

Question no 2

The conflict in Gaza and the torture and brutality over Gazans are not new. However, this new wave from October 2022 has tortured the people in Gaza very harshly. Israel is committing war crimes in front of all the world but unfortunately there seems no one to stop Israeli brutality over Gazans. United States (US) that call himself the champion of human right do not care what atrocities the people of Gaza are facing. War crimes in Gaza are of the level of the crimes in Nazi's era yet no one seems to concern about it.

Reasons of US Silence Over Gaza:

Israel is a 'spoilt child' of the US and it does not feel bothered whatever wrong things Israel do. The lobby of Israeli establishment that has a strong control in the US authorities stop US to take any action or even talk against the heinous crimes.

Israel commits. Moreover, US has keep Israel open handed in the middle east (ME) as a geopolitical asset. Isra US wants to keep its control over mid-ME which is not possible with a trustable country in that region. So Israel is kept as an asset especially where the geopolitical scenario in the middle east is changing in the favour of China. Furthermore, US sees Iran as a potential threat for itself and needs a balancing opponent of Iran in the region that could serve its interests.

Effect on US Relations with Muslim World

Situation in Gaza would greatly affect the relations of US with the Muslim world. An anti-US sentiment would increase in the public of almost every muslim country. Besides, situation in the middle east's Muslim world would become very against Israel where most countries have already ties the knot of relation with the US. alternative - China.

This situation could work as fuel for anti-ble priorities in these countries. Similarly, Iran will try to prove itself to US in a more harsh and threatening way it has shown before.

In short, US has political interests that is keeping it to go against Israel. But this silence would greatly affect the relations of US with the Muslim world.

Question no 3

There was a time when number of people and amount of bullets were considered the source to lead the world. Countries would invest in guns and jets to maintain their supremacy. Now, the world is completely transforming. A time is coming when there would be totally different criterion to rule over the world. That era is the era of technology that the world has just entered into.

It. Countries are investing in technologies to get over other countries before they are swayed by them. Artificial intelligence, cyber technology, and space technology are the hot topics of the developed countries. It is estimated that the discussion of bi-polar and multi-polar is now out-dated and the world is going to be technopolos.

Technology is the future or in other words technology will decide the future. It has an unbelievable effect on nearly every sector like security, economy, health, governance, and space race. Let's discuss some areas that with the help of technology can change the scenario of powers distribution in the world.

Technology in Security:

Technology is going to totally change the dynamics of security. More personnel, strong border, and many weapons will no more be effective enough to keep the country

and countrymen safe and secure. Technology is going to make it possible to get into the security system of a state and direct it against the state. Artificial intelligence has proved that it can do so. Countries with this technology will make the other countries handicapped and will turn the situation towards itself.

Economy and Technology:

Technology, especially artificial intelligence has introduced the world to a new industry. Economy that is run through technology will be the sustainable and growing one. Traditional sources of economy are going to be obsolete. The work of technology in energy sector like solar energy has started a new market. Technology like information technology is helping countries to earn more than the oil producing countries. For instance, according to the official sources of India, in the year 2023 they sold only softwares worth nearly \$ 130 billion which is the same revenue Saudi Arabia

has collected over selling oil in the year 2023.

Technology and Space race:

Technology has brought about revolution in the space race. It has made the world capable to accurately predict the situation in the space and turn the things in their side. Satellites with advanced technology will replace the previous ones. Moreover, energy generation from small celestial bodies like comets has been discussed by the countries. Also, there are discussions of deploying forces on the moon.

In short, technology is the new magic that can change the power dynamics of the world in future. Pakistan should also invest in technology to get benefit from this.

Question no 6

Loadshedding and high electricity bills are one of the many issues Pakistan has been facing for many years. It has greatly affected the lower class and middle class. It has also affected the already shaking economy of the country and has become a challenge for the businessmen and industrialists to cope with. Lets discuss how it affects economy and what possible solutions should be adopted to overcome this issue.

