

Causes of Instability in Middle East:

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Abstract:

There are various causes of the instability of Middle East. From the last century Middle East has been going through political and religious violence. It has badly affected the routine life of the whole community. The journey towards peaceful life has halted. Their life and property is always on stacked. "Violence in all its forms, direct or structural has a deeper cause to it. This is the incessant benefits powerful elites reap at the disposal of weak and impoverished due to the existence of violence. Violence originates from war and modern day technology which propels its lethality and it is promoted through a powerful network which exploits resources globally. Media happens to be an equally responsible institution by controlling and shaping views of audiences. Finally violence takes birth from fear instilled into minds of the weak through cultural beliefs and ideologies". (Pilisuk Marc& Jennifer. 2016. The Hidden Structure of Violence: Who Benefits from Global Violence and War)

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Introduction:

The event of 9/11 has changed the whole political scenario of world. War Theater has been shifted from west. Underdeveloped countries have been kept deprived of their natural resources such as oil and other minerals. To promote the arms factories and their product inter rivalries of Middle East are poured with oil and further inflamed by supplying more and more lethal weapons and ammunition.

It has been shown as if the world has divided into two major half Muslim and non-Muslim whose survival in the same world has become impossible. Life of one is considered as death of the other half.

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Interference in the internal affairs of poor, weak and under developed countries has been given the color of legal actions by the powerful countries of the world. They consider it their due right to skim the resources of poor countries as result the sense of insecurity is being developed by weak countries and once again grouping and blocking of world is underway for their survival and rights protection. To coupe the atrocities of United States in Syrian territories Syria has shackled a warm hand with Russia. Iran, Lebanon was already in alliance with Syria. Thus to restrain the US in Middle East new block Under Russia is coming into its existence. The very prove is Survival of Bashar regime in government yet

In the same perspective to get rid from the “Do More” policy of United States it seems as Pakistan is changing its ally and the war against terrorism has cost him much more than its capacity. Afghan war has prolonged more than four decades which is not good sign for the adjacent neighbors. Fuel on fire is the presence of United States in Afghan territory. As result of long and unprotected, porous border is sign of constant horrification for Pakistan. Due to Presence of countless councils of India on the Pak-Afghan border the internal peace and serenity of Pakistan has suffered a lot. Thus it seems as Pakistan after signing the Economic Projects with china such as China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and construction of Gwadar Deep Sea port has understood that economic survival seems only in the retreat from war against terrorism

Pakistan, Russia, china, Iran and Syria seems as the future allies. All these members of the group are directly or indirectly horrified from the one and only power of the Present day world.

Suffocation from Monarchy and Tyranny:

Most of the countries of Middle East are having monarchical form of government where political, civil, social and other fundamental human rights are dream for the inhabitants. The political rights make them compel to rise up their voice but most of the time they are nipped in the bud.

Economic inequality in the region of Middle East is another alarming cause of political unrest, where shah and shah's family are playing in gold, while the young hawkers are made economically such deprived that they commit suicide while burning him as protest against the unfair attitude of their rulers.

The magma of inequality tries again and again to come out and burn each and every things of its surrounding informs of volcano but supplied out let makes it cool and powerless.

The day revolution of starvation converted into revolution of thoughts it will be the real emancipation of Middle East from the cruel clutches of power tycoons and theologian in shadows of monarchy. It is because in the revolutions of starvation personalities are although scarified they are changed from one tyrant to other but the real infrastructure of that system remains lush green and produce more and more.

Arab Israel Conflict, Thorn in Flesh of Middle East:

Arab Israel conflict is one of the most important and prolonged conflict of modern world. It is the basic constituent of war in Middle East. It has two different angles. First and utmost important is Palestine war with Israel and second is Arabs wars with Israel. This clash originated back to the end of nineteenth century. When International Zionist movement imagine the idea of building a national home for Jew in Palestine this project was objected by all Arab countries regardless of their distance form Palestine. It resulted as conflict between Arabs and Jews. This was later converted in ethnic movements for possession of Palestine. Resultantly there were two nations and one state.

Palestinians were supported by neighboring Arab states in 1930. When Israel was created in 1948, burden of the clash enlarged from local level to inter-state level. It was further convoluted by Israel when west bank was incarcerated from Jordon in 1967, the Golan Heights from Syria and Sinai Peninsula from Egypt.

