

Counterterrorism Effort

After the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan, a wave of enthusiasm was not ^{only} observed among the citizens of Pakistan but also the chief executive of the country. Prime Minister of that time, Imran Khan, was unable to curb his feelings of enthusiasm ~~as~~ and said;

"They ~~have~~ ^{had} broken the shackles of slavery."

Moreover, ~~the~~ the ^{Kabul} visit of DG ISI General Faiz Hamid gave rise to new controversies that Pakistan had helped Taliban to kick out the US troops from Afghanistan. The whole situation shocked the US think tanks and they considered it the betrayal of Pakistan.

It is not evident whether Pakistan still have ~~romance~~ romantic relationship with Taliban regime, but it is crystal clear that Pakistan is trying to revive the counter-terrorism cooperation with US, following the increase in terrorist activities in Pakistan. Bilawal Butto-Zardari, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, in his recent visit to Washington said that Pakistan is looking for possibilities

of cooperation with US to combat terrorism.

The US had showed no enthusiast response to Pakistan, but at the same time it had not dismissed Pakistan's efforts to cooperate. US had helped Pakistan to revive IMF programme. Pakistan was able to raise \$9 billion for flood affectees due to cooperation of US. To what extent, US will cooperate, it depends on the intensity of terrorism threat. Moreover, US is more concerned about the response of Pakistan's Military in terms of their relation with Taliban Regime. Another aspect is growing Pakistan-China strategic relationships. China is a threat for US and US is closely watching Pak-China relations in the region. It is the fact that Pakistan is not in a position to completely break relations with China due to the huge Chinese investment in the form of CPEC, but Pakistan should have to maintain a balance between its relations with US and China.

From US perspective, the scope of counterterrorism cooperation is to completely wipe out already weakened Al-Qaeda as US considers it a

threat for whole world. US is not concerned about TTP as it focuses on Pakistan only. Pakistan should have to convince US about the deep roots of TTP and its global terrorism ~~intensions~~ intentions.