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Chances of Russia-US
negotiation Success on Ukraine,
hurdles to end the war and
practical recommendations:

Introduction:

Russia - Ukraine Confrontation and the efforts of President Trump to stop this war can be observed through various lenses. Russia has various concerns as Ukraine is ready to join NATO. Moreover, Ukraine is continuously supported by Europe in this conflict. The urge of President Trump to win the Nobel Peace Prize is the major reason of US intervention in this war. On the other hand, Putin's persistence to get back Russia's lost territory and use Ukraine as a buffer zone are the significant reasons of this prolonged confrontation.

It has numerous hurdles prior to reach a peace deal with the mediation of USA between two states. Further, some practical recommendations are also discussed in this essay.

Reasons of Russia-Ukraine Confrontation:

Ukraine was once the part of Russia before the Collapse of USSR. Many states emerged as an independent states and the union was broken. Ukraine was one of those states but Russia claims over the Ukraine.

Ukraine — A Strategic Location for Russia:

Russia Consider ^{Ukraine} as a buffer from European intervention. Ukraine is backed by Europe and NATO alliances to protect it from Russian annexation. During Cold War, USA played proxies through this major route. More over, Russian

trade passing through the sea route that's near to the Ukraine.

Concerns of Europe:

On the other hand, Europe has a strong fear if Russia will rise as a Super power. then may be it will practice the policies of expansionism. These countries want to protect it self from Russian intervention.

USA's intervention and chances of negotiation:

Chances of Success of US-Russian negotiation on Ukraine depends on many factors:

- ① Ukraine is supported by Europe and Europe - USA are alliance.
- ② USA is the part of NATO and Ukraine wants to join NATO for it's protection.
- ③ Although, Ukraine is supported by their alliance. Yet it is not strong enough to continue this war.

against Russia.

① Russia is a weak economy parallel to USA but it has strong military power.

② Russia will never step back from Ukraine until Ukraine change its decision to join NATO.

③ Russia will never give back the already annexed territories of Ukraine.

④ The recent meetings between USA-Russia and USA-Ukraine & their European alliances highlights a stretch string like situation between these two states.

⑤ President Trump was also highlighted it will be the Ukraine who compromise on its various territories and dream to join NATO.

Hurdles to reach a peace-deal:

It is not so easy to reach at a peace deal and end this pro long confrontation. Russia and Ukraine both have serious concerns

Such as:-

Russia is not ready to allow Ukraine to join NATO. This military alliance will be a serious challenge in front of Russia's doorstep. On the other hand, Ukraine wants to strengthen itself not only by military forces but also in economic dimension by making alliance with NATO states. Another major hurdle in the path of negotiation is the military strength of Russia. Russia's military is a great challenge for Ukraine. Its advanced technology, jets, naval fleet is the backbone of Russia's sovereignty.

Moreover, Russia wants to immune itself from USA's, European powers protect its territory and emerge as a super power.

Practical Recommendation:

Some practical recommendations to end this war are:-

- Ukraine needs to understand that, Russia has strong economy and advanced military.

- Instead of relying too much on alliance, President Zelensky needs to rethink about his plan to join NATO in present conditions.
- Ukraine needs to protect it's territory to further annexed by Russia by reaching ^{on} truce agreements.
- It is not easy for Russia also to adopt hawkish policies and prolong this war under the US pressure.
- USA's Sanctions of Russia hit the Russian economy worst. For example, Step of USA to impose tariffs on India as a punishment to buy oil from Russia.
- Although, Russia found an alternative to sell it's oil (From Europe to China) but still USA Sanctions and tariffs hit it's economy.

Conclusion

By overcoming the hurdles, there will be strong chances to sign a peace deal between Russia and

Ukraine. Both states, Ukraine reliance on alliance and Russia bear the USN sanctions, not possible to extend this war anymore. Ukrainians lose their lives on daily basis and Russia spending a large portion of its budget on this war. This is the war who diverted the attention of Russia from Syria and Bashar-ul-Asad's regime was toppled down in 2024.

Q#05:

Pakistan hit by devastating floods, Reasons and recommended policies:

Introduction:

Pakistan is located at a Strategic geographic location. Melting of glaciers due to climate change, changing weather pattern, deforestation, prolonging Summers and Severe monsoon spells

are all the major causes of floods in Pakistan. Moreover, India being an upper riparian, enable to control the river flows. So, it leaves water as the water level rises in their territorial rivers. Pakistan being a developing nation, has no resilient infrastructure. Alarming system or early warning system are not enough to protect from life loss damages. There is a need to take an urgent steps because, now, every summer will be more hot and every monsoon will be more damaging.

