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Article - 1 : West asia war's impact on India's energy sector



Context This article explains how the West Asia war directly affects India's economy through oil dependence, shipping disruption, inflation and fiscal pressure and why diversification has now become a strategic necessity for India.

Facts

India imports nearly 87% of the oil it consumes.

India's Gulf dependence has fallen from 72% to 63%.

About 95% of Indian cargo ships had to reroute through the Cape of Good Hope during disruption.

Analytical Crux

The article's real point is that West Asia instability is not just an external crisis for India; it directly tests India's energy model, inflation control and fiscal stability. India's strength lies less in self-sufficiency and more in smart diversification, route flexibility and wider sourcing. The deeper message is that energy security is now a strategic issue, not just an economic one. So India's long-term task is to reduce concentrated dependence and build a more resilient energy architecture.

Verbatim Quotes

“With the prolonged conflict, the Strait of Hormuz is India's most serious vulnerability.”
- Saiakshit Raghupathy.

“Reducing reliance on a narrow set of suppliers is no longer just an economic choice but a strategic necessity.” - Saiakshit Raghupathy.

Article - 2: Correlating US action on Cuba, Venezuela and Iran- the oil factor



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Correlating US Aggression on Cuba, Venezuela and Iran: The Oil Factor

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Context This article argues that the common thread linking U.S. actions against Venezuela, Iran & Cuba is not only security rhetoric or regime change, but the deeper oil factor and a wider strategy of energy dominance

Facts

On Jan 3, 2026, US carried out Operation Abosolute resolve in Venezuela.

Venezuela holds about 17% of global oil reserves.

Iran held 12% of global oil reserves and 24% of Middle East reserves in 2023.

Analytical Crux

The article's deeper argument is that U.S. actions in Venezuela, Iran and Cuba cannot be understood only through the language of security, democracy or nuclear threats. It suggests that oil is the hidden connecting variable behind coercion, regime-change pressure and strategic intervention. Cuba matters in this argument not because of its present military weight, but because of its future energy potential and its place in Western Hemisphere control. In simple terms, the article asks students to read geopolitics not only through stated justifications, but through long term economic strategy.

Verbatim Quotes

"The US's emphasis on the nuclear dimension as justification for the attacks seemed more like a bogeyman."

"The Trumpian economic strategy clearly hinges on access to cheap oil."

Article - 3 :SIMTAC (Simultaneous integrated multiple theatres active conflicts)

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The conflict heat-map of the world is witnessing changes which were hitherto not seen. What we are witnessing today is not the eruption of a multitude

Context This article proposes SIMTAC as a new framework to understand a world in which multiple conflicts run at the same time & create linked shocks across energy, supply chains, finance, technology and strategy.

Facts

SIMTAC is a new lens to understand the changing world order.

India is already in the SIMTAC arena, where protecting decision space becomes crucial.

Cross-theatre technology spillover is visible in Ukraine's drone interceptors reaching the UAE.

Analytical Crux

The article's main contribution is that it treats today's world not as a set of separate wars, but as a system of simultaneous and connected conflicts. Real stress now spreads together across energy, shipping, finance, technology and information. For India, the message is very practical: build redundancy, connect maritime security with economic security and protect decision space before crisis compresses it. In that sense, SIMTAC is presented as a new way of thinking about strategic autonomy in a world of constant spillovers.

Verbatim Quotes

"SIMTAC: Simultaneous Integrated Multiple theatres active conflicts is a lens to describe and understand the changing form of world order."

"Linearity is obsolete, simultaneity is the new default baseline."

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