

1. Write a note on the following in not more than 100 words

- 1) Cold-Peace
- 2) Yazidi humanitarian crisis?

Answer:

Cold Peace:

Cold peace is state of bilateral relations, during which there is a long-term peace, despite hostility and mutual suspicion among the nations. Similarly, there are efforts towards sustaining peace for the mutual benefit instead of preparation of war or openly or covertly support for conflicts between each other's client states or allies; which usually happen during Cold War.

The state of relations between, India and China can be considered as a case of Cold Peace; while the relations between India and Pakistan, as a case of Cold War.

In 21st century the relations between, India and China; USA and Russia; Egypt and Israel are considered as a case of Cold Peace.

Yazidi Humanitarian Crisis:

Yazidis are a Kurdish ethno-religious predominantly living in Sinjar area of North Iraq. Due to their religious beliefs the community has been considered devil worshippers in the region and has been subject to more than 50 genocide attempts in past under Ottoman empire.

The terrorist group ISIS upon declaring sovereignty over Iraq and Syria, cancelled the Zaziya provision for them, under which they could pay tax to continue their faith and has declared that they deserve to die. Following which large scale massacre started and has rendered the entire community as refugee. In response, the UN declared its highest level of emergency for the crisis facing the 1.2 million Yazidi, thus displaced; putting it on a par with Syria, South Sudan, and Central African Republic. The conflict has also been high highlighted because of the excessive human rights violation against children and women. They have been adducted, raped, and sold into slavery in what would be the case of one of the most heinous crimes of 21st century.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Answer the following Questions

1. What is Strategic Autonomy? Critically examine the elements of such a policy in India's contemporary foreign policy in the context of recent developments.
(150 words)
2. IBSA and BRICS are both examples of India's quest for multialignment, however there are key differences in their orientation. Discuss in the context of the relevance of these groupings for India.
(150 words)

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