Policy makers are making the world horrified by their policies which is real threat for the survival of the peaceful world community, "Donald Trump is the most irresponsible president of America for his ulterior motive he has made the peace and security of the whole world at stack. His cabinet consists of four Army Generals which is called as a war cabinet by the think tank of America. The superiority of America has been challenged by Russia and china and small country like North Korea has always threatened America with Atomic attack. It is thought that to maintain its superiority, America wants to make another world war and defeat china and Russia. For this ulterior motive America is grouping the countries strategically, to restrain China in South China Sea America is making a group of Australia, India and Japan. Similarly America is interchanging the territorial integrity of all Muslim countries of Middle

East and Africa such as Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Iran, Turkey, Pakistan and Afghanistan. America is forcefully occupying Afghanistan where it has made nine underground stations so that at the time of its need Pakistan, China, Russia or Iran may be intervened". (Nusrath Mirza. The Daily Jung, 15 January, 2018 "Trump: Threat for the future of the World")

To change the territorial boundaries of Muslim countries, America has made its planning. Colonel Peter Raulf Planning, according to whom the boundaries of Syria, Iraq, Turkey, Iran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other Muslim countries were to be changed. America has destroyed four Muslim countries such as Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Sudan but it could not disintegrate Syria and Iraq. As a result the progress towards the formation of Greater Israel is facing problems. The hurdles are Russia and Iran. It established Al Qaida and Daesh like organizations. It is the first time that terrorist organization Daesh, the lethal weapon of America faced a terrible defeat at the forefront of Syria and Iraq and it was felt that the adverse effects will affect the greater plan of Greater Israel. Therefore, America puts its weight in Israel's side by declaring Al Quds the capital of Israel and torn the declarations of United Nations Organization disturbing the peace of the whole world in general and weak Muslim countries of Middle East in particular

Territorial Disputes:

In Middle East there are certain unrecognized or partially recognized states. Palestine consisting of Ghaza and West Bank announced its independence in 1988. It is currently recognized by one hundred and thirty four countries as independent and sovereign state. Yet it is not the member of United Nations Organization. G8 countries have not recognized it except Russia. In the same way, disintegration of former USSR results in formation of Abkhazia, Nagorno, Karabakh and South Ossetia. All these are located in Caucasus region in vicinity of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia and present Russia. They declared their independence in 1990. But their independence was recognized partially by the international community.

Northern Cyprus declared its sovereign status in 1983. Turkey was the only state to recognize its sovereign and separate status.

The landmarks and demarcation of Middle East are not as sharp and distinct. Rather some boundaries in the Middle East are difficult to be defined. As a result of different conflicts and disputes among the

neighboring countries the territorial disputes among countries exist, such as Abu Mussa an island in Persian Gulf is administrated by Iran but its jurisdiction is owned by United Arab Emirates.

The sovereignty of Syria was annexed by Israel when Golan Heights were captured during famous six days war. It is yet disputed. Kurdistan has independent and autonomous status but administrated by Iraq.

Legacy of Colonialism:

Middle East truly observed little aggression and warfare in its ancient history. It was politically, economically stable than Europe and most other parts of the world. From the last century this region has seen widespread conflicts. The root causes of conflicts are similar to that elsewhere in third world countries. They are basically inherited from the imperialistic world. Such as fake territorial boundaries, tyrant regimes, militarization, financial discrimination and economies based on export of raw materials for refined goods. No doubt all these dark aspects of social life exist in Middle East. It has the worst autocratic regimes, militarization, economic inequality and trade biased on export of fuel and import of basic commodities than any other region in the world.

Hassan Afif EL Hasanis political Analyst who writes “ according to British Historian Jonathan Schneer, 1916 during world war first British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey, was articulating what might be called the white man burden to allow the dark skinned people including Arab, to give themselves. At the same time the French and British diplomats Francois George. Picot and Sir Mark Sykes were redrawing the Middle East Map”(Hassan Afif El.Hasan .The Weekly Al Ahram dated 29.04.2015. “Legacy of colonialism”)

Until the Second World War the governments of Britain and France were powerful enough to maintain the regional control of the Middle East. As the boundaries of distribution they had marked. Soon after the Second World War they were granted freedom but all its control was still in the hands of imperialist powers. When imperialist power retreated from Middle East, America stepped in to fill the vacuum created by Imperialist. They put forwarded their interest at the priority. Even after the laps of hundred years of the imperialist power the Secretary of the State Condoleezza Rice put the seeds of division in Middle East by destroying Iraq on the base less propaganda of “Weapons of Mass Destruction”. President of America George W. Bush recommended that ingenious confusion was required in the Middle East as key for the formation of

“New Middle East”. People living in chaos cannot be creative enough for making so called New Middle East. This creativity came to be explored in the sinister intentions of United States.

