

War is one of the constants of history
undiminished by civilization or democracy.

In the past 3436 yrs of recorded history,

only 268 have seen no war.

War is when opposing states prosecute violence
in entire spectrum by military organizations
with suspension of international law (conventions)
for subjugation of adversary
to determine future destiny of society.

Vs

Conflicts

Competition (Tension)



Confrontation (Trigger)



Conflict (Tempo)



Combat

ENVIRONMENT OF CONFLICT

- **Global Impact.**
- **Want or Oppose Change.**
- **Influence to Interest.**
- **Operational to Strategic Space.**
- **5th Generation War.**
- **Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous.**
- **Violence and Lethality.**
- **Strategic Impatience To Exit Conflict.**
- **Vulnerability of Democracies?**

CAUSES

Core Interests

Existential

Hegemony

Asymmetry

Resources

Points

Geo-political Trap

WAR

- Force to Compel
- Conventional
- Operational Space
- Military Targeted
- Short Duration
- End State – Destroy/ Defeat
- Force = Mass x Acceleration

CONFLICT

- Active Antagonism
- Hybrid + Collusive
- Strategic Space
- Govt Targeted
- Ongoing/ Prolonged
- End State – Advantageous Space
- Violence = Force / Time

Conventional Space Reducing

Hybrid War

can be stated as simultaneous & synchronous war

by all conventional, unconventional and high-tech means using mil

and non-mil asymmetries (CNP)

in a multi-domain and multi-front operation

against **people oriented targets**

within the desired escalation level.

FIRST GEN	SECOND GEN	THIRD GEN	FOURTH GEN
Up-to Late 19 th Century	Early 20 th Century	Mid 20 th Century	Late 20 th Century
Force on Force	Alliances	RMA	Conflict with CNP
Mil Personnel	Mil Capability	Mil Capacity	Mil Capacity & Govt
Capture	Capture	Defeat	Damage Demoralisation
Geometrical	Positional	Manoeuvre	Hybrid
Morals	Less Morals	Conventions	Unrestricted
	Chemical & Bio	NBC	Asymmetries
	Civil Wars	Cold Wars	Cyber, Clandestine
	Ltd Industry	Industrialisation	High Tech

FOURTH GEN	FIFTH GENERATION / NEW GEN CONFLICT
Late 20 th Century	Early 21 st Century (2022)
Conflicts, CNP	Power Projection in Area of Interest
Mil Capacity & Govt	Dual Capacity, Critical Infrastructure, Sup Chains
Damage Demoralisation	Advantageous Space/ Leverage / Destruction/ Defeat
Hybrid	Intense Grey Zone - Deniable
Unrestricted	Synchronous, Multi Domain, Multi-Front
Asymmetries	Stealth, Remote, Civilian Warriors, Intense
Cyber, Clandestine	Social Media, Covert Subversion Ops , Decapitation
High Tech	Under Intense Scrutiny

DIMENSIONS OF WAR

Land

Sea

Air

Sub-surface

NBC

Unrestricted & Collusive

Cyber

Space

Information & Lexicon

ESCALATION MATRIX

BMP

Cold W

NWNP & IPB

Asymmetry - Deter

Assertive & Unrestricted

Civil & Information War

Coercive, Ltd Ops

Collusive Hot War

NBC

END STATE

Restore Status Quo

Assertive Deterrence

Coercive Degradation

Capture Desired Territory

Ceasefire on Own Terms

Decisive Victory

Strategic Withdrawal



**US-ISRAEL-IRAN
WAR**

WAR AIMS : USA & ISRAEL

- Destroy Iran's Nuclear Enrichment Capacity.
- Break Iran's Allies (Axis of Resistance).
- Degrade Iran's Regional Influence.
- Restore Regional Dominance and Deterrence.
- Protect Interests and Control Persian Gulf Oil.
- Contain Russian – Chinese Influence.
- Decapitate Iran's Command Structure – Remove Hostile Govt.
- Bring a Regime Change Through Popular Uprising.
- Destroy Iranian Military Capacity – Navy, Air & Rkt Forces.
- Coerce Iran to Negotiate Dis-honourable Peace.