Effects on Economy:

Loadshedding and overbilling directly affect the economy of a nation. It becomes very hard to establish a sustainable economy if it faces hurdles like this.

Loadshedding to industry directly affect the product manufacturing rate of the industry. If an industry is not making product for many hours in a day, how can we expect it to

complete its manufacturing tasks.
This low product affected export
as well prices that directly affect
economy

High bills to industry will
be seen in the prices of
the products at the consumer
end. This will affect the
purchasing power of the
common man which again
directly affects the economy
of a nation as the loads
decrease in the country.
Moreover exports reduce when
the product price is high
compare to the prices of
the products of other countries.

Possible Recommendations:

It is a complex issue
and need a policy for a
long-term. However, immediate
solution could be to divert
electricity from the sides that
are not value producing to
the sides that produce value
like industries and hotels.

Government should divert the
electricity to the major
industry sector and provide
the household sector with
the renewable energy set up
facilitation like solar cells.

Moreover, work on the ongoing energy projects should be made efficient and a clear technical and complex environment should be provided to the administration and workers in order to perform efficiently.

Furthermore, government should renegotiate the conditions with the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to reduce the billing and increase the supply of power at lower rates.

Adding to these, line losses, wastage of electricity and electricity theft also contribute to the great extent in loadshedding and overbilling. These must be focused and should be prioritise to compensate for loadshedding and high billing in the country.

In a nutshell, loadshedding and high bills greatly affect the economy and serious measure should be taken to get rid of this and make the economy of Pakistan a sustainable economy.

Question no 7

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) started in 2015. It was termed as the game changer especially for Pakistan. Both the countries were very excited at the start and work on the projects of CPEC started in a very efficient manner. However, after some years it was observed that the work on the projects of CPEC was getting slow day by day. There are many reasons behind this slow pace of the work including the security reasons, political reasons, and international concerns.

Security Reasons:

The main reasons that are slowing down the process of CPEC projects are the security reasons and the concerns of Chinese authorities over the safety of the project. Balochistan has been the main place for the

attacks on the Chinese engineers and the projects. Every month there ~~two~~ takes place an attack on the Chinese in Balochistan. Last month by four Chinese engineers were killed by the terrorist attacks in Balochistan according to a news report published by Dawn newspaper.

Besides Balochistan, other provinces also witness attacks on the Chinese engineers. In the last month a bus in the Bisham region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Swat was blast by the terrorist in which a Chinese engineer was killed. Tehreek Taliban Pakistan (TTP) accepted the responsibility for this.

Chinese authorities are watching these matters and are now reluctant to send their engineers to Pakistan. This has resulted in slowing down the work on the CPEC projects.

Political Reasons:

Besides security reasons, political reasons have

also been the hurdles for the CPEC slowing down. There is an impression that CPEC is designed in a such a way that it mainly benefits one province and give little share to other provinces. That is the reason that politicians that have a vote bank in other provinces, that are thought that are less benefited, take little interest in CPEC and hence, affect the speed of the projects.

International Concerns:

There is an impression in the international community that CPEC has been launched to reduce the economic power of West especially United States. Therefore, they do not see it with a welcoming eye. Pakistan being dependent on the west financially, feels reluctant to show aggressiveness in CPEC and thus the speed has become slow of the projects of CPEC.

Solutions:

① CPEC is very crucial for Pakistan and immediate

measures are mandatory to speed up work on the projects of CPEC.

First, there is a dire need for the peace in the country. All these terrorist activities should be stopped either through dialogue or operations. Furthermore, Chinese authorities should be convinced that their engineers would be safe in Pakistan from now.

Second, Political consensus should be developed among the politicians of the country and the progress of that only can prove its getting real benefits should be materialised through dialogue.

Third, International community especially US should be convinced also CPEC that Pakistan is about default due to energy shortages and its forthcoming economy can only be saved through trade and economic activities in the country.

In a nutshell, work on CPEC projects needs to speed up

as this is the hope for
the revival of the country's
economy. and a ~~source~~ ^{key} to
get out of the debt trap
Pakistan has caught in
from the last 70 years.