

World War -III – From Disguised and Dispersed Form to Full-Fledged Form: Five Global Leaders Can Control It!

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Abstract:

Today, the world is standing on a nuclear base of destruction, mainly because of conflicts between powerful countries in different parts of the world. In view of recently ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine in the Eastern Part of Europe on the one side and between Israel and Proxy militants of Gaza, West Bank, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and others backed by some countries like Iran, Turkey and others in the Middle East on the other side. In both sides of war fronts, there are allies of powerful countries continuously supporting the war being behind the screen from the beginning. On the one side, USA and some European countries of NATO have been supporting Ukraine and Israel, while Iran, North-Korea and China are supporting Russia and Proxies of Iran on the other side. In fact, in these two fronts of war, several actors are involved in flaming and escalating the situation, which led to one of the worst disasters of the twenty-first century. In fact, there are a number of other fronts of war between bordering tensed countries as awaited to explode very soon in 2025. Thus, in view of recently growing war fronts, the future of humanity is uncertain and people now-a-days are scared about their future. At this juncture, almost all the countries of the world visibly or invisibly, directly or indirectly, have been divided into two contending blocks of Super Powers. On the one side European countries of NATO led by USA and allied countries while on the other side Russia-China-North-Korea- Iran and some other allied countries are found combating against each other through different means including war related policies and sanctions. In fact, this situation of World War-III has arisen mainly due to vested interests and geo-political “expansionist approach” of some powerful dominant countries and their governing elite who are hankering after a greed for conquering more and more land enriched with natural resources. If this war situation is not controlled by five dominant global leaders as suggested by the author, the various wars fronts which are coming up dispersedly over the last decades, are most likely to be transformed from a disguised form to a full-fledged form and exploded into World War-III devastating a large portion of the world as it has been predicted by some scholars including Baba Vanga, a blind Bulgarian clairvoyant.

Introduction:

About three *decades back*, one of the social scientists, Samuel Huntington, in his book “The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order” (1996) had visualized about the decline of human civilization after the World War-III. The period when Samuel Huntington completed his book in early 1990s was a turning point in the history of humanity, in the sense that the period of Cold War was over, Soviet Union collapsed and some of its states were made free as independent nation states; Capitalism

based on ICT flourished and democratic European nation-states of NATO led by USA became dominant all over the world while challenging the Marxist Socialism and Communism based countries like Russia and China; dominance of USA rising tensions among Muslim people in the Islamic countries of Middle East; emergence of new economic policy with Structural Adjustment Programmes influenced by GAAT, WTO, IMF and rise of new incarnations namely LPG (liberalization, privatization and globalization) along with westernization, modernization, democratization, bureaucratization and industrialized marketization etc., all these gave rise to increasing new problems, crimes, conflicts, protest movements and tensions among common masses and organized militant groups throughout world. In view of growing geo-political conflicts on the one side, while strengthening of unity among the Muslims and Christians on the other side, led some scholars to predict about the World War-III. Thus, Samuel Huntington predicted that the World War –III is in near future between two major contending war blocks - Islamic countries with their allied countries of the world on the one side and the capitalist countries of America, Europe and other supporting countries on the other side.

Today, the world is standing on a nuclear base of destruction, mainly because of conflicts between powerful countries in different parts of the world, particularly in the Middle East of mostly Islamic countries surrounding one dominant country of Yehudis – Israel at one war front while there is another war front between Russia and Ukraine in the Eastern Europe. In both the war fronts, Israel and Russia are not only powerful with nuclear weapons but also are supported by their respective allies enriched with nuclear power. Besides these two war fronts are most likely to trigger other larger war fronts in different parts of the world very soon signalling a massively destructive nuclear World War-III. On the one side, Russia is having highest nuclear weapons in the world and allied with Belarus, Iran, North-Korea, China and others, while Israel and Ukraine are allied with some European countries of NATO including USA and other countries. USA has the second largest nuclear weapons in the world as leading NATO while both France and England of European countries have about 525 nuclear weapons, followed by China and North-Korea, though they have multiplied their nuclear weapons recently. Although Belarus and Ukraine do not have their own but there are some bases of nuclear weapons in these countries and their allies have thousands of nuclear weapons. In the Middle East the two rivalries mainly Israel and Iran have their own bases nuclear weapons but not disclosed officially as such. Similarly, two more rivalries in the south Asia - India and Pakistan have hundreds of nuclear weapons. Although a large number of countries in the world do not have nuclear weapons but the super power USA of NATO has opened nuclear bases in some of those countries at different parts of the world. On the other side, the rivalry block of NATO countries consisting of Russia, China, North-Korea and Iran are not only militarily more powerful but also, they have highest nuclear war heads as compared to rest countries of the world Even then, today all most all countries of the world are more or less enriched with advanced modern military weapons which are also meant for mass destruction.

Thus, in view of recently growing war fronts, the future of humanity is uncertain and people now-a-days are scared about their future. Even people have started believing on catastrophic predictions of some mystics. For example, people are believing on Baba Vanga, a blind Bulgarian clairvoyant as popular for her precognitive capacities to predict about future of humanity, who is again at the centre of common people's attention for her shocking predictions about the threats to humanity. Apparently, the latest predictions have raised concern among her followers and the public as they predict that the apocalypse is anticipated to begin in 2025, despite the fact that humanity will not be completely

eradicated until 5079, as stated in the timeline of her predictions. Furthermore, Baba Vanga went on to state that a conflict in Europe would ‘devastate’ the continent’s population by 2025.

This prophecy of Baba Vanga is worrying the people, particularly in light of the ongoing conflicts and tensions in the recent geopolitics of European, Asian and Middle East countries. On the one side, the last three years of war between Russia along with its allies (Belarus, Iran, North-Korea, China and others) against Ukraine along with its allies (some European countries of NATO and USA) while on the other side, Israel along with its allies (some European countries of NATO and USA) against the proxy militants of Iran as allied with Russia, Belarus, North-Korea, China and others) are most likely to open other war fronts and draw a devastating nature of nuclear war very soon in 2025.

To substantiate it further in detail, this prediction of Baba Vanga seems to be true in view of recently ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine in the Eastern Part of Europe on the one side and between Israel and Proxy militants of Gaza, West Bank, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and others backed by some countries like Iran, Turkey and others in the Middle East on the other side. In both sides of war fronts, there are allies of powerful countries continuously supporting the war being behind the screen from the beginning. On the one side, USA and some European countries of NATO have been supporting Ukraine and Israel, while Iran, North-Korea and China are supporting Russia and Proxies of Iran on the other side. In fact, in these two fronts of war, several actors are involved in flaming and escalating the situation, which led to one of the worst disasters of the twenty-first century. As conflict rises to frightening levels in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, at both fronts of war, there is a continuous bombardment causing heavy loss of infrastructure and lives. Thus, many people all over the world are fearing as if we are just one more disaster away from World War -III. As the war situation unfolds, many people are left wondering to raise a question: Could this conflict escalate into a larger global confrontation? The interplay of military action, strategic responses, and international alliances could easily lead to broader implications. While historical context offers some insights, the unique dynamics of this conflict raise pressing questions about the future.

The conflicts in the Middle East have been intensified much more during last two years as Israel has been engaged in a multi-front war against the Iranian proxy militants based in Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and more recently against Iran. This escalation comes amidst the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war in the Eastern Europe, which began in 2022. Behind these two fronts of war, there is involvement of some European countries of NATO led by USA who had also been involved in the earlier two World Wars followed by the Cold War. Recently, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine from 2022 till today has brought war into Europe for the first time since World War -II. Since Ukraine, with the support of some European countries of NATO led by USA, strongly retaliated against Russia’s frequent attacks as well as fired drones and missiles deep into Russia besides annexing some parts of Western Russia, the Russian military forces have further attacked deep into Ukraine while annexing further and taking control of about 25 % of Eastern- Southern Ukraine. Meanwhile, different attempts by some global leaders have been failed to bring about any lasting solution and even frequent attempts for ceasefire have also been failed. On the contrary, both the war fronts have been increasingly much more violent and destructive over the years. These two war fronts have led to growing concerns that the war situation may evolve into a broader global conflict, potentially even another larger devastating and destructive World War that is World War –III which will very soon entail a number war fronts in different parts of the world, between bordering countries.

In fact, there are a number of other fronts of war between bordering tensed countries as awaited to explode very soon such as between Russia and European countries of NATO- between China and USA, between North Korea and South Korea-Japan, between China and Taiwan-Philippines, between China and QUAD (USA, Japan, India and Australia), between Russia and America, between Israel-America and some European countries on the one side and Islamic countries on the other side backed by Russia, China and North-Korea. Besides, there are also some other fronts of war which may appear at any time whenever the tension of border issues reaches at the peak, for instance between India and Pakistan, between India and China, between India and Bangladesh, between Afghanistan and Pakistan, Between Armenia and Ajarbhaijan, between militants of African countries, between USA and Canada, between USA, (including Latin American countries) and Green-Land, as allied with some European countries and a number of other countries in the world.

At this juncture, almost all the countries of the world visibly or invisibly, directly or indirectly, have been divided into two contending blocks of Super Powers. On the one side European countries of NATO led by USA and allied countries while on the other side Russia-China-North-Korea- Iran and some other allied countries are found combating against each other through different means including war related policies and sanctions. In fact, this situation of World War-III has arisen mainly due to vested interests and geo-political expansionist approach of some powerful dominant countries and their governing elite who are hankering after a greed for conquering more and more land enriched with natural resources. Therefore, we think of two contending blocks of allied and supportive countries for the unfolding of the World War-III. On the one side the European countries of NATO led by USA and on the other side, anti-NATO and European countries led by Russia, Iran, North-Korea and China. Many other countries are likely to join and to be allied with any these two contending blocks when the war reaches at the peak. While looking at these two contending blocks, as if, it seems that the World War-III is also going to be somehow based on a Marxist approach of revolution between the capitalist cum democratic countries of Europe and USA on the one side, while the socialist cum communist countries of Russia and China on the other side. Besides, there is possibility of integration of some other countries in either side mainly due to their vested interests of geo-political economy.

In reality, leaders of some dominant countries are directly or indirectly, behind the screen, involved in the ongoing conflicts with their vested interests of endless desire for controlling more and more natural resources which is the most important reasons of war situation today throughout world. In the context of current war fronts, Mr. Putin of Russia is determined to enrage its territory for making again Soviet Union, while Mr. Netanyahu of Israel is geared in full swing for making “Greater Israel”. On the other side, their allies either implicitly or explicitly seem to have dominance in their respective regions and drive for territorial expansion. Ali Hosseini Khamenei and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan are two popular and dominant leaders in the Middle East are striving to become “Khalifa” and enlarge their dominance throughout all Islamic countries in the region. Both Turkey and Iran have a history of dominance in the Middle East. While European countries of NATO, from the beginning, achieved success in gradually enlarging and empowering towards East and closure to Russia. Similarly, China has been hankering after its drive for territorial expansion in the south China sea zone and Indo-China border. While North-Korea also does have similar drive for expansion towards South Korea. Even USA under the leadership of Donald Trump has recently expressed its drive for territorial expansion in order to make “Greater America”. All these manifested intensions of dominant global leaders indicate that a disguised “drive for territorial expansionism” has led to economic and military enrichment of dominant countries in the

world which seems to be the most important causes for the rise of different war fronts further signaling to pull a full-fledged World War -III very soon in 2025.

If the growing greed of dominant leaders for territorial expansionism is not stopped and if the ongoing conflicts and growing tension between/among countries at the war fronts of Eastern Europe and Middle East is not kept under control soon, the fire of these war fronts is most likely to catch the larger fire covering many of the countries of world in faster speed culminating into a full-fledged World War-III with the use of most devastating nuclear weapons as many of those are in a ready mode to be thrown by a number of unclearly powerful countries of both the contending war blocks.

In fact, the nature and form of the World War –III is going to be different from the earlier World War-II and the World War-I, not only in terms of infrastructural destruction, environmental degradation and loss of lives, but also in terms of devastating military weapons used in the battlefields such as electronic and space war, bio-chemical nuclear weapons, advanced generational fighter jets, warfare ships, Pandubis, robots and drones, besides heavy bombs, war artilleries, vehicles, air-defense systems, hypersonic and supersonic nuclear head missiles of short, medium and long range. Moreover, the traditional and bio-chemical weapons are also more likely to be used whenever needed. In this way, the World War-III is ahead in order to destroy not only infrastructure and resources of the world but also to extinct the mass of lives including human beings and ecological system of the world. If a full-fledged stage of World War-III is going to take place soon, then huge loss of human life and drastic economic recession and even much more losses in the form of infrastructural and environmental destruction, extinction of massive human population along with all pervasive economic recession and political disorder at both national and global levels are most likely to follow very soon in 2025.

