

The role of foreign factors on Iranian failure in natural Gas geopolitics

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Abstract: Iran has special position in geopolitical respects as a result of having natural gas resources and its position to transport in international market, but because of different reasons it can't use maximum benefit from it, Although there are internal factors, but international factors are important than other, such as USA politics in Iran sanction and prevention to invest in exploring and exploiting natural gas, especially transport gas channel from Iran. In this respect, Washington tried to prevent all relation ship between Iran and customer countries especially Europe and south of Asia, following hostile Washington policy against Tehran, competition between countries which have gas resources resulted that Tehran tries to make a strong position in natural gas geopolitics. Washington policy based on prevention to Iran arrival to World market was consistent with competitors interest, all of them has been important in Iran prohibition from main market.

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Introduction

Although Iran has a special place in natural gas geopolitics, Iran cannot leverage its position well. This difficulty is due to both internal and external factors. External factor from international politics contribute greatly to Iran's gas geopolitics, especially western sanctions from the USA. Additionally, competition with other countries that also have natural gas also play a role.

Economic sanctions against Iran began shortly after the United States embassy hostage crisis in Tehran when 52 Americans were held hostage for 444 days. Washington decided to limit Iran's relationship with other countries. Although USA measurements against Iran must be considered in-depth in a separate research, it is still worth while to mention that despite USA's war on Iraq, Washington still used harsh measures on Iran. One of Iran measures against USA sanction is the arrivals of world energy exchanges. Washington know completely that Tehran have special role in geopolitics by oil and gas resources and its position between two big energy store and energy source channel, producers and customers than its can rescue from problems. As a result, Washington tried to take away energy advantages from it. Washington has consider two policy, it limited Iran's ability to increase production potential, followed by sanction in other hand, disagreed with Iran arrival to energy exchange and transportation of it International markets. To obtain its objective, consider passage which didn't pass from Iran. Although It is necessary to define Iran position in geopolitics before role of factors. Main centers map from natural gas up to 2030.

USA sanction against Iran

As we mentioned, Washington show extra attempts especially natural gas. Although natural gas has superiority those country accept extra costs to exploit natural gas. In compare with other resources. USA tried that Iran cannot provide necessary financial resources to extend such abilities. As a result, set sanctions to confront with foreign company investments on natural gas industry. The first sanction against Iran was exerted by carter following USA Embassy members in 1358 which was strengthened by Regan, but these sanction entered to new process by Clinton as USA president. In march, 1995, he issued an order which based on all of investment in Iran gas and oil field by USA companies were prohibited. Based on the order, there is no company which permit it. Florence fee, one of American specialist in energy affairs argues that USA economic will not last 50 years later without gas and it is the reason of importing Ga from Iran and Russia which is necessary. Now his respective, natural gas advantages and come to end resources in Canada and USA result in dependence of USA to import gas from Iran and Russia more and more which have 40 percent of total natural gas resources. But Washington has been serious in Iran strategy. To confront with sanction, Iran had to pay costs. Important costs was southern field pars contracts which was signed with France. Tehran accept to pay extra advantages to tonal company in stead of investment in project. Tonal showed same initiation to avoid Washington punishments such as send out of its capital from USA before contracting with Iran and taking share to Russia gas company and petronas in Malaysia executive operation.

Although, same companies were ready to cooperate with southern parts at first, but they drew aside by USA threats. Even total company announced later that don't invest in Iran gas projects. As a result Tehran had to substitute Iranian companies which hadn't sufficient executive and scientific potential in compare with foreign companies. Also, following security council statement 1803 which invest in Iran Energy industry over 40 million dollars. Following that, in May, 1995, direction of it was offered, as "Special trade sanctions against Iran", based on it, export and import of special items in Tehran were prohibited. New sanction wave was emerged by disputes in Iran atomic program. Following events, Washington could pass 4 statements 737, 1747, 1803, 1929 in security council which changed the sanction to international sanction such that some military and political people and some organization especially those were subordinate of Islamic revolution Sepahe Pasdaran were prohibited. Based on last statement, petroleum exportation Iran was prohibited. As a whole, USA sanction was extended and related to Energy resources. These sanctions were based on Iran separation from international society. As mentioned before, Energy investment sanction was started by Clinton and continued to date by other president. As a result USA companies have no active role in Iran natural gas and oil industry. Other oil countries were restricted to stop than exchange to Iran. For example, USA prohibited frequently Japanese, Korea, Chinese, English company to invest in Energy industry. Its policies were confronted with critics in USA. Despite of limiting Iran ability to produce natural gas, Washington decided to limit relationship between Iran and Energy customer.

