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An Examine on the Relation between Middle East and Us since the Demand of Crude Oil and Control Over Oil Refineries

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ABSTRACT : Middle East and US relation can be traced back to the 1930s when a California company entered Middle East in search of oil which was the starting point of US establishing their presences in the region with strengthen bilateral relation with Saudi Arabia. US invaded Middle East not just for oil but also to prevent the rise of another superpower , oil is an important commodity which plays significant role in the development of military and weapons. US intervention in Iraq was basically to reduce their power . Middle East is a very complex region and has become a land of battlefield over the years ,the region has experienced massive wars between the states and the presences of Islamic terrorist groups have further made the situation crucial , the ongoing Syrian war is a example of the presences of Terrorist groups in the region , ISIS which has emerged as the greatest internal threat in the region . The fight for oil control has finally reduced , with the whole moving towards renewable source of energy , which will result in economic crisis in the region followed by Inter states war . The country has also refugee problem which is overall reducing the economic growth of many regions especially Turkey which has the maximum number of refugee from Syria . Water crisis has also emerged as a major problem in Middle East . The region has always remained a subject of international discussion because of its geo-political and oil reserves .

KEYWORDS: Middle East , US , oil, Syrian war ,terrorist groups , ISIS , economic crisis weapons

I. INTRODUCTION

For long time Middle East has played an important role in America's Foreign policy and military strategy . Oil is a very important commodity in global affairs , in the modern life and in protecting propensity and for high quality military power oil is necessary .During the cold war US was concerned Soviet Union could rob America access especially gulf area which was needed in order defend Europe , and their own interest against Soviet Union , for this purpose US took over the in charge of protecting the gulf region from outside . However , even after the disintegration of Soviet Union . The US has feared threat extremist , fundamentalist , Muslim groups in Middle East can pose an affect to American oil supply and make US poor . America has used military force to reduce instability in parts of the world particularly in the Persian Gulf , where instability might threaten global oil markets , the policy has been largely affect and also largely unaffected . America has played an important role to free many countries during the time 1890s to liberate Qatar and also to liberate and maintain the independence of many Individual oil produce companies .The US has diplomatic relation with all the Middle Eastern Countries except Iran because of the 1979 revolution against the US backed reign of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi which brought in anti-American government . US impact has lessened in the Middle East . The relationship between US and Middle East has changed over the years . The Anglo-American



Petroleum agreement signed in 1944 between Middle East oil countries and Britain and United States which indicated America's interest in the Middle East, along with preventing the emerging of powerful rival in the region. The US played a significant role in the Palestine war of 1947 to 1949, which also resulted in the Independence of Israel, it worked to resolve the Arab-Israel Conflict and minimize the use of weapons for mass destruction, Israel was the new state which came into existence in 1947, US gave recognition to the state of Israel. No Arab state accepted the formation of Israel. In 1967, the Six-day war between Israel and Egypt, in which Israel captured Golan Heights, West Bank and Sinai Peninsula. US provided weapons and financial support to Israel throughout the 1970s. Jordan with the help of US and Israel was able to attack the PLO guerrilla camps. The US air forces dropped napalm, deployed aircraft carrier, Independence and six destroyers off the coast of Lebanon. During the Iran-Iraq War, United States provided support to Iraq. US also had a strong ties with Saudi Arabia till September 11 attack, The relation with Afghanistan and Pakistan are on the basis of War of Terrorism being a part of South Asia, there are considered to be part of Greater Middle East. The America-led intervention in Iraq has made the situation and diplomatic relation crucial between America and many Middle East countries.

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 Research

In this Research paper the main area of studies include

1. The relation between Middle East and US
2. How did US get control over the Middle East
3. Arab-Israel Conflict and the role of US,
4. An analysis on US-Iraq war, US-Iran ongoing war.
5. The role played by US in resolving the Syrian civil war to some extent.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