It is also believed that the most awaited World War –III has already been started but in a disguised form of incarnation. Recently, before the war between Israel (with some allied countries of Europe and USA) and Proxy militants of Iran in Gaza strip of Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and Oman and other allied countries in the Middle East, there had already emerged the war between Russia and Ukraine, besides there was a short period of war between Armenia and Azerbaijan (which were earlier a part of Soviet Union) in the early 2020s, did have destructive catastrophic effects in form of massive infrastructural, environmental and humanitarian loss. Even further earlier decades back, a number of sporadic wars between different countries along with Cold War between USA and Russia just after the World War-II, indicate a significant background of the emerging World War-III. In all these war fronts, one of the most common factors and key players is the involvement of some European countries of NATO led by USA as against their enemies consisting of Russia, China and their allies. Thus, recently unfolding of the World War-III in a disguised form can be well understood in terms of its historical background and geo-political economy. Besides the changing world order as accompanied by the World War-III can also be explained in the context of “religious civilizational crash” as it is taking place in the war front of Middle East and elsewhere.

Historical Background and Geo-Political Economy of World War-III

The World War III is often considered by scholars in literature as a hypothetical future of global conflict subsequent to World War-I (1914–1918) and World War-II (1939–1945). As a reminder, World War -I was waged between 28 July 1914 and 11 November 1918, while World War-II began just after 21 years later on 1 September 1939 and lasted until 2 September 1945. The World War-I (1914-1918) was a global conflict primarily involving European nations, resulting in over 9 million military deaths and

significant political changes, including the fall of dominant empires. It was triggered by complex alliances and nationalism, leading to trench warfare and widespread destruction. Then, the World War-II (1939-1945) followed, involving many of the same nations but on a larger scale, with devastating consequences, including the Holocaust and the use of atomic bombs by USA on Hiroshima and Nagasaki of Japan. It was driven by the rise of totalitarian regimes and unresolved issues from the World War I, ultimately leading to the establishment of the United Nations. However, both wars actually reshaped global economy, international politics and the nature of modern society, marking significant turning points in the history of humanity. In both the earlier world wars, there two contending power blocks of countries namely Mitra-Shakti (Friends Power) and Kendra-Shakti (Centralized Power). Recently, in view of growing conflicts and different war fronts in Eastern Europe and Middle East, majority of countries of the world seem to be divided into two contending power blocks.

Today, it is believed that the World War-III has already been started but it is in a disguised form along with the recently ongoing conflicts between Russia-Ukraine in the Eastern part of Europe on the one side and Israel and Iranian proxy militants in the Middle East on the other side. In both these currently on-going war fronts, there are also contending two blocks of super powers of the world - the allied NATO and European countries led by USA on the one side while Russia and allied countries on the other side, found as actively involved. In fact, the situation of war in the Middle East is highly volatile, while further east, the Russia-Ukraine war continues to unfold with much more destructive form. Thus, the world seems perilously close to the outbreak of World War III. On the social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter), recent discussions about World War-III have surged, becoming a prominent topic world over. A number of global leaders have been frightened in view of growing World War situation today. Earlier US president Donald Trump also raised alarms of the World War -III.

Even earlier, before he was elected second time as the President of USA, while criticizing the policies of former President of America Joe Bidden, former US president Donald Trump said that the recent escalation of Russia-Ukraine war followed by the Israel-Iran conflict is a sign that the world is heading towards World War -III. Actually, Donald Trump raised alarms of the World War -III. At the same time, he attacked on the former President of America Mr. Joe Biden and also Vice-President - Kamala Harris for not doing enough to control the tensions in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. He said that during his tenure in USA, “we had no war in the Middle East, no war in Europe, and Harmony in Asia, no inflation, no Afghanistan catastrophe. Instead, we had peace. Now, war or the threat of war is raging everywhere”. During his campaign for his second time tenure of president, Mr.Trump also staunchly criticized on the earlier policies of former president Mr. Bidden as responsible for the opening of war fronts at different parts of the world especially in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. He also assured that after being elected again, he will stop the Russia-Ukraine war very soon (The Economic Times-04-10-2024).

Even then after his swearing ceremony, Mr. Trump immediately took action in the line of halting the war between Ukraine and Russia and made some drastic changes in policies of USA. In the beginning of his second time tenure, Mr. Trump’s double-edged policy, on the one side has dis-annoyed some European countries leading to possible breakdown of NATO while pleasing Russia and China to some extent for the time being. On the other side of war front in Middle East, his policy of displacing the Gaza people to some other countries like Egypt, Zordan, Syria and some African countries and strategy of supporting Israel to attack further more on its rivalries mainly the proxy militants of Iran, besides his threats to Iran particularly its drive for nuclear power and support to its proxies, has further aggravated

much more tension among the Muslims in the Arabian countries. Because Israel with the support of USA and its allies has not only attacked and bombarded frequently on Iranian proxies in Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, but also on Iran some times. Further threats are given by USA to attack on Iran, if it does not stop its nuclear preparation and its support to proxies. But Iran has already strongly reacted to USA and warned to take revenge, if any other further attack takes place on it. If it happens, then there is most likely to be a larger war in the Middle East.

On the other side, although Mr.Trump has attempted to bring a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine through frequent diplomatic dialogues and meeting with teams of two countries, but in vein. Because neither Russia nor Ukraine is in terms with the proposed conditions of ceasefire. Furthermore, both Russia and Ukraine are suspicious to the policy and strategy of USA. Both have doubts on Trump's plan of action as based on vested interests. Thus, the war between Russia and Ukraine continues with larger form and consequences of loss from both sides. It seems that the war is going to be larger with nuclear war between Russia and European Union or NATO very soon. It is because USA and EU have a very strong ties since the period of World War-II helping each other during every crisis. Again, from the beginning of Russia-Ukraine war, they have been supporting Ukraine against Russia. Actually, majority countries of European Union, barring some of its countries, currently do not prefer a ceasefire attempts of Mr. Trump because they are scared at Russia to have next attack on them after Ukraine. Therefore, being behind the screen, many European countries have been supporting Ukraine to be busy in fighting with Russia. At the same time, they have been urging USA to strongly back Ukraine for their own vested interests, since the tenure of former president of USA Mr. Joe Bidden.

It is because USA under the leadership of Joe Bidden had played a key role in the accentuation of war at the two fronts. In fact, USA has been actively involved in almost all kinds of international conflicts and wars wherever took place since the World War-II. In this way, USA has been playing its supremacy throughout world and maintaining the world order. This supremacy of USA has also been strengthened mainly due to its association with NATO since after World War-II. Since then, USA has been leading all the NATO countries and funding a major portion for the security of its member countries. Even some European countries of the NATO like UK, France and Germany have often exercised their dominance in the global affairs, due to their association with USA in NATO. At this juncture of conflict at different war fronts today, some European countries of NATO and USA have played a key role in the accentuation of conflicts between various countries on the one side. While on the other side, the dominance of NATO led by USA over all other countries in the world since the period of World War-II and made envious to other super powers mainly Russia, China and their allies who have stood in different war fronts for dismantling the world order and opening a larger ground for the World War-III. Even after Mr. Trump became president of USA second time, he started to withdraw support from European countries of NATO because of financial burden on USA and wastage of its funds during last three years of Russia-Ukraine war. At the same time, he attempted continuously through different meetings in different places in order to have a ceasefire and to stop the war but all his efforts went in vain. Afterall, the EU became strict and continued to support Ukraine which further intensified the war leading to a fear for a nuclear war between EU and Russia very soon.

The Background of Russia and Ukraine War in Eastern Europe: -

Today, the Russia-Ukraine War stands out as a significant conflict profoundly affecting both regional and global stability. This conflict has resulted in countless deaths along with millions having been

displaced which in turn led to an ongoing humanitarian crisis. Despite attempts at resolution and infrequent fighting in its second year of existence, the conflict remained unstable. Millions of individuals have been impacted by this ongoing conflict significantly. The consequences extend beyond merely local affairs but also have critical geopolitical ramifications globally from food scarcity to energy crises, and refugee emergencies.

Geo-politically speaking, this war has resulted in a significant shift as Russia faces greater isolation and scrutiny from the global community while Ukraine seeks stronger ties with Western European powers and USA. Despite an unstable ceasefire agreement which was often breached, Russia used their infantry soldiers together with artillery while crossing over to Ukraine through the border in its massive military attack. The fighting quickly expanded beyond expectations after Ukraine was taken aback by the unexpected assault resulting in heavy loss of life on either side. In response to worldwide criticism of the conflict between them, Russia was hit with penalties whereas Ukraine was provided with military support from European countries of NATO led by USA. During its third year of existence, Ukraine with the support of the Western countries not only threw missiles and drones deep into Russia and heavily destroyed military infrastructure and energy places in order to weaken Russian economy but also annexed the Kursk region of Russia. In reaction, Russian army also devastated Ukrainian cities and heavily destroyed infrastructure and energy places. With the war now in its third year, Russia has maintained control over nearly one-fifth of Ukraine, while Kyiv continues to receive military and financial support from Western allies. The war became much more destructive during its third year of existence. With frequent threats of Russia to the western countries, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict is going to be much more dangerous with the risk of a nuclear accident or incident increasing as the conflict continues with military and intellectual support of some European countries of NATO to Ukraine mainly for their vested interests. Even there has been opposition and breakdown situation in NATO.

Some members of NATO like Hungary, Italy, Turkey, Slovakia and others seem to be in favor of ceasefire as proposed and attempted by USA, while many others, more than 27 countries of NATO led by France, Britain and Germany have been united to support Ukraine against Russia, while USA governed by Mr. Donald Trump has taken action in not only withdrawing its support to Ukraine but also in being away from NATO at this juncture. Earlier the strategies employed by some European countries of NATO as led by USA are committed in offering an array of supports replete with weapon-provisioning, intelligence assistance, and shipping naval-defense, it has turned the situation into a proxy war with Russia, peace talks and diplomacy were not an option instead the western allies are willing to support the Zelensky government as long as it he continues to fight Moscow to the last Ukrainian soldier. In fact, Ukraine is an enriched country of valuable natural resources which have attracted both Russia and NATO. While Ukraine, being independent from earlier Soviet Union in 1990, has been striving to be a member country of NATO for the sake of safety and security from the threat of super power Russia. Russia does not approve Ukraine to be a member country of NATO while Ukraine is sturdy on its stand being strongly supported by European countries of NATO led by USA.

This is one of the most important grounds for which Russia has taken action against Ukraine in February 2022. Actually, the last week of February 2022 witnessed a serious escalation of the confrontation between Russia and Ukraine. Exactly on 24th February 2022, when President of Russia Mr. Vladimir Putin declared the special military operation which marked the beginning of a full-fledged war in Ukraine.

According to Elias Götz and Per Ekman (2024), the reasons for Russia's attack on Ukraine have become a much-debated topic even today. There are mainly three types of explanations that focus, respectively, on (1) Putin's imperial ambitions, (2) domestic factors inside Russia, and (3) external pressures. The first explains Russia's invasion with reference to President Vladimir Putin's worldview and imperial ambitions. A second perspective suggests that regime security considerations account for the Kremlin's decision to attack Ukraine. A third group of scholars explains Russia's war in "realist" terms, describing it as a strategic response to Ukraine's growing geopolitical alignment with the West. Of course, there are facts that do not fit neatly into any of the three perspectives, but most recent arguments and interpretations correspond to one of these perspectives. Each of these three perspectives offers valuable insights but fails to provide a convincing stand-alone account. However, there can be an integrated, multi-causal explanation of why Russia attacked Ukraine in February 2022.

One of the most important reasons could be traced back in the history of Russia's political economy. In fact, a decade back, earlier there had been rising tensions in Ukraine caused by Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and the fighting that occurred subsequently across parts of eastern Ukraine (Ryabushkin, 2022). Although the full-fledged war between Russia and Ukraine started on the 24th of February 2022, but its background can be traced back to a long time before that date. Even though its recent background can be traced back to Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014, but in reality, its root causes lied in the background of Cold War and collapse of former Soviet Union in 1990.

When we go back into its history, we can find that the current war situation is reminiscent of the Cold War era of the late 1950s and 1960s, when the United States and the Soviet Union were engaged in a tense rivalry that nearly led to World War III. During that period, there were several crises that heightened tensions, including the Berlin crisis from 1958 to 1961 and the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. The ongoing Russia – Ukraine war is similarly dangerous, with the risk of a nuclear accident or incident increasing as the conflict persists which again signals the emergence of World War III today.

Although the cold war before 1990 seemed to be a base and background of the World War-III, it was somehow suppressed by the super powers of the world with the collapse of earlier USSR. It was because Russia was not fully prepared then to face the challenges and bear the financial burden of heavy expenditure of war mainly due to internal conflicts, economic recession and financial crisis. At the same time, many other countries of the world were recovering themselves and were at the formative stage of economic development and political stability after the World War-II. During this period Cold War, there were several crises that had also heightened tensions between Russia and USA led NATO of European countries, including the Berlin crisis from 1958 to 1961 and the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. Though there has been talk of World War III almost from the day World War II ended. But, despite dangerous proxy wars in Vietnam, Afghanistan, Angola and so on, the world has never been such close to a nuclear conflict since the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. Even before 1990 and after 1990, there were a number of sporadic and occasional wars between some countries like Indo-China war, Indo-Pak war, the war with USA in Vietnam, Afghanistan and so on, but there was not such height of geo-political tense situation between powerful countries backed by allied countries of contending blocks enriched with advanced military warfare weapons, as it is today.

