

# The role of Russia



### Topics

- Russia and the fight against terrorism
- Russia and the multipolar world
- Russia and the two state solution
- Russian and Hamas

### History of Russia

- 1917: Soviet revolution
- The Soviet Union was a Federal Union consisting of fifteen Soviet Republics: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldavia, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.
- View of Islam: fight terrorism (radical islam), join the west in Iran-Iraq war
- 1979 to 1989: civil war in Democratic Republic of Afghanistan: Russian army was defeated
- December 16, 1991: Soviet Union ceased to exist

## Policy of new Russia

- Peace and economic cooperation with the West: pipelines, economic cooperation
- Join NATO

#### Response of US

- Demise of Soviet Union: break the Russian state
- Expand NATO to encircle Russia
- Ukraine stepping stone for destroying nuclear Russia
- US rules the world

#### Counter response of Russia

- 2007: Putin Speech in Munich: a unipolar model was not only unacceptable, but generally unattainable in today's world
- A multipolar world order is the solution to many international problems
- A new economic and political order
- A new cultural order with the concept of civilization
- 15% of Russia consists of Muslim: dialogue of civilization, not class struggle
- Build BRICS, SCO, new relations with Africa, Latin Abya Yala, Western Asia

#### Russia and Palestine: the old policy

- Warm relations with Israel
- Relation with PLO
- Wary of political Islam
- Two state solution for Palestine

#### Russia and Palestine: the new policy

- Warm relations with Iran
- Support Syria against USA/Israeli/ISIS alliance: if ISIS takes over, they will try to get a foothold in Russia
- Mobilize against USA in Western Asia = mobilize against Israel
- Israel support Ukraine with weapons
- Russia develops relations with Hamas

#### Hamas and Russia

Senior Hamas official Ali Baraka said in an interview posted on Spot Shot (Lebanon) on YouTube on November 2, 2023

"Today, all of America's enemies – or all those shown enmity by the U.S. – are growing closer. Today, Russia contacts us on a daily basis. The Chinese sent envoys to Doha, and China and Russia met with the leaders of Hamas. A Hamas delegation traveled to Moscow, and soon, a delegation will travel to Beijing.

"All of America's enemies in the region are consulting and getting closer, and the day may come when they join the war together, and turn America into a thing of the past."

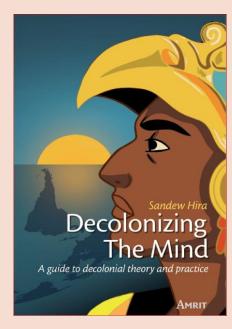
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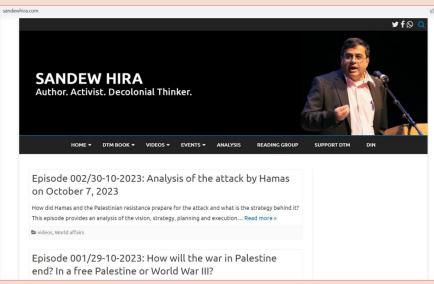
- The rise of China and the multipolar world
- China and Western Asia
- China and Palestine



#### Source in the DTM book

- 9.3.2.2 The experience of the Soviet Union
- 12.4.4.3: The Russian narrative
- 13.4.3.4: The US' stance towards Russia
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