Middle East is that part of the world where civilization first started, today is the modern day Iraq and over the years the border have been redrawn as empire have entered and left the region. The Russian, British and France has drawn the lines of region, even after they left the lines remained. After the world war, which was powered by nuclear weapons and rise of oil. Oil seems important, for US. In the 1930s US didn't had a significant point in the Middle East. A California company was to explore the desert of Middle East in search of oil, A massive desert which is one-third the size of America, it was risky decision as they were not sure whether there is any oil in the region or not and second this desert was ruled by literal Kingdom, a hardcore religious kingdom, you didn't like the interfere of people from outside. Eventually the king allows and give permission to explore the desert in search of oil. On 3rd March, 1938, they found oil. In the 1930s -40s American started shifting to Middle East, establishing America presences in Middle East. Americans set up small cities around the oil region. More and more American people entered the Middle East where activities such as Women driving cars and people drinking alcohol was allowed, which was not like by the people of Middle East. As the oil search increased and massive amount of oil was produced, the American approached the Saudi Arabia to form military base in the region to protect the oil as it was valuable and would provide maximum wealth to all the people. the Saudi Arabic did agree with it but did not allow the Americans to host their flag on the soil of Middle East, the deal was accepted and American soon formed their Military base along the oil region. The other countries of Middle East were against the American being here. However the Saudi Arabia had no problems as they were becoming rich, it was the hunt for oil that America came to Middle East but now there is another reason for America's interest in Middle East is the Soviet Union who is encouraging countries in the Middle East to join Communalism. The British together with America joins hand to control the influence of Soviet Union in the region as Iran leader was trying to be friendly with Soviet Union and the America replaced the Iran leader with a dictator who was in support of America. One more reason why America was interested in the Middle East. The newly constructed State of Israel, a friendly relation with America and supported them with funds and weapons to fight against their neighbours, the Arab Nations.

Findings

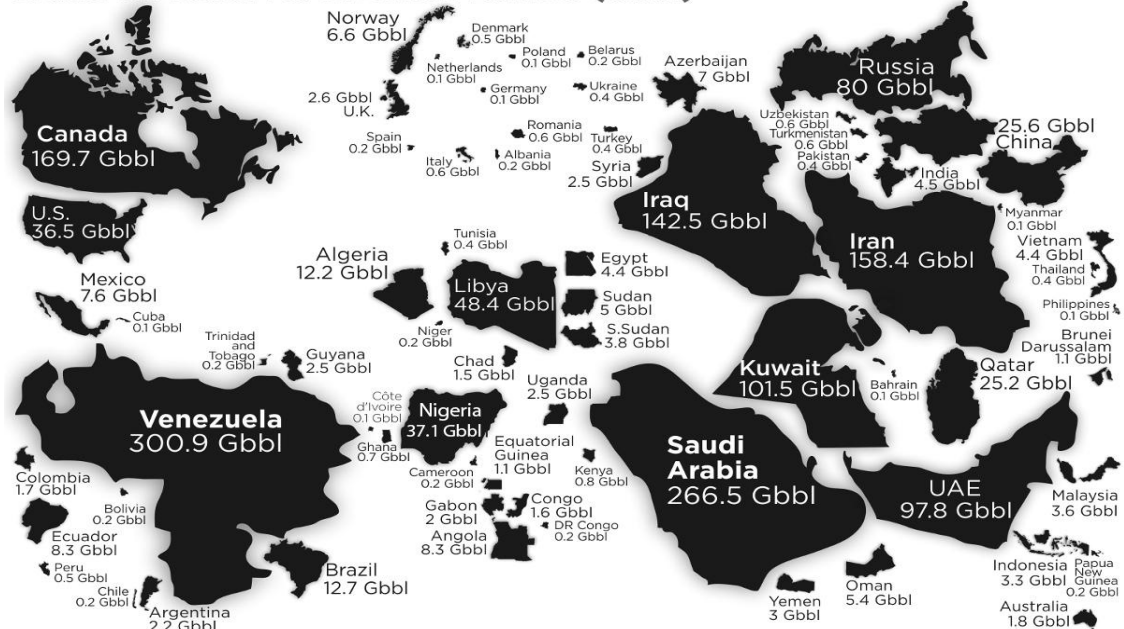
In the 1970s, the person Mohammed Bin Laden who helped the American in the construction of military base is now extremely rich. He had 54 sons, one of his Osama Bin Laden, he was looking at the situation happening around like in Iran and Israel, he was not supportive of American presences and his government whom of religious place like



Mecca, fine with the presences of America. Osama Bin Laden sets a quest to fight back not only against America but also Soviet Union invading the region like Afghanistan. A religious government is formed in Iran and stands against America. Some of the rebel groups joined hands to fight against Soviet Union, where America was providing them funds and weapon. We see a strong relation growing between the Middle East and US. In this way US got much control of Middle East.

