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ABSTRACT

Ukraine war is a global security conflict between Russia and the sovereign state of Ukraine. Ukraine war carries grave consequences for global food and energy security. The war deeply ails the peace and prosperity of the world. This research study investigates the impacts of Ukraine war on global security. The study uses descriptive-qualitative methodology for the analysis of the relevant literature regarding global security and Ukraine war. The findings of the study reveal that the relevant literature in the form of research articles and research papers highlight the implications of the war on global peace, prosperity as well as global food and energy security. The discussion educates upon the lines of consequences of Ukraine war for the region and the whole world in terms of security concerns of the states particularly in Europe.

Key words: Ukraine war, global security, food security, energy security.

Background of the Study:

The Russian-Ukrainian conflict is deeply rooted in history, with each chapter preceding the current war reflecting a broader pattern of aggression. As Freedman (2022) observes, Putin's invasion of Georgia and the annexation of Crimea set the stage for subsequent Russian interventions in Syria and the Middle East, signaling a broader resurgence of Russian imperial ambitions. These actions have been widely interpreted as a revival of Russian imperialism, marking a return to historical patterns of expansion. From the outset of Putin's return to power, Russia has been explicit about its revisionist goals, asserting that "modern Ukraine is entirely a creation of Russia," and identifying it as a key priority for the 21st century. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine, therefore, is not just a new chapter but an intensification of previous patterns of aggression. This paper aims to explore the Ukraine war's impacts and consequences for global security, highlighting the alarming nature of the current conflict and its far-reaching implications.

The world is already taken by storm as Ukraine war is alarming in many ways. Since February 24, threats and dangers are hovering the only living planet of earth. Since the eruption of war, the world constantly redeems the war with unimaginable consequences for the security, peace and prosperity of the world. As in the words of Freedman (ibid) that Ukraine is now a theater of grim tragedies, blood and horror and the spectators are filled with dismay, fear and uncertainty as the dropping bombs and fight jets bring the human civilization to the lowest moral level. The war has seriously questioned the foundation of international peace, global prosperity and brings very potential challenges to the security of the world particularly to the security system of the Western world. Russian invasion of sovereign Ukraine state has caused severe humanitarian crisis by wreaking the fragile global economy and food security.

The world was just recovering from the ailments of COVID-19 pandemic that Ukraine knocked the door and threatened safety and security of the world. In this respect, the words of Kotkin (2022) reflect that immediate repercussions of the conflict brought global security emergency with influx of refugees from Ukraine to other European countries. The atrocities of war in Ukraine are still continued and now, almost are six months old. In these six months the global security paradigms are completely changed and a possibility hovers in terms of open nuclear detonations which puts serious existential threats.

Ukraine war is not an isolated or pure bilateral conflict between Russia and Ukraine, rather it shares its results and consequences far beyond the borders. The war still sees no end and the fighting is likely to be continued for indefinite time period. This is according to Zubok (2022), that Ukraine war seems to be unstoppable and it will possibly be expanding horizontally to the other immediate neighbors of Ukraine in Europe. More precisely, the war may engage United States and Russia to wage full scale wars on each other, however this feels superfluous as the United States will surely be avoiding any direct engagement with Russia. This study of Zubok (ibid) also highlights that Ukraine war carries a fearful meaning for the security and prosperity of the world as the war has directly threatened the NATO's members from Europe, particularly from eastern Europe. In more lucid words, the importance of Ukraine war can never be denied nor be ignored. The war is way more different than the previous cold war as it sets a direct engagement of a powerful nuclear state of Russia.

Ukraine War puts individual security challenges to most of the world's states. In first place, it threatens the sovereignty and integrity of the rest of Eastern Europe as the words of

Treisman (2022) underscores that Eastern Europe's security is at the helm of dark clouds of swelling tides of Russian fleets. The security interests of Russia in Ukraine marks a very potential threats to most of the Eastern Europe. This study further argues that Ukraine carries great strategic interests for Russia and Putin will probably use any means to archive the security goals in Ukraine and other intended Eastern European countries. The war is also alarming as it imposes forceful prevention on most of the Eastern Europe by joining NATO. Therefore, the war is not just war but rather it is a security dilemma for the immediate neighbors.

