

View on Regional and International Security Situation by Myanmar

General Situation

1. Recent developments in security environment are very dynamic in nature. Whether it happened in far corner of the western hemisphere or in hot bed of Asia, the impact on the nations are very sensible.
2. Unstable situation in Middle East with looming cloud of terrorism that can be fanned out to all directions, competition of world powers in Eastern Europe and most notably escalating of tension in South East and East Asia are the most notable scenario of today's security environment.
3. Another notable thing in Asia is that of tangible rise of military expenditure. It was said by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) that military expenditure in Asia and Oceania increased by 3.6 percent in 2013. This is the strong physical evident that many nations of Asia are enhancing their defence capabilities. One possible conclusion is that nations are enhancing its overall capacity of assertiveness.
4. **Challenges to be overcome**

Even though U.N is inseparable and unique in its kind of world body. It is still relevant despite its downturn in successful achievement. This is not the question of UN involvement. This is the question of UN achievement in materializing the purposes of UN charter of maintaining international peace and security. However, the authority of UN declining in lesser extent as of fail to deter avoidable armed conflicts. Not only world power but also regional powers have more voice than ever.

5. Apart from U.N charter, there are many Law, treaties and regime with ultimate aim of peaceful resolution and deterring the outbreak of war. However, we have observed the continuation of armed conflicts. One of the defects in this direction is inconsistency in the use and interpretation of international Law. Politicizing the issues under the pretext of right to protect, humanitarian assistance and etc rather than abiding the International Law greatly cause the lack of trust in rule of Law. Such kind of lack of trust eventually leads to unilateral action to gain better ground.
6. Growing non-state actors' involvement in terrorist activities around the world is today's global concern.

Like transmittable infectious disease, terrorism become infectious social disease that can infect volunteers from other countries who will carry the terrorism back home later.

7. Rising ultra nationalistic sentiment as by product of seeking cheap popularity in domestic politics is sometime become hindrance in rationally approach to international relations. That is what we have witnessed in this region .It is very hard for political leadership to seek realistic and rational approach under overwhelming nationalistic movement.
8. ASEAN is emerging as one of regional institution incrementally. In recent years, ASEAN is focused by regional and world powers. And it is put under spotlight. ASEAN become more important and more relevant institution in regional affairs. On the other hand there are many critics saying ASEAN defects such as lack of strong leadership and too much paying attention on consensus. But one thing for sure is that ASEAN is imperative institution in South East Asia region.

Conclusion

9. General situation of the world in security aspect is in concern state. What we have observed is that security

situation of some countries in Asia, Middle East, Africa and East Europe are going to escalate to extreme level while the others are enjoying comparatively stable situation . In Asia, specifically South East Asia and East Asia, the security situation is overshadowed by tensions. Role of U.N and ASEAN is undermined to certain extent. Overall situation in security aspect need to be paid special attention in the direction of more dialogue, more engagement and above all listening to each other.