

The ascending potency of hybrid-warfare being foisted on the state of Pakistan is adding to the security woes of the country. Elaborate with examples.

Over since the stoneage, scientific inventions and technology have been the main reason of military revolutions. As it is evident from gunpowder to tanks and from tanks to nuclear power but now the ground of war has been totally changes. In recent era it is a mind game called hybrid warfare which determines the power of any state. And Pakistan is considered a best example of a state that is completely under hybrid warfare. As we observe the recent political turmoil, the security situation and poor economy.

Background of hybrid warfare:-

The term Hybrid warfare was firstly used by Frank Hoffman.

According to Hoffman:

Hybrid warfare is a war that is fought both by conventional competencies and asymmetric tactic."

The use of Subversion, economic coercion, misinformation, cyber attacks, terrorist attacks and Ethnic exploitation to disintegrate any state is called Hybrid warfare.

This is not a new concept but thousand years old as the Chinese military strategist Sun Tzu said in "The Art of War"

"To win hundred wars in hundred battles is not a sign of victory ^{skill} but the acme of skill is that to win the war without fight"

Now Pakistan is under the cunning conspiracies of its enemies both internal and external as former Chief of Army Staff Qamar Javed Bajwa said at the Passing out Parade in Pakistan Military Academy Kakul, 2018.

"Our enemy know that he can't bear us fear and square, thus, he has subjected us in the cruel, evil and Protracted hybrid warfare."

Security Challenges being faced by Pakistan
due to Hybrid Warfare

There are many external and internal
factors that are reasons of hybrid
warfare in Pakistan. And these
factors are pressurizing Pakistan
in different ways.

External Factors and Internal Factors.

As per Financial Institutions (IMF and World Bank)

As Pakistan is economically a
vulnerable state because of its
flawed economic policies. and
the IMF is consistently exploiting
our achilles heel.

According to Joseph Stiglitz
- a Nobel Laureate in Economic
Science - IMF and International
Financial Institutions like World Bank
are causing economic coercion
in poor states. And he
quoted the example of Financial
crisis of East Asia in 1997.

FATF

is another institution to pressure
Pakistan by superpower and west
to manipulate its Foreign Policy.

As in 2021, Indian Foreign Minister
Jaishankar said;

"The BJP Government which
is heading / willing in India
would must ensure that Pakistan
remain in Grey List"
It is a major security challenge
to the integrity of a state.

CPEC (A Flagship Project of BRI) :-

In order to revive its economy
Pakistan started CPEC with

help of China. But the
Indo-US lobby declared
it a red line.

Other Developmental Projects
like Pakistan - Iran Gas pipeline

is not completed because
US and India tried their
tooth and nail to stop it.

Terrorist Attacks :-

India supports
various extremist groups both
financially and manpower to
create anarchy in state. As
Indian military officer Kulbhushan
Jadar confessed that RAW

Finances BLA (Baloch Liberation Army) and TTP (Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan).

Example e- In 2021, Dam attack in Chinese Engineers were killed is a severe question to the security of Pakistan.

→ Ushury Ethnic Differences among people e- Non-state actors are funding the ethnic groups for anarchy in state. Like Syria and Iran funding the Shia sect in Pakistan while Saudi Arabia is funding Ahle-Sunnah sect.

Cyber Attacks on Financial Institutions e-

In 2018 Cyber Attack on Pakistan Islamic Bank resulted in loss of 3 million Rupee from various Accounts. Again in 2021, cyber attacks occurred in FBI and RNB which means the finance and privacy of public is at verge of destruction.

Propaganda through Social Media e- Social media is full of misinformation, deep fakes news.

Character assassination of politico-
military leaders and Judicial
activists is a propoganda of
hybrid warfare. It has created
Political polarization in a state
resulted into political destabilization.
Wardon's "Five Rings Theory"
He delineated five levels
that constitute a state i.e.
Leaderships, Population, Military,
essential ingredients and
infrastructure. In order to create
state instability just turn
population against military and
leadership. As a result, leadership/
state would conduct crackdown
against violators. Then the law
violators turned against the
law enforcement agencies. Same
was happened in Arab Spring
in 2011. The protest was mobilized
through Facebook. Now it is
evident as in May, Public
protest on imprisonment of Former
PM. Qurban Khan and the
state action against rebels.

India propoganda against Pakistan
It is 15 year Old Propoganda.

In The EU Disinfo Lab in
2020 revealed a report
named "The Indian Chronological Chronicals"
According to which India was
using 750+ websites in 119 countries
to discredit Pakistan.

Global Perspective

Hybrid Warfare is a tool, which is
used by Global powers to manipulate

Public opinion as Consultancy
firm "Cambridge Analytica"

interfered in 2016 and 2018 US
elections by operating 780 million
fake accounts.

Suxnet Attack on Iran

US and Israel made a virus
to damage nuclear power of Iran
in 2012. That worm damaged
almost 20,000 devices, 900
centrifuges in 14 Iran's cities.

Ways to Counter Cyber Security

→ Pakistan should develop its own software
and Hardware
Pakistan is using Microsoft

Company import all mobile phones,
Laptops. Even we Turnitin of
We for to check data. Pakistan
must develop its own technology.

Cyber security must placed at National
Security Appendix -

After frequent Cyber Attacks the
PTA has launched "National
Telecom Cyber Security Operations"
based on Pakistan national

Cyber Security Policy, 2021
and PECA Act 2016. But

it must be implemented properly.

The Financial security must be preserved

For Financial security as Pakistan

has already established FIU

Financial intelligence Unit in FIA.

But it further need strong

security in Pakistan national
Bank.

Give Awareness to Students and Citizens -

Universities must trained students

to protect technology as

well as to protect state

from cyber attacks and

to invest in human resources with

new policies and strategies to counter hybrid warfare.

By activating Defensive Mechanism on Social Media :-

On social media the disinformation about any military or political leader must be countered. And it can be done by activating a social wing on social media platform.

Conclusion :-

In summation, Pakistan is the state that is most adversely affected by hybrid war. The reasons are both external and internal. The external factors are exploiting the internal vulnerabilities of state due to which security of state is in danger. All the stakeholders should work inclusively to counter it.