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Q.4 FUTURE OF RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Russia-Ukraine war started in Feb 2022 has posted negative impacts on both sides. It has resulted in a military stalemate with both the countries drastically entrenched. Russian side has significant territorial control ~~by~~ in Eastern Ukraine. The ongoing war has caused many casualties and the number of displaced people increased tremendously. Ukrainians are immigrating into the European countries.

The economy is also struck badly for both the countries. Ukrainian economy is declining because Russia has destroyed the key economy-boosting sectors of the country. The infrastructure is effected badly. Agriculture has also been effected by war. Ukraine generated

a lot from agricultural goods as it was the major exporter of wheat, corn, maize to the European Union. Furthermore, Russia captured the key seaport of Ukraine i.e. Odessa. So, as a result, Ukraine is devoid of trade as well. The major seaports including Odessa are under Russian control.

On the other hand, Russia economy is also jolting. The international sanctions imposed on Russia has adversely affected its economic sector. Though, Russia has tried exporting its gas and oil to countries that are not abide by the international sanctions, still Russia has felt a setback to its economy.

WHO WILL WIN THE WAR

When it comes to question of naming the winner of Russian-Ukraine war; Russia seems to have an upper hand. Firstly, Russia is the immediate neighbour of Ukraine and has already captured a number of territories. Secondly, Russia is overwhelmingly dominated in weapons over Ukraine. Though Ukraine was being provided with weapons by USA and NATO countries, the war in Gaza has shifted US's focus to the war in middle East. This has caused reduction in the supply of

war weapons to Ukraine. This, too, has made Russia enjoy a stronger position. Thirdly, Russia has hydrocarbons which she exports it to China and other countries who do not abide by the laws of international sanctions. This helps Russian economy and as a result, it can continue the war till it achieves victory.

The lack of funds to Ukraine by US and NATO has made Ukraine vulnerable and Russia can get a smooth victory. Despite of the sanctions on Russian economy, it performed well for the last two years. It performed even ~~well~~ better than the pre-Ukraine war times. This is mainly due to the European countries failing in keeping the sanctions active, as it keep importing hydrocarbons from Russia.

CONCLUSION.

Both the countries have suffered war effects for the last two years. The damages fall more towards the Ukrainian side, making Russia victorious.