Prohibition to build peace pipe line:

Peace pipe line which is 2115 km and supported by international Organization and countries can provide main part of India energy need by exporting 110 million metered square. 1100 km of the pipe line came to end which pass from Iran, but remaining hasn't done yet as a result of USA obstructionism in Pakistan and India. To build the pipe line, extensive negotiations were held by three countries. But it was extended as a result of some process, one of them was USA negative role.

USA has an ounce to India and Pakistan strictly its unsaid factory to building the pipe line, but two countries need to Energy result to continue their negotiation with Iran. According to atmosphere which Washington has build, new Delhi made problems in negotiation such as the price of imparting gas. They know completely Iran have to decrease the price as a result of sanction and economic besiege, and claimed

that peace pipe line pass from Baluchistan and Pakistan, then it is dangerous security. Finally new Delhi announced its exit from the pipe line formally by USA advantage. USA suggested to import natural gas from Turkmenistan to meet India pipe line, because Pakistan need to import gas from Iran. USA proposed that Pakistan follow importing Long programmed instead of natural gas importing from Iran. Pakistan officials announced that had done negotiation about USA about USA support from Long programmed to meet energy need in Washington. Officials which is related to avoid Ghamor, Pakistan oil minister, show their anxiety. If USA sanction against Iran includes gas transportation project, Islamabad can't continue its commitments

As mentioned above, white house decide to prevent association about Energy exchange between Iran and big customer countries in Europe and south Asia. Iran couldn't export its production to two mentioned markets as a result of USA attempts and stress. But no other region can't show USA and Iran competition except Caspian sea. Countries which are inside the region are Energy producer. Washington announced its tendency to necessary cooperate in transportation of Energy from Turkmenistan to south Asia and guarantee pipe line. Security. New Delhi announced its tendency to excite the pipe line in June, 2006, India oil and gas resources minister explained the reason of selection as Iran gas price and anxiety from sanction as a result of cooperation with Iran. Recently, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India officials were agreed with themselves. But India needs and policy about Energy resources and creating balance caused that are – announced your tendency to continue peace pipe line negotiations.

The Regional competitors:

Actually, Russia competition were more than others in Caspian sea with Iran. Caspian sea has some advantages to Russia. Firstly, It is part of near abroad, then has vital advantages for Russia, There for, Cremlin emphasize that influence it. It is important for other countries especially USA. Further more Russia has define international energy resource for it self and try to be the most important center then need to Caspian oil and petroleum resources. Finally, Russia that provides 25 percent of Europe natural gas, can influent on it, then Tries that natural gas equation doesn't limit such in Flunces.

Fundamentally, Russia disagrees to pass gas pipe line from other than Russia route, there fore know Iran as its competitor. IF political consideration has denied, Iran route result to forget Russia route. Then Russia considered initiative such as Baku, Tbilisi, ceyhan, south Caucasus pipe line, but Russia Shows reaction and designs initiatives. As a result,

Russia had a main role in Iran Failure in using its ability in natural gas geologies, designed with Iran arrival to Caspian energy exchanges. Even the aim of Russia companies cooperation in Iran natural gas projects was keep at distance Iran from Europe market. Despite of Russia, other country competed with Iran to transport Caspian Energy. As mentioned above, Washington has said Pakistan repeatedly, it has no tendency to build peace pipe line. But its need to natural gas is not deniable reality as a result need to importing gas from Iran, white house proposed some proposes them. One of them was gas importing from Turkmenistan and Eshgh Abad agreed it. When ghorban ali bordi take power instead of safar Morad Niazof, reviewed his is lationist foreign policy and tried to make cooperation's with Word countries and international society.

Conclusion

Following Islamic revolution in Iran, Washington besieged it as a result of New government positions. Some parts of the strategy has related to avoiding Iran from Energy exchanging especially natural gas. Measures such as sanction, avoiding Iran cooperation in Naboko, With peace pipe line building, encourage of other countries to fill Iran exporting markets,... resulted in ability of Tehran to Use (exploits) its advantage in geopolitics filed. USA sanction in 1995 was introduced by Senator demo to proposal. In president Ahmadi Nejad period, new sanction was set as a result of dis agreement on Atomic programs in security council. Each section has have important role in Iran disability to production. But It must be considered that USA policy wasn't the reason, but also competitors made a profit from USA strategy .

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