Since then the Arabs are engaged in civil and sectarian war. Brutal civil war is going on in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Libya and Lebanon while Egypt Tunisia and Algeria are in the state of trouble from the so called “Arab Spring”

Tycoons of Power Support Dictators:

Power broker of the contemporary world never likes democracy and people free in their matters. As the South Asian people were exploited on the name of unawareness and illiteracy. Similarly Middle Eastern people are also like wise exploited.

If cursorily go throw the history of Middle East it will become clear with the names of dictators, tyrants or theologian such as Raze shah of Iran, Mummer Qaddafi of Libya, Saddam of Iraq, Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Saudi family of Saudi Arabia. Similarly Yamani President has ruled for thirty two long years. All these rulers have direct or indirect support of power brokers.

J.S Smith, “Once minute pathetic states are recognized. It is not easy to convince their leaders to quit their powers and from those many dependent states into one financially capable nation conversely. It is easy for exterior command to hold one manipulative group to maintain it for its ulterior motive. None of this can ever be openly admitted to or the neo-mercantilist world would fall apart, the fiction of sovereign government, equal rights, fair trade est. must continue. To be candid is to invite immediate widespread rebellion and loss of control’ (SmithJ.S “Economic Democracy, The political struggle of Twenty First Century “World Wasted 4th Edition).

Rich Resources of Middle East:

Middle East is well known for its vast reservoir of natural resources due to which it is always proved as bone of contention between the powerful rivals of the world. Middle East has world largest deposit of oil which is almost 55 percent of world reserves; it has 32 percent of the world know natural gas reserve. Reportedly it has waste reserves of phosphate; Morocco has more than half of world Phosphate reserves.

Petroleum and its products are the major source of income for Middle East. It is not sufficiently present in other developed countries of the world to overcome their needs. To get grip and control over that oil rich politically weak states, west is webbing these small states in such difficulties and hurdles so that it become easy for them to exploit their resources.

Middle East has remained quiet important geopolitically due to its rich resources. Particularly the rich oil reservoirs. It has become the back bone of wealth for many countries today. To maintain control of these resources has been of paramount importance. The notorious Sykes-Picot agreement of 1916 divided Ottoman Empire between France and Britain giving them the rights to control over all natural resources specially oil. It was because the large and cumbersome armies were switched over from coal to fuel. The thirst for fuel was at once felt throughout the world. To quench this thirst the struggle for controlling this piece of world started with lunatic zeal.

In early twentieth century the British oil company discovered oil in Iran. During the year 1908 it began the first commercial drilling project. The government of Iran was persuaded enough to sell exclusive rights of exploring and drilling for oil in Iran to a company named Anglo Iranian Oil Company (AIOC). During the First World War the Iranian oil was British most important strategic assets. This deal was clear exploitation of Iranian resources which ultimately resulted in frustration; resultantly it was nationalized by Musadiq regime in 1953. Later on the nationalist government of Musadiq was over thrown by CIA lead coup. Raza shah Pahlawi was installed in the government as it was friendly to the western interest in Iran

After Second World War British and France left the territorial control of Middle East as it was not affordable for them to control the vast territories of Middle East economically or politically. Thus without waiting for a single second the vacuum was filled by a new world power, "United States of America". The American demand for oil was increasing rapidly and it was even difficult to overcome the domestic demand only. Therefore the very first field where American came was Saudi Arabia. Standard oil of California discovered oil in Saudi Arabia in 1936 for the first time. When it was revealed that the neighboring Persian Gulf was even richer the American came with all its bag and luggage at once.

The American domestic and military fuel demand is fulfilled by the Middle East particularly by Saudi Arabia with lowest prices throughout the world market. Therefore the US Foreign Policy extremely supports the initiatives to support the Pro US government in Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries. Anti-American block formation and any conflict that increases the tension and potential arm conflict in that region against the interest of America is discouraged. The very clear example of this foreign policy was the sentiments of American think Tank after the event of 9/11 when it was openly discussed by Americans that the master mind and ring leaders of Al-Qaida has close ties with the Saudi Arabia but the flames of these sentiments were pour with cold water and this chapter was closed once for all.