Security challenges of Ukraine war for the Western world are in place, but these challenges are passive as compared to the very immediate effects of Ukraine war. Out of these immediate consequences of the war, food security and energy security of the world stand first in the row. The exports are seriously damaged across the Baltic region. The shortage of victuals and other food items is worsening by bringing the hunger to the extreme particularly in African continent. The war is causing an extreme harm to the access to basic life-sustaining elements such as food, water and shelter. The war has been as distractive as it brought catastrophes by demolishing hospitals, schools and other public buildings, commercial sites and residential flats. Along with these catastrophes, the war is horrible in its impacts on global security on multiple fronts. According to the words of Cozen (2022) that Ukraine war is damaging in many ways as it disturbs the fragile economy, the weaker food security and already damaged energy order of the world. Hence, Ukraine war is affecting the world in many ways and creating the security challenges for the world which records that many states are revisiting their foreign policies and are restructuring their strategic as well as economic alliances in the world. This reflects that from Eastern Europe to America and from China-Taiwan's conflicts in south to the retrenching position of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Ukraine War is taking everything in its ambit of influence.

Research Questions:

- How Ukraine war impacts the global security?
- What challenges does Ukraine war put to global security?

Objectives of the Study:

This study aims to highlight:

- The affects and consequences of Ukraine war on global security
- The security challenges of the war across the globe

Rationale of the Study:

The ramifications which Ukraine war brings for the world are far more to be real than superfluous. The war is not a bilateral conflict between the two sovereign states of Ukraine and Russia, rather carries deep concerns for the security of the whole world. The security of the world is on the brims to be bubble out as the effects of war are hovering upon the global security. This research study underscores the impacts of Ukraine war on global security by highlighting the important perspectives of the conflict.

Methodology

Research Design:

The current study uses the descriptive-qualitative methodology for the analysis of different of related materials in accordance with the demands of the topic. According to Arthur Cropley (2015), the core constructive point in descriptive-qualitative research methodology is

to investigate the personal approaches of researchers which are based on the real-life experiences. Furthermore, Mohajan (2018) states the descriptive-qualitative methodology as a form of social actions which focus on the way people analyze their experiences in the nearest approach of describing reality and it includes the descriptive analysis of diaries, interviews and literary texts, books other related research articles. More precisely, Hossein Nassaji (2015) describes the descriptive-qualitative methodology as a method which deals with description of a phenomenon and its characteristics under the descriptive analysis of the selected texts or data.

Research Approach:

The current research study is based on qualitative research approach. Firstly, in this research approach, the data is qualitatively collected in the form of text from different relevant research articles and research papers. Secondly, collected data is analyzed through descriptive-qualitative methodology under the yoke relevant research articles in accordance with demand of the topic.

Data Collection Technique:

The data of the current study is collected from different sources such as different research papers, articles and reports. The collection of the data includes three sequential steps. Firstly, the researcher read different research papers and research articles. In order to get the trustworthiness of the data, the researcher reread these articles and papers for the clear understanding of the topic. Secondly, for the acquisition of required data, the researcher took notes and highlighted the selected extracts related to the topic. Finally, the data which is collected is analyzed according to the demand of the topic

Review and Analysis of Related Literature

This chapter of literature review revisits different research papers and research articles in order to educate upon the implications of Ukraine war for global security. The topic demands the investigation of implications of Ukraine for the global security

Ukraine's Strategic Importance for Russia: Reflecting on Global Security:

The current war in Ukraine carries its projections in Russia's strategic interests in the region which seriously undermines the security of the whole European content and generally takes the whole world into whispering of uncertainties. The words of Cozen (ibid) clearly shows that at the core of Ukraine's current crisis, there lies number of intended interests of Kremlin. These interests are discussed in range of articles and analysts have produced chapters on the given critique.

Firstly, Russian sees Ukraine as a bulwark against NATO encroachment in Eastern Europe. This is according to Grajewsk (2022) that Putin's Moscow feels scared Eastern inclusion in the Atlantic Treaty and therefore, it tries to prevent the minor Eastern European countries from joining NATO. The advancement of NATO in the region where previously Russia has ruled is very alarming. From the point of view of security, Russia will probably be weakened in its strategic ambits if NATO successful penetrates the Eastern Europe. In preventing Eastern Europe from joining NATO or NATO from penetrating into Eastern Europe, Russia does not care about any costs. This severely threatens the security of the region as Russia may go beyond the borders of Ukraine and may attack other countries of the region such as Poland. This reflects that Russia costs the security and prosperity of the region while preventing NATO from entering into its immediate neighbors. Hence, it is known that Russian

invasion of Ukraine underscores the Russian interests in Ukraine bring the security of the region to the brim which is about to bubble out indefinitely in common hours.

