

Question No: 2

Taiwan is a potential conflict between China and the USA. Critically evaluate the reasons and why and how the two countries must avoid the conflict:

I. Introduction

Taiwan, officially called the Republic of China, is an island state in the South China Sea. It is a developed economy as well as a crucial location in terms of its geo-strategic location. This is the reason why it is a potential bone of contention between China and the United States. Nonetheless, both countries must avoid any potential war because both countries are nuclear powers and the conflict would engulf whole world.

II. Reasons behind Taiwan being a potential conflict

1. China considers Taiwan a part of it and wants its annexation.

China has always

considered Taiwan a part of its Greater China policy. It has been preparing for so long to annex it. However, due to its strategic interests, Washington has promised Taiwan to protect it from any external threats.

2. Washington wants to make sure its trade routes are functional, which are along Taiwan:

As one of the largest trading entity, the US mainly relies on the sea routes for its exports as well as imports. Many crucial trade routes pass within the Taiwanese sea borders. If China annexes Taiwan, it would potential cut the US's trade routes. This is an other reason for potential conflict over Taiwan.

3. Taiwan is a major technology manufacturing hub:

Taiwan is well-known for its technological advancement,

particularly in electronic chips' manufacturing. If Beijing gets hold on Taiwan, the US would lack behind in the technological advancement as its ~~the~~ major part of chips come from Taiwan. This is the reason the US supports Taiwan against China's aggression.

4. Washington is showing ambiguity in its One China policy.

After the United States normalized its relations with Mainland China, it adopted One China policy. It means, Washington accepted the Mainland China as the only China, in contrast to Taiwan, that also posed itself as China previously. But now, the US is backing on its policy as it has attempted to strengthen its relations with Taiwan. This has angered the Beijing government, thus ushering towards ~~the~~ potential conflict between the US and China.

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III Why both countries must avoid escalations:

1. The World is already grappling with two wars.

The wars in Ukraine and in the Middle East have entered their new phases. Israel is relentlessly bombarding Palestine as well as Lebanon. The Ukrainian war has not ended after over two years of intense fighting. If China and the US started their new war, the world might be engulfed in constant fightings and there would be no state to prevent World War 3.

2. Both countries ~~are~~ have nuclear weapons which can usher towards nuclear war.

Both the countries — US and China — have nuclear weapons in addition to other high technology for warfare. If they went to war, the whole world would be threatened with extinction.

IV How both countries may avoid tensions over Taiwan.

1. Both countries must reduce their presence in the South China Sea.

The region around Taiwan must be de-weaponized to end any chances for a major war. The US must not increase its ~~fl~~ ~~army~~ navy fleets in the region. Moreover, China must also end its Military drills in South China Sea.

2. China must respect the sovereignty of Taiwan:

China, being a member of the United Nations, must respect its Charter. According to it, no any countries should try to annex any part of other sovereign state. If China give up its aims of annexation, the potential conflict b/w. between China and the U.S will eliminate.

V. Conclusion.

In summary, Taiwan is a potential reason for war between the US and China because of its geostrategic location and technological advancement. Nonetheless, both Beijing and Washington must avoid any conflict because it would mean a nuclear war. For this, respect for territorial integrity of sovereign states is mandatory.

Question No: 4

Turnaround of Pakistan's economy and structural reforms.

I. Introduction

It is clear that— like any other country— Pakistan's economy would not improve until basic structural reforms are introduced in the key sectors of economy. Pakistan's industry, agriculture, IT,

power sector and tax system needs serious overhauling to make them productive for the economy. For this, the country needs to work on creating comprehensive policies and integrating technology.

II. Some comprehensive structural reforms in various economic segments.

1. Industry:

Unlike other countries, Pakistan's industrial sector is shrinking rather than increasing. The government must strive to reduce energy costs so that the output of the industries is competitive in the global market. Moreover, it should also create special economic zones and provide export subsidies to boost the country's export sector. Furthermore, imports should be curtailed for reducing competition in local market.

2. Agriculture:

Being an agrarian economy, with almost 50% employment in agriculture sector, Pakistan must prioritize the boosting of its agricultural sector. For instance, subsidized modern agricultural technology should be provided to the farmers to optimize the agricultural output. Moreover, research must be done on climate-resistant crop seeds to mitigate the negative impacts of global warming on the crop output.

3. Information Technology.

The IT sector is one of the fastest growing economic activity in Pakistan. To boost it, the electricity and the internet outages must be eliminated. ~~The~~ The internet service should be further enhanced in rural areas as well. The taxes on income from freelancing should be minimum to motivate the freelancers.

4. Power sector:

The out-dated infrastructure of the power sector is a huge problem as it causes loss of electricity in production as well as transmission. The kunda system has been a key factor in the reduction of income from electricity bills. It needs urgent response. Moreover, Pakistan needs to utilize its huge potential of renewable energy such as solar power and wind energy.

