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→ General Knowledge II
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US has jumped into Israel-Iran attacked the nuclear sites in Iran critically the implications on global power politics in the context of US, China and Russia.

Introduction

The recent Israeli strikes on Iran's nuclear facilities, which is followed by United States has escalated tension in the Middle East. Similarly, this conflict held significant importance, especially global importance.



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This is because of the involvement of the three major global powers — US, China and Russia. Moreover, each of these three powers having their own strategic importance in the region. However, any crisis in this region will lead to great implications.

→ 1. US Strategic Positioning

1.1. Preserving Influence on Middle East

US sees Iran as a threat to its allies i.e. Israel, Saudi Arabia and UAE and interested in oil routes and Military bases. Therefore, by siding Israel it maintains its role as a regional stabilizer and power broker.

ii. Domestic Pressure

The pro-Israel lobbies and US election

politics also pressure the government to support Israel strongly.

ii. Risk for US

US is already competing with China in the Asian-Pacific region. Any war spreads in the region could weaken the position of US.

→ 2. Russia: The supporter of Iran and challenger of the West

2.1. Strategic alliance with Iran

Russia and Iran cooperate in Syria and on defense. Moreover, Iran is an important ally for Russia in the Russia - Ukraine war. This is because, Iran supports Russia with drones in Ukraine.

2.2. Challenging the U.S



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Russia may use this conflict to weaken the US position in the Middle East.

Russia may send weapons, share intelligence, or block UN actions against Iran.

→ 3. The Economic Goals of China

3.1. Energy Security

China is already importing a large amount of oil from Iran and Gulf region. So, any war in this region can threaten its energy supply and economic stability.

3.2. Diplomatic Power

China is having a great diplomatic power in this region, because in 2023 China brokered peace between Iran and Saudi Arabia, which is showing its growing diplomatic power.

3.3. Strategic Partnership with Iran



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China signed a 25 year agreement with Iran, which is covering oil, infrastructure, and military cooperation. Similarly, a war would delay these projects.

→ Broader Implications on global power politics

1. Threat to Global Security

Rising tension in Middle East can lead to proxy wars in; Lebanon
Syria
and Iraq.

Moreover, ~~these~~ the multiple power would involve directly and Indirectly in the region.

2. Global Economic Consequences

The oil and gas price could spike due to the conflict in the Gulf region.

Conflict would also increased defense spending



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and could reduce cooperation in multilateral forum.

Conclusion

As the Israel attacked on Iran, which is later followed by United State can increase tensions in the region. Similarly, the three major global power having significant importance / interest in the region. Therefore, any conflict in Iran can effects the multiple powers i.e. China, Russia and US. This is because, all these having influence, economic importance and energy security in the region.

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→ How do see the challenges and opportunities for china in the

Trade Tariffs imposed by US on both adversaries and allies?

Introduction

The Trump administration has imposed trade tariff which was ^{also} partially continued by the Biden administration. Similarly, these trade tariff have also significantly affected the global trade. Moreover, trade tariffs affected the adversaries i.e. China and Russian and the traditional allies of US like, the European Union, Canada, and Japan. Furthermore, for China this new trade tariffs poses serious challenges, but also open new opportunities.

→ Challenges for China

1. Decline in Export to US

The worth of tariff on China is hundred



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Decline in Export

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Trade war and
Uncertainty

Challenges
for China

Technological
Restrictions

Diplomatic Pressure

Supply-chain Disruption

of billions of dollars, which have reduced
Chinese export to US especially in
electronics, machinery, and steel.

ii. Trade War and Uncertainty

The trade war war between China and
US increased economic uncertainty.



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Similarly, this economic uncertainty can lead to damaged the investors confidence and slowed down China's GDP growth from 6-6.7% in 2018 to below 5% in recent year.

3. Technological Restrictions

The tariffs and sanctions on the Chinese firms like Huawei, ZTE and TIKTOK have showed China's advancement in semi-conductor and Artificial Intelligence.

4. Supply Chain Disruption

Global companies are de-risking from China and to avoid future ~~at~~ tariffs risk, especially in pharmaceuticals, electronics and rare earths.

→ Opportunities to China

1. Strengthening Domestic Market

Tariffs on China have encouraged "Dual

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"Circulation Strategy", where China reduces dependence on exports and strengthens its internal markets and self-reliance. Moreover, Investment on Trade in China 2025 will boost high-tech industries domestically.

Strengthening Domestic Market

New-Trade Partnership

Opportunities for China

Global perception Shift.

Export of green and digital Technology

Rise of Yuan and Financial Independence.

2. New Trade Partnerships

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China 2025 will
be domestically
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Economic Partnership (RCEP) which is the
World largest Trade deal and including
around fifteen Asia-Pacific countries.
Similarly, China is also expanding the
'Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI)' to develop
alternate market.

3. Global Perception Shift

US also imposes tariffs on its allies, and
many of its allies are not looking China
as a more reliable trading partnership,
especially in Asia, Middle East and South
Asia.

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→ Global perception
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dependence.

4. Export of Green and Digital Technology

China is the emerging leader of solar panels,
electric vehicles, and digital payment, which
is opening a new trade sectors.

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5. Rise of Yuan as Financial Independence

The trade war of US have pushed china to internationalize its currency and to create system the CIPS to reduce dollar hegemony.

Conclusion

The Trump administration have imposed high trade tariffs on china, which is challenge and an opportunity for china. Similarly, tariffs is a challenge for china such as, it will affect the export and lead to uncertainty, technological restrictions and supply-chain disruption. On contrast, tariff is opportunity for china for instance, strengthening of global market, new trade partnerships, shift of global perception, increases export and rise of Yuan.

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→ How do you see the post conflict diplomatic drivers of Pakistan and India?

Introduction

After the conflict of Pakistan and India in May 2025, US-brokered ceasefire and now both countries are navigating a fragile peace. Moreover, there are multiple diplomatic drivers for both countries, such as the Kashmir Issue, economic stabilisation, and Regional Stability.

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Diplomatic Drivers for Pakistan

- Internationalizing the Kashmir issue.
- Diplomatic Outreach
- Economic Stabilization.

Diplomatic Drivers for India

Rejecting third
Party Mediation

Maintaining high alert

Regional Stability



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