

PART-II

Q. NO. 02

Introduction:

On October 7, 2023 Hamas fighters attacked Israel through air and land. The fighters killed 1200 Israelis and captured 250 hostages. As a result Israel waged a full scale war against Palestinians. During Israel-Palestine conflict more than forty thousand Palestinians were killed and almost every Palestinian is displaced. Israel is getting its weapons from the US and the European countries. Despite warnings and clear cut violations of human rights US is silent.

Why US is silent on the Palestine Conflict?

Strategic Interest:

USA has many strategic interests in the region. That's why the US is silent on this issue. The US wants to maintain its hegemony on the middle east and accompanying the resources like the geo-strategic location of Gaza. US wants to make a world standard port on the mediterranean sea near Gaza. He thinks the Palestinians are useless.

Economic Interest:

Despite repeated war crimes committed by Israel in Gaza US is silent. US is seeking its economic interest, which lies in taking advantage of Gulf EEC which was recently announced. He wanted to make a trade tour through the area. Therefore he is silent on the war.

Testing the GCC countries:

US is testing the capabilities of the GCC countries. Mr. Brinken, a US secretary of state made repeated visits to the GCC countries to encourage them to speak against the Palestinians or to remain silent. GCC countries should have taken some steps but did not take any steps to address this issue.

US wanted to maintain a Rift in Middle East:

This is a long term planning of the Britain after giving a place to the Jews in the Palestine. And later on allowing US to handle the situation. US maintained a rift in the region and constantly supplied weapons to the Israel. Like Israel, Kashmir is an historical zone of contention of Britain. The Palestine is also a zone of contention made by US in middle east.

Certain Influence of Russia and China:

US wanted to maintain an iron clad relation with Israel to counter the influence of China and Russia. Although both countries have shown a soft stance even in the UN but the US vetoed it. By maintaining friendly relations with Israel - US will be in better position to contain Russia and China.

Strong Influence of Israeli Lobby on American Foreign Policy:

Israeli hold significant positions in the US parliament and the business community and in the educational institutions. These lobbyist influence the US foreign policy. As it was evident during the crackdown of US forces on the University students. They demanded to divest from Israel but of no avail.

Effect of US Policy on the Relation with the Muslim World:

Relations with Egypt:

Egypt was the first Muslim country to recognize Israel and build relations. But now due to Israel-Gaza conflict the US has repeatedly called on Egypt to open its crossing. But Egypt denied when almost every Palestinian is frozen in Rafah and the Israel starting bombing Gaza. Rafah.

In this situation Egypt warned US of deploying its nuclear weapons when Israel proceeds further.

Relations with Syria and Jordan and Lebanon:

When the Israel has started its offense in Gaza, Houthi rebels gave tough time to US navy in Mediterranean sea. In addition to this Hezbollah is in continuous war with Israel by direct missile attack. So that the US relations with these muslim countries remain tense.

US Relations with Saudi Arabia

US's foreign policy to remain silent on the issue of Palestine has angered the King Salman. When Anthony Blinken visited KSA, King Salman met him half an hour late. Moreover, on the repeated assertions of US to influence the KSA to remain silent on the issue of Palestine bore no fruit. Relations further deteriorated.

US Relations with Iran:

Iran has always remained in tense relations with the US because of sanctions. Moreover, Iran has backed proxies in Syria and Lebanon which further escalated the situation in the Israel-Gaza war. US sees Iran as his biggest rival in the region.

Conclusion:

As if repeated human rights violations by the Osiel and repeated silence of US even in the UN has angered the Muslim world. When South Africa sought a legal suit against Israel in the ICJ. Almost all the Muslim countries including Pakistan welcomed the decisions of ICJ. In this year US is holding its general election and we hope for the best of the new foreign policy of US.



Q. NO. 04

Introduction :

Since almost two years have been spent in the Russian-Ukraine conflict. With slow pace the Russia has captured the eastern regions of the Ukraine. Although the Russia has failed to achieve all its targets because of repeated setbacks. Ukraine military has got the support of US and its NATO allies till now despite heavy losses to the infrastructure gained not a such a huge victory. And the war is still going on.

Why Russia has not gained significant victory in Ukraine-war.

