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Current Affairs

Q#7: One China Two Systems Policy

This policy was devised by Deng Xiaoping in 1978. PRC (People's Republic of China) in the mainland, but democracy in Hong Kong includes internal autonomy. It was the subject of this policy concerning Macau and Hong Kong, two autonomous provinces of China. Hong Kong's defense, foreign policy and communications would be handled by China, the remaining would be handled by an independent state. It was the same with Macau. Portugal governed Macau for four years before returning to control to China in 1999. After 100 years of British control, Hong Kong was returned to China in 1997. South China sea contains both islands. Both nations developed

democratic systems. Instead of imposing its system on Macau and Hong Kong, China granted them unique status. In exchange for Hong Kong and Macau, China will refrain from interfering in domestic affairs beyond defense, foreign policy and communication. China drew an imaginary border in the South China Sea that is known as "9 dash lines". China is the

owner of each island within 9 dash lines. Over 400 islands fall into the South China sea.

The largest series of islands is Spratly and Paracels.

Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong are a few of these groups of islands.

Mao Xuedong brought about the communist revolution in 1949, and PRC and its communist party rule were established.

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After setting these they changed
they claimed sovereignty over
every island including Taiwan.

According to China, every nation
that recognizes it has to acknowledge
that Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and
other territories are essential
components of China.

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How US-policy towards Taiwan is hurting OCTS policy.

a) US has always stood for Taiwan's democratic way of life, as opposed to China's Communist autocracy. It has partially acknowledged Taiwan as part of China on China's claim. But it has also maintained a 'strategic ambiguity' towards Taiwan, but has armed and aided Taiwan and provided it with weapons for defending the island, a sore point towards China.

b) US-China relations has gone downhill when Nancy Pelosi - the speaker of US house of representatives visited ~~at~~ Taiwan. It raised a howl of protest from China, which called the move as "a dangerous provocation".

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President Joe Biden said, US forces will defend Taiwan who china will try to invade it. This direct affirmation of US support is another sore point for china's policy.

Possible implications of Current Situation

The possible implications of US policy towards Taiwan are;

a) Escalation of Tensions between china and US, as well as between china and Taiwan. The escalation could result in conflict between these countries, which would have severe consequences for the region and world.

b) It could lead towards destabilization of the Asia-Pacific region, potentially affecting other countries such as Japan, South Korea and other US allies. They might

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feel threatened by china's growing military power.

ε) It could also caused seduction in cooperation on global issues like climate change, Pandemic and nuclear non-proliferation.

Recommendations

a) US should adopt a clear and unequivocal policy to defend China instead of ambiguous strategy.

b) US should allow and support Taiwan for participation in global communities, which can play a role in facilitating dialogue and promoting regional stability by encouraging peaceful solutions and adherence to international law.

c) Taiwan should be helped in modernizing its military and enhancing self defense capabilities. It will be helpful in defense of country if china would invade Taiwan.