Secondly, a large number of analysts and critics of international politics believe that Russia's attack on Ukraine is actually a war on history. The words of Tanisha M. Fazal (2022) rightly predict that Russia is returning to its imperial hegemonic positions of the past. The revisionist purposes of Russia are costing the world its security and peace. The Putin's war on Ukraine revisits history that Ukraine was once the part of the great Union of Soviet Social Republic (USSR). As the Words of Tanisha M. Fazal (ibid) rightly point out that *"Now, with Russia's invasion, the norm against territorial conquest has been tested in the most threatening and vivid way since the end of World War II. The war in Ukraine is reminiscent of a previous, more violent era. If the global community allows Russia to subsume Ukraine, states may more frequently use force to challenge borders, and wars may break out, former empires may be reinstated, and more countries may be brought to the edge of extinction."*

These words are worth important to be considered in the wake of Ukraine war and its consequences for the security of the world. The Russian territorial conquest in Ukraine wrecking the norm against territorial conquest and this may encourage other bigger states to threaten the security of the smaller states in their respective regions. The use of the force in Ukraine has reinstated that the security of the whole world is being affected and the consequences are well known in its damages to the liberal order of the world where no territorial conquest is ideally tolerated. Hence, Russian invasion of Ukraine carries its draught for the security of the whole world and particularly of the Europe.

Next, Russian war in Ukraine is understood in terms of unimaginable importance of Ukraine for Russia. Russia sees Ukraine as a door way towards the rest of Europe. This is according to Goddard (2022) that Russia is in want of a strong position near Europe. This is further highlighted that Ukraine Strategic and geographic position is pulling Russia to more severity in the region. Russia is in no ways submitting to passivity as far as Ukraine is concerned. This is costs the world, its security. Along with geopolitical and geostrategic importance of Ukraine, Russia is also crazy for digesting Ukraine large natural resources into its own revenue and capital. This materialistic conception of Russia is taking the security of the whole world into its own ambit. Russia is behind the Ukrainian economy and Russia is not ready to give up on what it has lost on its dismantling of USSR. The words of Bordoff (2022) that at the heart of Russian-Ukraine conflict there lies some unprecedented construction of Russian materialism. The European Union is now more to the Ukraine and Russia is constantly disturbed by the nightmare that a well-developed Ukraine may replace the Russian hegemony in the arena and export particularly to Europe and the other Western world. Hence, Russia steps to prevent Ukraine from going into the ambits of European Union. The actions of Russia in Ukraine are based on envy too. The agriculture in Ukraine is destroyed by bringing serious multiple issues for the whole world. Ukraine carries the capability to deter Russia with its large scale agricultural export. Russian intentions to undermine the Ukraine capabilities in trade is a serious step towards destabilizing world and security front, and economy.

In a nutshell, Russian war on Ukraine is a result of deep state interests of Russia. Russia imposes on Ukraine its own way of reacting and interacting with the world while Ukraine tries to formulate its foreign policy free from any sort of Russian influence. The Kiev has string instinct towards Europe while on the other hand, Russia is not even ready to allow Kiev to

move freely towards the European Union. Ukraine seems to be in the shackle of subjections in regards of its free choice and free foreign policy. Russia imposes its own orders and views. This is evident that Russia's strategic interests in Ukraine are serious in its implications for the whole world and particularly for Ukraine and the region as it costs the security of the globe. A free and powerful Ukraine is not in favor of Russia. This ails Russia to be the untamed actor of the region. This brings serious security challenges to the regional states particularly in Eastern Europe. The ideological success of Ukraine is now becoming a curse for it as Russia doesn't respect any ideology which in turn creates serious security concerns for the whole world. This is clear from the words of Freeman (2022) that *"Ideological threat to Putin's model of authoritarian state capitalism. A Stable, independent, democratically oriented Ukraine on Russia's western border with close ties to Europe and the West represents an attractive alternative model to Putin's attempt to establish "managed democracy" in Russia and the rest of the post-Soviet space. From Putin's point of view, the real danger is contagion that Russian citizens might begin to agitate for a similar, more open system in Russia. Putin has sought to weaken and discredit the government in Kiev, portraying it as composed of "fascists" and "neo-Nazis."*