Being behind the screen, the same NATO also had a key role in the Cold War between Russia and USA after the World War-II which led to collapse of earlier the most powerful Soviet Union in 1990. Since then, the Russian people especially elite and media have been anti-Western Europe and NATO. Again, this NATO has been a key player in the Ukraine – Russia war during last three years from the beginning,

the fire of which has already been rapidly spread in the Middle East where some of the NATO countries including USA and UK have also been very much active in continuously supporting Israel's bombardments in Gaza, West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen in reaction to proxy militants of Iran. As a result, this conflict has further raised tensions between some of the Middle East countries including Iran to jump into a larger war very soon. In fact, the block of NATO-European countries led by USA have been involved in almost all fronts of war wherever took place or likely to take place, as against an anti-block consisting of Russia, Iran, North-Korea, Belarus, China and some other allied countries.

The NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization), was formed in 1949 and now it has 31 members from Europe and North America. The emergence of NATO was a turning point in the history of Europe making it the most enriched and dominant block in the world since the World War-II. Today every bordering country of Europe prefers to join NATO because, earlier each member country of NATO had pledged to protect each other if attacked by any country from outside of NATO. The current member countries of NATO are: Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. Some of these countries which were earlier part of Soviet Union, have already joined the NATO which fired Russia to protest against this trend. Due to a pact with NATO, it would take just one attack on any member country, which includes the nation-states closer to the conflict such as Poland, for the organization to enter into an all-out war (Sajadi 2022, 2024).

Over the years, this NATO has been adding more and more western countries including the bordering countries of Russia which were earlier as part and parcel of Soviet Union, before its collapse in 1990. Thus, one of the main reasons for the rise of conflict between Russia and Ukraine which led to a full-fledged war between two countries was the interest of Ukraine to be a member of NATO and NATO was thinking to include one more bordering country of Russia that is Ukraine into its fold. This trend of inclusion and expansionism finally fired Russia to draw a war. It is because, earlier NATO had already added a number of bordering countries of Russia into its fold. Besides conflicts among people based on their original language, a long history of geo-political economy and a recent trend of "territorial expansionism" of dominant countries have also have added fuel to the current fire of Russia-Ukraine war, accompanying vested interests of their allied countries.

Thus, initially, the Russia-Ukraine conflict was bolstered by a variety of grievances. One of the greatest grievances is Moscow's belief that the Western countries of NATO including USA deceived the former Soviet Union by breaking its promises. When the Soviet Union collapsed and the major contributor to its dissolve was the Western Europe which promised to Mikhail Gorbachev (the former and the last leader of the Soviet Union) that the NATO would not attempt to expand towards the East and toward the Russian border (Sarotte, 2014). Thus, after many years, Vladimir Putin – the present president of Russia again, in his 2007 speech to the Munich Security Conference, alleged and accused the Western European countries of ignoring and making false promises, leaving international law wreckage (Traynor, 2007). In specific, the allegation was that then-US Secretary of State - James Baker who failed to keep his promise as made to Mikhail Gorbachev about not expanding the NATO membership towards the East, after German reunification in February 1990 was dismissed consistently by the West, as this was since the commitments were only expressed orally without being noted down in a specific treaty. In essence, the deal which got inked between Russia and Western countries back in September 1990 put restraints

solely on Germany resulting in their ability to choose whichever alliance they wanted - leading them later towards joining up with The Atlantic Alliance. (CVCE.eu, 2016). Thus, the Warsaw Pact came under dissolution.

After dissolution of the Warsaw Pact and without any definite purpose, the NATO still maintained its strength as an organization, enlarged itself and empowered more and more. At that point in time, people of the Western European countries believed that new Russia will swap out old USSR. In fact, the Western European countries took advantage of Russia's weakened condition during the 1990s when there was rampant corruption in the country causing a decline in its economy which led to multiple changes which aimed at integrating or aligning it with the political Western Europe. Thus, the alignment of values and interests led to the formation of a strategic partnership between Russia and Europe later (Kozyrev, 2002).

But, within a decade, the NATO started expanding itself with the addition of new countries and a move towards the East and closer to the border of Russia. To substantiate this fact, in 1999, NATO experienced its first expansion since World War II, while accepting Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic into its fold on the ground that this expansion was to ensure greater security for Europe by surrounding sovereign Germany with NATO countries. At that time, Russia was facing economic crisis, internal conflicts, internal turmoil and tension among people. Therefore, the enlargement drive of NATO was met with little reaction from Russia. Even then, after a few years, a second round of NATO's enlargement took place in 2004, while accepting into its fold seven more countries including Bulgaria, Slovenia, Slovakia, and Romania along with Russia's neighboring countries such as Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia. This attempt of NATO was unbearable to Russia which triggered some fierce reactions from Moscow. It is because the military facilities and armed forces of NATO could be brought right up to the Russian border as a threat to its sovereignty. During this period, since the President of Russia Mr. Putin was busy in consolidating Russia's internal affairs and stabilizing the Russian economy, he remained relatively silent without taking any action against NATO or any of its member country then (Gidadhubli, 2004).

But since 2004 onwards, relations between Russia and the Western countries have begun to deteriorate. A few years later, things got even worse when NATO leaders promised that Georgia and Ukraine would eventually become its members in the Bucharest summit (2008) in which it was supported by Mr. George Bush, President of USA for his open-door policy, as he said in his speech that "NATO's door must remain open to other nations in Europe that share our love for liberty" (David Brunnstrom, 2008). The outcome of this Bucharest summit (2008) also caused to Russia's invasion of Georgia in August 2008. As a result, the independence of Abkhazia and South Ossetia from Georgia was recognized. This incidence clearly demonstrated to the Western European countries that Russia would not tolerate the expansionism and encirclement approach of NATO member states. In fact, the August War was the beginning of a long chain of events aimed not only at Georgia or a regime change in the country, but also at attempting to undermine European security. In this way, Russia was also rebelling against the European system that it felt no longer met its interests and had been imposed on it during a moment of temporary weak-ness" (Asmus, 2010). Since then, President of Russia Mr. Putin has repeatedly expressed Russia's concerns and intentions publicly, stating that making Ukraine a part of the EU and NATO would create a Western stronghold on Russia's border, which he sees as a direct existential threat to the sovereignty and integrity of Russia (Dawar, 2008). On the contrary, the Western European countries have largely ignored these concerns of Russia and instead continued to support the pro-

Western movements and protests, such as the Orange Revolutions. Even then, Washington's pursuit of enlargement has also resulted in further confrontation, rather than cooperation, with Russia, which has led to a power struggle between the two sides (Sajadi 2022, 2024).

In 2010, Viktor Yanukovych was elected as the fourth president of Ukraine, and he was known for his pro-Russian stance. Accordingly, since 2010 Ukraine abandoned the idea of joining NATO and picked an independent position, a \$15 billion counter offer from Russia was favored by Yanukovych over an EU trade deal leading to heightened tensions in 2013. As a result, anti-government demonstrations sparked by this deal which lasted three months only and this demonstration resulted in the deaths of about a hundred people, while the protests in Kiev and Lvov gained momentum with an exponential rise in crowd numbers (BBC, 2013; Sajadi 2022, 2024).

Eventually, Yanukovych was ousted in a violent revolution coup that was allegedly prompted and organized by the central intelligence agency and this led to Washington's involvement. The government was replaced by Petro Poroshenko, who was elected as Ukraine's first president after the coup. Poroshenko was known for his extreme nationalism, pro-Western stance, and anti-Russian sentiment. One of the actions taken by the new government in Ukraine was to change the constitution and repeal a minority language law, which affected the Russian-speaking ethnic people that constitutes about 30% of Ukraine's total population. This change of policy resulted in Russian-speaking individuals feeling like second-class citizens, as they now required interpreters for everyday business transactions (Sajadi 2022, 2024). As a result, the people of Russian-speaking areas in Ukraine were discontented with the revolution that had overthrown the president they had helped elect. Taking advantage of the situation and support of Russian speaking people, Mr. Putin acted against Ukraine and the West by swiftly sending troops and forces to annex Crimea. This was made easier as there were already thousands of Russian troops stationed at a naval base in the Crimean port of Sevastopol, while the ethnic Russians made up about roughly 60%, of Crimea's population, which allowed for a swift takeover without facing significant obstacles. Whereas most of the people in Ukraine expressed a desire to leave the country. Thus, Mr. Putin's actions towards Ukraine became more severe and intensified as he attempted to exert enormous pressure on the new government in Kiev to prevent it from aligning with the West against Moscow. He made it clear that he would rather see Ukraine destroyed as a functioning state than allow it to become a Western stronghold on Russia's doorstep (Mearsheimer, 2014, Sajadi 2022, 2024). This was highlighted by a large pro-Russian rally and anti-government separatist groups that emerged in Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions, collectively known as the Donbas area, in March 2014, shortly after the Euromaidan protest movement and the subsequent Revolution of Dignity. These protests coincided with Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 (Sajadi 2022, 2024).

Then, the abrupt removal of President Yanukovych disrupted the delicate balance of interests between the Kyiv and Donbas regions in Ukraine. This was perceived as a direct threat to the fundamental interests of Ukrainian citizens who spoke Russian, known as Russophone Ukrainians (Petro, 2015). The Donetsk and Luhansk regions asserted their independence from Ukraine and refused to be governed by what they perceived as a revolutionary junta (ALJAZEERA, 2014). This declaration was met with heavy military attacks as initiated by Poroshenko (Marsden, 2014), resulting in a violent conflict between local groups in Donbass, who had formed and financed several paramilitary battalions, and the newly appointed government in Kyiv. This conflict escalated due to the opposing views of the masses, with supporters of the Euromaidan and their opponents in the so-called Anti-Maidan, which largely consisted

of pro-Russian East Ukrainian people who considered the Euromaidan as an illegal coup (Malyarenko, 2019).

This violent conflict in East Ukraine saw a significant escalation between the international talks in Geneva on 17 April 2014 and the first and second Minsk Agreements in September 2014 and February 2015, respectively (Wittke, 2019; Sajadi 2022, 2024). Despite the implications of applying the terms of the agreements, they failed to achieve a peace plan and ceasefire among the warring parties. Furthermore, the Minsk Agreement called for the establishment of local self-government structures in Donetsk and Luhansk, operating under the auspices of a "Ukrainian Law on Special Status" (Group, 2014). However, this provision was never implemented, and the agreement framework collapsed completely after the battle for Debaltseve in January 2015 and brought the system to a halt. As a result, a subsequent round of talks took place in the Normandy Group, comprising Ukraine, Russia, Germany, and France. This diplomatic meeting, held on February 12, 2015, was based on a package of measures known as Minsk II (Parezanović, 2022; (Sajadi 2022, 2024).

During this meeting, President of Russia Mr. Putin, Hollande, Poroshenko, and former chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel, along with representatives from international organizations, negotiated an updated, formal, and structured political settlement for a peace agreement in East Ukraine. According to President of Russia Mr. Putin, Ukraine's refusal to engage in direct talks with representatives from the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) and Luhansk People's Republic (LPR) complicated the already challenging negotiations. This dilemma persisted for years, while both agreements only resulted in a reduction in the intensity of the conflict. However, Kyiv's preferred outcome would have been the reintegration of Donbass area, which led to their reluctance to make concessions regarding autonomy for the region and denial of rights for Russian-speaking minorities in eastern Ukraine. Instead, the government in Kyiv carried out attacks against the people of Donbass area. Prior to the Russian military involvement, Ukraine had been embroiled in a war for eight years which caused the deaths of around 14,000 individuals, including children, and displaced roughly 1.5 million people (Group, 2022; Sajadi 2022, 2024).

Even prior to Russia's military intervention, the situation in Ukraine could be described as genocidal, as the Kiev government carried out attacks against ethnic Russians with the intent of annihilating them partially due to their ethnicity (Kovalik, 2022). Despite attempts by Western media and propaganda to distort these facts, they remain undeniable and are a major root cause of the current crisis in Ukraine. These facts were covered by popular Western press and mainstream media before they became biased and inconvenient to do so, as various technologies, media, social platforms, and press were being recruited for the purpose of demonizing Russia and setting the international community against it. As reported by Reuters, even then the neo-Nazi battalions have been integrated into the official Ukrainian army and police forces, effectively becoming state or quasi-state entities. These right-wing militias, such as Azov, promote antagonism and hatred towards ethnic Russians, and have been responsible for terrorizing, killing, and displacing them (Cohen, 2018). Thus, despite attempts at diplomatic resolution in 2019, the civil war in Ukraine continued to persist which led to attempts for dialogue between Russia and Ukraine in order to reach at a permanent solution. But President of Ukraine Mr. Zelensky, being influenced by some dominant leaders of NATO countries, did not heed to Mr. Putin (President of Russia) which again added fire to the ongoing conflict between two countries for the last three years since 2022(Sajadi 2022, 2024).

Two years before this Russia-Ukraine war started, in 2020, there was spread of Corona virus marked as the Covid-19 Pandemic which not only massively affected humanity as a whole but also created a base for tension between China and USA led Europe, since the virus emerged from China and spread throughout world. In fact, during the period of Covid-19 Pandemic, there was a kind of man-made situation of calamity, the whole world had seen not only a massive loss of millions of people and recession of economy, but also instability in the political affairs of every nation state and disorganization in the socio-cultural life of people, being massively home quarantined. Then, people of almost all the nations of the world were struggling to survive. It was being considered as a Silent Invisible World War against the Virus. On the one side, it was considered by some intellectuals as an act of Nature's revenge, on the other side, it was seen by some others as a "man made" biological weapon created by a kind of "political game" since it had emerged from China's laboratory and soon after it had spread throughout world.

