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# Article - 1: Bangladesh's election and the politics of India's borderlands

## Opinion – Bangladesh's Election and the Politics of India's Eastern Borderlands

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**Context** The 2026 election in Bangladesh has triggered political ripples in India. The outcome is being politically instrumentalised, linking foreign developments with domestic electoral & communal narratives.

### Facts

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) led by Tarique Rahman won 209 seats, while previously banned Jamat-e-Islami secured a record 68 seats.

The BNP's return revives memories of 2004 Chittagong arms haul, where weapons intended for ULFA were intercepted in Bangladesh.

Jamaat's border seats form "arc" near West Bengal, amplifying BJP claims of infiltration risks and TMC "minority appeasement"

## Analytical Crux

The core argument is that the Bangladesh election is no longer an "external event" but a domestic political catalyst. In Assam, the BJP uses the fall of the Awami League to frame "Muslim infiltration" as an ongoing emergency, reinforcing the fault lines of the 2019 NRC. In West Bengal, the "Jamaat geography" - the party's success in border constituencies - is used by the BJP to trap the TMC between accusations of 'minority appeasement' and the anxieties of Hindu border residents. This 'entanglement' allows domestic parties to merge genuine national security concerns with manufactured communal threats to mobilize voters.

### Verbatim Quotes

"The distinction between genuine security concerns & politically manufactured threats becomes increasingly difficult to sustain."

"Bangladesh's electoral result isn't just being reported in India; it's being actively manufactured into electoral ammunition."

# Article - 2 : Lessons from Ukraine and Iran

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## Lessons from Ukraine and Iran: Adaptation Remains Key

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*Initial superiority determines outcomes less than the ability to learn, adjust and endure in a highly dynamic theatre of war*

Author



### Context

Russia - Ukraine and US - Israel - Iran was showcase contrasting modern conflict styles - protracted attrition versus rapid multi-domain coercion - but both prove technology has made war more complex, diffuse and endurance - driven rather than decisive.

### Facts

The Russia - Ukraine war represents attritional warfare, driven by endurance and sustained external support.

Modern battlefields are dominated by drones, satellites and open-source intelligence, reducing surprise.

Despite precision strikes, Iran retained asymmetric capabilities (missiles, proxies, chokepoints like Strait of Hormuz).

## Analytical Crux

The article argues that modern warfare has fundamentally changed. Earlier, wars aimed for quick, decisive victories through superior force. Today, even powerful countries struggle to achieve clear outcomes because adversaries use asymmetric tactics, new technologies and economic leverage. Wars now unfold across multiple domains - military, cyber, information and economic - making them prolonged and unpredictable. Success depends less on initial strength and more on adaptability, resilience, alliances and the ability to manage escalation over time.

## Verbatim Quotes

"Technological change has not simplified war, it has made it more complex."

"War has become less about decisive battles and more about managing protracted competition."

"The promise of decisive victory has receded."

# Article - 3: Has the Iran War Revealed a Shift in India's Grand Strategy

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## Has the Iran War Revealed a Shift in India's Grand Strategy?

Whatever happened to India's promotion of a multipolar world?

By Sandeep Bhardwaj  
March 27, 2026



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### Context

This article explores the apparent shift in India's grand strategy during 2026 U.S. - Israel - Iran war. It argues that India's tacit support for U.S. & Israel - marked by silence on U.S. strikes & the rejection of BRICS mediation - contradicts its traditional pursuit of a 'multipolar world'.

### Facts

India has condemned Iranian actions but avoided criticism of U.S. and Israel strikes.

India's energy imports from Iran are negligible, while ties with the U.S., Israel & Arab states are strong.

It ignored Iran's request for a BRICS intervention, despite being chair.

Contrasts with 2022 stance during Russia - Ukraine war, where India maintained proximity with Russia.

## Analytical Crux

The core of the article examines why India is seemingly abandoning its goal of a 'multipolar world' to prop up U.S. power. This "turnabout" could be a defensive reaction to a rising China. During the Cold War, India leaned toward the Soviet Union to balance U.S. preponderance; now, if India perceives the U.S. as being in "irreversible decline" and China as the primary threat to its autonomy, its grand strategy may have flipped. Embracing a diminishing United States becomes the new "balance of power" tactic to prevent a China-centric Asia.

## Verbatim Quotes

"India's silence in the current war is a clear inversion of this principle."

"As the most powerful actor in the world, the U.S. poses a singular risk to India's strategic autonomy."

"Indian foreign policy bears close watching."

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