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CPEC or China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is the flagship project of BRI mega project of China, that aims to make China the new economic giant and also uplift other regional stakeholders. CPEC itself is the most important project for China and Pakistan.

After the completion of CPEC Phase-I, both countries have initiated the Phase-II that will focus on economic uplifting and energy development of Pakistan. The whole CPEC by far has costed 63 \$ billion and can be a game changer for both Pakistan and China.

Recently, CPEC has been facing a lot of resistance from non-state actors backed by US and India, including BLA,

BLF, ETLM and TTP, U.S wants to create hurdle in China's way to becoming next economic giant.

Slowing down of Phase II:

In past years, especially 2024, there were several attacks on Chinese engineers working in Pakistan for CPEC. Most notable ones include the one in Besham in October and previously one in Karachi.

The intended aim of these attacks is to stop China and Pakistan from developing the CPEC any further because China is facing difficulty to trade through South China Sea due to heavy militarization by US and allies. Hence, China intend to use Gawadar Port to access Middle East and Africa,

So, U.S and India has worked to slow down China and Pakistan because of:

- - U.S fears losing influence in Middle East and Africa if China gains easy access to Indian Ocean.
- - India wants to keep Pakistan out of competition by keeping Pakistan underdeveloped and CPEC was a key to Pakistan's development.
- - long term alienation of people of Balochistan has made them superstitious due to RAW spread conspiracies that China is colonizing Balochistan, which is just a myth because China is only intending trade through Balochistan, via Gwadar.

- - RAW supported BLA to carry out attack on Chinese on Pakistani soil to keep them from progressing on CPEC. Kulbhushan Yadev is a living example.

All these factors along with diplomatic pressure from ~~Middle~~ ~~East~~ U.S has slowed down the progress on Phase-II of CPEC.

Solutions :

- - Political and Socio-Economic Inclusion of Balochistan:
BLA brain wash and use local Baloch youth for its activities. Socio-economic grievances and alienation are a contributing factors. Government in Islamabad should mitigate the grievances of Balochistan people and gives them more inclusion

and opportunities in CPEC by capacity building, cheap education, quality training and more representations in local and state bodies. This ~~is~~ would help to save Baloch youth from becoming the perpetrators in the hands of BLA and RAW.

- - Covert-Ops instead of military ~~inter~~ operations:

Although, military operations play an important role in maintaining peace in Balochistan but covert operations including local police force should be carried out in order to not instigate the already present grievances of people of Balochistan.

Historically, the presence of military in Balochistan at road sides and check post has always been opposed by local representatives,

hence this must be considered by the policy makers in Islamabad.