The Pandemic had started to cause heavy loss of lives in American and European countries which were worst affected as compared to all other countries of the world. Therefore, some countries like the American and European countries had a kind of revengeful eyes on China. China was also scared at USA and EU. China was trying best to protect itself while keeping its military in tight. China is also seen as a Super Power following USA and Russia. The secret policies and politics of China could be visible only during this period of Pandemic when China had attempted to annex some portion Galvan area in the northern region of India, as a result there was a military conflict causing a loss of soldiers from both sides during the Covid-19 period, besides, its frequent attempt to encroach small island countries like Taiwan and Philippines in the south Cina sea. At the same time, China had often given threats to USA not to intervene in the internal matter as Taiwan and Philippines as integral part of China. While over the years, USA and some European countries have been militarily supporting Taiwan and Philippines which is not tolerable by China. In fact, there was a kind of silent but not violent global war like situation which was then aborted or suppressed somehow (Nayak K.B.2021).

During this period of Covid-19 Pandemic, there was a solid ground for the World War-III because of the emerging anti-USA countries like China, Iran and North Korea. China also attempted to take support of Russia, but Russia was silent on the emerging global tension and conflict. In fact, many countries of the world including USA and EU were in situation of heavy stress and tension. Psychological condition of people had been disturbed and the patience of governments have been less and less. While the military preparation of China for domination and geographical expansion has increased by leaps and bounds which was supposed to pave the way for the World War-III. It was predicted by some scholars including the present author that the World War-III is most likely to take place in full swing very soon since the "ego" of dominant Super Power capitalist countries i.e. USA, European Unions and their supporting nation states on the one side, while on the other side, the socialist or communist countries i.e Russia, China and their supporting nation states, is affected by the global politics of geo-political economy, in which these countries of two contending blocks were found revengeful against each other for their vested interests. But Russia was in a cooled position that time. Therefore, the present author had viewed that as long as Russia is cooled, there cannot be World War-III (Nayak K.B.2021). Fortunately, that time, the World War-III was somehow avoided by the dominant countries mainly because almost all the countries were struggling to cope with changing scenario and economic recession. Soon after the period of Covid-19 pandemic, though many things changed but some new conflicts emerged between some nation states.

By the end of Covid-19 Pandemic period, there was a war between Armenia and Ajarbhaijan (earlier parts of Soviet Union) which also invited Russia and NATO countries to intervene and maintain order in the region as adjacent to Eastern European countries while another war between Russia and Ukraine emerged with the support of NATO countries to Ukraine. When the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine reached at the peak, on February 24th, 2022, President of Russia Mr. Vladimir Putin declared the special military operation marked the beginning of a full-fledged war in Ukraine. This Russia-Ukraine war has further directly or indirectly triggered another war front, since 7th October 2023 onwards, between Israel and proxy militants of Iran giving rise to further tensions and conflicts in the Middle East countries. It is because Israel is inherently supported by some NATO countries on the one side while Iranian proxy militants are also inherently supported by Iran and its allied countries such as Russia, China, North-Korea and other anti-western and American countries of the world dividing the world into two contending blocks for the World War-III.

In fact, the conflict and war like situation grew in the Middle East at the same time when the war between Russia and Ukraine reached at such a matured stage in the Eastern Europe where European countries of NATO started fighting against Russia in a disguised form behind the screen, while standing strongly with military support to Ukraine not only for their vested interests but also to protect and sustain a democratic country. Otherwise, Ukraine alone could not have existed or sustained in this war till today. Since from the beginning of this war, the European countries of NATO have played their game behind the screen, Russia has been frequently protesting and threatening them to face the repercussions of nuclear attack, if the sovereignty of Russia is affected. But the European countries of NATO led by USA during the tenure of Mr. Joe Biden continued to support Ukraine. Therefore, Russia along with support of its allies Iran, North-Korea, China and some other countries, increased its destructive military attacks not only on the infrastructure of Ukraine but also on the military forces or weapons of some European countries of NATO including that of USA. It seems that what Russia could not do anything against the European countries of NATO during the period of Cold War, now the time has come for Russia to attack on the European countries of NATO at the peak stage of ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine. On the other side, Ukrainian military forces with the support of some European countries of NATO including that of USA have also frequently attacked on Russian territories and infrastructure causing a massive destruction. Therefore, Russia has frequently warned them not to support Ukraine otherwise, they will face destructive consequences of nuclear third world war very soon. Once Russia starts nuclear attacks on the European countries of NATO, its allied countries mainly Iran, North-Korea and China are most likely to jump into a larger war in their respective regions because all of them are in a ready mode for a full-fledged World War-III. Thus, any further mistake by the European countries of NATO will instigate Russia to take revenge against which it could not do during the period of Cold War.

The emerging World War -III is not only based on global political-economy driven by capitalism and democracy on the one side and socialism cum-communism on the other side, but also on religious and civilizational conflicts further encircling two contending blocks of war. On the other side, at this juncture of war situation in the Middle East, there are also two blocks of religious communities of the world where one block of super power countries supporting the Yehudis of Israel and the other block of super power countries supporting the Muslims of Iran and allied Islamic countries. It is because the recent geo-political conflicts in the Middle East have triggered the war between Israel (with some allied countries of Europe and USA) and Proxy militants of Iran in Gaza strip of Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq,

Syria and Yemen and other allied countries. This also indicates a war of two contending blocks, on the one side the Yehudis of Israel backed by the European countries and USA, while the Muslims of the Arabian countries especially the proxy militants of Iran based in Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq and Iran, backed by super powers like Russia, China and North-Korea on the other side. Even the Muslims of other countries such as Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, UAE, Saudi-Arabia and others in the Middle East are in tension because of ongoing conflict and devastating war which has culminated into heavy loss of life and massive destruction of infrastructure as well as resources in some Islamic countries such as Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq and Iran.

Today, the war situation in the Middle East is highly volatile which is going to be extended very soon to a larger war between two contending blocks Israel with its allies on the one side and Iran with its allies on the other side. Whereas the Russia-Ukraine war continues to unfold and also going to be extended very soon to a larger war between Russia with its allies on the one side and Ukraine with its allies including some European countries of NATO on the other side. Besides, there are a number of signals about opening of new fronts of war between China and Taiwan-Philippines with USA on the one side, while North-Korea and South China- Japan with USA on the other side which is most likely to involve a recent organization namely QUAD consisting of a number of countries like USA, Japan, Australia and India.

Today, both the war fronts in Eastern Europe and Middle East are on the hot boil, and the war is likely to be extended to a larger war between European countries and Russia on the one side, between China and USA or QUAD on the other side, along with involving North-Korea, South-Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Philippines and so on, very soon by the middle of 2025, besides rising tension and conflicts between Afghanistan and Pakistan, Iran and Pakistan, Armenia and Azerbaijan, India and Pakistan, India and Bangladesh, India and China. With the growing war fronts in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, the world was left in horror. Political leaders, businessmen and common people are simply watching the situation of war in different fronts with bewilderment and assuming that there is the beginning of World War-III. In fact, at this juncture, the world couldn't have been closer than this towards explosion of World War III (India Today -04-10-2024).

Therefore, the prediction of Baba Vanga, a blind Bulgarian clairvoyant and others seem to be true that the world perilously close to the outbreak of a full-fledged World War III very soon, probably by the middle of 2025. On the social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter), discussions about World War -III have surged, becoming a prominent topic of discussion among people throughout world. Even prominent leaders of the world including Donald Trump who also raised alarms, stating that the world stands on the edge of a global conflict leading to the World War -III, before he was elected second time as the President of USA, while criticizing the policies of former President of America Joe Biden.

In view of drastic consequences and fear of nuclear World War-III, a number of leaders have attempted to cool down the conflicting situation and stop the war between Russia and Ukraine. For instance, earlier, a delegation of some African leaders had tried to convince the president of Russia Mr. Putin to stop the war, but Putin could not do it because the war continued with much more violent and destructive form mainly because of support of NATO and European countries to Mr. Zelensky the president of Ukraine. Some other global leaders like Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi who also attempted to cool down the Ukraine-Russia conflict through his dialogue with both Mr. Putin and Mr. Zelensky. As an ambassador of peace and “Boss of leaders” (called by Australian supreme authority), the present Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Damodar Modi repeatedly maintained his

statements while meeting both presidents of Russia and Ukraine that today time is not for war but for peace, and he again and again stated that “there is no need of Yudhya (war) but for Buddha (principles of non-violence and peace)”. That means that Lord Buddha’s doctrine of non-violence and peace is the need of the hour. In the context of war between countries, he said that the peace can prevail only when there is fruitful diplomatic “dialogue”.

Even after his meeting with two presidents, the war grew with larger repercussions mainly due to inherent support of some European countries of NATO and USA to Ukraine on the one side and that of Iran, North-Korea and China to Russia on the other side. As a result of continuous war, the soldiers of both sides attacked on and annexed the bordering areas of each other. The Russian soldiers with the support of North-Korean soldiers and private armies annexed the eastern areas of Ukraine while the Ukrainian soldiers with the support of soldiers from some NATO countries annexed the Kursk area of Russia. Similarly, Russia took help of North-Korean soldiers and its weapons in order to drive out the Ukrainian soldiers from the Kursk. In fact, North Korea improved its missile technology after using Ukraine as a testing ground for its weapons according to the head of Ukrainian intelligence Kyrylo Budanov. Although the Russia could take back maximum portion of its Kursk area in spite of a heavy loss of weapons along with North-Korean soldiers, but the Ukrainian soldiers have not yet vacated the Kursk area in spite of heavy loss of both weapons and soldiers, but on the contrary the European backed Ukrainian soldiers have further entered into Russian territories and annexed some other portions of Belgorad.

While Russia and Ukraine backed by European countries are not likely to come together for a ceasefire drive of USA led by Mr. Trump recently. On the contrary, Mr. Trump’s recent policies of Tariff and ceasefire have raised a number of doubts and confusion about his strategy for maintaining peace and world order as it was during his tenure earlier. Because, on the one side peace talks and attempts of ceasefire frequently going on but in vain, while increasing destructive war is going on in both fronts – eastern Europe and Middle East on the other side. Besides, his policies have not only threatened some rivalries of USA like China, North-Korea and Iran but also have alienated some European countries of NATO giving rise to further increasing tensions and conflicts world over. It seems that the framework of war as created by Mr. Joe Biden along with some European countries of NATO could continue again in spite of Mr. Trump’s attempts and strategies of ceasefire and peace at both fronts of war even today which raises a number of questions about whether USA has alienated its other members of NATO? or USA has a double-edged diplomatic policy in confusing both parties of war fronts? or USA is always strongly standing with NATO but in a disguised form behind the screen?. In fact, the dominance and intervention of USA is visible everywhere, where there is international tension and conflict, USA initially does have a strictly watch on affairs, then diplomatically reacts on it and finally strategically proceeds to interfere there directly or indirectly for its vested interests. Therefore, Russia, China, Iran, North-Korea and other allies have duly realized these double-edged strategies of USA backed by European countries of NATO to pull this war towards further larger and more intensive as well as more destructive full-fledged form, so that revenge can be taken by them against their anti-block enemies and the world order can be further maintained without any threat in future.

In fact, the war situation is likely to be more and more complicated and destructive leading to the nuclear war very soon either by missiles and fighter jets or by the explosion of different nuclear sites such as the nuclear spots in Zaporizhian, Kursk and other places, with the help of soldiers of either side because frequent attempts of explosion through drones in these sites have been blamed by each other

recently. The leaders of both sides have been charging against and blaming upon each other while warning to take revenge through nuclear weapons at the final stage of war which seems to be reaching at peak very soon in this year 2025. It is because the prominent leaders of both contending blocks, not merely of Ukraine and Russia, seem to be playing their double-edged weapons and strategies which are most likely to pull these war fronts into larger and larger war fronts causing a full-fledged World War-III as predicted to take place very soon.

For instance, Volodymyr Zelensky, president of Ukraine, has been continuously and intelligently playing a double-edged game to pull the European countries of NATO into the Russia-Ukraine war with their direct and full support to Ukraine otherwise to face the attack of Russia soon after annexing the whole Ukraine. In fact, he has repeatedly warned if NATO does not help his country, Putin will target them next which “certainly means the Third World War”. While Putin and his close staff have often warned the Western countries that they risk facing the wrath if they are seen to be helping Ukraine too much. Such frequent threats of Russia indicates that a nuclear war is too close by the middle of 2025. It is because, some of the NATO countries, from the beginning till today have been increasingly providing military weapons and other support to Ukraine. Even then, Mr. Trump’s double-edged policies, in spite of his attempts for ceasefire in the Eastern Europe war front as well as in the Middle-East War front along with his attempts to strongly support Israel for displacing the Gaza People and rehabilitating them in some other places, have further intensified the war situation in both fronts. While Ukraine finally took permission to use Western weapons in order to attack deep into Russian territory, for which Putin often warned earlier that if the sovereignty of Russia is in threat, Russia will not hesitate to use nuclear weapons against the West which will cause a full-scale World War -III. This time has come now, because the Ukrainian soldiers as backed and supported by some European countries of NATO have not only attacked deep into Russia with advanced drones and missiles but also have entered into some parts of Russia, while heavily destroying energy resources, infrastructure and military assets. In retaliation, Russia with the support of Iran, North-Korea, China and some other countries have been increasingly destroying energy resources, infrastructure and military assets. This trend of destruction is very soon going to be larger as European Union and Russia are in a ready mode to fight against each other leading to nuclear war.