History of Floods in Pakistan:

Pakistan hit badly from floods during 2010, 2022, 2025.

In 2022, **3 million** livestock were died. **1 and half million** people loses their lives. **100 hector land** were damaged due to floods.

Similarly, in 2025, the ongoing

Situation get worst in **Bunna, Sawal, KPK, Punjab** and Sindh Government seeks military assistance in Punjab to tackle the situation.

Reasons of these devastating floods:

There are number of reasons caused by damaging, devastating floods in Pakistan: such as

① Climate Change

- a) Glaciers melting
- b) Changing weather pattern
- c) Prolong summer and destructive monsoon spells.

② Deforestation

- a) Turn green land into housing societies
- b) Rising population — high demands for food (land use just for cultivation)
- c) Reduce the anchoring capacity of land to hold soil.

③ vulnerable geographic location.

Climate change:

Climate change is not a new problem, not only for Pakistan. It is a global problem but developed nations such as China, Japan, USA, Russia, European nations face it with their advance technologies resilient infrastructure, and adapting from the previous challenges. While developing and under developed nations hit by their impacts such as floods.

Glaciers melting:

Pakistan hit by floods due to glaciers melting. Himaliya, Karakorum, Hindu-Kush large mountain ranges are covered with snow but rising temperature melting it very rapidly.

Changing weather pattern:-

As the time passes, weather pattern are changes very rapidly. This thing highlighted at various International forums such as Climate change Summit, COPs meeting etc and Pakistan is the most vulnerable.

Similarly prolonged summer with severe heat and intense monsoon spells hit the infrastructure, livestocks, agricultural land and death of people.

Deforestation:

Cutting down the trees and clear land either for personal usage or utilize it as an agricultural land are common practices in Pakistan.

KPK	loses	27% of forest cover
Punjab	loses	2% of forest cover
Sindh	loses	7% of forest cover

(2025-NDMA report)

Impacts of deforestation:

Trees and its roots help to anchor soil particles strongly.

Reduce the forest cover ^{leads to} lose

the soil with flood water easily.

Trees or large forest cover reduce the speed of water flow.

Weak infrastructure and Early preparedness:

Conditions of infrastructure, houses of

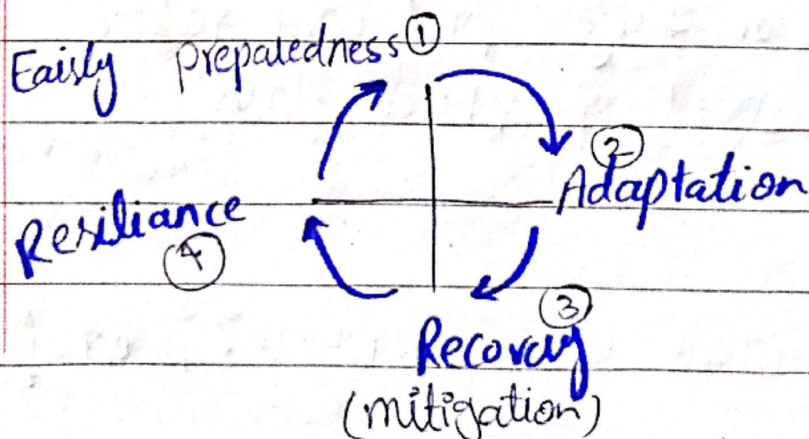
people living in rural areas, early warning system, routes to evacuation during floods, access to effected areas, supply of food chain are all very challenging during floods season. Enchrachment is another major reasons of high number of life loses in norther areas. people built houses, hotels, picnic places near the riverbeds. As a result, flash floods run-off the everything that narrow down it's flow paths.

Policy:

Improve infrastructure

Use advance technology as an early warning system.

There are 4 phases to manage the floods



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Conclusion:

Pakistan is a developing nation. It is most vulnerable to climate change. Lack of resources make its condition more worse during embracing the flood in every season. Pakistan contribute **less than 1%** in climate change but facing very devastating consequence in form of flood. World need to pay attention such the most polluter states (China, USA, India) to Cop-up the situation.