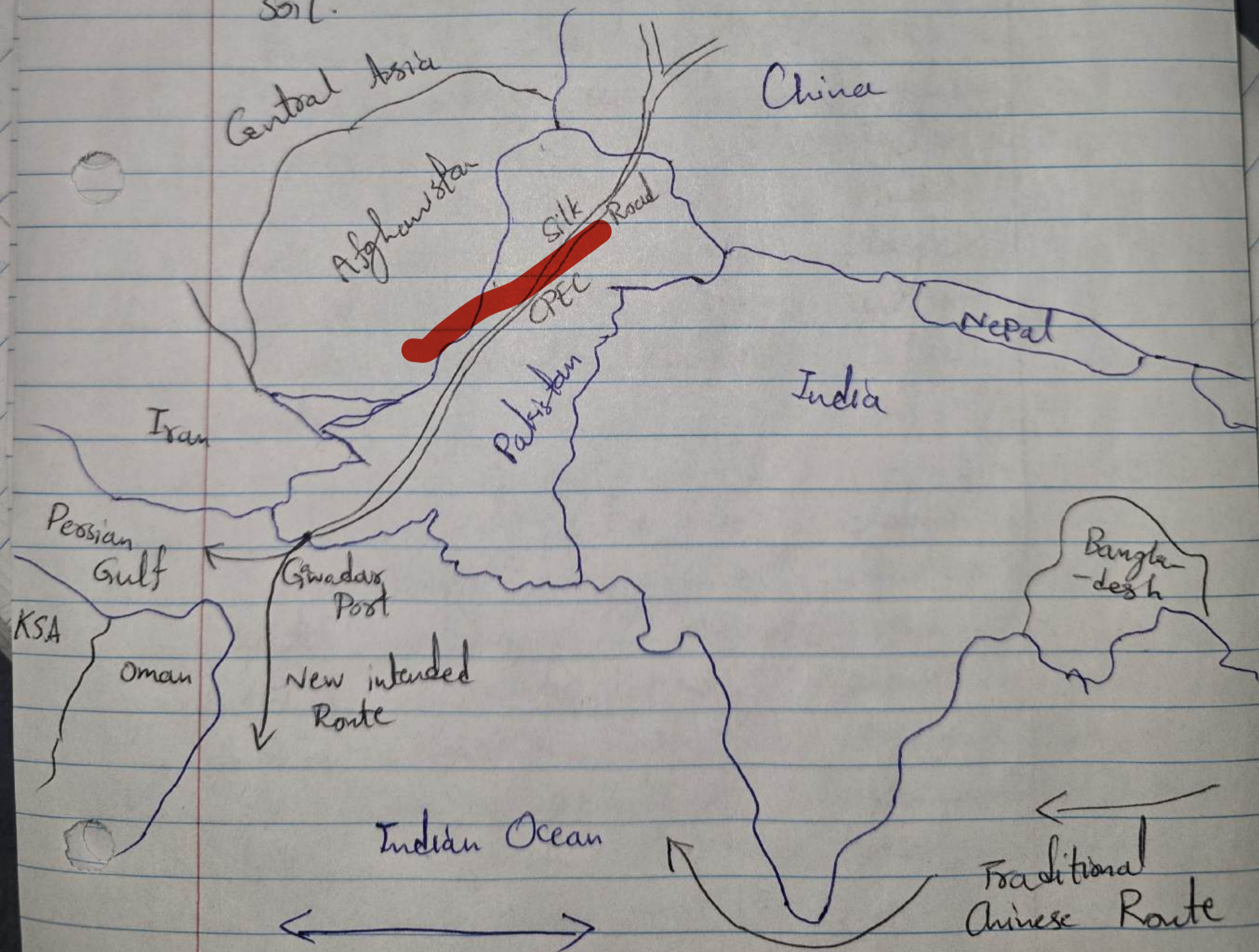
• - Consent of Communities and Political Representation:

Balochistan has centuries old feudal system and their local communities have their own ways or traditions to address an issue. Policy makers should always take this thing into consideration when planning for development in these areas to increase trust and inclusion.

• - Strong diplomacy:

Pakistan should leverage its advantage of Kishore Kumar Yadav to pressurize India from interfering in Pakistan's internal matters and Beijing with the help of Pakistan should take this issue

with evidences to UNGA and other forums to create a strong diplomatic pressure to keep India from interfering with the matters and being held accountable for the death of Chinese civilians on Pakistani soil.



Q3 :

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Russia and China has been important players of modern history. From China's lesson of the "Century of Humiliation" being taught in schools to the Russia's race against west during the soviet era and giving a tough time to U.S led western order in space, nuclear, scientific and military strength. After the disintegration of USSR in 1992, Russia was considered a weak player for a decade until the current Russian President Vladimir Putin's takeover.

