

What after UNO

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League of Nations, representing all countries was formed to resolve international and inter-nation problems. This organisation remained operational till the Second World War. During that era big powers enjoyed the domination of a number of colonies. A stage came when the two big powers, Germany and Britain clashed with each other. Suction of their allies widened the canvas of conflagration, which spread all over the World. This resulted in elimination of global peace forum, the League of Nations. After more than four years of confrontation finally USA used his punch of nuclear bomb over Nagasaki and Hiroshima. It ended the war but caused massive destruction. Effects of the nuclear explosion spread all over the globe.

On culmination of the Second World War the winning nations again collected all the countries and organised another league called the United Nations Organisation (UNO). A nucleus organisation of United Nation Security Council (UNSC) was formulated consisting of only major powers i.e. USA, USSR, UK and France. The losing power was not only excluded but was cut into two independent States i.e. West and East Germany. UNSC also centralised the authority of taking decisions on all international issues. In other words any nation, which wanted decision in its favour, had to obtain consent of all the four powers. In case the decision did not suit any one member he enjoyed the veto power. Under such an authoritarian umbrella of the UNSC the global countries are still surviving. As late as 1978 China was also included in the umbrella of UNSC. With the passage of time so many other countries have developed economic and nuclear muscle and are now demanding to widen the canvas of UNSC.

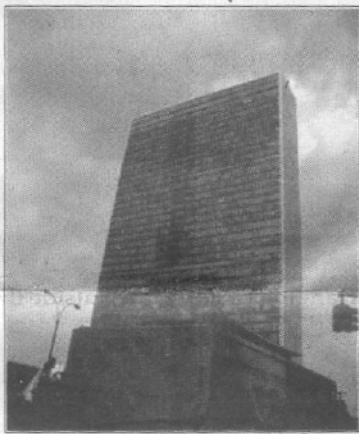
Lately, the US accused Iraq of possessing WMDs. Inspection teams were sent by the Secretary General of UN to Iraq. After extensive search, including the palaces of the President, they officially announced that Iraq does not possess WMD and an allegation of US was proved incorrect. Most of the UN members also opposed US allegations. US bypassed UN and launched offensive on Iraq. Except UK all other NATO allies did not support US in the offensive action. UN as an

2. Any offensive against Iran would amount to destabilising Pakistan, Russia and China in this region. Russia has openly announced in June 2005 that she would continue her support for the development of Iran nuclear programme. However, Pakistan is insisting upon Iran to continue negotiations with EU to resolve the issue peacefully in accordance with IAEA statute.

3. So far neither China nor India has expressed any reaction on Iran's nuclear programme.

US consider Iran and Syria, both Muslim countries, as tyrannical states. In February 2005 US Secretary of State Ms Condoleezza Rice warned Syria to stop its support to anti-Israel militants. US foreign policy especially after re-election of Bush has been observed very aggressive against the Muslim States, which are considered strong in their area of influence or can pose threat to the Jewish state. Regarding relations with Pakistan so far US has not recognised Pakistan as a nuclear state and even expresses apprehensions of nuclear weapons falling in the hands of fundamentalists and extremists. Dr A Q Khan has been accused of passing nuclear technology to 'rogue' states. US is strengthening Indian offensive capability by sanctioning supply of F-18 fighters and latest missile defence system Patriot Advanced Capability — (PAC-3). During Indian Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee's visit to US on 28 June 2005 his counterpart Donald Rumsfeld signed 10-years Defence Pact. The agreement includes strengthening of defence capabilities of India especially in weapon production, cooperation on missile defence and of transfer of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

The above analysis vividly indicates US aggressive intentions on some pretext against Iran. US at present is covertly aligning her allies against Iran and looking for the opportunity to initiate the offensive.



Most probable hypothesis is that US would make Iran's nuclear development programme the pretext for launching offensive. Under such an eventualty Russia would guard Iran's interest to pre-empt US intrusion towards CAS and Russia. Any offensive action of US on Iran would amount to annexation of Gwadar Port and

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organisation was grossly neglected and its mandate violated. The whole world kept watching the pathetic scenario and displayed their helplessness. This was not the first incident of downgrading the UN. After dismemberment of USSR, the US has been flexing its muscle to suppress any nation according to its will.

