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What will be the Future of Ukraine and Russia War - A Case Study and its Impact on the Crimea

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ABSTRACT : The beginning of a third world war , Russia –Ukraine crisis , the conflict can be traced back to 2013, the starting of Russian Ukraine conflict over the ethnic Russian people who are pro-Russian and are living in Ukraine and the Ukraine military over culture and language issues . Ukraine is a democracy country with a poor economy and its policies are either pro-Russian or Pro-Europe , half of the population wants to join EU , and half wants to be part of Russia and remain loyal to its native land . Fight between the two countries and where by Crimea which is an important part of both the countries located near the Ukraine eastern side an autonomy country which joined hands with Russia , as It was part of Russia and followed the ethnic Russian culture and language .With Russian consist attack on Ukraine , many western countries have put sanction on Russian economy especially US , UK and NATO , it is no more part of G8 , which has now become G7 . US and Russian relations have been worsened due to Ukraine crisis with most western countries like Germany , Britain are providing assistance to Ukraine .The war is going to hit Russian economy badly. The war is going to have an effect on the nearby Countries especially in the Middle East region.

KEYWORDS: Russia-Ukraine crisis , US , Crimea , European Union, Pro-Russian , Pro-Europe , Russian economy , sanctions , native , language .

I. INTRODUCTION

Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe after Russia .Ukraine crisis is a power struggle where some parts of the country wants to join hands with European Union and some wants to join hand with Russia . It was one of the founding member of Soviet Union and played a significant role in its economic development . Ukraine is squeezed between Russia and Europe , till 1991 it was part of Soviet Union after the disintegration , Ukraine is has been democracy country with a poor economy and the foreign policy has been either pro Russian or Pro-European .The Ukraine crisis began in 2013 when the then President Viktor Yanukovich cancelled the deal for a greater integration with European Union , resulting in mass protest Russia supported Yanukovich where as US and Europe supported the Protestors . Anti-government protests started and Yankovich ran out of the country .Russia tried to create its lost influence back in Ukraine and annexed Crimea . The Pro-Russian rebels began seizing territory , they had shut the Malaysian Airlines Flight killing 298 people , fight between the Ukraine military and Pro-Russian escalated , where the rebels were losing in order to tackle this Russian army invaded eastern Ukraine to support the Pro-Russians . The relationship between Russia and Ukraine reached its worst stage since the cold war and it resulted in the death of 2500 Ukrainians . The country is divided with half of the population considering themselves to be part of Europe and the rest as part of Russia



. A political crisis which resulted in the situation of war in the country . Ukraine has experienced a short period of independence and have been conquered by different countries in the past . The country has been under partial or full under the Russian rule , this is why in Ukraine one in six people are ethnically Russian and speak their native language and even the country media is in Russian ,Moscow is considered as historical source of defeat for Ukraine and something to be countered . Crimea is major area of conflict where majority consider Crimea to be part of Ukraine under Russian Hostile occupation where as Russian consider Crimea as part of Russia .It is rightly a peninsula in the Black sea which is strategically very important and it has been fought for centuries . Crimea before the disintegration of Soviet Union was part of Russia and even after 1991 , most of the citizens living in Crimea are Russian , From 1991 to 2014 February , Ukraine was a region that had special autonomy with vast Russian military bases . The conflict in eastern Ukraine back in 2014 with minimum fighting between Ukraine Military and Pro Russian Rebels who invaded Russian speaking areas of Ukraine predominantly which increased with Russia invading Crime , they even seized Sloviansk and Donetisk in the eastern region .The Ukrainians and the rebels have support from the local people and Russian government assist the rebel armed .

II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

For the exploration of this topic , the method used is secondary data collected from various journals , news channels , short articles , interaction with International relation students .

Objective of the Research Paper

The main areas of exploration in this paper incorporates

- 1.Undertsand Ukraine crisis.
- 2.History of Crimea and Integration of Soviet Union
3. The reasons behind Ukraine Russia conflict .
4. Study on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict .
- 5.The further of Russia-Ukraine conflict .