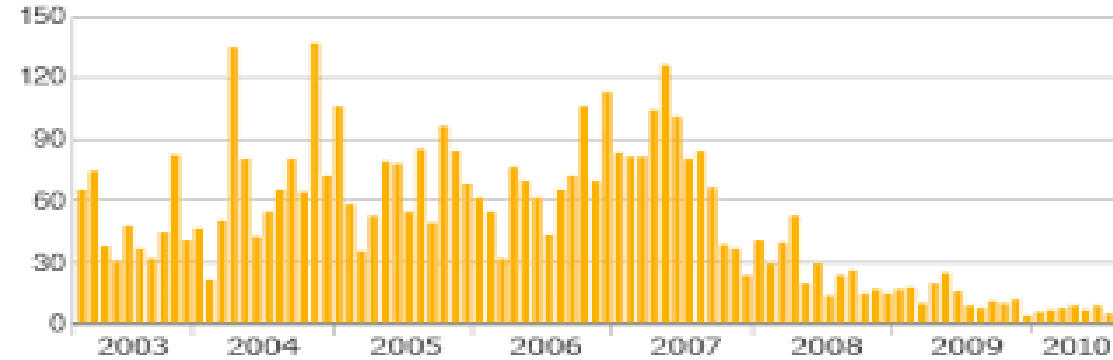
Middle East is a complex region, which has experienced many wars and conflict, the longest which is still going is the Syria crisis, it been a decade since the war is on. At present there are 4 wars on in the region. The two most powerful nations in the Middle East are Saudi Arabia and Iran, who are also fighting against each other by supporting the opposing side, indulge in proxy wars against each other. Middle East because of its oil reserves, economic, geographical region and religious, fundamentalist has always remained a subject matter at the International Forum. There has been oil wars and race among the super powers to get control over these oil rich countries in the Middle East. However there are only 6 countries in the region who produces oil. America invasion in the region has created much tension in the Middle East region, along with America involvement in the Afghanistan.

Crude Oil Reserves in Billion Barrels (Gbbbl)





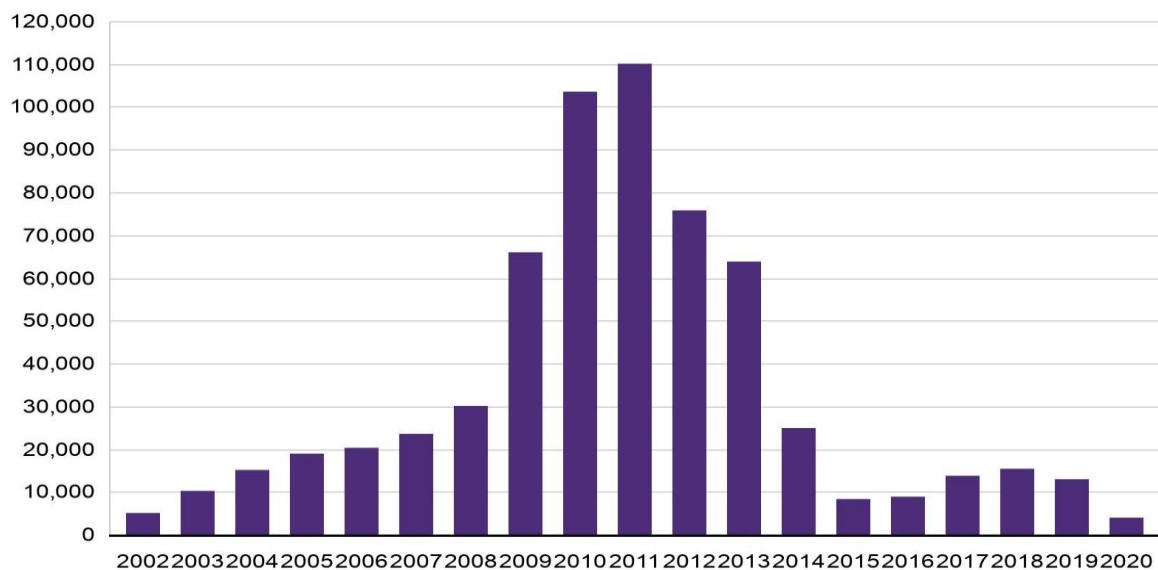
US military deaths, Iraq, March 2003 - July 2010



