

The composite Geopolitics of West Asia: As a detrimental to the peace and stability of the region: An Analysis of different perspectives and philosophies

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Abstract

West Asian region is noteworthy for two issues 1. Global oil supply 2. Sectarian crisis which becomes an opportune for different geopolitical strategies originating from regional and non-regional players. The sectarian crisis owing to two different antagonistic schools of thoughts one school of thought led by Sunni theatre- Majorly Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey and its rival Shia theatre- Majorly Iran, Syria and Hezbollah of Lebanon, The fratricidal and historical enmity between the two for regional supremacy becomes an opportunity for non-regional players to intervene as mediators and formulate their own geopolitics due to the oil rich region of west Asia and other vested interests. The non-regional players again of two different philosophies one philosophy of thought led by U.S. alongside western world Supporting Sunnis Theater. The second school of thought its rival Russia (erst while Soviet Union) supporting Shia Theatre especially Syria. The geopolitics of western world broadly encircles around oil regions of gulf and its investments in their banks which in turn used for industrial and military operations and protecting Israel the hardcore ally of west. Whereas Russian geopolitics rely upon its tartus naval base in Syria (the only naval base of Russia outside their territory) and west Asia as a market for its defense machinery. At this juncture west policies whose main intention is to dethrone Bashar al-Asad the Syrian president which was also the primary objective of Sunnis even at the coast of entire regional disintegrity leading to civilian massacre escalating untold refugee influx into the Europe by dangerous sea routes reflects the sorry state of the region, in the midst of these adversaries IS jihadists (a terrorist outfit) and other rebel groups becoming strengthened by massive inflow of funds and ammunition majorly from Sunni gulf monarchies and west accentuates the regional disintegrity which hard hits the civilians. The entire scenario depicts the point that west Asia has been severely shattered by sectarian, opportunistic, hegemonic and radicalistic players creates a composite puzzle leading to vivisection of the peace in the region. Of late the Russian president putin's proposal of common regional policy by including key participants to fight against IS and other terrorists and rebel groups without discriminating between moderate rebels (trained by west) and bad terrorists as was done by west and a political solution in Syria which is the major issue of entire west Asian disintegrity by including vital stake holders is welcoming. The Paper concludes that so long the hegemonical and sectarianistic interests of superior nations coupled with intolerance towards other cultures exists the peace and stability of the west Asia is still a day dream therefore an inclusive, democratic, rational and tolerant policies has to be framed out and executed with greater honesty and commitment by concerned parties which is the only way out to bring peace and stability to the west Asia.

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Introduction

At least from 1950 s west Asia has been a focal point of composite geopolitical strategies owing to its crude petroleum base which governs the geo-economics and it's much puzzled, uncertain, sectarianistic, hegemonic, radicalistic and opportunistic policies. The two factors are invariably related and became a gateway for non-regional players to take their sides for one against the other in order to pronounce their priorities and other vested interests.

Divergent schools of Theaters/Philosophies, An opportune for non-regional players

West Asia can be broadly bisected into Sunni theatre, countries governed by Sunni philosophy and its arch rival Shia theatre, countries governed by Shia philosophy, these countries which were practicing their respective philosophies rigidly escalating the problem in the form of race for regional dominance leading to regional disharmony and disintegrity. Sunni theatre constituted broadly by Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Qatar and Kuwait and Shia theatre constituted by countries

like Iran, Syria and Hezbollah of Lebanon. The problem became further complicated when masses who belonged to one particular philosophy governing by its antagonistic philosophy as was the case with Kuwait whose monarch was a Sunni governing Shia majority and becoming vulnerable to civilian unrest which further escalates the regional disturbances and disintegration. One theatre tries to overpower/outgrow over others for regional dominance and paving the way for non-regional player's participation in order to up hold their vested interests. Again the non-regional players are driven by two different philosophies directed by it they will act and other vested interests which they would prioritize to strengthen at any coast even at regional disintegration leading to civilian unrest and migrating into neighboring counties risking their lives. The non-regional players took sides one against the other, U.S. lead coalition forces (Western Europe) supports broadly Sunni theatre especially with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait where as Russia (erstwhile Soviet Union) supports Shia theatre for instance Syria and Iran. Actually it is not the philosophies of west Asia

which drives the non-regional players to adhere with but rather their own vested priorities which further accentuated by their intent. U.S. lead coalition forces supports Sunni theatre to consolidate their footsteps in the oil rich region which have several positive implications for them for instance their oil lead investments in western world which may be using for industrial and military expansion in turn strengthen their global position and protecting it's hard core ally the Israel against any adversaries. For Russia developing and maintaining it's defense market in the region and protecting its Tartu's naval base in Syria the only naval base outside its erstwhile Soviet Union territory

Antiquities of West Asian disintegrity

1. Israel Creation

The analysis tried to depict the point that since from the creation of Israel out of erstwhile Palestine violence coupled with sectarianism accentuates. In the midst of rising Arab nationalism unrest and mutual friction with Jews erupted during Second World War, Where the Palestine (Mandatory Palestine) was under British rule, Israel has been created in 1948(Majorly to accommodate Jews immigrants from Western Europe in general and Nazi Germany in particular) out of the Palestine also ending the British rule on the behest of U.S. led coalition by U.N. resolution. Since then mutual mistrust and recurrent eruption of violence ascends between Israel and the Arab world which amounted to west Asian disturbance, It can be disphered that it was the U.S. led coalitions major interference to create a strong allay which adds to its geological strategy with far reaching consequences in the form of manifestation of institutionalized and organized disintegrity which prudently hampers the west Asian peace and stability for instance recurrent conflicts between Gaza's Hamas and Israeli forces.

