

## Pakistan's Afghan Dilemmas

Pakistan's security challenges are unfolding frightening scenes. The recent Bajaur bombing left many people shocked, killing 54 political party workers in a political convention. Government ~~workers~~ ~~say~~ issued a statement which ~~said~~ claimed, it was suicide bomb attack. JUI-F clearly accused the Islamic state of Khorasan behind the attack, as it was involved in previous attack on JUI-F.

According to a report of PICSS (Pakistan Institute for Conflict & Security Studies), up till now, total of 18 suicide attacks<sup>are</sup> recorded. These attacks have killed 200 people and over 450 were injured.

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There ~~was~~ has been a surge in suicide attacks due to the failure of negotiations b/w Pakistan and TTP. Taliban who has currently control over Kabul, played its role to bring both parties to the table, but failed miserably. TTP demanded that ~~these~~ 100 prisoners should be released, Pak army should immediately withdraw their forces from Baloch and Pashtun Areas. Moreover they demand the reversal of Fatah merger, which the army rejected. Subsequently they; TTP started attacking many locations, such as the police line Peshawar in which 100 people were killed. ~~the~~.

Recently when chief of army staff visited Zhob, where TTP attacked on a army garrison killing 12 soldiers, issued a statement that Taliban are not taking any actions against TTP. COAS and

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Defense minister said that TTP

has got sanctuaries along the border in Afghanistan. Around 5000 TTP

families live there; "Taliban responded".

Taliban requested for financial aid as they claim that "it's not about

ability but our capacity" to deal with such militants. Therefore, this a

possibility that Pakistan enters into Afghanistan and destroy these safe havens before things get out of hand.

As reports say that Al Qaeda and TTP are getting together to create more influence in South Asia (UNSC, July 2023).

People are getting frustrated,

there is an element of distrust in the air regarding security agencies.

They blame that security agencies are not taking their responsibilities seriously,

Although soldiers are also losing their

lives. Pakistan needs to revisit its foreign policy and put pressure

on Taliban from the neighbour countries, As they also can be affected

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by these uprising threats. Regional, along with Global organizations should be brought on board to ~~keep~~ <sup>Play</sup> their role in peacekeeping in the region.

Afghanistan, who are dependent on our trade routes and our diplomatic support, needs to be reminded that we possess the ability to cut off these supports if the cross boarder terrorism continues. After all nothing is more important than the life of a human and sovereignty of a country, which needs to be reminded to the organization who raise voice for human rights.