

EDITORIAL

## Map Disputes

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Sometimes, one look can be worth a thousand words. A new national map published by the Chinese government has sparked an outcry in India largely due to the inclusion of controversial areas like: the northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh, Doklam Plateau and Aksai Chin. While some remain under Chinese control but are part of simmering feuds in recent years, others have previously prompted the two armies to lock horns. Amid the Indian Foreign Minister's clearly-worded denunciation of the new map as "absurd claims" and the Chinese foreign ministry calling on the world for an "objective and rational" discourse, New Delhi's next move on the chessboard remains to be seen.

A familiar wave of uproar sweeping across its media outlets suggests the government strengthen military positions along the border and work on intelligence collaborations with the



of the US. But before <sup>سخت اشتیاد</sup> hawkish frenzy takes centre stage, India would do well to remember its share of tricks out of the same playbook.

For years, Pakistan has been struggling to <sup>امادہ</sup> convince the world about the absurdity of its territories <sup>کلمہ قیام عمل</sup> underscored by Indian <sup>سازش</sup> propaganda as part of its political map. Although it may appear <sup>پارای</sup> silly to those sitting outside the stadium, a <sup>دفعہ وارہ</sup> maliciously drawn line on a simple map carries <sup>حاصلہ کن</sup> crucial significance in a region <sup>جھگڑو</sup> wrangling with complicated geography made all the more sensitive by <sup>گذریں</sup> lapsed empires.

Two years earlier, a similar exercise <sup>کولن -</sup> unrolled by Islamabad was quickly dismissed, thanks to <sup>فعال</sup> proactive lobbies sitting in global capitals. If India views the recent Chinese attempt to broadcast its view as borderline <sup>اشتہار وارہ</sup> "provocative," what would <sup>دھر</sup> explain its obsession with laying claim to the whole territory of Kashmir as its own; stretching its borders well towards Afghanistan? While in the nuclear age, no one would wish for a collision between two armed-to-the-teeth neighbours but India might benefit from a much-quoted proverb, "Those who live in glass stone shouldn't throw stones." \*



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China's act of publishing new political map that is included with some controversial areas as its part, has triggered unrest in India. Some of the disputed areas were one in ~~own~~ under Chinese control while some had instigated war situation between the countries. Indian foreign minister declared it as foolish act of China and China has called off the world for rational talks while India's next step is remained to be seen. Indian media suggest the government to increase military at borders and for intelligence collaboration with USA. India claimed that certain areas belongs to it and made a propaganda to include these territories into their map while Pakistan was struggling for world's confidence regarding ~~the~~ Indian stupidity. If India consider China's act as absurd, how would India detail about its Kashmir occupation and expansion towards Afghanistan. Nobody would desire to be collapsed between two nuclear countries and India must learn from this.

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