To substantiate it in furthermore detail, in spite of frequent threats from Russia, the western powers including the UK, France and Germany, including USA and some other countries of Europe, have continued to send their weapons, soldiers and even helping to train the Ukrainian military behind the screen, besides providing intelligence as well as space services. As a result, Ukraine has often attacked deep into Russia causing large scale destruction of infrastructure and loss of lives which have further urged Russia to devastate the cities of Ukraine and loss of lives. On the other side, Iran, North-Korea and China have support to Russia in this war. In this way, some of the powerful countries of the world are involved in different war fronts which indicates that the World War-III has already been started but in a disguised form. Although all the countries of the world are not directly involved at this juncture, but all are tied with each other in terms of global or international economic relations and political diplomacy. Some European countries of the NATO like UK, France and Germany as well as USA, for their vested interests, have been fueling the fire in the war frontsof Ukraine-Russia and Israel- Iranian Proxies. Their main interest is inherent in taking benefits out of valuable natural resources as available in Ukraine and Middle East. Besides, European countries along with USA have been supporting Ukraine in the battle field in order to upheld democracy and capitalism. The common key players in these war

fronts are some European countries of NATO on the one side, while the coalition of Russia, China, Iran and North-Korea. In fact, both the contending blocks are very strong and powerful Ideologically, politically, economically and militarily. Therefore, no doubt, a full-fledged World War-III between these two contending blocks and their respective allies is going to be very intensive, destructive and pervasive very soon.

It is observed that some dominant countries of the NATO including USA have been directly or indirectly involved in almost all war fronts for their vested interests. In fact, the main intension behind constitution of NATO after World War-II was to exercise their political dominance over rest of the world and extract natural resources for the sake of their capitalist economic development. Just after World War- II, USA emerged as the most powerful counties of the world with its supremacy in the field of military and nuclear power. Thus, the cunning and dominant leaders of European countries, at that time, in order to empower themselves, systematically planned to take a chance of constituting NATO while keeping USA at the front. So that the contending block of other super powers mainly socialist and communist countries like Soviet Union and China can be stayed away from the dominance of NATO. This strategy of European countries worked successfully during the period of Cold War and being behind the screen of NATO, they could defeat the powerful Soviet Union, leading to its collapse. Since then, till today, the European countries, only being a part of allies in NATO, have been using a lion's share of US budget for the sake of their own security, in view of possible attack of present Russia.

During last three years of war between Russia and Ukraine, it is observed that Ukraine could sustain in the battle field not because of its own power but because of continuous military support from some European countries of NATO and USA. In fact, USA under the leadership of former President Joe Bidden has contributed a lion's share of funding and military support to Ukraine, in comparison to all the European countries. While Russia, with the help of Iran and North-Korea, has achieved significant success in annexing a large portion of Ukraine, in spite of heavy loss till now. On the contrary, almost all the cities of Ukraine have been devastated along with heavy loss of lives and military weapons of even USA and Europe. This scenario of loss could be realized very soon by the present President of USA Mr. Donald Trump who is basically a hard-core politician as well as a businessman. Thus, he has fired not only Mr. Joe Bidden, former president of USA and other member countries of NATO but also, he has criticized Mr. Zelensky, president of Ukraine because they pulled this destructive war into a larger form of World War-III. As a result, some European countries of NATO have been displeased with Mr.Trump. Furthermore, Mr. Trump's approach of politics and economic policy has also displeased many other countries recently giving rise to tensions among global leaders. For instance, in December, Donald Trump issued a stark warning to the BRICS nations against exploring or supporting alternative currencies that might challenge the supremacy of the U.S. dollar. Since 1944, the dollar has been the standard currency for international transactions. Trade between countries traditionally involves converting local currencies into the US dollar. One alternative that is already being used in some transactions is the use of the yuan, China's currency. When Russia was excluded from the SWIFT system, the Asian giant, one of its major trading partners, took advantage of the situation to encourage exchanges in its currency, thus trying to strengthen its economy against the US. In addition to accelerating this proposal to be less dependent on the dollar, Brazil also wants to increase the role of the New Development Bank, the BRICS bank, currently under the presidency of former Brazilian president Dilma Rouseff. The platform of BRICS is made for the purpose of spreading and strengthening trade and business among its member countries. Since 2011, Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa

have been members of the BRICS. This year, in the bloc's first expansion in over a decade, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia and Egypt were formally incorporated. In addition, 34 other countries have expressed interest in joining the group.

Moreover, in order to halt Russia-Ukraine war, Mr Trump has been applying different tricks and strategies with the help of his ministries. In order to please Russia, he started to directly talk to Mr. Putin and has taken a favorable stand with Russia in his drive for ceasefire. In order to cool down China, he appreciated his friendship with Mr. Xi. Ping. But on the contrary, his support to Israel against Iranian proxies and displacement of Gaza people has fueled fire among Islamic countries in the Middle East on the one side while on the other side, his recent policy has frightened some pro-USA countries like India, Canada, Mexico and others as well as anti-USA countries like China, Iran, North-Korea and others. Since Mr. Trump might have thought that Mr. Putin is the main key player in the recent ongoing war fronts and near future war fronts in the Korean peninsula and south-China sea which may trigger the World War-III very soon, he has attempted to be closer to Mr. Putin and away from European Union. As a result, other key players such as Mr. Xi Ping of China, Mr. Khamenei of Iran and Mr. Kim Yong of North-Korea can be under control. Thus, after Mr. Donald Trump became president of USA second time, the equation of these contending blocks of global war seems to be changing very soon because of his double stranded policies of vested interests on the one hand and the so called his “peace-loving mission” on the other hand. It is most likely that the approach and strategy of Mr. Trump is going to be failed by some European countries of NATO leading to further tension and conflicts among contending countries which will pull a full-fledged World War-III. Till today, the world War-III has been taking a disguised form. Although some European countries of NATO including USA have been involved in the Russia-Ukraine war, a full-fledged direct war between NATO or European countries and Russia has not been started yet though this war has been continuing since 2022 but in a disguised form. It is most likely to start very soon in this year 2025.

On 20th January 2025, just after swearing of American President Mr. Donald Trump, though a kind of systematic attempt has been made by American Ministry in order to stop this war, but it seems that this war is likely to be continued and even extended to a larger global scale of the war between Russia and its allies (North-Korea, China, Iran, Belarus and other countries supporting visibly or invisibly) on the one side and Ukraine and its allies (some European, some NATO countries and other countries supporting visibly or invisibly) on the other side. In fact, all these allies in this war front, have been involved directly or indirectly by supporting in terms of military weapons and soldiers.

In fact, after assuming his office second time, recently Mr. Trump has raised his voice against European countries and former president of USA since they have supported Ukraine and pulled the Russia-War into a larger platform of World War-III and has attempted to bring a ceasefire through diplomacy as soon as possible but in vain. Though Mr. Trump's recent approach to foreign policy and diplomacy seems to be very unique and productive in bringing out a short period of ceasefire, but in reality, it is going to fire a number of countries which are most likely to be anti-USA. As long as Mr. Joe Biden was president of USA, Ukraine stood up staunchly to fight against Russia, with much military support of USA and some European countries of NATO. USA alone provided a lion's share of funding and military support to Ukraine. But after Mr. Joe Biden left the post and Mr. Trump throned it, he left the burden of war expenditure and security on the shoulder of Europe, thus the burden of support to Ukraine has lied on some European countries because they have been behind Ukraine from the beginning not only for their own security but also for their vested interest in accessing plenty of natural resources in Ukraine.

Even after becoming the president of USA second time, Mr. Trump has not only sidelined European countries for their vested interests but also his administration does have interest on the natural resources of Ukraine for which he prefers a deal with Zelensky for recovering the lion's share of expenditure of USA during last three years of war against Russia. Though this behavior of Mr. Trump has pleased Russia to some extent, but on the contrary, it has alienated USA from majority of European countries. Since Jan. 20th 2025 inauguration ceremony, Trump has overturned US policy on Russia's invasion of Ukraine to try to bring a rapid end to the three-year-long war that's Europe's worst conflict in 80 years. Thus, since after swearing ceremony of Donald Trump as second time President of USA, the role of USA has been changed. From humanitarian point of view, Trump has been very sad in view of massive loss of human lives in the war. After holding a phone call with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on February 12 2025. Then, Trump sent the Secretary of State Marco Rubio, national security adviser Mike Waltz and special envoy Steve Witkoff to Riyadh of Saudi Arabia for talks with Russian counterparts, as the first stage. Then, Turkey at Ankara also supported the US-led talks with Russia, diverging from European countries on 24-02-2025. Russia and Ukraine's foreign ministers met for talks in Turkey, but the discussions failed to achieve a cease-fire or an agreement over safe passage for civilians fleeing the besieged port city of Mariupol. The talks took place against a backdrop of worsening violence across Ukraine.

President Donald Trump's approach to ceasefire and ending Russia's war against Ukraine has left European allies and Ukrainian officials worried they are being largely sidelined by the new U.S. administration as Washington and Moscow plan for direct negotiations. It is because the Trump Administration's latest demand that Ukraine must grant the US access to its critical minerals in exchange for earlier aid which marks a dramatic shift in Washington's approach to the war. By treating the conflict as a transactional issue rather than a strategic battle against Russian aggression, President Donald Trump is signaling that his priority is not Ukraine's sovereignty but a swift resolution that aligns with his broader vision of reducing US entanglements abroad. Therefore, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov lauded United States President Donald Trump for his "common sense" approach to ending the war in Ukraine, while accusing European nations of prolonging the conflict, *Reuters* reported. Speaking to the Russian military newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda*, Lavrov said Trump's practicality and his goal to "Make America Great Again" reflect a shift in how the US engages with global conflicts.

However, this shift, coupled with recent diplomatic maneuvers, suggests Kyiv's position is becoming increasingly precarious. For years, Ukraine has depended on American support to resist Russia's invasion. Under previous administrations of Mr. Joe Biden, this assistance was framed as part of a global commitment to defending democracy. Now, Kyiv is facing the new administration of Mr. Trump that appears more interested in extracting economic benefits than in ensuring Ukraine's long-term security which has been repeatedly stated by Mr. Zelensky. The White House's frustration over Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's refusal to accept these terms highlights the growing pressure on Kyiv.

Since the Oval Office showdown, Washington has suspended the military aid and intelligence sharing that has helped Kyiv fight off Russia's invasion. After a heated exchange between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and U.S. President Donald Trump, European leaders reacted quickly. Many voiced their support for Ukraine, emphasizing their commitment to standing against Russian aggression. Many voiced their support for Ukraine, emphasizing their commitment to standing against Russian aggression. French President Emmanuel Macron did not hesitate to share his thoughts. "Russia is the aggressor and

Ukraine is the victim," he stated. Poland's Prime Minister reassured Volodymyr Zelensky as EU leaders gathered to meet the Ukrainian President for 'watershed' talks in Brussels involving members of the 27-European nations recently. The Polish leader warned that Vladimir Putin had started 'a new arms race' that has left Europe with no choice but to prepare itself (Daily Mail -07-03-2025).

The most alarming sign of Mr. Trump's policy shift is Ukraine's exclusion from key US-Russia negotiations. Washington's recent talks with Moscow in Riyadh, held without Ukrainian representation, raised concerns about whether Kyiv's interests are being sidelined. Further reinforcing this perception is the Trump Administration's refusal to back a UN resolution recognising Russia as the aggressor, a move that would have been unthinkable under a previous US leadership. Then, Mr Trump's personal attacks on Mr Zelenskyy, calling him a "dictator without elections" and blaming him for the war's outbreak, added another layer of complexity. This rhetoric weakens Mr Zelenskyy's standing both at home and abroad while signalling to Moscow that US support for Ukraine is conditional and negotiable.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy indicated, on the eve of the third anniversary of Russia's invasion, that he was willing to step down as Ukraine's president if it meant joining NATO. Mr. Zelenskyy, who has received harsh criticism from the incoming US government, also stated that he intended to meet with Donald Trump before the latter met with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin. Zelenskyy has advocated for Ukraine's NATO membership as part of any peace agreement, but the Washington-led alliance has been hesitant to commit. Mr. Zelenskyy and Mr. Trump have been engaged in a war of words since US and Russian officials met in Saudi Arabia for their first high-level talks in three years. The move undermined the West's policy of isolating the Kremlin and infuriated Ukrainian and European leaders, excluded from the meeting. In recent days, Trump has branded Zelenskyy a "dictator", falsely claimed Ukraine "started" the war, and claimed, contrary to independent opinion polls, that the Ukrainian leader was unpopular at home. Mr. Zelenskyy said he was not "offended" by Trump's comments and was ready to test his popularity in elections once martial law ends in Ukraine. In fact, Mr. Zelenskyy is not only actor by profession but also a very cunning and diplomatic political leader who has been intelligently and cunningly playing different cards by attracting the attention and care of both American and European leaders and by pulling majority of European countries of NATO into the war and thereby enlarging the horizon of World War-III.