Ukraine War and Security Implications for Europe:

Importance of Ukraine war for the security of Europe can never be denied nor be ignored. The security of Europe is under frequent discussion as Russia's intentions do not seem to respect Europe nor its supranational European parliament. This is reflected in the words of Jakub Przetacznik (2022) that *"The Russian invasion of Ukraine shattered Europe's peace and altered its security situation. This change requires EU foreign, security and defense policy, including its tools, to adapt appropriately.* This reflect a very clear indication for the security concerns of Europe linked with Russian invasion of Ukraine. Europe is next door neighbor of Ukraine and the implications of War are more than visible in the European continent. The Ukraine is actually a potential threat to the security and particularly food and energy security of Europe. More importantly, Europe in under the swelling tides of refugees crises and open displacement as the war seems no end. The very immediate implication of Ukraine war for the rest of the Europe is of Energy crisis in Europe as most of the Europe gets its Energy from Russia.

Number of analysts and critics are curious about how Europe may deal with its Energy shortage as the gas pipelines running from Russia to Europe are closed for indefinite time period. According to a report of United Nations published in August 2022, that war is costing more than what is generally predicted as the security of the region. The war is way more fatal in its consequences for Europe in terms of fuels and energy crisis in Europe. The report has rightly pointed this as *"The world is in the grip of a major energy crisis, with countries worldwide affected by extremely high and volatile prices, particularly of fossil fuels. This situation has acted as a crucible for recent trends in the energy market"*

These words reflect a very alarming situation for the energy security of the world. The oil prices and other petroleum related commodities are marking high prices. The impacts of the war are visible in the current European energy and fuel crisis which are likely to go beyond the usual predicted time period as Russia seems consistent towards its long term goals in the region. These long term goals will fuel the war to be continued even in spell longer or shorter. Russia has ceases its gas and oil supply to the European market. Initially, analysts predicted that

ceasing oil and gas supply to European market may cause serious repercussions for Russian economy and revenue generation. However, this claim is no more valid as Russia has sought a new market for its oil in Asia. China has dramatically increased its oil import from. In addition, with Chinese markets, India has also embarked upon oil import from Russia. Hence, Russia has sought an alternative and the Asian market has replaced the European markets. Therefore, the consequences for Europe are growing day by day as Russia will never easily allow Europe to resume imports with Russia. On the other hand, the rich Gulf countries seem to be less caring as far as the energy crisis in Europe are concerned. The oil producing economies of Middle East are not vigilant about the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. The Gulf States provide no concession in oil supply to Europe in the wake of the war going on in Europe.

In this respect of Energy Crisis, the countries belong to the developing world are in hot water. The developing world of Africa and Asia faces grave consequences of the war. This is according to Reid (ibid) that the energy supply to the developing world is costing more than their actual economic worth. For instance, many developing states are now unable to buy the highly costing LNG. These are the serious consequences of the war for Europe and developing world. This study further argues that the face of energy crisis in Europe and developing world cost more than economy. The economic consequences of the war are more severe as they cause multiple problems.

In a nutshell, the ongoing war in Ukraine being serious security implications for Europe. The war has threatened the peace and security of the region by pulling the regional state into chaos and uncertainty. The rest of the Europe and European Union is just one step away from the direct and practical impacts of the war. The other implications of the war for Europe are understood in terms of economic crisis and energy shortage. The implications of the war carry the severe energy and fuel shortage for Europe and the developing world. The developing world pays huge price of Russian invasion of Ukraine. Hence, it is clear that Ukraine war carries consequences for the energy and economic security of Europe as well as of the developing world.

Ukraine War and American Security Concerns:

Ukraine war is in most respects is war of security regarding the world's power. America is the first place of this concern as the world see America as a very potential actor to stop Russian atrocities in Ukraine. According to Robert Kagan (2022) that Putin does not care about the security of the world whether economic, food or energy. Kagan words further unveil the given context as *“What has happened in Eastern Europe over the past three decades is a testament to this reality. Washington did not actively aspire to be the region's dominant power. But in the years after the Cold War, Eastern Europe's newly liberated countries, including Ukraine, turned to the United States and its European allies because they believed that joining the transatlantic community was the key to independence, democracy, and affluence”*.

