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## Introduction:-

Hayat Tahrir Alsham - a group of Islamist rebels in Syria, backed by USA, Saudi Arab, and Turkey, has ended the regime of Bashar ul Asad. Asad's family was the master of Syria since last five decades - the war - civil war in Syria begun in 2011 has been ended with the toppling of Asad's government - As the government of Asad was backed by Russia, and Iran, and on the other hand HTS was working under the umbrella of USA - So, the implication of overthrowing Asad would be vital for both groups - Further, involvement of Russia in Ukraine and the sanctions of USA on Iran, the major allies of Asad government, became the biggest causes

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Behind the altering situations in Syria - This change of ruling will affect the whole world upto some extent.

Reasons for the fall of Bashar Al Asad's Government:

Several internal and external factors can be held responsible for the fall of five decade rule of Asad's family.

(i) Weakening of Syrian military

Syria was under the influx of war since last decade - the groups such as Al-Qaid, Al-Nuss, and Al-Jolani were continuously fighting against Syrian government. This involvement of war has weaken the state military so much that they were unable to control these groups.

② No financial allocation for Military weapon:

The war in Syria has weaken the economic condition of the country as well - Bashar Al Asad's government was not in the position to support their army financially, which become the main cause for

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military weakness of Syria-

⑥ Lack of Modern weapon to Combat

Militancy :-

Weak economic condition of Syria make the country unstable - As in the war against different groups inside Syria, Bashar government was out of modern weapons to combat the foes of civil war. They were fighting with traditional weapons, while the HTS were equipped with modern weapons. Thus, it became easy for them to expel Assad.

(2) Russian Involvement in Ukraine and their effects on Syria:-

As Russia was the strong supporter of Assad's government - they were the prime supplier of hydrocarbons and assistance to Syria. So, the Russian incursion of Ukraine since last two years has shifted their attention from Syria toward Ukraine.

① Russian halt military assistance to Russia.

Asad's Government:-

Obviously, Moscow was the prime ally of Assad's government - they used to provide assistance, both financially and militarily, to Syrian government - With the war in Ukraine, the assistance once used to provided to Assad, has no been

begun to their own military involved in the war. Further, the condition of Russia was not the same to support Asad government. Thus, they decided to stop the military assistance and hydrocarbon supplies to Syria - which became a cause of Asad's toppling by the hands of Islamist group HTS.

### (6) USA and EU Sanctions of Russia and their effects on Syria:

With the invasion of Ukraine, the USA and EU imposed sanctions on Russia. Russia - the biggest producer of hydrocarbon, ~~had~~ <sup>was</sup> the major exporter of hydrocarbons to all European countries. As the EU imposed sanction on Moscow, thus former was not remained a market for the goods of latter's country. Which affected the Russian economy directly and Bashar ul Asad's government indirectly.

### (3) Sanctions on Iran: A Factor Behind Asad's Fall:

After the Russia, Iran was also the major supporter of Bashar ul Asad. Tehran was continuously supporting Syria financially and militarily. Tehran is also involved in the war of Palestine-Israel. That war has affected Iran the most in last couple of months. So, they were trying to regain their lost position in the middle east war. For this

Additionally, the sanction over Tehran has further worsen the situation. As a result Iran limited their assistance to Syria, which become a cause of Assad's government toppling.

#### ④ Foreign Assistance and Support to HTS:

There are two block in the world, one is Russian led while other is US' led bloc. Russia was a strong supporter of Bashar al Asad, while USA has strengthened their ties with HTS - The internal situations made it difficult to assist Syria, while USA was still supporting HTS.

##### a) USA Support to HTS:

USA was supporting HTS through financial and militarial assistance. Similarly, HTS has equipped with modern weapons which made it easy for them

to restrict Syrian military.

### (b) Turkey support to HTS:

Not only US' but Turkey was also supporting HTS - a sister group of PKK. This support also made HTS able to topple the 5 decades long government of Bashar ul Asad. Turkey supports was not only militarily and financially, but were also strategically. Kurds, the tribe of Syria, controlled about 80% land during the war in Syria, were also trained by Turkey.

### Implications of Asad ul Bashar's fall over the world:

The civil war in Syria was impact the war between two greats - And it would not be wrong to say that Syria had the major geostrategic position in the proxy war - So, the impacts will also be for the whole region in particular - Along with Russia, USA, it has will also have long lasting implications over the war in Middle east as well -

### (a) Limit the Role of Tehran in the middle East war:

Iran, the key player

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~~Effect Country - Tehran used the Syria as their geo-strategic location to target Israel - So, the toppling of government in Syria might change the dynamics of the middle east was, because the role of Tehran would be now limited in the region.~~

#### ② Russia Lost a Strategic Point:

As Russian was using Syrian soil for their own purposes - Moscow aimed to counter Washington via the route of Syria - But, with the fall of this supporter now it would not be so simple for Patti Putin to contain US President policies - So, with the fall of Asad ul Bashar, Russia lost a strategic location.

#### ③ Israel would be benefited:

Iran revolutionary guards were on the mission to counter Israel from all sides - Syria was also an important for them to target Tel-Aviv - Now, as the power has been transferred to HTS; which is a staunch partner of USA, would benefit Israel, backed by USA too - Therefore, HTS led Syria is no more a threat for Israel - HTS support might further stagnate Israel - USA nexus, and would further escalate tensions in the region.

#### ④ Affect the Arab World:

The overthrowing of Bashar ul Asad will also

affect the Arab world. It will provide many new opportunities of trade and would be a bridge between Arab world and Pacific region gaps. As Arab, especially Saudi Arab, is a strong supporter of HTS, so, it will also increase their role in Syrian affairs.

## Conclusion:

Two major powers are involve in the Syria - Russia, Iran, and on the other side USA, KSA were ready to counter each other since last decade. But, the war in Ukraine, EU sanctions, and the sanctions on Russia and Iran by USA has weaken their role in this competition. The government of Asad ul Bashar, since last 25 years, has been ended by American backed Islamist group - HTS. This toppling of government would bring some positive and negative results for the whole world. As the current government in Syria is the US' backed government, so it will benefit Israel, USA and their allies, & while restrict the role of Iran in middle east.