Today, maximum countries of European Union (EU) have steadily and tightly stood with Ukraine for which Russia has frequently threatened to draw a nuclear war against them. Because Mr. Zelensky has been successful in motivating some dominant European leaders and in pulling EU to directly jump into this war which he wanted from the beginning of this war. In fear of a devastating nuclear war with Russia, today, the majority of European countries have not only increased their military budget but also been prepared to fight against Russia without taking help of USA, while making "nuclear shields" in eastern Europe. Trump recently insinuated that America would decline to come to the defense of any nation deemed to have shirked its responsibilities as a member of the security alliance by underspending. On the one side, they seem to be pretending for ceasefire and peace talks, on the other side, there is increasing attacks on both sides which indicates that the war is most likely to be expanded into a larger war with nuclear weapons. Other war fronts are also going to open very soon. The United States is ramping up its military presence in the Indo-Pacific as tensions with China escalate over Taiwan. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, during a visit to Hawaii, reaffirmed that US exercises near Taiwan are not a 'precursor' to war but warned that China may be rehearsing an invasion. In fact, the US is reportedly ramping up its military presence in Diego Garcia amid escalating tensions with Iran and the

Houthis. Satellite imagery reveals the arrival of B-2 stealth bombers, C-17 cargo planes, and KC-135 refueling tankers, signaling a potential large-scale operation. This buildup follows US President Trump's two-month ultimatum to Iran over a new nuclear deal (The Times of India-27-03-2025).

While NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte's unequivocal statement comes as nations along the eastern flank of the 32-member alliance, particularly Poland and the Baltic states, expressed concern that US-Russia talks on ending the war in Ukraine could offer Putin a favorable settlement. They fear such an outcome would allow the Russian President to rebuild his country's forces and threaten other countries in the region in the coming years. Such fears are compounded by the knowledge that the American security blanket on which European leaders have relied for decades could be swiftly snatched away by US President Donald Trump. Even the European Union has reportedly warned the bloc's 450 million people to prepare for a World War-like situation. The Associated Press reported on Wednesday that the EU urged citizens across the continent to stockpile food, water, and other essentials to last at least 72 hours. NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte has issued a stark warning to Vladimir Putin, promising a 'devastating' response should Russia launch any attack on Poland or another member state. 'If anyone were to miscalculate and think they can get away with an attack on Poland or on any other ally, they will be met with the full force of this fierce alliance (HT News Desk 27-03-2025).

While Vladimir Putin has openly mocked at the EU, questioning its role in Ukraine peace talks. Russia slammed the European bloc for its military stance and blocked it from negotiations. Meanwhile, Moscow attacked the latest UN resolution backed by the EU, calling it a failed anti-Russian stunt. This comes as Trump isolates Europe in NATO talks, adding to the EU's crisis. Will the EU lose its say in the Ukraine war? (Hindustan Times, New Delhi, Feb. 27 2025). When Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy viewed against peace talk, being influenced by some dominant European countries, the USA administration called Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for a meeting on 28-02-2025. US President Donald Trump, with his Vice President JD Vance, had a heated argument with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in front of the world media in the Oval Office on Friday (28-02-2025) over the war with Russia (ChatGPT-28-02-2025).

A report by Anna Hartz, Dagens.com India (Eng) on 01-03-2025 says that tensions between world leaders have once again put Ukraine at the centre of global discussions. Just after a heated exchange between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and U.S. President Donald Trump, many European leaders reacted quickly. Many of them voiced their support for Ukraine, emphasizing their commitment to standing against Russian aggression. French President Emmanuel Macron stated that "Russia is the aggressor and Ukraine is the victim". "We were right to help Ukraine and sanction Russia three years ago. We must continue to do so." Macron made these comments while speaking to reporters in Portugal, reports Hot news. While the Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk sent a clear message to Ukraine through social media, while stating that "Dear Zelensky, dear Ukrainian friends, you are not alone."

Zelenskyy viewed the Oval Office meeting as a crucial opportunity to persuade the United States not to align with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who initiated the invasion of Ukraine three years ago. Since assuming the presidency, Mr. Trump has shifted toward Russia, alarming its traditional allies in Europe and beyond while leaving Ukraine increasingly vulnerable. That tense meeting escalated when Vance emphasized the importance of diplomacy in resolving Europe's largest conflict since World War II. With his arms crossed, Zelenskiy pushed back, arguing that Putin could not be trusted and pointing out that Vance had never visited Ukraine. Due to long time heated discussion between two presidents, the meeting was not taken forward for a peaceful solution. Then after this meeting in White House,

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy went to meet some European leaders of NATO within a couple of days in the first week of March 2025 where the future of war was decided. Because, some of them critically viewed on the meeting of Trump and Zelenskyy which indicate that there is possibility of war between Europe and Russia very soon. Some leaders of European countries are not in favor of peace talk attempt by USA and on the contrary, they convinced Mr. Zelenskyy that they are strongly standing behind him, if the war continues. So that Russia will be busy in the ongoing war with Ukraine, instead of attacking on Europe. It seems that Mr. Zelenskyy is dancing at the tune of some dominant European leaders.

Then, afterwards, a number of meetings of European leaders and army chiefs took place to support Ukraine without taking help of USA which also indicated that the stronghold of NATO is going to be broken because some of its countries are in favour of Mr. Trump's drive for ceasefire while many others are against Mr. Trump. Meanwhile USA halted its support to Ukraine for some time which placed Russia in a better position to fight against the Ukrainian soldiers pushing them backwards in the front lines within Ukraine as well as in the Kursk. On the other side, Russian lawmakers said that Vladimir Putin would be wary of agreeing to a US-Ukraine proposed ceasefire deal at a time when his army is making gains on the battlefield as Russian forces continue to beat back Kyiv's troops in Kursk. While Donald Trump is pressuring Volodymyr Zelensky to accept a raft of new terms if the Ukrainian President wants to end the bloody and protracted conflict with Russia - while admitting the country 'may not survive anyway.' Although Mr. Trump also brought new terms and conditions on the negotiating table in the earlier meetings of both parties, but in vain. Neither Mr. Putin and nor Mr. Zelensky were agreed on the earlier terms and conditions of a short-term ceasefire as presented by Mr. Trump's administration during earlier meetings.

Finally, in the last meeting in Soudi Arabia, a temporary ceasefire deal was signed between Russia and Ukraine, with both sides agreeing to halt military strikes on vessels in the Black Sea. Russia has approved the ceasefire terms but is demanding sanctions relief, particularly in the agriculture sector, and an end to shipping bans on Russian vessels. Ukraine's President Zelensky expressed scepticism about Russia's commitment to the agreement, suggesting the US may need to exert more pressure on Russia (India Today 26-03-2025). There was a doubt about whether this short-term ceasefire will work for a long-lasting ceasefire later or it will pave the way and give some space for both Ukraine and Russia to build up stronger their respective military power, for more intensive and extensive attacks upon each other while preparing a ground for a larger war between Russia and European countries of NATO including or excluding USA very soon. This doubt had a reason is lying behind the war between Russia and Ukraine as supported by their respective allies during last three years. Thus, a sudden consensus or agreement between the two indicated that as if two lions have taken their feet two steps back with a short period of consensus (ceasefire) just to refresh themselves and then with full strength they will suddenly attack upon each other with a larger form of war which is most likely to be between European Union and Russia as another war front for a full-fledged World War-III. It is because, there has already been heavy loss lives and destruction of infrastructure along with military weapons of both sides - Ukraine and Russia, including that of their allies for which both sides are actually revengeful with each other, besides both Russia and allies of Ukraine (USA and some European countries of NATO are infatuated with natural beauty and resources of Ukraine. After all, this peace talks for a ceasefire got failed and both sides continued to attack upon each other.

Besides, two nuclear power plants – one in Zaporizhzhia of Ukraine and another in Kursk of Russia are in danger today. Frequent attempts have been made to attack on these two plants as charged by both Ukrainian and Russian soldiers upon each other. If explosion takes place in these two plants, it will have devastating consequences not only in Europe but also in other parts of world. There security problem in these plants. Besides Ukraine and Russia, there are some other countries of Europe and even USA have their eye on these plants. While Russia is not going to leave its control over two plants. Therefore, after agreeing to an energy truce with Ukraine, Russia has revealed its plans for Europe's biggest nuclear power plant in Zaporizhzhia. The Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant was part of the region captured by Russia in March 2022 and declared Russian territory in a 'referendum'. The Ukrainian President views the power plant as Ukraine's property. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump reportedly perceives the energy infrastructure as crucial for US' minerals deal with Ukraine. Watch the video for full details on Russia's plans for the ZNPP (Hindustan Times -27-03-2022). Therefore, a larger and much more devastating war between Russia and European countries is most likely to be drawn very soon in this year 2025 that may destroy and devastate a larger portion of war front in Eastern Europe as it was predicted by Baba Venga.

Similarly, frequent failure or break down of ceasefire in the war fronts of Middle East (as its background is discussed in the next section below in detail) also indicates a larger and much more devastating war is most likely to be drawn very soon in this year 2025 while expanding the horizon of World War -III that may destroy and devastate a larger portion of war front area in the Middle East along with heavier loss of lives. It is because in all these war fronts, some dominant countries of NATO on the one side while a dominant coalition ally of Russia including Iran, China, North-Korea and some other countries on the other side are directly as well as indirectly involved. In fact, both sides are also revengeful against each other. On the onside, the main and key player in all these war fronts is USA as the leading member of NATO and its policies are frequently changed as per the needs of the hour and own vested interests. On the other side, the main and key player in all these war fronts is Russia as allied with Iran, North-Korea, China and some other countries and as against European allies of USA. In fact, over the last decades after World War-II, the super power USA has been found being involved in every war with its own dynamic policies and vested interests, in favour of its allies as against others in the opposition sides.

In fact, the recent shift of USA military policy in being away from its traditional European allies and Ukraine on the one side, its Tariff policy against some countries on the other side, do not indicate clearly that USA is going to leave NATO very soon. It is because the USA policy has always been inherently pro-NATO and pro-European countries since the period of World War-II, while Russia has been its traditional enemy. Furthermore, the USA policy in the war front of Middle East has been in favour of Israel against the Iranian proxy militants in Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen. Frequent air attacks jointly by the armies of USA, UK and other allied countries also indicate that USA is not going to be away from the European countries of NATO by applying its double stranded politics and policies for its vested interests. This fact, has already been realized not only by Russia but also by its allies including Iran, North-Korea and China. Therefore, Russia has multiplied its attacks on Ukraine while giving frequent nuclear threats to Europe, while collaboratively Iran, North-Korea and China are in a full ready mode to draw different war fronts against USA and its allies which signals a kind of conversion of the World War-III from a disguised and dispersed form to a full-fledged form.

The War Fronts in the Middle East: -

On the other side of war front, the Middle East has also been on the boil since the October 7 (2023) a sudden attack by the Hamas militants of Iranian proxy based in Gaza that resulted in the killing of hundreds of Israelis and abduction of scores. Immediately, Israel attacked and bombed on various spots of Gaza, where the Hamas militants were based. The Israeli attack is still going on today. When Hezbollah - another proxy militants of Iran attacked rockets and missiles on Israel due to its attack on Gaza, immediately Israel also attacked on various places of Lebanon and Syria where the Hezbollah militants were based. Even there are other Iran-backed militias in Iraq and Syria, who have been activated too in this battlefield. In fact, during last two years, Israel has been involved in multiple fronts of war in the Middle East. Another Iranian proxy militants, Yemen-based Houthi rebels also attacked on a number of ships near the strategic Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea. In retaliation, the ships and fighter jets of USA, UK, Israel and other allied countries fired missiles on various spots of Houthi militants in Yemen. In this way, the entire region of Middle East around Israel has now turned into a larger war zone. In fact, today the Middle East is moving closer to a long-feared regional war, when Iran fired a salvo of ballistic missiles at Israel in retaliation killings of Hezbollah militant leaders and strikes in Lebanon. Iron Dome of Israel failed to stop the Missiles of Iran that could strike Tel Aviv. The attack set off alarms across Israel, forced civilians to take shelter and the military to pull up its air defense systems. Meanwhile, social media platforms were flooded with 'World War-III' tags and posts as fears rose worldwide. Following this attack, Israel vowed to retaliate, saying it would respond at the "time and place of its choosing". However, Iran warned that it would carry out "crushing attacks" against Israel if it retaliates to the attack. Even then Israel retaliated immediately. Thus, tensions in the Middle East have reached at a boiling point, when Iran and Israel recently fired hundreds of missiles at each other. Furthermore, The Iranian proxy militant groups viz., Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthi and others as backed by Iran, continues to launch a series of strikes against soldiers carrying out Israel's ground invasion in Gaza and Lebanon. Recently Gravitas Houthis have claimed that their forces conducted joint military operations, targeting U.S. warships stationed in the Red Sea as well as key military installations in Tel Aviv.