U.S was the sole Global Super power for last 2 decades until China emerged as the new scientific and economic hub, and Russia as the new military and energy giant. Both countries have been working closely and

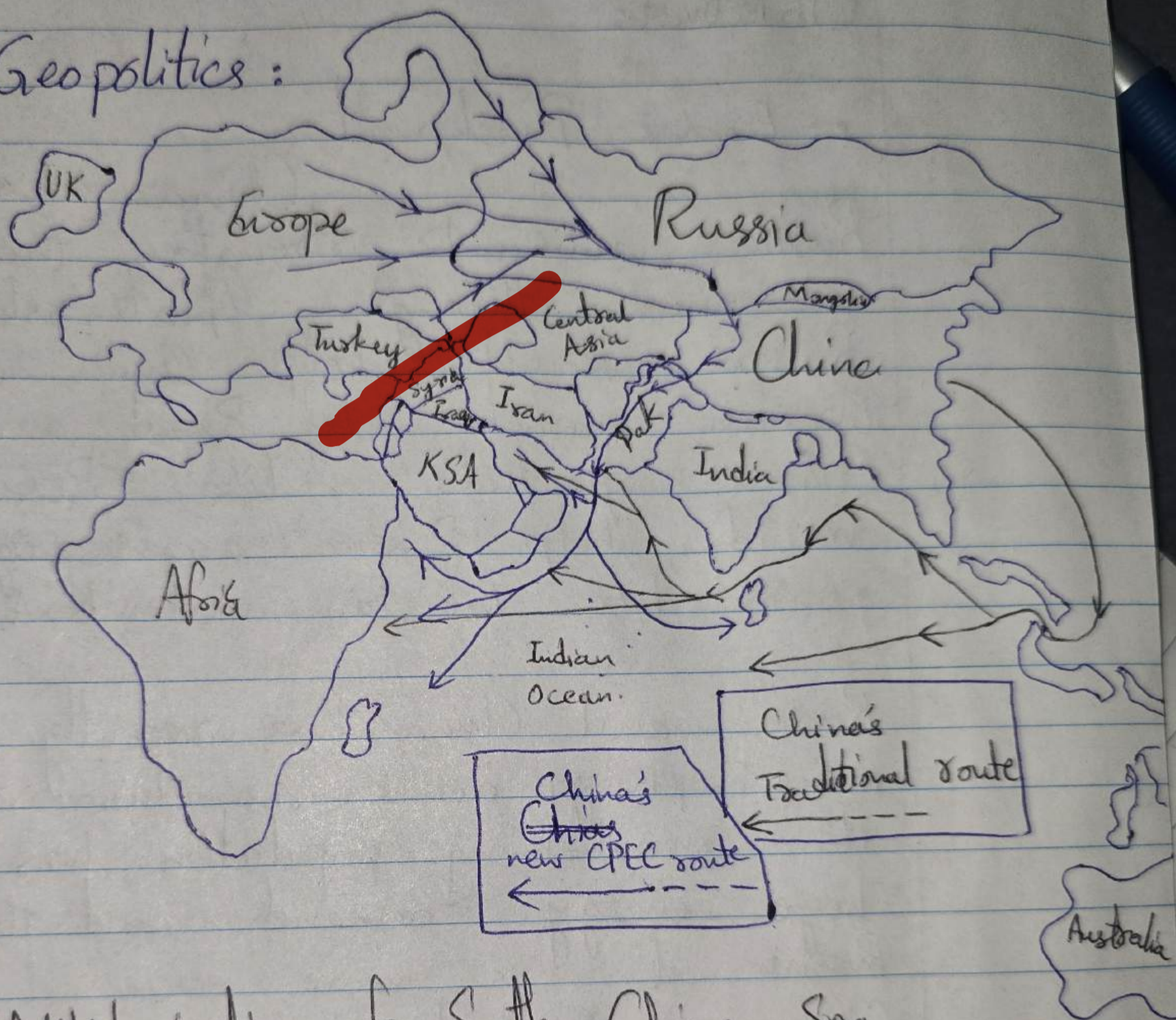
giving a very tough time to the US to maintain its global hegemony in all fields.

History:

China was primarily an agricultural nation but over time China has opened its markets for the outside world while keeping its traditional values intact. Now, China has emerged as largest exporter of electronics and electrical equipments ranging from daily used devices to automobiles and planes.

