

Resurgings Wave of Terrorism in Pakistan.

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While commenting on terrorism UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said

"Terrorism is a persistent and evolving global menace. No country is immune".

Pakistan has been facing the menace of terrorism since two decades but the fall of Kabul took it to new heights. From bomb blasting to targeted killings, from encounters with law enforcement agencies to sectarian crisis terrorist and extremists are busy to destabilize the country. The report of the diplomat suggest that the country saw 55 per cent in terrorist activities since Taliban took control of Afghanistan. Recent, surging wave of terror is the result of poor border management, faulty economic and social policies and the interference of foreign intelligence agencies like RAW and Mossad. This rising terrorism hits hard the socio-economic and

the religio-political conditions of the country. Why there is sudden surge in terror activities? How it impact the country? What must be done to curtail it? Kabul fall took with it a surging wave of terrorism in Pakistan. The loopholes in religio-political and socio-economic policies of the country further energize the wave. It impacts the country hazardously. Therefore, it is high time for the government to take result-oriented steps to get rid of the surging menace.

Surging terrorism is obvious from the frequent terror related incidents. This time terrorist mostly, attack law enforcement personnels. Khabar Pakhton Khawan remained hit hard province in this surging wave. According to the Voice of America:

• The violence claimed by or blamed on TTP and other militant groups killed almost 1000 Pakistanis

, including nearly 300 security forces in some 376 terrorist attacks in 2022." — Voice of America.

Further, Atlantic Council reports that ~~these~~ Terrorism has re-emerged in Pakistan. Since August 2021 attacks have spiked approximately 50 per cent. Hence, it is clear that terrorism rises at break-neck speed in the country.

Further, various reports and studies also suggest a mounting wave of terrorism in the country. Pakistan Institute of Peace Study (PIPS) suggest that "TTP and its affiliate groups carried out more than 150 attacks in the first 11 months of this year 2022, resulting in more than 150 deaths a majority of them belonging to law-enforcement agencies.

Similarly, The Diplomat and The Atlantic Council highlights

approximately 55 per cent surge in terrorism since Afghan Taliban took control in Kabul. East Asia Forum called the year 2023 a worst terrorist hit year after 2013 in Pakistan. Therefore it can be said that terrorism activities skyrocket in the country.

The sudden rising wave of terrorism in the country is the result of numerous factors. The first and foremost is that fall of Kabul boosted morale of terrorist outfits in the country. Tahreek-e-Talban Pakistan and Afghan Taliban are two sister organizations that follow similar ideology of a wider caliphate. Afghan Taliban's victory over the mighty America boosts morale in TTP and various other factions. According to the Atlantic Council "Terrorism has reemerged in Pakistan. Since August 2021 attacks have spiked nearly 50 per cent."

Afghan Taliban covertly give logistic support to the sister organization and provide sanctuaries to the TTP elements in Afghan soil. Thus, Kabul fall stimulated the new wave of terrorism in Pakistan.

In addition to it, adverse foreign intelligent agencies like RAW and Mossad are active to destabilize the country. These agencies leave no stone unturned to hit hard the nation. They support Baloch resurgencies, provide them equipment and trainings. This very fact confessed by Kulbhoshan Yadav, an Indian serving military officer, arrested by the Pakistan law enforcement agencies.

"I was on a mission to arise insurgency in Balochistan and Karachi" - Yadav. Therefore, adverse foreign hands is prime factor behind the terrorism in Pakistan.

To add more to it,

Political polarization leaves ways for the development of terror outfits in the country. Polarized politics begets multiple ethno-social and economic crisis. It provides level playing field for the extremists. They brainwash youth and achieve their motives. Hate speeches in Religio-Political factions enhances terror activities. Jemi Osinbajo has correctly said:

"Hate speech is a specie of terrorism".

In the atmosphere of political polarization extremists find grounds to put forth their propaganda and brainwash the innocent souls. Hence, Political polarization plays instrumental role in strengthening the roots of terrorism in the country.

Similarly, menace of Sectarianism helps terrorism to spread its arms. Unfortunately there has been remained, what a famous analyst on Youtube

Faisal Karach calls Muslim cold war in Islamic world. Saudi Arabia and Iran has long been played proxies to spread their variant of religious ideology. Both support their ideological factions. The Society of Pakistan is polarized religiously. Extremist elements deteriorate the delicate conditions of faith. Thus, Sectarianism boost zealotry in terror outfits in the country.

Further, Social media outlets provide opportunities for extremists to put forth their propaganda of the deeds to radicalize societies. Neville Bolt, in his book 'The Violent Image: Insurgent propaganda and the new Revolutionaries' writes that

Propaganda of the deeds (POTD) in the 19th century was unsuccessful because insurgents at that time were unable to reach mass audience with its message. He further says that POTD has now more validity

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than ever because we live in a visual world, where images continue to speak louder than words. Terrorist and insurgents are now very sophisticated in their use of new media facilities to propagate image of their acts. Hence, Communicational globalization via social media outlets helps terrorism to enhance their activities.

Furthermore, Porous borders and influx of illegal refugees leg up terrorism in the country. Pakistan's western borders have long remained porous due to strategic depth doctrine and local cross border ethnic relations. Enemies of the State use these borders, Pak-Afghan and Pak-Iran borders to enhance their reach in the country and achieve their nefarious motives.