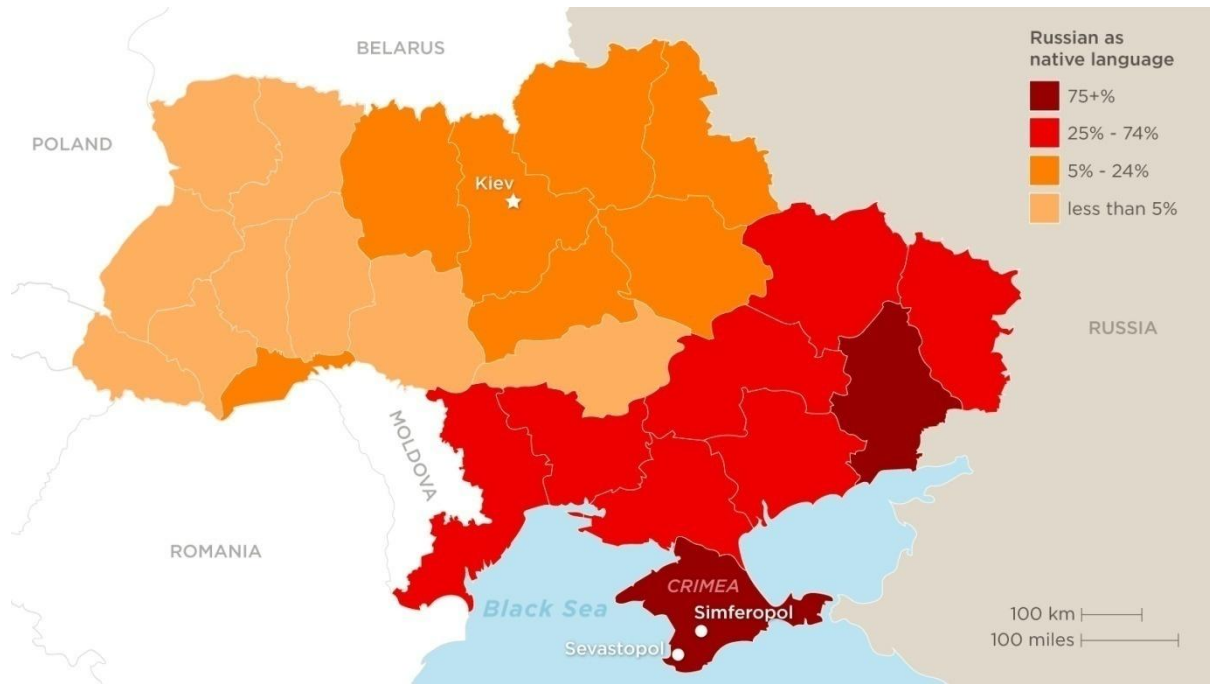
III. LITERATURE REVIEW

3000 Km away from Iran , one more conflict is emerging at the cross road of Russia and Europe . Russia is being accused of keeping troops across the border of Eastern Ukraine , Moscow calls this an act of deterrence or some says it is an act of aggression because of the light induction of Ukraine in the NATO . Is the war inevitable Revolution , annexation and rebellion has been happening in the Ukraine . Russia doesn't want to loose its influence in the Ukraine region, 77% of the people in Crimea speak Russian as their native language . Russia had send 100 troops in Crimea , 90% wanted to be put of Ukraine . Rebels took control over Slobtanks , Kramatorsk , Donetsk , Mariupol , Khartsyzsk , Luhansk in the eastern Ukraine region .In march 2014 after a referendum held in Crimea ,Russia federation annexed the Crimean Peninsula ,the Southern and Eastern regions of Ukraine declared Independence and militias supported by Russian military are fighting Ukrainian forces . If we look at the history of Ukraine , Ukraine was under the Russian control over 400 years , Crimea was under the Ottoman Empire which was situated in Turkey , Crimea went from Turkey to Russia under in 1783 after a war . The Crimea war was fought between 1853 to 56 between Russia being on one side and Ottoman , France and Britain being on the other side , however Russia was defeated in the war and after the Russian revolution of 1917 Crimea became part of USSR , In 1924 Stalin came to power and his policies led to the death of almost 2.4 to 2.7 Million Ukrainians , caused by an artificial famine , after second world war Stalin deported the population of Crimean Tatars , they comprised 35% of the Crimea population , ethnic tribe , as Stalin suspected that they had supported Nazi's during the world war II , on the other hand he moved ethnic Russia people to Crimea ,till 1954 Crimea was part of Russia SSR then it was transferred to Ukrainian SSR . In 1991 when the USSR collapse all these 15 countries became Independent and Ukraine gained its Independence ,Crimea said it will remain autonomous , Crimea got its own Parliament , own Prime Minister but foreign policy , International relations and other are under the Control of Ukraine .The Political Upheavals which led to the crisis was in 2010 , Victor Yanukovych was elected as the President of Ukraine , he has been closed to Russia and he has close ties with Putin and its mother land and believed that it should be more close to Russia then European Union .In 2013 ,Ukraine was at the last stage to sign a treaty with European Union and it was first step where Ukraine would have joined EU after many years , this treaty President Victor Yanukovych rejected at the last moment and signed an agreement and a multi-billion dollar bailout with Russia , the economy of Ukraine was becoming weak so he decided to get the money from Russia instead of Ukraine and this led to huge protests from Euromaiden the beginning of Ukraine Crisis .