These words clearly reflect that United States is important actor in Ukraine war. Analysts such as Robert Kagan believe that United States did not actually aspire to be the deterrent power of the region of Eastern Europe otherwise, Russia would not be acting that bold as it doing it now in the Ukraine war. On the other hand, Russian behavior towards United States is becoming ruder as America clandestinely building Ukrainian military capabilities to fight Russian fighters. This puts the Americans into an indirect target of Russian animosities and Russia has clearly intended that for Ukraine, they can go beyond any limits and can fight

any state with their deadly weapons of mass destruction. This clarifies that Ukraine war is even alarming for America as well and brings serious security implications for United States as well. As in the words of Robert Kagan (ibid) *“For critics of American power, the best way for the United States to cope is for it to retrench its position in the world, divest itself of overseas obligations that others ought to handle, and serve, at most, as a distant offshore balancer”*. These words reflect the responsibility of the United States as the savior of the peace and security of the world. United States, as according to some critics is equally responsible for the Russian attacks on Ukraine as the silence of a potential actor such as United States ails more than the war itself. Therefore, the war important from the perspective of American security concerns as on one hand, Russian animosity and hatred for American is growing as America helps Ukrainian military for showing resistance to Russian troops, and on the other hand, critics believe that Russia attacked Ukraine is because of American silence. United States could not effectively project its deterrence while preventing Russia from invasion.

In a nutshell, the American foreign policy lacked an active agenda of deterrence towards Russia which provides room to Kremlin to penetrate Ukraine by projecting its realpolitik. Moreover, this war brings security implications for America as well as critics predict that in case Russia uses nuclear warheads in Ukraine, America will be forced to directly confront Russia by taking its own security to the state of emergency. Hence, Ukraine war carries implications for America’s security concerns as well which clearly reveals that globally, Ukraine War is costing the world its security and prosperity. In this regard, United States needs to have a forceful vibrant foreign policy in order to prevent Russia from further invasions of Eastern Europe. (Khan & Azim, 2023) Because these are the factors in determination of the status of a state in the international system.

Ukraine War as Precedent for China’s Position on Taiwan: Imagining Global Security

The recent standoff of China on Taiwan is predicted as emboldened china’s behavior due to Russian atrocities in Ukraine. The analysts believe that China’s growing revisionism is encouraged by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This is in the words of QI Dongtao (2022) that Ukraine war is serving as precedent to what is known as China’s growing wrath on Taiwan. This study further reveals that since the visit of US house speaker, Nancy Pelosi, China is in very hostile position on Taiwan. This hostile position of China on Taiwan is emboldened by Russian revisionism in Eastern Europe particularly in Ukraine. The words for Dongtao (ibid) clearly reveal that *“The impact of the Ukraine crisis on the Taiwan issue is multifaceted, and could be in some respects significant and far-reaching. To the West, and especially the United States, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has elevated the Taiwan issue to another level of urgent concern. The slogan “Today, Ukraine, tomorrow, Taiwan!” has gripped both Taiwanese and Chinese media”*.

These words lucidly describe the impacts of Ukraine war on China-Taiwan conflict. Ukraine war a potential and reasonable precedent for China to suppress Taiwanese choices of independent foreign policy and free choice. Most of the analyst fear that Taiwan may be the next Ukraine if the world acts indifferent. This is evident that Ukraine war has created bewildering situations for the security of world either in terms of food and energy security or peace and prosperity. In a nutshell, Ukraine war has its implications for every region of the world. In Asia, the war emboldens China to blatantly move with its revisionist policy

particularly in regards of Taiwan. Hence, it is clear that the implications of Ukraine are global in nature particularly for the global security system.

Discussion and Conclusion

Ukraine is in many respect is global war of sharing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. The implications of the war for the whole world are very dreadful and alarming. On one hand, the war is seriously damaging the energy order of the world as for the first time in Europe, there is energy shortage and Europe is going towards minimum use of energy and fuels. Along with energy, the world also suffers of food shortage as Ukraine, one of the key grain exporters, is going through high tides of war. These two implications of the war in terms of food and energy security are affecting the Europe in first place and the rest of the developing in second place. These crises exacerbated the economic crisis of the whole world. On the other hand, Ukraine war is a serious threat to the security and prosperity of the world. Towards conclusion, the discussion states that Ukraine war carries serious impacts upon the security situations of the world as on one hand, it disturbs the security situations in Asia by encouraging China to suppress Taiwan's choice of free foreign and on the other, it creates serious security issues for the whole Europe and the Western world.

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