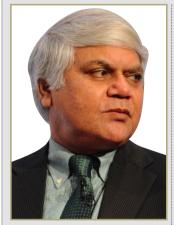


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Any democracy which is invaded the way Ukraine has been in the modern civilized world in 2022, is unacceptable. I sympathize with the people of Ukraine,

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and they have my full support. An unstable Europe is also terribly bad news for India, simply because we are so dependent on each other. Of course we need to herald democracy, but the West should not get bogged down in Europe fighting with a declining power like Russia. We want the west to focus on the Indo-Pacific region. That's where the centre of global economic gravity and centre of energy gravity has

moved to, but the West is refusing to acknowledge it. They will end up compromising their own geopolitical interests and facilitating the further rise of a very belligerent China. The Indo-Pacific region is where the real geopolitical challenges start, with China at its centre. China wants to see a unipolar Asia. Also, from an economic point of view, the Russian economy is much smaller than ours. We

have a \$3 trillion economy while Russia's is \$1.75 trillion. When Russia's Rosneft was in trouble, India's national oil company, ONGC, bailed them out. The West needs to consider what they are doing for Ukraine. Are they fighting for its people or looking to topple one individual, Vladimir Putin? The threats, the challenges and the opportunities, are all here in our part of the world.

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How real is the threat of disruption to Russian oil supply?

The prospect of taking seven million bd of Russian crude and a substantial volume of products off the market, is so destructive that there will be more of an effort to define some special channels, but for the next month or two, it will be very chaotic. We already have ample signs that it's going to be severely diminished over the next few weeks. Some traders and banks have already stopped loading and financing Russian crude. There's also a big war risk premium to go into the Black Sea, with tankers possibly not being able or willing to load. The market was already very tight, with OPEC struggling to meet its own targets and Russia was probably already maxed out on production capacity before its invasion of Ukraine. There's also the question of the pipeline which runs a little through Ukraine, but mostly through Belarus - there's no real alternative to that. The other one to watch is the Caspian pipeline which runs into the Black Sea and carries about a million barrels per day of Kazakh crude through Russia. There are Western companies using that pipeline alongside Rosneft.

How does the invasion impact Sino-Russian relations?

It puts China in a very difficult spot diplomatically, politically, and economically. For example, China has been lran's only window on the world for its oil, but it won't play that same role for Russia. I think Russia perhaps counted on that but it's not going to happen. China won't openly abandon Russia and will help it in certain ways economically, but they can't possibly replace most of the rest of the world as an economic partner.

How will Gulf countries now balance their relationship with the US and Russia?

It's clear that the US is the Gulf's security partner despite some concerns about whether it is backing them up over certain security issues, particularly relating to Iran. But we won't see Chinese or Russian warships coming to help the Gulf states against Iran or against any other local threat. The security partnership with the US is probably more in place now than ever.

How close are we to a US Iran nuclear deal?

There's a very strong incentive for the US to close this deal now if they can. They need more oil on the market to back up their Russia policy, and they don't want another crisis in the Gulf distracting them. The spoiler could be if the Russians try to slow this whole thing down if they realize that the nuclear deal would not be in their interests right now. ■

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