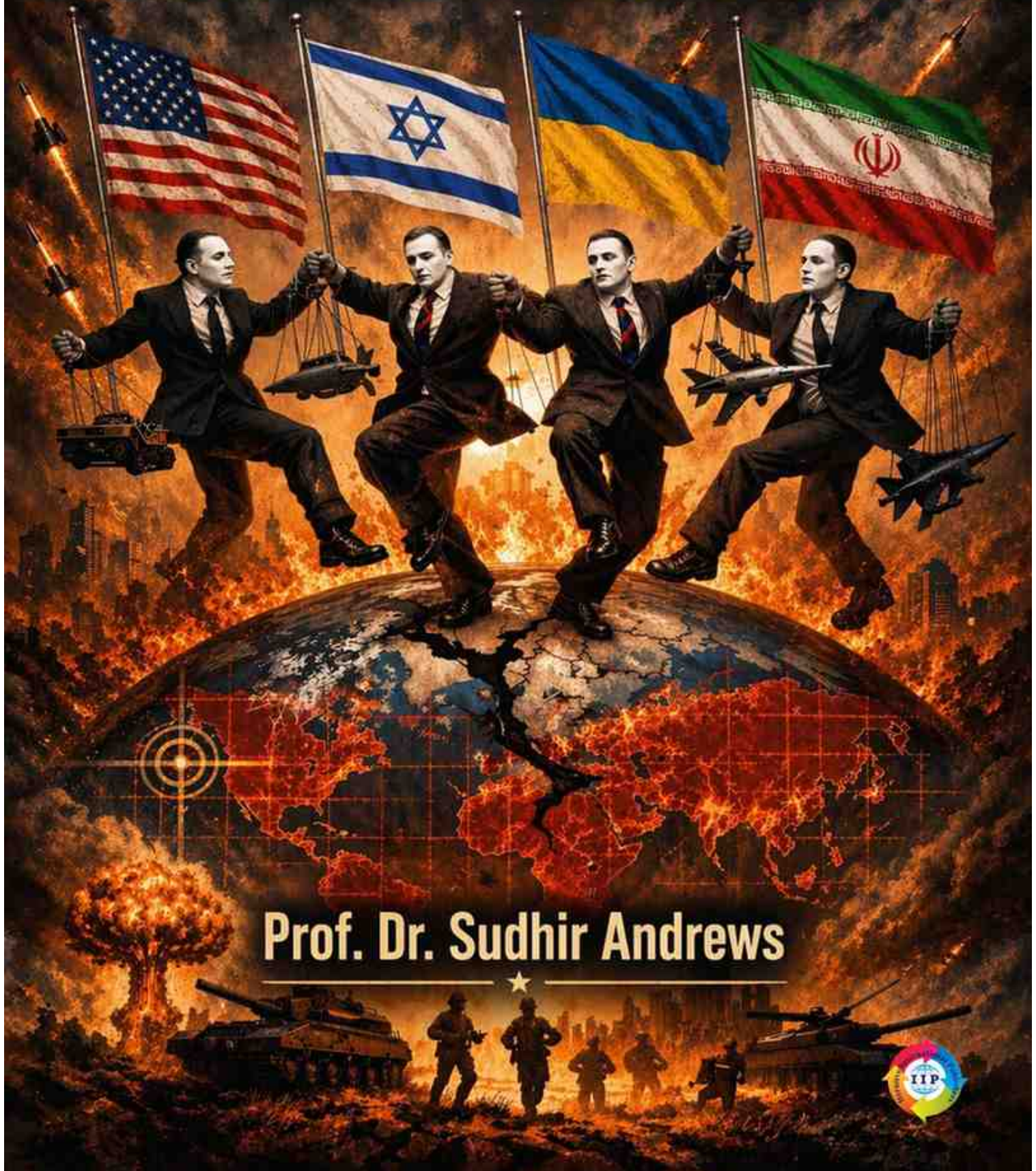


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Forward

This book is entitled “**The Dance of Madmen**” because 2025 revealed a clutch of leaders who sent the world into a tailspin with little chance of recovery. “How did they get there?” and “How are they falling?”

History has shown that empires rise and fall time and again, making the same mistakes. Empires like the Persian Empire, the Roman Empire, the Mongol Empire, and, in some of our lifetime, the British Empire, ruled mightily only to fall miserably. Their mistakes were four-fold: 1) they had come into money to build a strong military, with the intention of conquering the world and thereby grabbing more wealth and resources; 2) with that money and military, they went into military conquest to rule the world, at costs more than they budgeted; 3) Their wealth soon came under tremendous strain to maintain the conquered territory with military and bureaucratic presences and build an infrastructure to manage them. They therefore had to borrow money from major lenders and business magnates to cover the empire's growing costs. Warlords and nationalists in those conquered territories raised their heads, and they had to contain their insurrections at immense cost, ending up in huge debts; 4) they chose to surrender their extended territories to pay off debts to survive.