2. Iran-Iraq war

The war between Iran and Iraq which broke out in 1980 and lasting for nearly 8 years (1980-1988) became another theater for non-regional interference and consolidate their interests. When the Iranian revolution lead by Shia leader Ruhollah Khomeini broke out in late 1970's the Sunni gulf monarchies were apprehended that it may engulf and de thrown them, therefore in order to protect their interests and also the Sunnis supported Saddam Hussein who is conflicting with Iran on the disputes of Khuzestan province and Shatt al Arab. Saddam Hussein was seemed as bulwark against rising tide of Iranian revolution, At this juncture U.S. led forces even Soviet Union supported Saddam Hussein to protect their own vested interests, creating another major regional disability. In this midst of these the ultimate loser was the masses who have been massacred in an untold way.

3. Persian Gulf War

The Iraqi occupation of Kuwait in august 1990 owing to a wide range of issues and disputes like Kuwait's slant drilling of Iraqi petrol in Rumaila province located in south Iraq close to Kuwait border, over production of petrol by Kuwait and inability of Iraq to repay the debt that it took during the prolonged war with Iran from different countries including Kuwait, Where in the non-regional players now took different stand, U.S. led forces supported Kuwait and militarily defeated Saddam leading to the Iraq 's withdrawal from

Kuwait in late February 1991. The entire flux has been due to Saddam Hussein's expansionist policy and hegemonical attitude, again the effected ones are people including Indian Diaspora.

4. Double standard policies of the west

During the U.S.'s prolonged cold war with erstwhile Soviet Union, on the behest of CIA manipulated and misused mujahedeen's becoming pawns in the proxy war against soviet union in the Afghanistan leading to the dethrone of established head and beginning of Taliban era in Afghanistan. 9/11 attacks by al-Qaeda became another opportunity for the western interference U.S. lead forces waged a prolonged war in Afghanistan from 2001 to 2014 in the mean time in 2003 they focused their attention on west Asia first on Iraq in the name of searching for biological weapon as a pretext invaded and destroyed Iraq leads to hanging of Saddam Hussein and wild massacre of people. In the mask of jasmine revolution which began in north African countries beginning with Tunisia, Egypt and gradually engulfing the west Asia, country by country under this pretext in the name of safeguarding civilians and to de thrown disliked leaders segregated terrorists into good and bad terrorists, supporting and funding good terrorists (rebels) whom the U.S. led forces consider that they upholds the civilian interests and fighting against unpopular and corrupt heads of the state this strategy found to be counterproductive. In their war against Syrian head Bashar al-Asad who has been supported by Russia, Iran and Hezbollah of Lebanon i.e. Shia theatre and opposing by Sunni theatre alongside western forces. It was found that different rebel groups merging and surrendering themselves with ISIS which now became a formidable force and become a detrimental to the entire west Asian's peace and stability.

The Rise of ISIS

Islamic state of Iraq and Syria developed as an al-Qaeda affiliate of Iraq in 2004 and later upgraded to ISIS by merging al-Nusra front (al-Qaeda affiliate in Syria) in 2013 now ISIS rose to a national level terrorist organization conquering territories of Iraq and Syria and willing to expand further with strong financial ability pipelined by the countries like Saudi Arabia to transfer funds which ultimately strengthen ISIS it can be viewed that in the sectarianistic struggle of the west Asia ISIS was the greater beneficiary by regular fund and ammunition flow recruitment by using social media based religious propaganda mobilizing youth across the globe which further strengthen the ISIS and escalates the disability which nails the peace process in west Asia.

Russia the game changer

Though the Russia has been inclined to protect its Tartu's naval base and enrich its defense market in west Asia and North Africa. Putin, the Russian president's proposal of regional coalition of international communities in fighting against the ISIS and other rebel groups whom the west called as good terrorists without discriminating between good and bad terrorists (a doctrine created by U.S. Led forces) and a political solution in Syria by integrating vital stake holders without de throwing Bashar al-Asad is welcoming because a concerted and coordinated strategy is needed for the overall peace and stability of the West Asia.

Detrimental Consequences

Because of above analyzed sectarianistic, opportunistic and hegemonical policies and strategically games leading to a composite and puzzled geo politics. In this blind and detrimental play the ultimate victim was the masses of west Asia who have been severely affected which can be reflected in their innumerable influx of immigration into European countries even putting their life at stake by traveling through dangerous sea routes this may add to global unrest in divergent ways with horrible consequences that may amount to a continuous vicious circle of violence.

Conclusion

The Paper analyzed and concludes that it is not just fighting against terrorists nor to protecting the vested interests of sectarianistic and hegemonical nations that brings the peace and stability to the region of west Asia. It is about formulating harmonious, Integrated, Inclusive, Rational, Democratic and above all tolerant policies by involving people's representatives and implementing them with greater honesty and commitment in a coherent manner which brings the peace and sustain the stability of the west Asian region it is this the very effected and dismantled masses of west Asia anticipating and expecting from the international community.

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