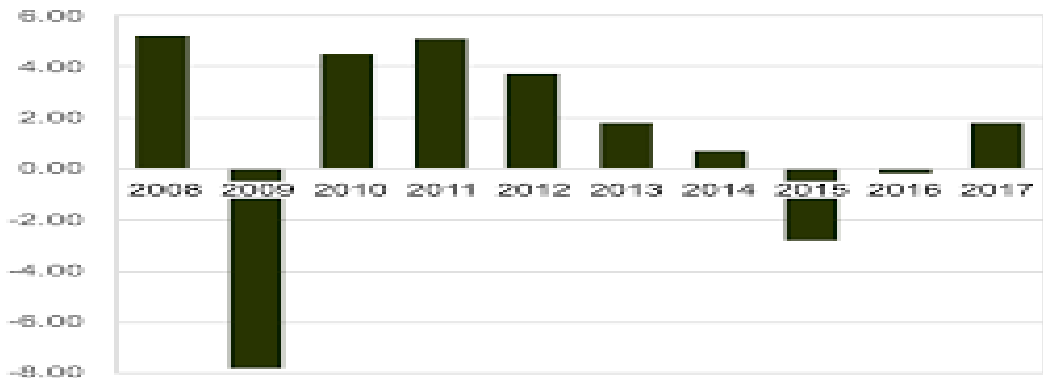


Findings

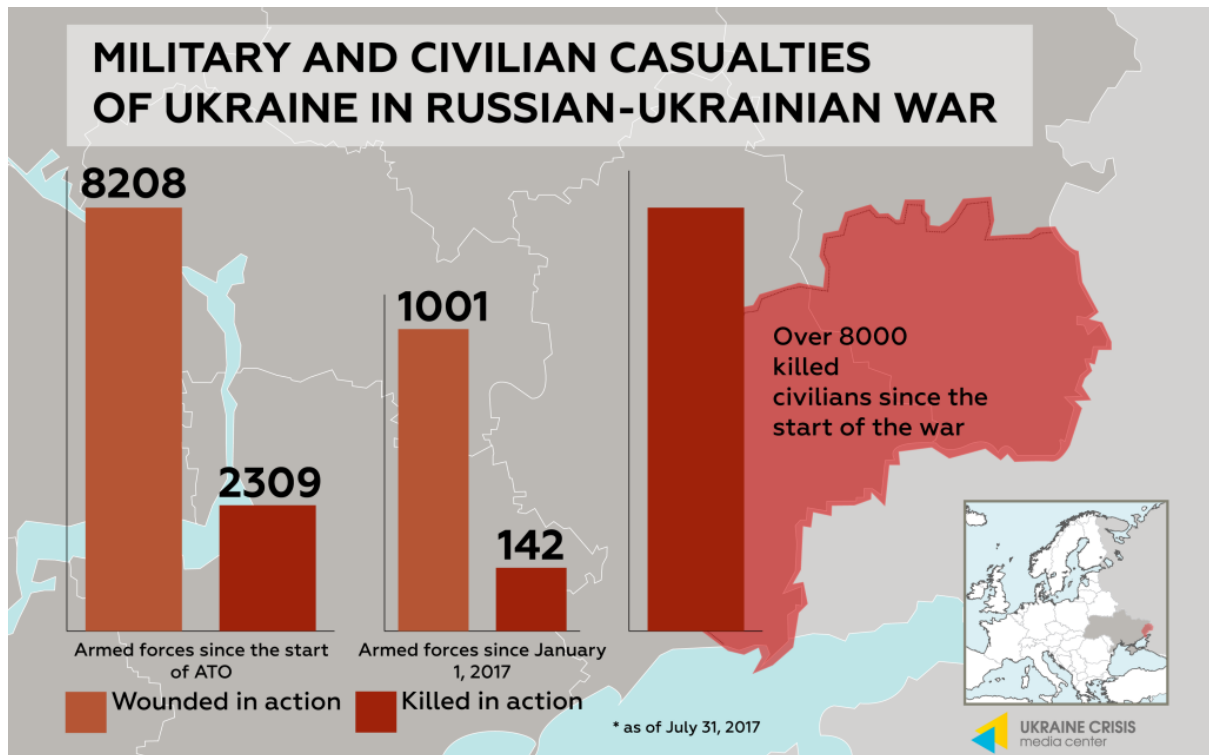
When Ynukovych left , Russian backed protestors occupy Parliament in Crimea and a new Prime Minister of Crimea was appointed which asked Russian for assistance in maintaining Peace and Security . One of the big reason is Crimea is ethnicity Russia now , 75% in Crimea identify themselves as Russia and speak Russian Language , they have close affinity with Russia and not just Ukraine . Russia send troops , Masked soldiers without ant insignia took over airports , military bases , administrative buildings and other strategic location all over Crimea and the new Prime Minister calls from a referendum for joining Russia or complete Independence , however no option was provided to join Ukraine . The referendum took place on 16 March , 2014 where 96.7% voted in favour of joining the Russian Federation , no International observers were allowed , many International community consider this as a fraud , some of Russia Media say only 30 % voted and the rest is a lie , whatever he the case on 18 March , 2014 Crimea joins Russia .



After this referendum , UK , USA and NATO put restriction on Russian trade companies , sanctions was put on Russian they couldn't travel to UK , USA , accounts were frozen of Russian Parliaments people in New York and Washington which continued for 2 years . The G8 was expelled Russia and it become G7 even Putin left G20 summit and but Russia is still a part of G20 . Soon after the Crimea joined Russia , Separatist or the Pro Russian protested and conflicts started in the Eastern Ukraine as well which is ethnicity Russia , they erupted Eastern and Southern region of Ukraine . The Ukraine people who had closed ties with Russia and spoke Russian wanted to have Russian language recognised as the second official language in Ukraine , and the people who were from Ukraine spoke Ukraine and wanted to increase their ties with European Union as it was progressive and had more economy , we should export more to European Union . It is more an ethnic problem and demand for autonomy . March to August 2014 , fighting between Ukraine Government forces and militias aided by Russian army in eastern Ukraine , in September a ceasefire agreement was signed by Petro Poroshenko , Russian and Eastern Republics in Minsk . The biggest reason why Russia is interested in Crimea is Strategic location as it gives access to Black sea , Mediterranean sea and Balkans and the black sea fleet of Russian army has always been situated in the Crimea region in the Sevastopol , this is the largest wing of Russian Naval and this is only the warm water port and give transport opportunities to Russia trade and is accessible in all weather ports and it encircled by NATO and EU .