1. Weakness in Tactical Ground

Ukraine is backed by US and its NATO allies. Germany, France have sent anti-tank missiles and tank and ammunition to the Ukraine to push back the Russian army. Russian army have faced repeated setbacks based on the tactical ground.

2. Huge Military Aid of US to Ukraine

To counter the attacks of Russia US has recently approved a military package of \$61 billion to the Ukraine. It will increase the counter attack ability of the Ukrainian forces in the battle field and remained successful to counter the Russian

Technological Support of US to Ukraine:

Several big tech giants like Google and Microsoft located in the US. They have provided the technological support to the Ukraine. Like Google has developed an app on which an individual can easily come to know the imminent attack of the Russian army. In addition to this Google has provided map facility to locate the Russian soldiers.

Sanctions on the Russian Economy:

US has sanctioned the Russian economy and frozen its foreign assets of worth \$60 b. Mr. Putin termed this a stolen money and vowed to retaliate. In the fiscal year of 2023-2024 Russian economy grew at 2.1% lower than the advent of war.

NATO will Dominate in Ukraine

Now of leaders at Recent G-7 Summit
This year the G-7 summit was held in Italy. All the member states vowed to support Ukraine in the war. In the recent move the leaders decided to the give the money of frozen assets to the Ukraine. It shows that the member states are ready to support Ukraine in every hook and crook.

Show of strength in support to Ukraine during Switzerland Peace Summit:

This year Switzerland hosted the peace summit on Ukraine. More than 40 countries showed presence in the summit and vowed to support Ukraine in the war. Moreover they also vowed to force Russia to stop war. This will put a diplomatic pressure on Russia to stop war.

Russia's Peace Formula - Rejection

Before the peace summit the Russian President Mr. Putin presented a peace formula. He said that the ~~forces~~ forces should completely withdraw from the region, give complete control of eastern Ukraine states, and terminate bid of joining NATO. All the peace formula was rejected which shows that the Ukraine would wage the war until it wins.

Apply for the membership of EU:

In a recent move Ukraine has applied for the status to start on giving the Ukraine a full membership. EU accepted this offer, although the conditions are not met but if the Ukraine joins EU, then it will give tough time to the Russia to win the war.

Conclusion:

By keeping in view the above discussed facts it is evident that the Ukraine would not leave the battlefield at any cost. But the Russia would not force its suit to win, but because of US and NATO allies support Russia has not gained a significant victory for more than two years of war. Despite Crimea and Donetsk and Luhansk Russia has not captured and not achieved its targets. In the long run the Ukraine with the help of NATO would win the war.



Q. NO. 07

Introduction:

CPEC is a \$66 billion investment of China in Pakistan. signed in 2013 and started the construction of infrastructure. CPEC has divided into the three developmental phases. First phase has been completed and now the second phase has started started with a greater pace but now the projects have become increasingly slow. Slowing down of these projects finds the root causes in the political instability, economic crisis and security concerns. So certain steps should be taken to tackle these issues.

Reasons of slow Progress of CPEC projects:

1. Political Instability

Political instability in the country leads to the slowing of CPEC projects. As the first phase has been ended in the 2020 and the second phase started in 2024 with 4 years late.

This happens because of political turmoil in the country as the PTI Khan's government was toppled and a new PPP government took power with weak mandate to negotiate the Chinese government.

2. Economic Crisis

Pakistan's economy was on the brink of default. It seeks loans from the IMF with the tough conditions and already a debt ridden economy. So the because of above mentioned reasons Pakistan was not able to take the projects at greater pace. It is negotiating many projects like IIL-OT due to economic recession.

3. Terrorism

Terrorism has been a major issue in slowing the projects of CPEC. Due to this workers are not willing to work at the sites. Recent attack on the Chinese workers in the Daska Dam and in Gwadar makes urge the Chinese authorities to express concerns to Pakistan. As the communist leader on his recent visit expressed concerns only on terrorism.

4. Bureaucratic Hurdles:

CPEC projects have witnessed a slow in their pace because of the bureaucratic hurdles also and red-tapism. Late approval came from the bureaucracy and land acquisition issues are common. As one ~~recipied~~ reported that when a foreign investor came to Pakistan and go to DC office for approval. After waiting for 2 hrs he left the country.