This will throw the entire world into chaos as the US and NATO will go on intervening and helping Israel. From the beginning, the oil-rich Middle East has seen a power struggle between Shia Iran and Sunni Saudi Arabia, dividing the Islamic countries into two blocks. As a result, the super powers such as USA and Russia have partnered with the regional players for their vested interests. Thus, in the Middle East also, there is dominance of NATO led by USA and its allies like Israel, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Canada on the one side while Russia, Iran, Iraq, China and their allies on the other side, if we look at world's top oil producing countries. Although USA and some other NATO countries have spread their legs much more on some countries of Middle East than Russia, while China through trade and business has gradually entered into the Middle East via Pakistan, Iran and other countries including Africa. In this way, for their vested interests, being behind the screen, USA, UK, France and other allied European countries of NATO are supporting Israel on the one side, while Russia, China, North-Korea and some other countries, have been supporting the Iranian proxy militants on the other side as two contending blocks of the war in the Middle East. This war is also going to be extended larger very soon in view of growing intense conflict between Israel and Iran.

Because any direct conflict between Iran and Israel could drag the US into battle and the Western European superpowers are also most likely to be involved. While Russia is sharing information with Iran

to help them build nuclear weapons, Bloomberg reports. Since Iran is going to be a super power not only because of its huge stock of Hypersonic and Supersonic missiles but also because of its continuous endeavor for making nuclear weapons very soon with the help of Russia and other allied countries. Thus, in view of fear, the US has frequently tried to stop Iran from developing nuclear capabilities because Iran is seen as more threatening compared to other countries who hold nukes. Although a nuclear-armed Iran could act as a deterrent with Israel, it would still be deemed too great of a risk for the US to simply accept, even if that means all-out war in the Middle East. The fear is that if this war becomes larger covering the whole Middle East, then the dominance of USA and its allies will be declined. As a result, the fire of conflict in the Middle East growing larger entangling the World War-III very soon in 2025. This war front is most likely to be larger because the root causes of the present conflict lie in the history of Middle East.

In fact, the present conflict between Israel and Palestine has a long history. The conflict between Israel and Palestine is a complex and multifaceted issue that has its roots in both ancient history and more recent political developments. It encompasses territorial disputes, religious significance of the land to both Jews and Muslims, nationalist aspirations, and international political dynamics. This land of war front known today as Israel and Palestine has been inhabited by the Jews since prehistoric times. In antiquity, it was known as Canaan and later, particularly by the Jews, as the Land of Israel. Jewish kingdoms existed in the region several millennia ago, including the united monarchy of Israel and Judah in the 10th century BCE and their subsequent divided kingdoms. The early Jewish states had been conquered by a succession of imperial powers, including the Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans. The Roman conquest and the Jewish revolts against Roman rule (66-70 CE and 132-136 CE) had led to the widespread dispersion of the Jewish people, a diaspora that lasted nearly two millennia (See in Wikipedia).

Throughout the medieval period, there were conflicts and violent wars in the region and the land had been controlled by various Islamic caliphates and later by the Ottoman Empire from 1517 until the early 20th century. Then for centuries, this land was predominantly populated by Arabian Muslims, but it also included Christians, Jews, and other groups, each maintaining their religious and cultural identity as well as practices of their own. The modern phase of the conflict began in the late 19th and early 20th centuries with the rise of Zionism among European Jews. Zionism emerged as a nationalist movement aiming to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine in response to widespread anti-Semitism and persecution in Europe. The Balfour Declaration of 1917, issued by the British government, supported for the establishment of a “national home for the Jewish people” in Palestine, which was then part of the Ottoman Empire and under British control following World War-I. The British Mandate for Palestine (1920-1948) saw increased immigration of Jews fleeing persecution in Europe, particularly during the Nazi era, which led to rising tensions between Jewish and Arabian communities. The Arabian Muslims opposed the growing Jewish people’s presence and the idea of a Jewish state, leading to outbreaks of violent conflicts in the region. Meanwhile, the United Nations proposed a partition plan in 1947 in order to solve the conflict, dividing the land into separate Jewish and Arabian states, with Jerusalem as an international city. The Jewish leadership accepted the plan, but the Arabian leaders rejected it, leading to the outbreak of the 1948 Arab-Israeli War following the declaration of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948(See in Wikipedia).

The Arab-Israeli war in 1948 ended with Israel expanding its territory beyond the UN-proposed borders and the creation of a large number of Palestinian refugees. No Palestinian state was established, while

the West Bank and Gaza Strip were occupied by Jordan and Egypt, respectively. During the decades following 1948, there were also several wars between Israel and its Arabian neighbours (for instance the wars in 1956, 1967, 1973), as well as ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestinians since a decade back. The Six-Day War in 1967 was particularly significant, as Israel captured the West Bank, Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, and other territories, bringing them under its military occupation. Although efforts had been made in order to resolve the conflicts which included peace treaties between Israel and Egypt (1979) and Israel and Jordan (1994), as well as various attempts to negotiate a peace between Israelis and Palestinians, but all these efforts or attempts went in vain for a long lasting or sustainable peace and order in the region. For instance, though the Oslo Accords (1993) marked a significant, but ultimately it was an unsuccessful attempt to establish a framework for peace, including the creation of the Palestinian Authority and limited self-governance in certain areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. While Israel's settlements in the West Bank, deemed illegal under international law but were kept on disputed by Israel, the blockade of the Gaza Strip was controlled by the Islamist movement based militant organization - Hamas since 2007, have been major points of contention over the years. The international community remains divided on how to resolve the conflict, with proposals ranging from a two-state solution (which envisions an independent State of Palestine alongside Israel) to various forms of one-state solutions that would encompass both populations (See in Wikipedia).

Therefore, the current state of the Israel-Palestine conflict is characterized by ongoing disputes over land, the status of Jerusalem, the rights of Palestinian refugees, and security concerns. The peace process has been stalled for many years, with sporadic outbreaks of violent conflicts and subsequent efforts at reconciliation. Now the situation is highly volatile because frequent attempts have been made by the Islamic leaders to unite the Muslim people for protesting against and fight against Israel through organized militants on the one side, while the Israel leaders, with the support of some European countries of NATO led by USA, have also been attempting to protect and increasingly empower Israel for fighting against their enemies. Besides their different geo-political economic vested interests, the political and religious leaders of both sides have been striving to combat with each other in terms of religious and civilizational ideologies.

Even today, frequent attempts are being made by some prominent leaders of the Middle East countries to bring together all Islamic people and Islamic countries of the world to fight against the Israel and its allies including USA and Europe. Even though some countries of the Middle East such as Saudi-Arabia, UAE and Qatar are now-a-days tied with USA and its allies, while some other countries like Turkey as a member of NATO and Egypt along with Jordan and Syria presently seem to be standing neutral but with Islamic people behind the screen. Because the Muslim people in these countries are in tense situation due to continuous military actions of Israel and its allies in different areas of the Middle East. Thus, on the ground of religious affinity, as the Yehudis of Israel are likely to take support of Christian people in Europe and America, all the Muslims in the Middle East are likely to be united in order to urge and pressurize on their respective governments for fighting against Israel and its allies in a larger extent of war culminating into World War -III, with the support of a contending block of superpowers involving Iran, Russia, China and North-Korea.

Now-a-days, one optimism in the Arab world is that the present President of USA Mr. Donald Trump might bring a permanent end to the war in the Gaza Strip and, with it, stability to the tumultuous Middle East, as he was ushering in the current ceasefire. But that hope has faded quickly since Mr. Trump suggested a strategic plan to force Gaza's entire population out and to "take over" the decimated

Palestinian territory to develop it as a vacation destination. Mr. Trump said the roughly 2.3 million Palestinians should be moved to Egypt and Jordan, apparently to make way for investors to move in and "just clean out the whole thing." The president's suggestion sent a shockwave of confusion and anger sweeping across the Arab nations that surround Israel, and beyond (SNS News, 24-02-2025). Soon after this statement of Mr. Trump, a number of meetings took place in Arabian countries but in vain. For instance, the Riyadh meeting in Saudi Arabia could not bring any solution as such. On the contrary, Israel has been in a ready mode to attack on Iranian nuclear sites, once a signal comes from USA. Because Trump's administration is also supportive to Israel and determined to destroy the nuclear sites of Iran, if Iran does not stop supporting its HHH proxy militants. On the other side, Iran is also in a ready mode to counter attack on Israel, as backed by Russia and other allies, if any attack from Israel and USA takes place. When Mr. Trump's proposal to Iran in this regard was turned back by the supreme leader of Iran, its dominant leaders warned Israel led by USA and the proxy militants of Iran especially Houthi attacked again on Israel and ships of USA, in retaliation the fighter jets of USA, UK and Israel have jointly again attacked not only on the places of Houthi in Yemen but also on places of Hamas in Gaza and West Bank as well as the places of Hezbollah in Lebanon and Syria. If such attacks go on further and if Iran is attacked again, then, this war is most likely to spread in the whole Middle East. On March 25, 2025, Iran unveiled a secret underground missile city housing thousands of advanced missiles, including the Kheibar Shekan, Sejil, Emad, and Qadr. This massive facility, strategically located in mountainous terrain, is designed to enhance Iran's military capabilities amid escalating tensions with the U.S. and Israel. The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) showcased the new missile systems deployed on strategic islands near U.S. bases and key shipping lanes, claiming that their missiles can reach enemy bases and naval vessels within minutes (Hindustan Times -27-03-202).

To substantiate it in more detail, on the front of war between Israel and Iranian militant proxies, the same allies have been involved directly or indirectly by supporting in terms of military weapons. In this front of war, the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Hamas militants in Gaza strip of Palestine which was escalated dramatically since 7th October 2023, after a surprise attack by the Hamas militants on some of Israeli people and some citizens of other countries in the border area of Israel and kidnapping of hundreds of them by the Hamas leading to launching of a full scale military operation by Israel on Gaza strip and West Bank, followed by frequent attacks on different positions of Iranian proxy militants and their leaders. This war has also caused massive loss of life of common people including officials, journalists and soldiers/militants, besides heavy destruction of infrastructure. Despite international calls for a ceasefire and frequent attempts of ceasefire by USA and some countries of the Middle East, the fighting continues and the war has been extended to involve all other militant proxies of Iran including the Hezbollah militants in Lebanon and Syria, the Houthi militants of Yemen in the Red Sea, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis in the region as thousands of civilians are caught in the crossfire. After the Hamas, other militant proxies of Iran such as the Hezbollah militants in Lebanon and Syria have frequently attacked on Israel while the Houthi militants of Oman in the Red Sea have often attacked the ships of Israel and its allies which led to continual joint military action of Israel, USA, UK and others on the areas of Houthi in Oman causing heavy loss of infrastructure and resources. The ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine, particularly the intensified military actions in Gaza, West Bank, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen has led to a possibility of this war igniting a broader regional war, given the involvement of powerful players like Iran and its regional allies.

In fact, Iran's strategic role in the Middle East cannot be underestimated. Its support for Hamas, Huti and Hezbollah, coupled with its nuclear ambitions, positions Iran as a central figure in this conflict. Iran has not only frequently threatened Israel to stop its bombardments on its proxy militants in Gaza and other places but also warned USA and its allies to face consequences if they attempt to attack on Iran. It is because USA has been warning Iran again and again since the regime of Mr. Joe Biden not only to support its proxies but also to stop its nuclear drive. The United States has been a steadfast ally of Israel, providing military and diplomatic support. If the conflict escalates, the U.S. may be drawn indirectly, especially if Iranian forces or their proxies intensify their actions. This scenario increases the risk of a broader conflict involving other global powers, creating a highly volatile situation. Thus, any further escalation, particularly involving Iran's proxies, could quickly spread the conflict across the region, drawing in more countries and escalating the situation to a critical level involving multiple countries and possibly global powers. More recently, the Taliban held a victory parade with millions worth of US and Soviet military equipment has further fired USA government of Mr. Trump to take action against the Taliban. Besides, the same Taliban led government of Afghanistan as well as the militants of Baluchistan within Pakistan are fighting against each other which has further intensified conflicts in the Middle East. While, the conflict and tension between Israel and Iran has been further increased by the actions and reactions of both allies of Israel and proxies of Iran. All these facts indicate that neither the government of some countries in the Middle East are strong enough to maintain own security and unity among them nor the Muslim people are actually united to fight for their own rights, security and existence. On the contrary, the government of these countries have directly or indirectly supported for the rise of various militant groups to fight among themselves, as a result, the benefits of which are taken by the "outsiders". This is one of the most important reasons for which the Middle East has been a boiling point of conflicts over the decades.

Furthermore, recently ongoing political instability in Syria followed by the overthrow of earlier Bashar al-Assad regime by the rising militant groups has intensified the conflict and given rise to the involvement of a number of players and powerful countries like USA, UK, France, Turkey, Russia, China, North-Korea and so on in the affairs of the Middle East. In fact, all these powerful countries have been involved directly or indirectly in the political and economic affairs of the Middle East countries, over the years earlier.

Recently, the war like situation has been further intensified in the Middle East, in view of growing crisis in Syria. On December 8, 2024, the Bashar al-Assad regime fell following a ten-day offensive carried out by rebel forces, beginning with the rebels' seizure of Aleppo on November 30. In fact, a armed coalition was led by Islamist militant group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) and the Turkish-backed Syrian National Army (SNA). The upheaval put an end to over fifty years of the Assad family's rule of Syria and four years of largely frozen dynamics in the Syrian civil war, which has been ongoing since 2011. Amid the fall of the capital city, Damascus, to HTS and aligned forces, deposed President Assad fled to Moscow. Rebels freed Assad regime prisoners throughout the offensive as they seized new territory. It is also reported by media that Israel and USA have been behind this Syria crisis and the rebels were supported by them. Even Russia, Iran, and Hezbollah (longtime supporters of Assad's government) supportive to the Bashar al-Assad regime did not send significant support to his Syrian Arab Army (SAA) during the rebel offensive. Concurrently, the Kurdish-dominated Syrian Defense Forces (SDF), which controls parts of northeastern Syria, continue to clash with Arab tribes that

accuse the group of discrimination while Turkey and its proxies continue attacks on Kurdish forces. Factionalized fighting has made space for the self-proclaimed Islamic State to maintain a presence and launch attacks (google search, See in Wikipedia).

