



Challenges of hybrid warfare and regional dynamics

Outline

1- Introduction

Thesis statements: With the passage of time, challenges of hybrid warfare are growing that have several implications on regional dynamics. Growing propaganda, cyber hacking, sectarianism and extremism etc are few among these challenges. However, with the proactive measures, its implications on the regional dynamics can be minimized.

2- A bird's eyeriew of the hybrid warfare

3- Contemporary prevailing challenges of hybrid warfare

- a) Growing propaganda on the internet against states
- b) Cyber attacks as hacking websites for surveillance
- c) Massive use of autonomous weapons
- d) Sectarianism and extremism pose threat to peace
- e) Misuse of religion norms against state: Sunni - Shiara conflict
- f) Terrorist financing to destabilize rival country
- g) Diplomatic accusation against each other on the regional forum



4- Implications of hybrid warfare on regional dynamics

- a) Rise of political instability within the state and the region.
- b) Inter-regional diplomatic failure puts region into conflict zone
- c) Reluctant to economic growth due to trade hindrance
- d) Conflict on the regional organization puts peace at stake
- e) Security crisis grows in the region
- f) Socio-economic meltdown affects regional progress and prosperity
- g) Aggressive hegemony takes birth in favour of dominant state

5- Proactive strategies to mitigate with the challenges and implications of hybrid warfare

- a) Framing a comprehensive policy at the national level: DDR approach
- b) Strengthening cyber space against cyber attacks
- c) Launching military operations against extremist groups
- d) Playing a strong diplomatic role on the regional forum

6- Conclusion

Growing propaganda on the internet against states

Among challenges of hybrid warfare, growing propaganda on the internet against states is an unending dilemma. No doubt, rival countries have found a new tool as internet to spread fake reports against each other. In consequence, countries have become used to prevailing propaganda to destabilize the rival country. As per the international security report, "India has a record of spreading false videos and information against countries, like Pakistan." (The international report, 2022). This is a proven fact that growing propaganda on the internet against states is a challenge of hybrid warfare.

Cyber attacks as hacking websites for surveillance

Along with propaganda, cyber attacks as hacking websites for surveillance purpose is another challenge of hybrid warfare. In fact, cyber attacks are more common trends leading to surveillance against rival states. This is a fact that can be seen in the context of Pak-India relations. According



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to relief web, "India's espionage against Pakistan has been growing since its inception as it has several attacks to hack Pakistani websites" (The Relief web, 2022) - Hence, it is a true to say that cyber attacks as hacking websites for surveillance is another challenge of hybrid warfare.