5. Tax system

The tax evasion and the issue of non-filers has been present since the inception of Pakistan. The FBR must be freed of corrupt officials. Moreover, more technology should be integrated to make the system of taxation more transparent. More focus should be based on direct taxes rather than indirect ones.

III. Hindrances in the way of structural reforms

The main issues that are blocking the structural reformation of Pakistan's economy are corruption and political instability. The corruption has blocked each and every intended reform in the country. Corruption in bureaucracy has led to bureaucratic red tape which is reason behind low industrial growth and innovation. Political instability has led to non-continuation of the policies.

IV Conclusion:

In summary, Pakistan's economy needs comprehensive structural reforms to turn into betterment. From industries, agriculture, and IT to the power sector and the taxation system, comprehensive policies are needed to avoid corruption and mismanagement.

Question No: 3

Unconditional support of the US for Israel and its effects on Arab countries. and how it provides space to China and Russia to penetrate in Middle East.

I. Introduction:

The Arab countries, along with the whole world, have seen the unflinching support of the U.S. for Israel despite its horrendous war crimes in Gaza and Lebanon. It has created a deeply antagonistic image of the United States in the eyes of the Arab World. Moreover, China and Russia have leveraged over this scenario and have emboldened their social, political, and economic ties with the Middle East and further penetrated ^{influence} into the region.

II. The Image of the U.S. in the Arab World after Hamas-Israel war.

1. The U.S is now seen as hypocrite state in Arab World:

The U.S. has now been labeled as a hypocrite state. It is because Washington, on one hand, has provided weapons and aid to Ukraine to support it against the atrocities of Russia. On the other hand, it is adamant in providing aid and weapons to Israel, a state committing war crimes and genocide in Palestine. Therefore, much of the people in the Middle East presume the U.S. as hypocrite state.

2. The Arab World sees the U.S. as an enemy of Muslims:

Due to its unconditional and continuous support for Israel, the U.S. has been labeled as an enemy of the Muslims just like Israel. The people in Arab countries now despise the Washington same as Israel.

3. The U.S. is no more seen as the guardian of human rights by the Arab world.

Washington has always posed itself as the greatest defender of human rights. However, its contributions in the recent escalations have proved it otherwise.

It is because the people of Palestine are devoid of every basic human right, although the U.S. is supporting to fuel this genocide further. Even the ICJ has asserted the acts of Israel as war crimes.

III. How China and Russia have got space to penetrate into the Middle East.

1. China and Russia have boasted themselves as friendly to Muslims - improving their social and political image.

Both China and Russia are seen as alternative

powers to the U.S. for Muslim World. Both nations endorsed the security council's bills for ceasefire in Gaza War. It has significantly improved their image in the Muslim World.

2. Both nations can boost economic activities in the Middle East through BRICS expansion.

The BRICS is a highly efficient platform for the Eastern economies and both China and Russia want to expand its membership. It would further strengthen the bonds between these nations and the Muslim World. Furthermore, it would boost their economies to new levels.

3. China can further its plans for the BRI project deep into the Middle East.

The BRI is a multi-billion dollars project conceived

by China. Additionally, ~~the~~ the current world scenario can actually help China to boost this project.

IV Conclusion

In summary, the US's continuous support for Israel with military aid to continue its war crimes in the Middle East has created animosity against it in the Arab World. It is no more seen as the guardian of the human rights. Meanwhile, China and Russia have emboldened themselves as amicable to the Muslim World. It can help them integrate their economies further in the Arab World, including the BRI project.

Question No: 7

Israel's War crimes in Gaza
and the decision of ICJ.

I. Introduction

Israel has committed various war crimes in Gaza, including indiscriminate bombing on the civilians, since October 7th 2023. The decision of the International Court of Justice was welcomed by the World and has bolstered its reputation as a sincere institution. However, the response of the U.S. government to this ruling was not up to the mark as it continued to support Israel. Therefore, it has damaged the U.S.'s reputation in the Muslim World.

II. The heinous war crimes of ~~the~~ Israel in Gaza.

A. Cut-off of food, water, and electricity to the civilians in Gaza.

B. Indiscriminate killing of thousands of innocent civilians.

III. ICJ's ruling on the issue of Gaza War and its impact.

A. It was according to the UN's charter and its elucidation of human rights

B. It has improved confidence in the ICJ as an institution

IV U.S.'s response to the ruling of ICJ.

A. Its dismissal of the ICJ ruling is evident from its support to Israel.

V Impact on U.S. relations with Arab World.

A. The Arab World sees the U.S. as accomplice in Israel's war crimes

VI Conclusion.