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Natural Resources: A blessing or a curse.?

① Introduction:

"Natural Resources facilitate human life pose significant blessing, they have also some negative impacts but there blessing are far outweigh ^{there} ~~the~~ curse".

② How natural Resources is a blessing:

a) Natural Resources boost economic capabilities of a state

UAE - export 4 billion Barrel oil per day, about 30% GDP.

b) Provides cheap and efficient source of energy.

2022 - UK about 40% of electricity from Renewable sources.

c) Natural Resources encourage Foreign direct investment.

Pak - Mining - 30 - 40^{billion} potential
- SIFC

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d) Promote industrial growth and development.

— China — Tech industries.

e) Enhance opportunities of employments

• Middle East oil economy

approximately 10.9 million Foreign

workers — constituting 75%

— Feb-2023. report

f) Promote prosperity and development of a society

Finland high GDP per capita

2024 — \$54,777. due to forestry

and Tourism base economy.

g) Strengthen state influence in global politics

— OPEC oil embargo 1973

h) Enhance geostrategic importance of a state.

— Pak — Gwadar and

Port Qasim — sea port

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I) Promote technological advancement
— China — Taiwan chip
industries.

J) Promote research and development
in a society.

USA — shale gas boom
Research and development to
support industries.

③ How natural Resources is a
Cause:

i) Exacerbate insecurity in a
State.

Taiwan, Middle East.

ii) Cause environmental
degradation.

— Greenhouse gases 96% emission
from fossil fuels burning.

iii) Exacerbate inter and
intra-state conflict.

Pak — India, inter provincial water
issues.

④ Conclusion.

Natural resources have been gifted by Allah to the human beings. These are the materials which that accure naturally in the environment to facilitate life in the world. They may be renewable and non-renewable, consider as backbone of human civilization. Sustainable management of natural resources is a key for the bright future of upcoming generation. Natural resources are a blessing to boost up economic capabilities of a state and also provide cheap and efficient ~~set~~ energy production. These resources ^{promote} ~~encourage~~ industrial growth and development to encourage foreign investors in these concern.

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Field. They ^{promote} prosperity and development in a society to enhance employment opportunities and ensure equity among public. These resource play an essential role in state global politics to contribute in its geostrategic importance. such resources promote research and development to promote technological advancement. On other side, they also have some adverse implications to exacerbate insecurity in a state and contribute in environmental degradation. These resources may also become the reason of several inter and intra-state conflict. Natural resources facilitate human life, pose significant blessing, they have also some negative impacts, but these blessing are far outweigh then there curse. Therefore, ~~not~~ the significant use of natural resource contribute in prosperity and development of

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of a society.

Natural resources boost economic capabilities of a state which ~~to~~ provide the source of income. These natural resources are in the form of renewable and non-renewable source to facilitate several activities that occur in human domestic life. The resources like hydrocarbons (oil, gas and coal) help in transportation and industrial production. For instance, ~~the~~ United Arab Emirates (UAE) export about 4 to 5 billion Barrel oil per day, ~~whose~~ ^{which} ~~wealth~~ is ~~approximately~~ contribute about 30% of state GDP. This means that more the export of oil more will be the contribute in economy. Therefore, natural resources enhance economic growth of a state to consider as a blessing.

Moreover, natural resources

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is a blessing to provide cheap and efficient energy. The natural resources like sunlight, wind, geothermal and hydropower are used for electricity production. These are renewable energy resources, which have less environmental consequences. These sources are available easily and more productive in nature. For example, the United Kingdom in 2022 produced about 40% of its energy from renewable sources. These renewable are ^{easily} cheaply available and consume less cost during production process of electricity. As a result, renewable energy resources are more efficient and cheap source than non-renewable resources. Therefore, natural resources is a blessing to ensure the cheap availability of power.

In addition, natural resources encourage foreign direct investment to contribute in state state economic

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growth and development. Most of the biggest investors at global and local level use its investment in concern field to benefit the nation and ^{itself} ~~ourselves~~. The present of natural resource both directly and indirectly contribute in state GDP growth rate. As to elaborate that, According to the data of special investment and facilitation council (SIFC) ~~that~~ Palestine mining sectors have a potential of \$30-40 billion of investment. ~~The use of these resource contribute in state social and~~ economic development to promote prosperity and uniformity. In reality, these foreign investment reduce the state economic burden to contribute in its GDP-growth rate. Therefore, natural resources is a blessing to encourage foreign direct investment.

In the same, the availability of natural resource promote industrial

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growth and development of a state. Most of the developing and developed states of the world are using these natural resource to strengthen its economy.

These natural resource are used as raw material in industrial production.

like hydrocarbons for plastic, ^{silicon} ~~chip~~ for chip formation and oil or gas for electricity production. So, more

the availability of natural resources more will be the chances of industrial growth. According to the

Global innovation index (GII) china ranks ^{11th} among 133 states of the world. China Tech-industries are using

silicon as natural resource that extract in Taiwan. This shows that, the

availability of natural resource have immense contribution in china economy.

Therefore, the presence of natural resources as a blessing to promote industrial growth and development.

Besides, the excessive amount of natural resources enhance the employment opportunities across the world. The regions which have more natural resources, where more better jobs opportunities. The extraction of natural resources need employs or workers potential, that not only contribute in state economy but also play an essential role in social peace and prosperity. For instance, middle east is rich of natural resources, ^{like hydrocarbon} whose economy is mostly based on oil and gas export. So, ⁱⁿ middle east ^{KSA} provide approximately 10.9 million jobs to foreign workers that constitute about 75%. As a result, the availability of natural resource help in jobs opportunity and economic growth. Therefore, natural resources is a blessing to ensure immense employment opportunities across the world.

