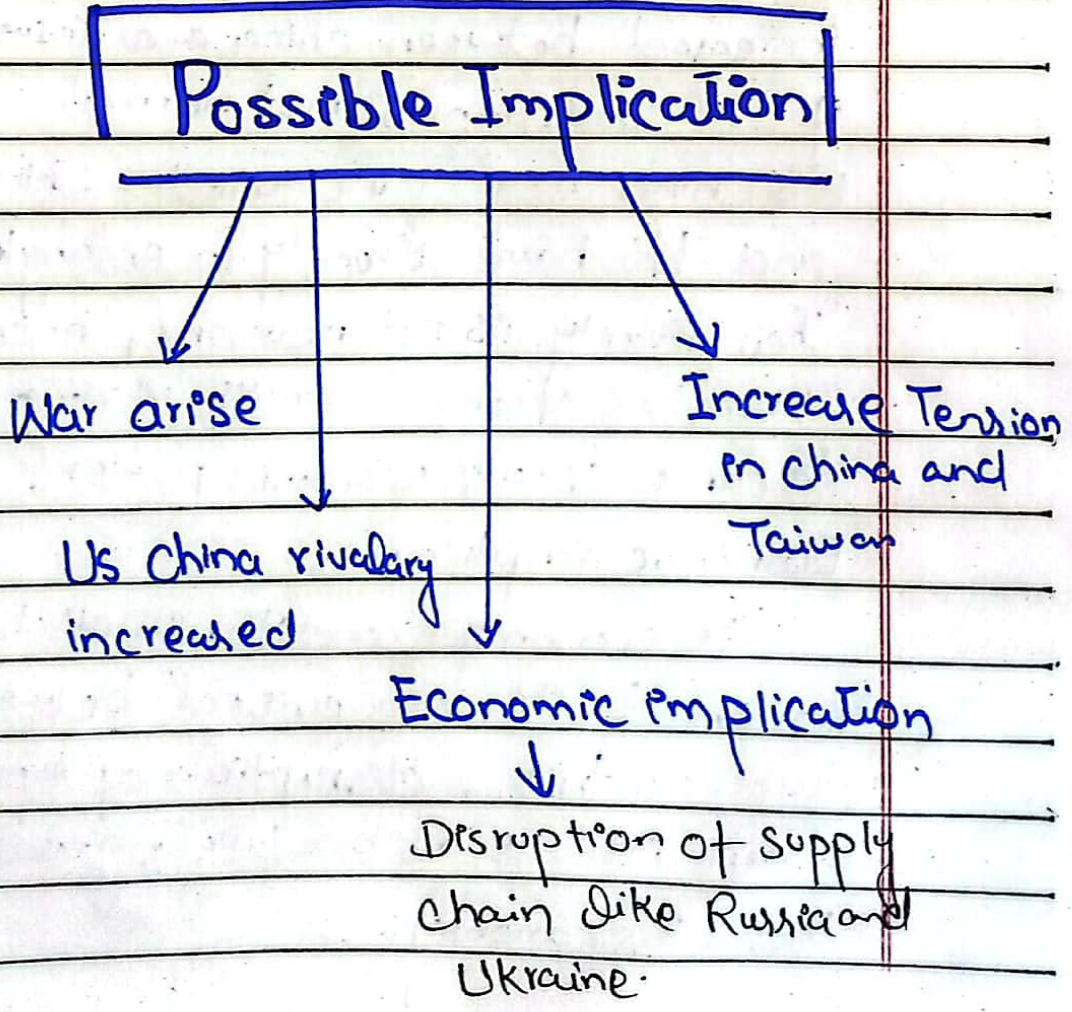
provide support it, it is threaten to Taiwan or not. It is hurting it because of interference in China's affairs. That is not acceptable for the China. Because Biden threat to China if China fire to Taiwan they intervene in it. China claims Taiwan as a province that must be reunified with the mainland, by force if necessary, and has accused the US of disrupting regional stability and encouraging Taiwanese separatism.

Forcefully unified the China Taiwan.

China was too much serious about this, it said that if they did not agree for unification, it started forcefully because Taiwan is our province. The spoke person said,

“ He also made clear that our Taiwan policy hasn't changed. That remains true. ”

He will not change this policy and unite the china and Taiwan, because it is there state, and said that no intervene in it. Otherwise create trouble for Taiwan and creator.



War (increased) ^{arise} → war ^{arised} between two countries if the situation is not stable. Defense minister of Taiwan "Chiu" said that,

"Our enemy's recent movements are really quite abnormal."

Increased tension → The tension increased between china and Taiwan if the condition is not normal.

US China rivalry increased → China and US have already in entanglement. Their rivalry is not new one, because China had strong ties with west and became strong economic power.

Economic implication

The economic condition will be worsen if the war arised between two countries, disruption of supply chain at the global levels, great loss of economy.

Recommendation



Peace Talks

China should reduce military in Taiwan land.

Taiwan should follow one China policy.

Peace Talks → Peace talks is only the solution to resolve it. The Australia is also aspiring to a peaceful resolution of China Taiwan

China should reduce military in Taiwan land → The china should remove military crews and fires from the Taiwan land and resolve this issue with Table talk.

Taiwan should follow ^{one} China Policy →
The only option for Taiwan
to agree with the part of China
because otherwise war will
arise and Taiwan do not overcome
or tackle it, because China
has strong economy and military
power.