Russia, grieved by its ~~di~~ historic humiliation in 1992 as the leader of Soviet bloc, has been working to become militarily and strategically stronger than before. Annexation of Crimea and military action in Chechnya has been its evidence.

Geopolitics :



Militarization of South China Sea has made it difficult for China to trade with the world through conventional sea routes, hence China is investing in projects like CPEC for Middle East and Africa, and also on other routes of BRI, like through Russia to access European Markets.

Objectives:

• - Economic Development:

China and Russia aims to strengthen their economies through partnership. Russia would help China access European markets by Road and China's projects like CPEC would help Russia access regional powers like Pakistan and KSA.

Russia and China has recently signed various energy deals as China with its overwhelming population has huge energy demand and the Russian oil is more economical for China. Similarly, Chinese technology could help revolutionize Russian industry. Both countries have various trade and currency swap agreements. Similarly, both countries are also the founding members of SCO and BRICS, which are leading Global South

and Asian countries to excel their economic development through mutual cooperation.

U.S led NATO's influence over Middle Eastern oil market has been decreasing ever since as Chinese investors have penetrated the Middle Eastern Markets. Russia's monopoly over oil supply to East Europe has been another factor.

• - Defense and military strength:

Being neighbouring countries, China has provided Russia with a safe haven on its southern border. Similarly, both countries have been collaborating in defensive and military strength through Russian military power and Chinese technology. This has helped Russia to counter NATO's overwhelming strength and

even has advanced in Ukraine was. Similarly, Russia's strong diplomatic support China on Taiwan has also belittled U.S. strategic position in the South China Sea.

Even under sanctions, Russia was trading with China. A week after Crimean invasion by Russia, Chinese Premier visited Moscow and signed various trade agreements in 2014 with Russia.

•- SCO and BRICS:

Similar to U.S. Marshall's Plan, Russia and China has helped its regional neighbours to help them to grow and this has significantly decreased the social and political influence of U.S. over these countries. Brazil, India, Pakistan and others

3rd world countries have shifted their support from U.S backed to ~~Russia~~ Russia-China led new world order.

Effect on U.S led world order:

- - New economic partners for the Global South:

The Global South has found ~~an~~ a new investor and partner for their economic development. Historically, U.S was considered the sole ~~uplifter~~ globally but now the increasing collaboration of China & Russia has opened new doors of opportunities for Global South. SCO and ~~BRICS~~ membership has been increasing and more countries are joining these to get out of debt trap of U.S backed monetary bodies like World Bank and IMF.

• - loss of strategic partness across
Globe :
Various countries like the
Middle ~~East~~ Eastern ones and Pakistan
were part of U.S led world
order but recently, Russia
and China increasing collaboration
has led to changing in sides
for various strategic partness of
U.S across globe.

To counter Iran, KSA was a
key partnes of US but increasing
Chinese and Russian influence in
the region has made it difficult
for U.S to politically interese
with Iran-Saudi Relations. China
has made both nations to sit
down on table for regional peace.

• - Balance of Power :

U.S led world
order has been balanced by the
emerging China-Russia led order.

U.S. hegemony in middle East, East Europe, Indian ocean and South China Sea has been counted by increasing strength of China and Russia's joint strength.

Recent developments and ambitions of SCO conference in Pakistan has belittled U.S. dream of staying a Global Hegemon.

• - Dollar Hegemony challenged by BRICS bank & currency swap agreements:

Various currency swap agreements and development of BRICS bank has highly decreased the dependency of Trade over Dollar.

This could have far more drastic effects on U.S. economy in coming days as the globe would see new currency to

emerge as the leading trade unit.

Conclusion:

Increasing China and Russia's influence and collaboration in the region and Global South ~~has~~ has already disturbed the hegemony of U.S. over trade and politics.

With increasing support and collaboration of developing countries, this could prove to be an end to Uni-polar world and start of Multi polar world with Russia and China as key players of the Globe in ~~comp~~ competition to U.S.

