

Pakistan's climate change posed a National Security threat

Outline

Climate change in Pakistan has posed serious national security threats. The consequences of inaction or improper action could foster great turmoil at all levels of Pakistani society.

1- Introduction

2- Various elements of National Security that are affected by climate change

Climate change in Pakistan has affected certain elements of National Security which are political, economical, social, energy sector, environment, natural resources etc.

3- Impacts of climate change on National Security of Pakistan

a) Reduced agriculture production due to floods, caused a serious economic threat.

b) Power plant damage due to immense flood, resulted in energy-sector power-cut.

c) Increased frequency of extreme climatic conditions poses an environmental issue.

d) Enhanced average temperature resulting

in water crisis, caused inter-provincial conflicts.

e) Elevated coastal erosion is depleting natural resources of the country.

f) Lack of govt. preparedness, exacerbating the crisis and portraying our shortcomings to world.

4- Pragmatic approach to solve these issues of climate change

a) a whole of government approach is needed.

b) Institutions like NDMA etc must be more planned and active.

c) Climate change policy must be reconsidered.

d) All public and private stakeholders must take part in activities.

5- "Solution" Conclusion

Addressing and curtailing climate change in Pakistan truly requires a "war-footing" and a whole of government approach. Otherwise the consequences would be hard to bear.

(Impact: Expending military resources to HADR will naturally inhibit military's function of protecting Pakistan's borders)

Climate change poses threats to the whole world. However, it may differ in its impact. For a developed and well-prepared nation, its devastating effects might be ignorable. On the contrary, it is very difficult for a third world country, like Pakistan, to deal with calamities caused by climate change. In the doomsday scenario, Pakistan is experiencing extreme climate change. Although it is a global issue; yet, Pakistan without being a major emitter, is among most vulnerable countries. The recent new highest temperature and floods have caused a major security concern for Pakistan. When calamities hit, they shatter the whole system of a country and this is what happening in Pakistan right now. Pakistan is witnessing evidences of climate change. Recent floods have caused serious security concerns for a country like Pakistan by disrupting the political-administrative fabric of country. It is badly affecting

economy of Pakistan, which further creates many issues. Pakistan's social fabric is being disrupted due to energy insecurity, enhanced particularly by climate change events. Certain climate change events like increased average temperature and floods are causing various issues like droughts and waterlogging in some areas which is threatening our country by depleting natural resources. So all this cumulatively pose a national security threat for Pakistan.

Climate change in Pakistan has effected certain elements of national security which are politics, society, environment, foreign policy, economy, energy, and food insecurity. Its effect on Pakistan's national security are immense. Floods reduce the agriculture production of a country and may lead to food insecurity, ultimately posing a national security threat. The power damage due to floods is another factor. The rise in global average temperature

has made cultivation of many crops difficult. The depletion of natural resources creates interprovincial conflicts which gives a very bad and damaging view to the international community, resulting in a national security threat.

Reduced agriculture production due to the devastating flood has caused a burden on already impoverished economy of Pakistan. Economy is one of the main determinants of security. It assures the strong foreign policy of a country. Flood has swept away approximately all the crops in the affected areas. Being an agrarian society, the agriculture yield is very important for Pakistan. Pakistan already imports wheat from other countries and now because our yield has decreased manifolds so it will further burdenize our down-trodden economy.

The agriculture production has been decreased by 50% due to the recent floods in August, 2022 and has a very bad effect on the economy of Pakistan (Asian Development Bank, Nov 2022). The climate change events are aggravating the problems of economy in Pakistan, leading to National Security Threat.