In the last 150 years, we have seen Western domination, with armies built to colonise the world. The British Empire was proud that the sun never set on its empire. They spread themselves too thin by maintaining a large army and navy, incurring administrative costs, only to surrender it after World War II, which had bled them dry financially. Japan, too, a ferocious power in the East, also fell under the sheer weight of its conquered territories and dwindling resources. It took two atomic bombs to end their inevitable defeat quickly.

After WWII, the world then saw two new empires, the United States of America (USA) and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), which built massive armies to demonstrate their superiority over one another which could destroy the world. The USA gained control of all of Western Europe after WWII, while the USSR inherited control of Eastern European States. The USSR had a huge influence on some Asian countries, namely, North Korea, North Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. They also worked hard to bring about communism in Latin America. The USA countered their attempts with proxy armies, financial assistance, and pro-American local figures to bring about regime change. They even engaged in hopeless wars in Korea and Vietnam. This led to a cold war, sinisterly underlined by the threat of huge nuclear arsenals on both sides. Then the unbelievable happened! The disintegration of the USSR from communism to democratic rule. The USA became the sole superpower with the ticket to stamp its authority on the world.

The USA is now following the same script as fallen empires. It amassed enormous wealth under a capitalist economy during WWII, building a powerful defence force supported by an innovative private military-industrial base that finances Presidential elections to secure a commitment to wage wars to fund their armaments businesses. The USA waged expensive wars in Vietnam, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Gaza, and brought about 77 regime changes. They ran out of money, having to print money much above the accepted gold standard reserves, exacerbated further by the sub-prime mortgage crisis between 2007 and 2010, and the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, to the extent that their debts rose to 125% of their GDP. They propped the dwindling dollar with the Petro-dollar with the Saudis in June 8, 1974 for 50 years. All countries could only buy oil using dollars. Such transactions had to pass through the SWIFT network, from which they extract 25% of all transaction value. However, the Saudis refused to re-sign the petro-dollar agreement, on its expiry in June 2024 leaving the world to use alternate currencies, which they did innovatively and purposefully. Analysts claim that the dollar's value has dropped by 40% from its original level. The US is forced to cut back on military adventures, abandoning the EU, its long-time allies, to finance the Ukraine war. The US withdrew from Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, unable to meet the high costs of maintaining their armies at these foreign locations. Today, the President of America is desperate as he faces the truth of a dwindling empire. We are now witnessing his irrational decisions, breaking all international laws, as his fortunes dwindle. He is slowly abandoning global ambitions, retreating to regional ambitions like Greenland, Mexico, Canada, Venezuela, Brazil, and Cuba. He fears that the dollar will only become a regional currency. Now, let's examine the few “madmen” that are threatening the world order.

2025 began with Donald Trump's election as President of the United States on January 20. He is the first guilty one. No sooner than he ascended the “throne”, he sent the globe into a cataclysmic spin. He weaponised the Trade Tariffs of each country on the belief to ‘Make America Great Again’, with an acronym entitled MAGA. He restricted a lucrative trade with the world on the assumption that reviving domestic manufacturing would make the country less dependent on others. He didn't realise that the skills for manufacturing basic products like toothpaste and textiles no longer existed in the US, and even if they did, they would be more expensive than those manufactured in Asia. American consumers would have to pay the higher landed prices, punching holes in their already-depleting pockets. He revealed his angst with countries while favouring some. He attacked China first by imposing a 100% tariff to stop all imports of its cheaper goods. He then went at Brazil and India with 50% tariffs on frivolous grounds.

Then came Volodymyr Zelensky, who mesmerised Europe and the United States with his salesmanship, leading them to believe he was protecting the imperialist Western nations from Russian expansionism. Both continents poured valuable weaponry to his aid, to the extent that they depleted their own armaments, making themselves vulnerable and unstable to external threats. America withdrew from the Ukraine war, making Europe responsible for supporting Ukraine. Europe could buy the weapons from the US from their exchequers to support Ukraine. He claimed that the war was a European problem. This peeved the European countries, which for years had relied on the US for emergency bailouts and modern weaponry. They looked at the US hands-off stance as a betrayal.

Then Asia had their own culprits! President Xi Jinping inherited Je-Dong's legacy of using American technology from the 1970s, during the USA's offshoring days, for cheaper labour. They built a mega-manufacturing country to compete with the US and become the world's second-most economically powerful nation. It exposed the fragility of capitalism's drive to pursue cheaper manufacturing options, denuding its own factories in the US. Xi Jinping sought to establish global trade dominance by reviving the Silk Road to Europe through the "Belt and Road" initiative. He advanced the funds as loans at exorbitant interest rates and used Chinese labour, which was paid for by the host nations. This left the host nations with unpayable debts while draining the Chinese exchequer of vast funds. They used these tactics with other countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America to build infrastructure. The US struck back at the Chinese hegemony with massive tariffs. But China hit back with a new gem, rare earth minerals, which are in large quantities in their own country, yet they scrounged other sources for more since the 1970s, to become the largest and only supplier to the world. Rare Earths are critical to emerging technologies, highlighting China's vision and the lack of one among other nations.

