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The international community today is faced with numerous challenges; surging numbers of refugees, organized international terrorism, the proliferation of nuclear arms, cyber-attacks, and drug trafficking. Most of these issues stem from either rogue states or failed states. Rogue states pose a grave threat when it comes to global security. States that qualify as rogue states have two characteristics: repression and aggression. Rogue states like North Korea and Iran oppress their population through a systematic process. Furthermore, rogue states deny human rights and civil liberties of their population. Moreover, rogue states curb political freedom, stifle the voices of dissent, and prevent economic opportunities to their citizens. These are the characteristics of a repressive rogue state. When a rogue state seeks to develop or acquire weapons of mass destruction, they become a threat to the world order. Furthermore, these aggressive rogue states sponsor terrorism and often conduct military misadventures on neighboring states. Additionally, aggressive rogue states are involved in drugs smuggling and money laundering. These are the characteristics of a rogue state that can destabilize regional or global political or economic order. Apart from abuse of human rights and liberties, the major threats that the rogue states possess are a proliferation of nuclear arms, drug smuggling, and money laundering.

The threat posed by rogue states could be tackled by both power and diplomacy. When a rogue state becomes the instigator of an international crisis, the major international players must respond to them to uphold the world order. Some of the measures that can help in tackling threats by rogue states are listed below

• Impose stringent sanctions upon rogue states

• Isolate them to contain global economic damage

• Try their leaders in international courts

Only these harsh measures can bring a change in the approach and behavior of a rogue state. These were the exact measures that brought Iran and North Korea on the table against the US.