

Tug of War between USA and China for World Hegemony

After disintegration of USSR, USA remained as the single super-power in the world. It has the largest economy in the world. US imperialism is assuming the leadership role of world imperialism. On the other hand China emerged as the second largest economy of the world and a leader in new age technologies like artificial intelligence, quantum computing and space exploration. It has steadily penetrated in to economic, political spheres in Asian countries and is building its global dominance.

Joe Biden, President of USA, has been aggressively pursuing the American imperialist strategy of world hegemony and domination, by revitalizing alliances with the countries of the world. In a bid to revitalize and expand NATO, the military arm of imperialism, he on behalf of world imperialism stoked antagonism between Ukraine and Russia, inciting in to an unwarranted war and imposed it on the world to endure its evil consequences. He has been successful in the plan of revitalizing and expanding NATO, by drawing some other neutral European Countries in to its orbit.

At the same time, US under the leadership of Joe Biden has been persistently pursuing very forcefully the strategy of containing China from any challenge to the US domination and world hegemony, even from the time prior to Ukraine-Russia war. He has been using QUAD, as a platform to contain China in both economic and military fronts. Through QUAD, he interacted two times with the leaders of QUAD countries. While the first summit was through virtual means, the second time on May 24, in the form of in-person leader's summit in Tokyo, after the beginning of Ukraine-Russia war. The joint statement of this QUAD summit claims that "it reaffirms its resolve to uphold international rules-based order where countries are free from all forms of military, economic, coercion". In other words the QUAD summit "reaffirmed to uphold and continue the rules-based world order, imposed on the world by US imperialism from the time after the Second World War till day, that suits the interests of US imperialism of world hegemony and domination".

With such a strategy and hegemonic designs, Joe Biden, a day before the QUAD summit at Tokyo had launched a so-called Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) – an economic block – witnessed by leaders of 13 countries including India, comprising of Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, USA and Vietnam that represent 40% of the world's GDP. This is in pursuance of US's decade old "PIVOT to ASIA" programme, re-imagining the Indo-Pacific as a geographic construct including America. This IPEF is a way for US to keep its foot in the door on trade in Asia. What

ever might be the claims of US about launching IPEF, its intentions are still too vague and lack of enough substance, to the other member countries.

On the other hand China which emerged as the second largest economy too is trying its best to increase its world domination in economic and political spheres. It too has been making its efforts, to form its own trade block and maintain it, against the attempts of US hegemony. It is challenging the old. "Rules-based world order" imposed by US imperialism. It too is making its attempts for domination among the countries of the world.

China on one hand has been engaging cooperation with USA, and agreeing to 'manage' US-China competition at the same time is criticizing USA, that US is sowing discord in Indo-Pacific region calling QUAD as "An Asian NATO" and that "IPEF is a political tool for US to maintain regional economic hegemony" and that "US is politicizing, weaponising and idealizing economic issues and using economic means to coerce regional countries to choose between China and US", "attempting to create camps, a NATO or cold war in Asia-Pacific".

On the other hand China in order to wrest control in Indo-Pacific region is attempting to obtain the endorsement of 10 small pacific nations, on an agreement covering everything from a security to fisheries. China wants to train Pacific police officers, team up on traditional and non-traditional security and expand law enforcement cooperation. China also in attempting to develop a joint marine plan for fisheries which would include the Pacific's lucrative "tuna catch". China intends to setting up a "free trade block with Pacific nations". It is attempting to obtain endorsement of "development vision" by Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea. China is also holding Virtual meetings with Cook Islands, Niue and Federated States of Micronesia.

Moreover China is attempting to use BRICS platform, for win-win cooperation among China, India, Russia, Brazil and South Africa, in to significant force "for the evolution of international order, improvement of global governance and promotion of common development". On May 19, Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a video address at the virtual meeting of foreign ministers and asking them to take solid steps to implement the "global development initiative" advocated him, and called the BRICS countries to be leaders of global governance and safeguard the international system ensuring "international affairs have participation by all, international rules are formed by all and development outcomes are shared by all". Jinping calls this as "global governance policy" and calls for a "high quality partnership to jointly create a new era global development". With such a philosophy, China wants US imperialism to co-operate. China also is in the game and gives a share to it in world hegemony and dominance.

But US imperialism refuses to compromise with China in dominating and looting the globe. US Secretary of State clearly and categorically outlined the US policy to counter China through its so-called three-pillar approach to compete with China in a race to define the 21st century's economic and military balance. He claimed that US administration believes China poses a "great danger" and China intends to "reshape the international order and increasingly the economic, diplomatic, military and technological power, and moves us away from the universal values that have sustained so much over the past 75

years". With that he made it clear that US imperialism strongly wants to retain the 'world order' imposed by it, and that it wants to impose its hegemony and domination on the world at all costs.

Thus the cat came out of the bag, exposing the real intentions of US imperialism for world hegemony. The QUAD summit and launching of IPEF by Joe Biden are proved to be the attempts of US imperialism in pursuance with its strategy of world hegemonism and its economic interests.

With IPE, US initiated a 'tug of war' with China, to gobble up the world to its super-exploitation, subjecting the world to its imperialist hegemony!