Hence presence of power broker in Middle East is for stability of oil flow to their countries. These resources could be used in different ways which is naturally a threat for those benefiting nations or states.

Former Saudi Intelligence chief and Ambassador to Washington said in an interview “Prince Turki, who was a consultant at the imperial court in 1973 when king Fysal took the oil stoppage verdict, the king was not traumatized by US pressure and stand firm. The ban was used as tool to motivate American government to find a rapid and just key to the Arab Israel clash. King Fysal and other Arab leaders were enforced to take this step as result of America’s unparalleled support for Israel during (1973 Arab-Israel) war. The prohibition resulted in almost quadrupling the world oil price in what is termed the “First oil Shock”. Prince Turki exposed that American officials talked about the possibility of attacking Saudi Oil Field and this was leaked in US newspaper. Reportedly the then secretary of the state Henry Kissinger warned Shah Fysal that if the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia did not lift the Embargo the US will take every measure to protect its interest at any cost”. (“Prince recalls US threats against Saudi Arabia 1973 oil Embargo by Arab Muslim countries”. Daily Dawn. May, 05th 2008)

King Fysal was allegedly punished with murder by these power brokers for violating the lines of action prescribed by them.

In the same perspective the presence of American Army in Afghanistan is described. The so called Terrorists assisting Taliban Government has been forcefully stepped down but even then American Army is present for the security of the possible route of the Gas Pipe line from Central Asia to rest of the world. Reportedly by the end of 2050 the land locked central Asian

countries will supply more than eighty percent of the oil circulated in America. Therefore security of pipelines passing through Afghanistan to distributing countries will be of increasing importance for America.

Strategic Importance of Middle East:

Middle East is strategically occupying the most important location it is cross road between the continents of the world. It is center point among Africa, Europe and Asia. International politics depends upon the politics in Middle East. The economy of whole world is always dependent upon export of black gold from Middle East. Oil trade route is going through Middle East. The oil fields of Middle East are stretching from Iran, Iraq around the Persian Gulf. These are the largest discovered oil field of the world yet.

Suez Canal the main route for supply can ever be closed during any war in future. It is as clear as crystal that western country cannot survive any such blockage of oil transport. Whatever the reasons might be it is just a political blackmailing that during any future war or any emergency the western world can survive without the supply of oil from Middle East. Factually Oil of Middle East is the major economic factor in the developed economy of Western Europe. The need for the oil in Western Europe has increased steeply from the last twenty years and will further increase with more speed in the next coming years. There is no such alternate of oil as source of power, research and studies shows that nuclear energy can be a supplement with fuel energy but never replace oil.

Other than oil Middle East has another importance; Middle East is the highly important communication Hub. It plays the center role in the three continents of the world. The global air routes from Europe to the Far East crosses through Middle East. Radio communication lines are passing through Middle East which is the back bone of communication system. As the fourth generation war is name given to the propaganda. Thus it is the key to communication, trade and transport of the world.

Conclusion:

Political as well as religious violence has severely affected Middle East in all aspects of life.

For obvious reasons, the terrible (Socio-economic) impacts can be felt as well as perceived in the region.

After 9/11 the terrible wave of violence moved from west to Middle East bringing heavy supply of weapons and that paved the way actually disturbing the whole region.

Also, the term “Do more” consistently inflicted upon Pakistan by America, brings in the “Paradigm shift” in the region as Pakistan too actually has suffered deeply in all aspects of life.

Presence of United States as well as India in Afghanistan actually compels Pakistan to go all the way achieving the task of economic mega project (CPEC) along with China as quickly as possible. Russia, Iran and Syria too, seem to be playing major role in coming days for sure.

Monarchy, in the region, as what the common people already feel, is really not going to benefit them anything “good” at all.

Arab-Israel dispute too still exists and in fact bringing more chaos in Middle East due to Donald Trump factor as he shows his clear intentions.

Lastly, the major factor that makes the Middle East really “vulnerable” is its location as well as possessing the “Black Gold” (Oil), as Western countries cannot survive with blockage of oil transport in future having their economy completely dependent upon Middle East oil.

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