

India's \$750 Billion Gamble

Four Weeks of War = USD 750 Billion Losses for India



India's economy would suffer 3/4 of a trillion-dollar loss in a single month of conventional war.





Equivalent to a ~20% GDP decline - a collapse unseen outside of extreme national crises (e.g., Argentina 2001, Greece 2011, Iraq 2003, Libya 2011).

India: Key Macroeconomic Impacts



- Consumption Crash: Disrupted retail, everyday spending collapse
- Investment Freeze: Halted infrastructure, financial disinvestment, FDI collapse
- Government Overload: Unsustainable military and civilian spending spikes
- Trade and Foreign Earnings Losses: Worsened external accounts, export-import strangulation

Not Just Military Cheques -It is damage to Lives, Savings, Psyche, Morale & Sanity.

India's Fragile Economic Reality





GDP growth mostly benefits top 5%; bottom 51% hold just 3% of assets



Over 1.2 billion poor; middle class survives on just USD 10/day



War would devastate the vulnerable majority, not the Billionaire Raj elite.

Only Way Forward for India



- Cooler Heads Must Prevail.
- Operation Swift Retort showed the ramifications of escalation.
- India must rethink Jammu & Kashmir occupation policies.
- Confidence-building measures and peace are essential to unlock South Asia's true economic potential.

"Peace is not just preferable; it is existential for South Asia's prosperity."

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