

Consequences of American withdrawal from Afghanistan on South Asia

Outline

Introduction

Thesis Statement:

A sudden withdrawal of America from Afghanistan has raised many insecurity threats in Afghanistan as well as in South Asian region. Insurgencies and terrorism are highly expected to burden the region. ~~whereas~~ However, strict measures are required for the maintenance of peace in the region.

America - left Afghanistan - vulnerable

- (a) America could not establish stable Afghan government
- (b) Conflicts could not be resolved - Afghan and Taliban
- (c) Humanitarian crises has increased
- (d) Gender discrimination is on its peak
- (e) Socio-economic crises
- (f) Diplomatic crises

Tension in Afghanistan will create unrest in the region - South Asia

- (a) Refugees crises
- (b) Terrorism

- (c) Insurgencies
- (d) Rise of many militant groups
- (e) Reemergence of TTP and Al-Qaeda
- (f) Afghanistan as a haven for terrorist organizations
- (g) It is evident in the history — Afghanistan a haven for terrorists
- (h) Prevalence of different ideologies in the region by militant groups.
- (i) Social media as an effective tool to spread conservative thought by — militant groups
- (j) Threat to peace and security
- (k) Economic crises — due to spending money on security.
- (l) Diplomatic turnover

4. way forward

- (a) International communities should join hands for the peace and security in Afghanistan
- (b) Provisions of aid to Afghanistan
- (c) Efforts by other countries to stabilize humanitarian crises
- (d) Use of social media — launch different program to counter terrorist ideologies
- (e) Friendly relations with Afghanistan

5. Conclusion

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A sudden withdrawal of America from Afghanistan has raised many insecurity threats in Afghanistan as well as in South Asian region. Insurgencies and terrorism are highly expected to burden the region. However, strict measures are required for the humanitarian crisis maintenance of peace in the regions. Afghan Taliban took control over the Afghanistan immediately after withdrawal of America. There are so many problems undergone such as humanitarian crises, economic crises, and gender discrimination and so on. All the embassies of different countries left the country. Terrorism and insurgencies are highly expected. South Asian region is on verge of threat due to all of these problems in Afghanistan because these problems are not restricted or in Afghanistan, but neighbourhood is also in threat. Pakistan specially is the most expected country. However, to maintain peace and security in the South Asian region it is important that international communities should join hands to stabilize the Afghanistan, and help financially to reduce economic crisis.

America left Afghanistan vulnerable, as it could not establish a

until
Stable government in the country. Taliban took
control over the region on 15 Aug, 2021 just
within a week. President Joe Biden claimed
that they left 300,000 soldiers of Afghan
Army, well equipped and stable and strong
Afghan government. But his claim backed
just within few days when 85,000
Taliban took control over the Afghanistan
without any difficulty. Afghan President Ashraf
Ghani fled from the country and Afghan
did not resist against Taliban, they surrendered
very soon. A weak leader, and disorganized
Afghan army could not do anything before
handful of Taliban.

In Afghan, there are so many crises
undergone. Food insecurity, economic crises,
humanitarian crises and recently flood earth
quake hit Afghanistan badly. America imposed
sanction on Afghanistan by holding 2 billion
dollar reserves. There is an emergency in
Afghanistan, that people specially women are
being oppressed. Recently a spoke person of Taliban
said, they will maintain friendly relations
with other countries, and they will allow
women to learn and go out but by

observing hijab. But recently Afghan women were protesting against banned on working in medical centres. A banned was imposed by Taliban government, they said that as women were not observing hijab properly that's why they had to impose ban on their work.

However, All of these crises cannot be remained limited to Afghanistan region it will surely affect the neighbourhood, South Asian region. Due to unfavourable conditions high numbers of refugees are erupted specially in Pakistan. South Asian regional countries are already over populated, such as India, Pakistan. If refugees will come in high numbers it would be difficult to manage them.

It is evident in the history that tension in Afghanistan was not restricted to Afghanistan only, it affected the region as well. Many terrorists attacks and insurgencies occurred in the region. Pakistan was highly affected. At time of Soviet invasion 1973, 3 million refugees came in Pakistan. Now Pakistan is bearing a burden of 1.5 million refugees of Afghanistan. More

numbers of refugees will not be manageable for Pakistan.