WAR AIMS : IRAN

- **Protect Islamic Republic (Existential Threat) and Allies.**
- **Demonstrate** Leverage over Persian Gulf.
- **Reset Global Order**, Gain Political & Diplomatic Concessions.
- **Expose US Inability to Protect Gulf States (Sunni Region).**
- **Contain CIA/ Mossad Clandestine Ops (Regime Change).**
- **Survive/ Endure to Win** with Controlled Escalation.
- **Win Narrative War and Create Domestic Pressure in US.**
- **Scatter US Resources & Impose High War Costs.**
- **Negotiate Peace on Own Terms.**

US ISRAEL OFFENSIVE

Perception

Pressure

Intelligence Ops

Decapitation

Destruction Mil Targets

Assassinations

Destruction Dual Use Targets

Threats & Conning

Off-ramp Solutions

IRAN DEFENSE

Deep Preparation

Broaden Scope of War

Narrative Control

Attrition by Volume

Encourage Ground Invasion

Blockade/ Ship Insurance

Stand-off Offensive

Coastal Defense

Sub-surface Capacity

PRESENT STATUS

- Iran not Weak, US Israel Not Aligned, Alliances Unwilling.
- Fatigue, Global & Domestic pressure, Low Resources - Off-ramp.
- Oil is Oil, Data Can Wait.

IRAN

- Remove Eco Sanctions – Share Taxes, **Allow US Investment.**
- Agree to Some Nuclear Safeguards & **Reduced Msl Capacity.**
- Realign **Perspectives** w/o Regime Change.
- Increased **Influence** in the Muslim World.
- Increased **Leverage.**

PRESENT STATUS

- **USA**

- **Power Projection Through Aircraft Carriers Ltd.**
- **No Boots on Ground, Immense Domestic Pressure.**
- **NATO Dis-integrating/ Weakening.**
- **False Confidence, Under-estimating Enemy.**
- **Flawed Assessment/ Assumptions.**
- **Tech Superiority No Guarantee to Success.**
- **Political Interference in Mil Ops Forcing Change in Hierarchy.**
- **Demoralisation?**

PRESENT STATUS

- **ISRAEL**

- **Not as Secure, War Not an Option.**
- **Expansionism Will Find Greater Resistance.**
- **Assassinations of No Value.**
- **Marginalized?**

- **GCC**

- **Not Protected or Insulated – Review Options?**
- **No Stomach For War or Ability to Handle High Tech.**
- **Investors Trust Eroded.**

CEASEFIRE

- **Both Sides Desperate, Both Need Dignified Exit.**
- **Boots being unacceptable, the only option – cool off or.....**
- **Narrow and Unstable Window.**
- **Intent** is Peace or Tac Pause/ Reset Objectives.
- **WMD & Lebanon Remain A Leverage.**
- **Inability of Diplomacy or Incremental Violations Limit Ceasefire.**
- **Spoilers – Divergent Interests, Israel, Russo-China, Deep State, Axis Of Resistance.**
- **Restore Status Quo with Some Trade-offs?**

IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA

Historical Disputes

Insecure Democracies

Insurgencies & Unrestricted W

Terrorism & Radicalism

WMD

Geo-political Interference

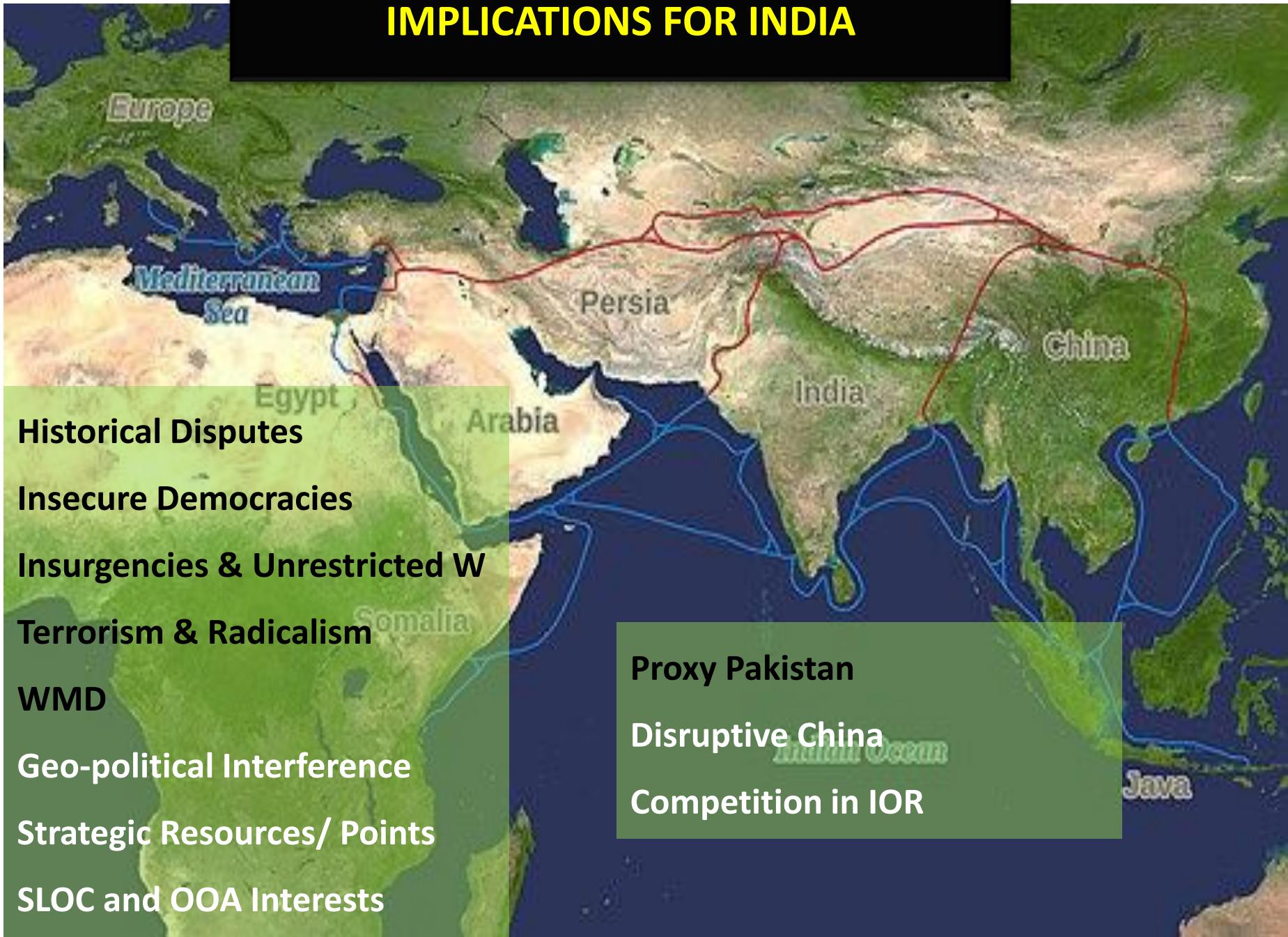
Strategic Resources/ Points

SLOC and OOA Interests

Proxy Pakistan

Disruptive China

Competition in IOR



STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA

- **Avoid Geo-political Traps.**
- **Ltd Change to Op Structure as Enemy at Unsettled Borders.**
- **Better Integration** to Combat Collusive & Unrestricted Threats.
- **Regional & Global Impact of Mil Ops.**
- **Retain Threat in Being but Find End State Within Grey Z?**
- **Victory Impossible w/o Boots - Prepare For Resolution of OOACs?**
- **Seizing Opportunity w/o Sync Op Readiness With End State.**
- **Long Duration Conflict Needs Quantity Over Quality - WWR.**
- **Self Reliance with Redundancies – Intelligence Capacity.**
- **Israel Tech/ Intelligence Support Vital?**

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA

- **Content Writing** for Information War.
- Think Tanks, Expert Groups, Research Agencies.
- **Predict Global Shocks** - Improve Economic Security.
- Absorb or Offset Cost of War – **Eco War** More Destructive? In a Global Order, Unilateral Mil Actions May be Resisted.
- **Pragmatism** ‘Not an Era For war & Vishw-mitra, Din-bandhu’?
- Illusions vs Reality and Burden of Unwilling Allies.
- **Insulating** Govt in Democracy – Shift to Mvre?
- Whole of Nation Approach.

OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA

- Restructuring Theatre Commands & Rapid Response Forces.
- Protection & Dispersal of WWR – **Review UNHD.**
- Hardening of C4I Systems with Redundancies.
- Defend **Areas of Vital Significance** & Choke Points?
- Layered Air Defense Against Intelligent Munitions.
- Capability for **Stand-off Offensive** to Deny Ground For Ltd Time?
- Watch Enemy Asymmetry in Chosen Domain & Covert Support.
- Intense **War Fatigue** – Fitness, Endurance, Robustness.
- **PME** From Regional to Continental & Global.

**When a State Defies International Law,
Violates Human Rights,
Is Aggressive, Unpredictable & Unilateral,
Sponsors Terror
Is a Hegemon
& Threatens to Use WMD
Is Called**



Thanks