Then we come to the culprit of them all. General Asim Munir. In the year 2025, he manoeuvred and manipulated the judiciary to become the Field Marshal of all the forces. He received immunity in this position and was well on the way to becoming the President. In May 2025, he mercilessly used his terrorists to conduct a proxy attack in Pahalgam, a tourist spot in the scenic Kashmir, India. The terrorists stripped the males to determine their religion and ruthlessly killed the Hindu men in front of their wives and families, leaving 21 dead. This led to a groundswell of anger throughout India, forcing the BJP ruling party, under Prime Minister Modi, to attack Pakistan with "Operation Sindoor". India's attack was so sudden and précis that it startled Pakistan as well as amazed India itself. The air force had evolved so accurately that they destroyed the terrorist headquarters, airfields, air defence capability, and damaged the nuclear storage bunkers in just two days. Pakistan cried for a ceasefire, which India granted.

Field Marshal Munir, by now sucked up to the US, offered them the rare earth minerals in war-torn Baluchistan. He even visited the White House with a sample of rare earths in a briefcase like a travelling salesman. From then on, the US treated Pakistan like their “attack dog”, demanding humiliating tasks on their behalf.

The next odd character of 2025 was Mohammad Younis of Bangladesh. After laundering the Deep State of America's money through his Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for this initiative, which provided cheap loans to poor farmers, especially women. Bill and Hillary Clinton, members of the Deep State, “arranged” the Nobel Award. The Deep State organised a regime change to oust Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the daughter of Sheikh Mujibur Rehman, the founder of Bangladesh. She had refused the US the St. Martin’s Islands, a strategic archipelago near China. Her refusal led to her ouster. The Deep State then reinstated Mohammed Younis as caretaker advisor to the Bangladesh government. He released the Jamaat-e-Islam, a radical group left over by Pakistan when East Pakistan leaders of become Bangladesh. They were imprisoned by Hasina as a security threat. This group organised the students to revolt to oust Hasina and form a new government.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was next in the dance of madmen who led a fundamental Shiite Muslim nation, Iran, to use external militia to attack Western interests. He boldly financed and weaponised three terror groups that had entrenched themselves in the societies of the Palestinians with Hamas, Yemen with the Houthis, and Lebanon with Hezbollah, to act against Western hegemony. Hamas, in particular, had manoeuvred to be the elected leaders of Palestine, using them as the shield for their underground activities against Israel, a prominent ally of the United States. Israel continues to flush them out with the latest weaponry while keeping the adjoining Arab nations at bay. Hezbollah also had significant influence in Lebanese politics to threaten Israel on its northern border. We all know that the Houthis in Yemen choked the access to the Red Sea, creating havoc on international commercial shipping. They were also supplied with sophisticated weapons by Iran to hit deep into Israel. All three terror organisations challenged the very existence of Israel. The Americans and the Israelis were also wary of Iran's secret program to enrich uranium for an atomic bomb. Iran maintained their nuclear program was used for peaceful purposes only. Evidence showed otherwise. The risk was too great, as there was no doubt that the bomb would be used against Israel to wipe them out of existence. A limited war ensued with dire consequences on Iran. They were re-arming themselves for future incursions by the US and Israel.

Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, another odd character, faced an existential threat and went on a brutal offensive after Hamas had kidnapped 150 Israeli fans at a rock concert in the Negev desert on May 23, 2023. Since then, he has gone on a relentless onslaught on Hamas and Palestinians to find and rescue the hostages. The attack was ruthless, digging out an underground city of tunnels in Gaza used by Hamas. The Palestinian civilians suffered the most to genocidal proportions for supporting Hamas. The last count at the end of 2025 was 44,000 Palestinians killed and counting. Several peace initiatives were offered, but the bottom line demand of the Israelis was the complete return of the hostages; otherwise, there was no deal. Such exchanges took place by the trickle, some hostages already dead. Israel also released Palestinian prisoners in return. Hamas refused to surrender arms – so the war goes on.

The world has turned into unpredictably volatile economics, trade wars, and strange new alliances, foretelling multi-polarization, and the last gasp of a waning Western hegemony. India has cleverly maneuvered to keep a balance in the turbulent times with astute diplomacy and a vision for peace.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

The Dance of Madmen – Summary of Geopolitics of 2025 is a sequel to the “*Battles of Blood – Summary of Geopolitics in 2024*”, which was an Amazon best-seller last year. Its success has encouraged me to write about the geopolitics in 2025. The year 2025 has witnessed a major breakdown of geo-alliances that has completely changed the world landscape. It has completely dismantled the Western hegemony of 400 years worldwide, including 150 years of colonial rule and consequent mindsets. This change has been orchestrated by a few Presidents who, for personal reasons and megalomaniacal ambitions, have manipulated their own countries to break centuries of international relations, thereby destroying their own economies, infrastructure, and citizens. This book unravels their personalities and irrational actions that has led to a dying era and the emergence of a new multipolarity by rising powers who act as a balance to this madness.

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