"Kulbhoshan Yadav confess that he reached country via Iran." Similarly TTP

has sanctuaries in Afghanistan. Hence, these cross border safe-heavens plays role in the rise of terrorism in Pakistan.

Last but not least, unfair distribution of resources in the country indulge youth in terror related activities. Owing to mis-management and unfair distribution of resources provincialism has long been an issue in Pakistan. Balochistan, the largest province of Pakistan has been remained deprived of its due share despite of biggest contributor of natural resources. The case of Sindh is much alike.

The youth of these provinces along with nationalist regard it robbery over their rights. Hardcore elements exploit this. Therefore, insurgencies heads up time and again.

The resurging wave of terrorism sheds perbous impacts over the country.

Rising terrorism impedes

foreign direct investment^(FDI), therefore economic growth of the country nose-dives. FDI requires a peaceful environment. Deteriorating law and order conditions are against their interests.

"Keeping aside CPEC total FDI in 2017 and 18 was just 3.3 billion which further depletes."

According to the Asian Development Bank Pakistan's GDP is expected at 0.3 percent in 2023 and 1.9 percent in 2024. Hence, Terrorism coupled with other factors impede foreign direct investment in the nation.

Further, mounting waves of terror tarnishes the image of the country at the international community of the States. India along with other enemy-states has long been blamed Pakistan as terrorist breeding factory. She strives hard to tarnish the image of Pakistan by portraying it a terrorism

financing entity. This rising wave of terrorism further tarnish the already mchgr image of the country.

Further more, Rising terrorism causes social unrest and widens Sectarianism. By bomb blasting and targeted operations terror outfits spreads an atmosphere of fear in the country. The wanton killing of innocent and targeted killings of the servants of different factions cause social unrest and Sectarian divide in the country. Recent Shia-Sunni skirmishes in Gilgit Baltistan was the result of such tactics. Jural Noah Hakari has rightly said.

"The most dangerous thing about terrorism is the over reaction to it."

Hence, terrorism begets social divide in the country.

Last but not least, terror activities damages infrastructure of the country. Bomb blasts damages the infrastructure. This inturn

burdens national exchequer.
Therefore, Terrorism impacts the
country badly in this regard

Certain steps could
be helpful to nip the wave
of terrorism in the bud. The first
and foremost is dire need of
strengthening borders to halt free
movement of extremists in and out
of the country. Owing to porous
borders terrorist perform their task
in the country and return back
to their safe heavens easily.

"Fencing along Pakistan-
Afghanistan border is a
step in right direction".

Government must work to
fortify borders by enhancing
surveillance, border patrolling
and intelligence sharing with
bordering nation. Therefore, this
would help to impede rising
terror activities in the country.

Secondly, Government
must go to pro-active intelligence
based operations and active

diplomacy to foil the intentions of enemy states, particularly India. Government must strive hard to show the world hidden hands of adverse countries behind the rise of terrorism. Pakistan with her diplomatic intellect must remind the world what Adnan Sami said:

"Terrorism does not have a border. Terrorist attack Mumbai, Peshawar and also Paris".

Therefore, with active diplomatic actions and intelligent based operations Pakistan can bridle the mounting wave of insurgency in the country.

Thirdly, religious savants must play role to spread true teaching of Islam. Teachings of Islam are at three - sixty degree with terrorism. Extremist play religious card to achieve their political agendas. Therefore, religious scholars should convey actual teachings of Islam to

foil the nefarious designs of terrorist. Malala & Hamzah Yusuf has correctly said.

"The greatest Preventative to terrorism is muslim religious literacy".

Hence, religious scholars could play instrumental role to impede terrorism in the country.

Fourthly, political-stability is the need of hour to counter resurging wave of terrorism in the country. It is because an stable political system addresses the grievances of the people and avert them from falling in the fold of radical elements. In the words of Shirin Ebadi

"when a person is humiliated, when his rights are being violated, and he does not have the proper education, naturally he gravitates toward terrorism".

Thus, an stable-political system is necessary to curtail terrorism

in the country:

Fifthly, Government should work to establish fair resource distribution mechanism in the country. This would address the grievance of youth and would help to end provincialism. Not only this but it would ~~act~~ also work as a shield to avert propaganda of the radical entities.

In the words of Pope Francis "Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression or assassination, but also by an unfair economic structure that creates huge inequalities".

Therefore, fair resource distribution would help to halt radicalisation of the Society.

Last but not least, a question of refugees must be solved. It is because extremists infiltrate in the country along with illegal refugees. Further umbrella of refugees helps them

to get their respective motives
Nikki Haley has rightly said
"In the age of terrorism
, we must not let in refugees
whose intentions cannot
be determined".

Therefore, refugees either should
be sent back or follow Iran
and Turkey model to form
refugee villages at border areas.
Hence, by solving refugees
question terrorism could be
halted.

To cut long story short,
it can be said that recently,
Pakistan saw surge in terror
activities. Wave of terrorism
strengthens in the country due
to numerous socio-political
and religio-economic issues
in the country. The resurging
wave of terrorism hit hard
the nation. Atmosphere of
fear hovers in the state.
Economy nose-dives and
societies radicalize. Therefore,

It is ~~hard~~ high time to
get rid of this emerging menace
with intelligent policy perspectives.

"Democracy is necessary to
peace and to undermine
the forces of terrorism"
— Benazir Bhutto

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