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## "Why Pakistan is failing"

Pakistan's failure as a state can be attributed to various reasons. One the pressing dilemma<sup>is</sup> that its weak institutions, whose rules are ex for all except the powerful, narrow oligarchic elite. Any new law or tax when imposed over the class unites them irrespective of their parties i.e. PTI, PMLN, PPP to act jointly against the bill passed. An anecdote quoted by the then FBR chief, Shabbaz Zaidi, who stated that he was confronted with 40 MNAs headed by the then Foreign Minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, when a powerful landowner from Mullan was brought under the country's tax net. He faced the same opposition when tobacco industry in KPK was issued tax notice. It was revealed that many of the sitting MNAs from National Assembly were the beneficiaries and shareholders of the tobacco industry. Such a powerful elite dominates the country's law and its institutions have succumbed to their wishes over the national interest. Pakistan will continue to be a failed state unless it resolves the weakening of its institutions over the hand of the powerful oligarchs.

Pakistan has over-relied on its strategic resources and its geostrategic position, due to which it has received foreign loans and aids over the decades since its creation. It has broadly served the inter-