Terrorism is a big threat to the region. Afghanistan had been the heaven for terrorist organizations. And it is highly expected in the future as well. Taliban in the history already proved this by giving asylum to Osama bin Laden, so it cannot be denied that it will stop, or cautious about giving asylum to Al-Qaeda again. Presence of terrorist organizations in Afghanistan is a threat to peace and security of the region of South Asia. Indian Parliament attack (2001) and Mumbai attack (2008) are the proxies for terrorist attacks in the region.

Pakistan highly affected with terrorism. As it had been happening in the history. Pakistan was the victim of many terrorist attacks such as a brutal attack in Army Public School Peshawar (2014), and many others. Pakistan shares a border with Afghanistan it creates many problems for Pakistan. It is very easy for militant groups to reach Pakistan and conduct their activities from here.

Moreover, There has been a news for the
emergence of TTP (Tehrik Taliban Pakistan)
many attacks were seen in the KPK region
and Waziristan and it reached to
Quetta as well. Almost 177 attacks has been
done in these regions after Taliban has been
of Taliban government in Afghanistan, mostly,
military soldiers had been targeted. It is
expected that TTP is activities which now
spread to Karachi region, and TTP is
adopting new ways different than before.

Social media is effective tool
for any activity, to be done without any
obstruction. It is said that TTP organization
is composed of now 40 to 45,000 people
including their families. They use social media
extensively. They know the use of modern
technologies, they are highly skilled in this
regard and highly motivated because many
are youngsters now. They have spreaded in
groups in many regions of Pakistan. Pakistan
is seen already affected by the ~~effect~~
activities of TTP in the South Asian region but it
will affect the other regions as well.

Afghanistan had been the heaven for terrorist organizations. It is expected that in many ethnic and conservative ideologies. Like Taliban and other terrorist organizations are already spreading their ideologies, through the use of social media. Taliban and other organizations through the use of radio, they conduct many programs to mislead the youngsters of course muslims. Balochistan region in Pakistan is highly affected, because these terrorist organizations are supporting separatists groups in Balochistan and they are spreading their ideologies among them.

Because of all of these aforementioned activities of terrorist organizations, which started nearly after withdrawal of American forces threat to peace and security of the region (South Asia). Pakistan is already proven to be mostly affected, but other countries in the South Asian region are not going to be left to be ignored.

South Asian countries are now spending a more amount of their budget on their security and defence. After COVID-19, almost all the countries suffered a lot. Global economy

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run down. If these countries will continue to spend most of their budget on defense they will not be able to spend for the development of their region. They are compelled to do so, because if there will not be peace and stability, economic activities are wasteful. These countries are spending more amount on their budgets it will cause economic crisis in this region.

Moreover, these countries now, perhaps change their foreign policies. They will prefer peace and stability first for their country. Pakistan and India as always been in rivalry against each other, are highly expected to increase in their rivalry against each other. India already claim that Pakistan supports insurgency in the region, and militant organization. So friendly relations between these two countries are now expecting impossible.

Peace in Afghanistan will lead to peace in South Asian Region. Maintenance of peace is very important to Afghanistan because it will support the region as well. To maintain peace in the region International Communities should come ahead to aid Afghanistan.

Reduction of humanitarian crises will stop the threat
of refugees crises in the region. Developed
countries especially and IMF and WB should
provide aid to Afghanistan. And America
should lift up sanction from Afghanistan.

Taliban government also should give
place to women, and remove extra sanctions
from Afghan people. It should let them
work freely. It should provide them peace
and security, so that these people may rise
and develop their country again as they were
before 1973, at time Ammullah King.

Pakistan and other regional countries,
should negotiate with Afghanistan and Taliban
that they should make their country developed.
Other countries should maintain good relations
with Afghanistan as China and Pakistan
already said them. They want friendly
relation with Afghan Taliban government.
However, these countries ^{should} try to maintain peace
and security in the region, and help
them financially.

More over, South Asian countries should
conduct such programs which spread awareness

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about conservative ideologies. These programs should be based on actual knowledge of Islam and should spread peace, love and affection for other values. These programs should be highly motivated and patriotic that may counter the spread of ideologies by militant organizations. A surprising withdrawal of Afghanistan from America from Afghanistan raised many security threats and crises for the Afghanistan and neighborhood as well. There is an emergency situation in Afghanistan such as humanitarian crises are undergone, economic crises and gender biasness. However, South Asian region is exposed to militant organization via Afghanistan as Afghanistan has been the heaven for militant organizations. Many countries are now spending more on their defense rather than to develop their countries.

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