During 2004-2005 after overthrowing Talibans in Afghanistan and Saddam Hussein in Iraq US started intimidating Iran. It started accusing Iran of developing nuclear weapons. Process of developing enriched uranium for their power plant was taken as process of developing nuclear weapons. EU and the US started pressurising Iran to stop the enrichment process. US imposed sanctions and started developing lobby to take up the matter in the UNSC. It is worth noting that Iran is developing her nuclear programme with the sponsorship of Russia. In third week of February 2005 during the meeting of Iranian head of the State with President Putin the progress of the project was reviewed. On the conclusion of the meeting President Putin categorically announced that Iran is not poised towards nuclear weapons but is developing nuclear power plant. Still Iran has been considered recalcitrant. European Union summoned Iran in first week of March 2005 and pressurised her to stop the uranium development programme. Iran agreed to let IAEA visit the site for inspection. Now Israel and US are both threatening Iran to use force to stop the nuclear development programme.

The above scenario warrants serious review for the future assessment of the situation. Iran is located geopolitically at the junction of the Arab World-CAS and Indo-Pakistan Sub-continent linked with China. Iran is very closely affiliated with Pakistan and India in the East and with Russia in the North. In fact Russia is sponsoring her nuclear programme, which she reiterated on the eve of election of the new President of Iran Mr Mahmood Ahmedinejad. In the NE Iran is politically linked with China. Due to religious affiliation Iran is maintaining good relations with the Arab world. On the other hand US with EU countries in the NATO block has strong foothold in neighbouring Iraq, Afghanistan and Israel and is posing offensive threat to Iran. US feels that occupation of seaports of Pakistan with a little force is well within their reach. US is equipping India with sophisticated armament to counter Pakistan offensive capability, in case, she ventures to come to Iran's rescue. There are a few salient conclusions of the above analysis:

1. Iran is well equipped and a morally motivated nation. It has a long history of being a superpower during the pre-Islamic era and geopolitically well linked with the neighbouring power groups. Simple run over like Iraq and Afghanistan by US is therefore not possible.

Karachi Port for making a 'bridge-head'. She would make safe access for India to provide logistic support to the US forces. In this regard she would neutralise Pakistan military capabilities through electronic jamming and containing its troops through limited offensive on Eastern and Western borders and to block and keep China away from the battlefield. Both US and India know that any intrusion in Pakistan would invoke China's bitter reaction against them. All these reactions would result into a world war. In brief the big powers would make Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India as the battleground. In this scenario both India and Israel would launch preemptive strike on Pakistan's nuclear strongholds and defence installations. As declared by Pakistan that any attempt on its nuclear installation would amount to strong reaction against that country. This reaction, under all possibility, would initiate nuclear war. Both Russia and China would also react to guard their strategic interests in Iran and Pakistan respectively. Initiation of nuclear weapons would amount to mass destruction and elimination of most of the global civilisation. Vast areas littered with human bodies would serve as feast for the Gog Magog. Revelation of Gog and Magog is not a fiction but a reality as revealed in the Holy Quran "Until the Gog and Magog (people) are let through (their barrier) and they swiftly swarm from every hill." (21:96). Only Allah knows when and from where this revelation would materialise.

However, we should view the situation from our perspective and at diplomatic level make intensive effort to mellow down the likely confrontational precipitation. We should convey our concerns to US of Indo-US pact and its likely effects on Pakistan and our region as a whole. Effort should be made to convince US of keeping a military balance in the region. India must also realise that getting into arms race with the ambition of attaining big power status is not yet beneficial at this stage. Deprivation of social amenities and mass poverty can result into disintegration of India. These developments would certainly disturb the regional equilibrium and create adverse effect of serious dimension both in India and in the peripheral states. Nevertheless, Pakistan must maintain, rather further strengthen ties with China. It is added that the above developments also directly affect China. We should develop closer relations with Russia and Europe. However, needless to mention that we must maintain good neighbourly relations with Iran and Afghanistan, which must be further strengthened both economically and politically. In brief our strength can be projected through our internal political stability, strong internal unity, economic strength and strong 'Yakeen' in our 'Iman'.