Additionally, the IDF of Israel regularly strikes Iranian and Syrian military positions in Syria and has increased attacks, including hitting the Damascus and Aleppo airports, since Hamas's 7 October 2023 attack on Israel. The campaign against Hamas and Hezbollah was framed as not just a battle for Israel's security but also a broader confrontation with Iranian influence that has historically extended from the Persian Gulf through Iraq and Syria to Lebanon. By actively engaging in these military confrontations, Netanyahu has sought to position Israel as the dominant power in the region. The Prime Minister of Israel Netanyahu's dream plan for "Greater Israel" and his vow to change the face of the Middle East through military action is unfolding against a backdrop of significant violence and upheaval. His government's strategies in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria reflect a commitment to altering regional power dynamics through forceful means (google search, See in Wikipedia).

While the crisis situation in Syria presented another war front in Netanyahu's strategy. With the recent collapse of Bashar al-Assad's regime, Netanyahu grabbed the opportunity to further solidify Israel's security posture and he ordered Israeli forces (IDF) to take control of positions in Golan Heights, previously held by Syrian troops, to prevent hostile entities from gaining a foothold near Israel's borders. Netanyahu has frequently warned the new Syrian regime against allowing Iran to establish a presence or transfer weapons to Hezbollah. He stated that while Israel does not intend to interfere in Syria's internal affairs, it will take necessary measures if its security is threatened. On the other side, the militants of different organizations have controlled different parts of Syria and fighting with each other for their respective hegemony. Although the armed coalition led by Islamist militant group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) has formed a new interim government to rule over Syria, but other militant groups along with local supporters of Bashar al-Assad's regime are in continuous fight against the HTS (See news through google search, also see in Wikipedia). As a result, Syria is going to be divided into more than five parts, if the rival militants go on fighting with each other. Since there is no actual unity among Muslims of all Islamic countries in the Middle East, "others and outsiders" have already entered into the "politics of conflict" which is most likely to give rise of larger war fronts in the Middle East. In this way, along with Gaza, West Bank, Lebanon and other adjacent areas of Middle East, Syria is also a boiling point of conflict and a base of war front between bordering countries supported by the allies of main contending two blocks of World War-III.

New War Fronts in the North and South China Sea: -

There are some other war fronts which are going to be opened very soon. Recently, China has often attempted to use its largest military power for annexing Taiwan and Philippines in the South-China Sea. As a result, the tensions between China and the US have only increased over the years, with the souring relationship long considered to be one of the greatest threats to global stability. Taiwan's sovereignty has been the focal point of tension between the two powers, with Beijing seeing the island nations as part of Chinese territory. Even Taiwan has continued to fight for its independence with the support of the US, both financially and militarily. The US is dedicating more and more of its resources into its presence in the Pacific and the South China Sea, where the states repeatedly come into conflict.

China has even gone so far as denouncing Taiwan's leaders as 'dangerous separatists', and is aiming to invade Taiwan and Philippines very soon. Because often the Chinese fighter jets and warfare ships have

crossed the border lines of both nations showing dominance in the region which has created further tensions among some countries like USA, Japan, South-Korea, and Australia, including Taiwan and Philippines. In order to stop China and North-Korea for opening new war fronts and bring about peace and stability in the region, an organization namely QUAD (consisting of USA, Japan, Australia and India) has been formed and a number of military exercises have been carried in this sea belt, sometimes with South-Korea, sometimes with Japan and sometimes with QUAD under the leadership of USA. This formation of QUAD has also been considered as a threat to China. In reaction to the frequent military exercises of USA and its allies in the sea belt of South-Korea, Japan, China, Taiwan and Philippines, joint military exercises of Russia and China have also been carried along with frequent missile tests of North-Korea which have further increased fear of opening new fronts of war and consequences of massive destruction of infrastructure and loss of lives.

Recently, further tensions have been rising between North and South Korea, with a balloon war launched earlier this year which saw rubbish dumped over the South. It came after activists in South Korea sent balloons 'carrying propaganda material about their democratic society' to North Koreans living under the harsh dictatorship of Kim Jong Un. Both sides have abandoned plans of any form of reconciliation, with the South scrapping their non-hostility pact as 'psychological warfare had tipped over into real escalation'. While the South-Korea continues to play K-Pop music to those guarding the North-Korea's border across the Demilitarized Zone. Kim Jong Un's sister, Kim Yo Jong, said the North would launch 'counteractions' if the South did not stop its actions along the zone. The US has become involved, and conducted a bombing drill with Seoul in June for the first time in seven years as a 'warning against North Korea'. Whereas, North Korean dictator, Kim Jong Un has continued to focus on building his nuclear arsenal and warned the actions of the US and its allies which have pushed the Korean peninsula to the brink of war(See news through google search, also see in Wikipedia).

Thus, it is widely assumed that the emerging war fronts will involve all of the great powers (Super Powers), like its predecessors, and involve the use of nuclear weapons, cyber and electronic warfare, missiles and drones or other weapons of mass destruction such as chemical and biological, thus surpassing prior world wars in terms of geographic scope, devastation, and loss of life. Besides, one more form of war is the "space war" between "super powers" of the world, especially, USA, Russia and China. This space war can have drastic impact of internet facilities which involve almost all affairs of the world including operation of missiles and drones in the battle fields. There are thousands up in orbit that have a wide range of implications on the earth. Russia has already alarmed US officials by developing a nuclear weapon which can attack satellites in space. Even the Pentagon officials have also warned that satellites are vulnerable to attack. In 2007, China fired a missile that destroyed a dead weather satellite. In 2021, Russia hit another dead satellite(See news through google search, also see in Wikipedia).

If today a full-fledged World War-III takes place, in terms of sociological and anthropological sense, it is little difficult at this time to predict fully about support of some Islamic countries like Saudi Arabia, UAE, Katar and neo-colonial African counties of Nigrito racial origin and south Asian countries of Mongoloid racial origin like Nepal (which have already been in relation with China to some extent), South Korea, Japan, Taiwan. Almost all the Islamic countries in the Middle East have been in tension with USA, though Saudi Arabia, UAE, Katar and Israel seem to be very close to USA. Some countries like Iraq, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Somaliya and Lebanon had already experienced tension and conflict with USA recently.

While South Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Japan, Australia, Israel, and some other countries are most likely to take side of the former means USA and its allies, while Pakistan, North Korea, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Malaysia and some other Islamic countries are likely to take the side of the later means Iran and its allies. The former may be termed as “Kendra Shakti” (central power) while the later may be called as “Mitra Shakti” (friends’ power) during this period of World War-III. Since the Cold War was over, Russia has also been revengeful against the West - European countries of NATO and in order to regain its earlier Soviet Union supremacy, Russia has been maintaining its strong relation not only with China, North-Korea and Iran as anti - western countries but also with some other countries of the world including Belarus. Besides, Russia, China, Iran and North-Korea are also trying to take a number of countries in the Middle East and African continent into their fold. In this way, due to vested interests of geo-political economy, the world is going to be divided into two contending blocks of World War-III.

Conclusion: Five Global Leaders Can Stop/Control a Full-Fledged World War-III!

In fact, the devastating consequences of the emerging World War-III cannot be stopped or controlled unless and until some global leaders mainly Mr. Donald Trump, Mr. Vladimir Putin, Mr. Xi Jinping, Mr. Narendra Damodar Modi and Ali Hosseini Khamenei or Recep Tayyip Erdoğan come together on a fruitful dialogue among them for a long-lasting peace in the world. No one of these leaders can alone do this. Though Mr. Modi seems to be neutral leader having friendship with all leaders, he alone cannot do this noble service in bringing peace amidst different fronts of World War-III. Among these global leaders only Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi is not involved directly or indirectly in the current war fronts, even though there has been a long enduring tensions and conflict situation on its border issues and terrorist attacks inside India. However, Indian government has been applying different diplomatic strategies to solve various security problems and threats to national sovereignty. During last decades, Indian government under the leadership of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has maintained significant peace and order within the country as well as strong friendship with dominant leaders of the world. Therefore, he has been considered as a friend of almost all global leaders in the world. Therefore, Prime Minister of Australia called him as “Our Boss”. In this period of global crisis, because of his policy and approach of “Vasudev-Kutumbakam” (World as a family) present Indian Prime Minister – Mr. Modi can play a key role in bringing together all the global leaders on a platform like G-20 meeting, in order to control the growing situation of World War-III and maintain a long-lasting peace and harmony in the world as early as possible. Otherwise, the growing fire of World War-III is most likely to bring catastrophic destruction in different parts of the world very soon by the end of 2025.

Moreover, in spite of conflicts over border issues with China and Pakistan, India is assuming a position of “super power” in the world. India’s role as a “referee” reflects its current diplomacy and foreign policy of strategic autonomy and its ‘neutral’ position. While India maintains strong ties with the West, it has also sought to balance its relations with Russia and other non-aligned nations. This is evident in its approach during the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, where India has preserved diplomatic ties with both Russia and Ukraine. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has engaged with both Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, aiming to foster dialogue without explicitly taking sides. Besides, Mr. Modi has also been greatly honored by a number of countries not only in Middle East but also by other countries of the world. Moreover, Mr. Modi’s image of global leadership has also been well recognized and appreciated by all the global leaders in G-20 meeting as recently held in New Delhi. Thus, the present Prime Minister of India is one of the most deserving ambassador of peace as

well as a powerful neutral global leaders who can play like “middle man” to bring together all the global leader on a common platform and bring about a long-lasting peace in the amidst of a disguised World War-III.

Even then, India is not at all free from this global tension. Because India is also tied with all the nation states of the world in terms of economic and political relations. Besides, her geographical position in the South-Asia also indicates inherent and intense conflict with her bordering countries such as Pakistan in the west, China in the north, Bangladesh in the East and Srilanka in the south. Recently, the Indo-China military conflict on the northern border, the growing terrorist activities in the Indo-Pak border areas and over through of earlier Seik Hassina government by the fundamentalists and militants as invisibly backed by Pakistan and others also indicate a war like situation in front of India. Recently Pakistan itself is in conflict with Afghanistan on the one side and internal conflict with the militant separatists of Baluchistan on the other side. Besides, Pakistan has always been anti-India since 1947 and has often been charged as the terrorist producing country against India. As a result, there have been a number of wars between two countries since then. Besides, China has already opened its bases in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, along with its bases in the border of northern India. While Pakistan has strengthened its military power in the border area of Indo-Pak region, along with a strong hold ties with Bangladesh after overthrown of Sheikh Hassina’s government. Thus, India does have a number of border-based conflicts with China and Pakistan which have always kept India under stress and tension. Furthermore, if the World War-III spreads and India takes a side of the Western countries and USA, India is most likely to face the war in multiple fronts. India will be pulled to a war by QUAD. It is because India is associated with the QUAD consisted of USA, Japan, India and Australia which is most likely to be involved in multiple fronts of a war, if China and North-Korea, supported by Russia, open a war front in the Eastern sea against Taiwan and Phillipines on the one side and against Japan and South-Korea on the other side, respectively. While China and Pakistan along with Bangladesh will mobilise each other’s military power to fight against India. In fact, India has a challenging situation, if the World War-III spreads from the Middle East and if all Islamic countries are united against Israel and its allies including USA and some European countries of NATO.

Thus, India has not only to be cautious and serious about its international diplomatic policy but also has to be in a ready mode and well prepared in order to face the challenges of multiple war fronts ahead, when the ongoing disguised World War-III reaches at the peak of full-fledged nuclear World War-III which is expected to occur very soon in this 2025, if not controlled in time. If it happens, then its massive and destructive consequences will be experienced by people not only in the ongoing war fronts of Eastern Europe and Middle East but also in other emerging war fronts of the world, causing a threat to humanity as a whole. Thus, India has to maintain its safety and security both internally and externally. Internally, India has to follow strictly such development-oriented policies which can help in integrating all categories of people especially minorities and backward class communities on the one side, while strongly maintaining law and order throughout the country. Externally, India has to further strengthen its international diplomatic policy while enlarging, strengthening and empowering more and more its military power. Besides large-scale production of advanced nuclear capable war heads, missiles and drones along with production as well as trading of “Made in India” military weapons, artilleries, fighter jets, war ships, Pandubis etc is a need of the hour. If needed, when the World War-III or related any war with bordering countries reaches at the peak, India has to tighten and enlarge its national security system while adding trained police, NCC and other security persons into its military wings. At present, the age

old policy of India, as advocated by the Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi “Vasudev Kutumbakam”(consider world as a family) is the best policy which not only can keep her in a “safe zone” in view of growing global crisis but also its international diplomatic strategy can bring a “sustainable peace and order” in the world.

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