Moreover, natural resources

promote prosperity and development of a society. In the world the developed state that people see, most of them have been gifted by natural resources. These natural resources ensure industrial growth, provide jobs opportunity and ensure equal distribution of wealth in the society. As to illustrate that, Finland is among the happiest nation of the world, having high GDP per capita. In 2024 GDP per capita in Finland is about \$54,777 due to forestry and tourism based economy. This shows that more the flow of wealth in society, more will be the prosperity and peace in the concern area. In Finland people have equal opportunities of job and these democratic right due to economic stability. Therefore, natural resource is a blessing to promote prosperity and development of a society.

In the same way, natural resources play an essential role to strengthen state influence in global politics. A state which is rich of natural resources have high economic growth and advanced cultural and tradition. Moreover, ~~not~~ other state of the world become dependent of ~~the~~ natural resource rich state for the purpose of its industrial ~~of~~ production and domestic need. So, the natural resource contribute in state economic and political ~~development~~. For instance, middle east have huge influence in global politics due to large hydrocarbons reserves. Most of the countries economy linked with middle east hydrocarbon. So, OPEC oil embargo in 1973 had influenced global economy badly. As a result, natural resource contribute in state influence ~~in~~ toward global politics.

Therefore, natural resources considered as blessing to strengthen state position in global politics.

Furthermore, the availability of natural resources enhance the geo-strategic importance of a state. More the ~~the~~ sources of nature more will be its influence in region and global politics. These natural resources are in the form of precious metal, hydrocarbon, natural beauty and sea ports, which will ^{link} the economy of other states. For example, Pakistan have two sea ports toward indian warm water ocean, having an area of about 1050 km^2 . These sea ports provide way for Central asian republic and land locked Afghanistan for global transport through sea. It is because, most of the trade ^{conduct} happens through sea route that connect, state industries with the global markets. Therefore, natural resources as a blessing to

increase geostrategic importance of a state.

Similarly, natural resources have immense contribution in technological advancement. Most of the developed and developing states are using these natural resources to boost up their technological sectors. These natural resources like metals, silicon, plastic and other elements are used in computer systems for efficient functioning. For example People Republic of China used Taiwan silicon to prepare more advanced chip. These chips have small size and more efficiency. Such natural resources facilitate technological advancement of a state to compete in global markets. As a result, these technologies become more common in the world to create ease in daily life of human.

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being. Therefore, natural resources become blessing to facilitate technological development.

Besides, natural resources availability promote research and development in a society. More natural resources, more will be the chances of innovation and new production. Most of the natural resources rich state generate new products and equipment that are used in our daily life. Moreover, they also used these natural resources with new technologies to generate more economy. As to illustrate that ^{the} United state of America shale gas boom research and development to support industries. This shows that natural resources promote research and development in society. Hence, natural resources is considered as blessing for human being.

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On other side, natural resources act as a curse to exacerbate insecurity in a state. ~~These~~ natural resources are too important for economic growth and development. For this purpose, strong state ~~interference~~ ^{intervention} in weak state political affairs to achieve benefit from that natural resource. They used different method and techniques for the gain of its ~~national~~ ^{national} interest. For example, the biggest powers of the globe United States of America and Russia play their proxies in middle ~~of~~ East and Taiwan for the gain of natural resources. Middle East is rich of hydrocarbons and Taiwan ~~is~~ ^{is} rich of silicon chip that is too pivotal in the contemporary world. So, ^{due to} natural resources these areas faced insecurity and humanitarian crisis. Therefore, natural resources as a curse to create

instability in the region.

Moreover, natural resources also cause environmental degradation. Fossil fuels are non-renewable natural resource. Its burning produce immense amount of Greenhouse gas during daily activities. These fossil fuel are used in transport, energy production, in field of agriculture and even for the extraction of natural resources like mining. These greenhouse gases (CH_4 , CO_2 , CO , SO_2) contribute in environmental problems like global warming and climate change. According to IPCC, about 96% of global greenhouse gases emissions are produced from the burning of fossil fuels. which affect adversely the natural beauty of environment to have lethal consequences. As a result, natural resources contribute in environmental

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degradation. Therefore, natural resources as a ~~cause~~ cause to cause environmental pollutions.

Furthermore, the presence of natural resources lead to inter and intra-states conflicts to disturb the peace of the region. This world is gifted by natural resources, some places have more while others have limited. Water is also an important natural resource to support life on the planet. In contemporary world, most of the states are in conflict with each other on water issues. For example in south asia, there is water issue between Pakistan and India, and also between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Moreover, inter the provinces are also in conflict over the unequal distribution of water like Khyber Paktunkhwa, sindh and panjab. This shows that, natural resources

Leads to water conflicts in the region. Therefore, natural resources act as a curse to aggravate inter and intra-states conflict over water issues.

In a nutshell, natural resources play a very crucial role in human life and development. They contribute in economic growth, cheap availability of energy and encourage foreign investment. They also stabilize industrial growth and development to provide employment opportunities and prosperity in the society. Natural resources promote research and development to facilitate technological advancement. On other side, they considered as curse to create instability in the society and environmental issues. Such resources also boost conflict among states and provinces. But, the

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