5. Blasphemy Related Issues:

Some Chinese workers are involved in the blasphemy. Some of them were indicted from the courts also. This poses a major halt in the progress because the work at these sites. Recent incident came at the site where a Chinese worker was rescued after from the site in fear of mob attack.

6. Soaring Debt of these projects

As the US once said that the Chinese BRI is the debt trap strategy of China. As it seized the Sri Lankan Hambantota port because of the default of Sri Lanka because of its debts. So Pakistan should re-negotiate some of the projects as these projects are increasing debt paving the way for other projects to go on.

Solutions to increase the pace of CPEC Projects:

1. Bring Political stability

Political stability is necessary for the greater pace of the projects. Therefore all the political parties should find a consensus and like SIFC form a body to only monitor the issues related to CPEC. Without the consensus and political stability the projects of CPEC would not complete on time.

2. Bring Economic Prosperity:

Economic prosperity is essential for the actual going of CPEC projects. Therefore, to bring economic prosperity it is necessary to increase exports and earn foreign exchange reserves. Not only the infrastructure will improve but also go at greater pace.

3. Combat Terrorism:

Combating terrorism is one of the biggest challenge to the Pakistani government. Recently many terrorist attacks are carried out by the TTP and the Chinese government termed it one of the biggest challenge to CPEC. So the government has started Azm-e-Istehkhar operation to combat it.

4. Remove Red Tapism:

Remove the bureaucratic hurdles and red tapism because these hurdles are the delaying tactics. CPEC should be free from any such difficulties and form an independent and neutral body to look in these projects.

5. Acclimatize the Chinese Workers:

Before going the site Chinese workers should be educated about the basic Islamic principles and norms which hurt the feelings of common citizen. So that the smooth working should be ensured.

6. Restructure Debt:

A committee should be formed to re-negotiate the debt which are soaring. This will ensure the less economical debts also easing the economy. A recent example is ML-04, whose initial estimate was \$9b which brings down to \$6-7b after negotiation. Easing the economy and projects.

Conclusion:

Although there are certain challenges related to the political instability, economic crisis, terrorism, red tapism and ~~huge~~ debt soaring yet the government is striving to address these challenges like to combat terrorism Govt. started ALM-i-2stehkam. We hope for the best in future.

Introduction:

US elections are going to be held in November of this year. There lies a critical competition between the two rival parties. Now both the party leaders of Republicans and Democrats are canvassing. There were arranged a debate between the Repubs. nominee Donald Trump and the Democrats nominee ^{Joe Biden}. Despite mental issues and many concerns Biden will contest the election. It will certainly affect the foreign policy of US, if the Trump takes presidency.

US Foreign Policy Under Trump

US Policy Towards Ukraine - NATO

If Trump takes presidency there there will be a major shift in the US foreign policy towards the Ukraine-Russia war and the NATO alliance. Trump believed in negotiations. He repeatedly pointed out that he will solve the Ukraine issue within an hour through diplomacy. At one point he pointed out that if NATO would not increase the defense spending then he would allow Putin to take control over Ukraine. Therefore, through his statements it is evident that he will resolve the

conflict with negotiations rather than
war.

US Policy Towards Middle East:

Trump had a harsh stance on the middle east. especially the Gaza-Israel War. Trump has rebuked the Dr. Biden on the Gaza-war that because of Biden's lenient approach Hamas attacked the Israel. If he would be in presidency then it would not have happened. Apart from this Trump played an important role in signing the Abraham accords between the middle Eastern countries and Israel.

US Policy Towards China:

Trump has similar approach towards the Taiwan-China issue like the middle east. Apart from Taiwan, Trump had increased the trade tax on the Chinese products coming into US. This shows that he will try his best to counter China. By making organizations or directly supporting the Taiwan, he will come a harsh policy towards China.

US Policy Towards climate politics:

Trump is active in ^{addressing} climate related issues. On different forums he raised the issue of climate change and provided funds for the mitigation

practices. Discussing about the Billion Tree - Tsunami project he praised the efforts of ~~James~~ ~~PTI~~ ~~Shan~~. This shows that he will actively engage in ~~only~~ mitigation practices but also ~~channelizing~~ the Climate fund.

Conclusion:

To conclude, Trump will adopt a soft stance on the Russia-Ukraine war, a hard stance towards middle east and China. He will actively engage in climate related issues.

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