After the failure of 2015 treaty and fights years after years .In 2020 Ukrainian ,Russian and ODCE negotiators reached an agreement on July , 2020 for a full ceasefire between government forces and pro Russian Separatist in Eastern Ukraine this was even a failure as on 30th March 2021 , the Ukraine Parliament released a statement accepting that the July 2020 ceasefire has broken in the Eastern Ukraine conflict has increased , and they requested Western countries to put Political and Economic pressure on Russia .Ukraine army said that on 26th March , the Russian army killed 4 Ukraine soldiers and injured two and Poskov also declared there has been an increase in tension on the Contact line in Donbass .



The main reason for the failure of this agreement was water, the Crimea Peninsula is suffering from Shortage of Water, the region has seen its reserve of potable water to decline by 60% under the Russian occupation and also it will entirely run out of supplies of this critical natural resource sometime in summer. Kyiv cut off water supplies from the Dnieper forcing occupiers to rely on local wells, ground water and reservoirs and with frequent cold weather and less rainfall the situation has turned out to be worst, this has become a crisis for Russia. In 2019 on a meeting on socio-economic development of Crimea and Sevastopol, President Putin criticized the local officials for their inept attention to solving the water supply issue, Crimea officers also tried to purchase Ukraine water, however the government declined. The second reason has been Joe Biden becoming the President. In January 2021, The President Joe Biden ordered on his first full day in office to look into 4 areas. Interference in the U.S. Election, the Solar winds attack, Reports of Russian Bounties on U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan and attacks and the poisoning of Russian opposition Leader Alexey Navalny. Putin wanted Donald Trump to be re-elected as President. The role of U.S. in Ukraine and Russian conflict will be very important. 9th April 2021, US considered sending warships to Black Sea amid Russia-Ukraine Tensions, but according to 1936 treaty US is required to give 14 days notice of its intention to Turkey to enter the Black Sea under the treaty giving Turkey control of Straits to enter the sea, it is unclear if a notice was sent. US in order to monitor Russian troops in the Crimea and a check on Russian naval activities near the Black sea US has sent International aircrafts, A USAF SR-21 high-Altitude reconnaissance Aircraft and US even conducted a mission in the Aegean Sea. The Russian Ukraine is an ongoing war which may be the start of the Third world war, Ukraine is asking support from Western Countries to fight against Russia.

Way Forward

The western countries providing assistance to Ukraine against Russia, has also put pressure on the economic and political sector of Russia with sanctions on economy, Russia has been expelled from G8 which has now become G7. Russia export business has declined over the years with many countries. The Ukraine and Russian war over the years has resulted in the death of many civilians and this is now emerging as a third world war. Sanction against Russia and US interference in the conflict and his major role in resolving it has been a problem for Russia. US and Russia being the two most powerful nations in the defence sector, the conflict will rise and there are less chances of a ceasefire to happen, even though Russia has removed its troops from the border line area. The Black sea is the main source of trade through sea routes for Russia, its control over the Crimea region is very crucial for its economy growth. In this battle, the question of Human rights can into place with fight between Ukraine Military and Pro-Russian, there is no sight of peace or advocacy in the region and this will have an effect on many parts of the world including Turkey, Middle East as a whole and European Union.



IV. CONCLUSION

The disintegration of Soviet Union in 1991 and Ukraine became an Independent country with 75% of the population being ethnically Russian and speaking Russian, Crimea after a referendum joined Russia, Crimea was under the Russia control for over 400 years. Russia and Ukraine main reason for conflict pro-Russian and Pro-European. Half of the Ukraine population want to Join European Union because of its advance progress and economy where as half want to be pro-Russian and be closed to their native Motherland. 2013 when Ukraine President rejected the agreement with EU at the last moment led to the Ukraine Russian crisis which is an ongoing on, with Russian attacked on the Eastern Ukraine part. The crisis has become an International issue and many Western countries are part of the war, which is going to bring economy crisis of Russia.

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