Source: Defense Manpower Data Center

After the 11 September 2001 terrorist attack in America which resulted in the death of 3000 people .Osama Bin Laden was responsible for this , the Taliban protected him , soon after the 9/11 attack America launched airstrikes against the Afghanistan , the US was supported by International coalition which removed Taliban from power , and turned into an insurgency and continued to attack Afghan Government , since that period US has been fighting a war with Taliban .However in 2017 ,the American decided to increase their military base in Afghanistan by adding more 5000 soldiers , they realised that the Taliban could not be defeated without the help of Pakistan .US decided to take help from Pakistan to fight against Afghanistan .The negotiation between US and Afghanistan began in Qatar after 9 rounds they came down to an agreement where the US would withdraw 8600 troops in 135 days and the NATO and the coalition number will also be brought down and within 14 months all the troops will be out of the region, Taliban commitment was that there will be no use of Afghanistan as a weapon to threaten the security of US and also the release of Taliban Prisoners .After many crisis and Intra –Afghan Dialogue .US has promised to end all war in the greater Middle East . 460,000 deaths in Iraq due to war , 60% of deaths were result attribute of violence ,110,600 violence deaths , 183,535 to 206,107 civilian deaths from violence and 109,032 deaths including 66,081 deaths , casualties of the Iraq War. Iraq and US war since 2001 to 2018 has killed 7000 US troops , 2298 in Afghanistan and 4,572 in Iraq along with that 173,000-177,000 Local Military and police have been killed, 52000 in Iraq and 64000 in Afghanistan.

US troop levels in Afghanistan 2002 - 2020



2020 figure as of December

Source: Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), Congressional Research Service





The increasing tension between Iran and USA is resulting in crisis in the West Asian region , US has strike significant blow by killing the Commander of Iranian Quds Force-General Qasem Soleimani , the issue started in 2018 when the US walked out of Iran Nuclear Deal through the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action making Iran economically weak , the Riyadh-Doha Break . Iran and US had their recent open conflict in the beginning of 2020 when IRGC launched ballistic missile attacked two military basis in Iraq , which resulted in a rare US and rare direct confrontation and there were on the verge of a war .

US policy towards the Syria , has forced on counter terrorism since 2014 against the Islamic state .Since 2015 ,US has provided equipment and deployed trained to help the local partners . Under the Donald Administration policy towards Syria includes to defeat the Islamic state , aim to stabilizes the political system and resettle of the Syrian civil war and withdraw of Iranian Commanded force from the region . In July 2020 , there were around 600 US troops supporting the Local partner . It is also the largest Humanitarian aid donor to Syria .and encouraging diplomatic efforts to reach a political settlement , it is providing harmless and safe assistance to the victims and civil society groups . Being the most powerful nation , one side , it is fighting with Iran and other side providing assistances to Syria .

Way Forward

We see a decline in the production of oil , with the world moving towards renewable energy .The cost of oil has also reduced and it is estimated that Middle East will suffer from economic crisis in the upcoming 10 years , especially the Oil reverse countries which will be followed by Interstate conflict . There will be a rise insurgency and growth of Islamic terrorist groups . The ongoing Syria crisis had affected its neighbours , countries like Turkey and Egypt which provides refugee provision to its Syrian people. Turkey is facing economic crisis due to the high refugee accommodation . US intervention in many parts of the Middle East has created both a negative and a positive impact . Oil wars and to prevent the rise of another super power . The war has resulted in the death of millions of people across the Middle East. The US –Iraq war was a diplomatic to reduce or end the power of Iran and get control over the country which has negatively affected the relation. Conflict and instability will increase in the region and geopolitical concern .Middle East and North Africa has 12 out of 17 water scarcity countries . Being a region with hot and dry climate , there is always shortage of water compared to other places . However the problem has amplified in the recent years , which has become a potential cause of conflict and we see migration happening at a large extent in the region which has given rise to cross border issue .ISIS is rising there are still 10,000 fighters who are bombing in Syria and Iraq ,also parts of West Africa and East Asia which represents a threat to the local where ISIS continues to remains a global threat for radicalization .

IV. CONCLUSION

ISIS and the future of Middle East has become a crucial matter. With a decline in oil production , the economy of Middle East is going to drastically affected , and there are very few alternatives , as many parts of the region is dependent on a single commodity for their economy . The threat from America in different regions has also resulted in conflict in the region, the race to get control over the oil region was one of the major aim for US to enter Middle East followed by to compass the rise of any super power , as oil is a very important commodity to strengthen military power and US wanted to destruct all the weapons and chemical and biological weapon of Middle East and establish their presences in the region , there were successful in doing that to some extent with the support of Saudi Arabia . US massive support for Israel and providing them funds and weapons to fight against their neighbours the Arab . Middle East being an Islamic region didn't like the interference of American or their presences in their region as they were culturally very different from them , which has also formed the grounds for conflict among the states which provided America the power to control few Middle East countries .

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