

Islamabad-Kabul tension is persistently lingering on due to safe heavens to TTP in Afghanistan. Critically evaluate the situation. Give possible recommendations.

Introduction

Islamabad-Kabul tension is persistently lingering on due to safe heavens to TTP (Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan) in Afghanistan because there are close relations ties between the Taliban government in Afghanistan and TTP of Pakistan. Taliban conquered Kabul on 15th August, 2021 and they are ruling in major areas of Afghanistan. Since then, TTP get an opportunity to enhance the relations with Taliban government of Afghanistan. But this relationship has not positive consequences between for the two countries because it has some effects, such as terrorism, insurgencies, civil-military relationship, etc., that increases the tensions between Islamabad and Kabul. It is need of the hour to diminish these tensions and some recommendations such as diplomatic relations, cooperation between TTP and Pakistani government, refugees problems, etc. may work to fulfill the purpose.

Effects on Afghanistan-Pakistan relationship with the presence of TTP in Afghanistan

The presence of TTP in Afghanistan effects the relationship

between Afghanistan and Pakistan, so the tensions between the two countries are increasing.

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1 Terrorism

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explanatory

Terrorism is increasing in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Cross-border terrorism is common at the border. It is happening with high frequency and become a reason to lose the lives of human beings. As both Talibans act against the government, they are taking part to harm the countries by terrorist attacks.

2 Insurgencies

Insurgencies are increasing in Pakistan, especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, and most of the Talibans are indulging in these insurgencies. TTP leaders are acting like the Taliban of Afghanistan to increase the intensity of insurgencies. They are doing these illegal activities to fulfill their plans.

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3 Civib-Military Relationship

The presence of TTP in Afghanistan effects the civil-military relationship in Pakistan in a bad way. Many people of Pakistan has negative thoughts regarding military in Afghanistan because they think that military is involved in terrorism and insurgencies. Such a negative thinking is

against these arguments

not conducive to strengthen the civil-military relationship in Pakistan. Therefore, the Taliban are succeeded to weaken the relations between the military and the people.

4 Politics in Pakistan

The presence of TTP in Afghanistan is not suitable for the politics of Pakistan. When the Taliban and TTP leaders work in a combine mood, they often harm the politics of not only Pakistan but also of Afghanistan. In the presence of this tension, the Pakistani politicians are confused to normalise the situation. In this way, the politics of Pakistan effects with great disadvantage.

5 Economy

The economy of Pakistan is already fragile and it is further harming due to close relations between Taliban and TTP. The arising activities such as terrorism of Taliban against Pakistan is not a goodwill gesture for the economy of Pakistan. The government of Pakistan often face difficulties to control the activities of Taliban, so the economy of Pakistan is losing its importance. Many countries avoid to conduct trade with Pakistan in this increasing tensions and it is an other factor to diminish the economic situation of the country.

6 Regional instability

The safe heavens of TTP in Afghanistan become a reason to "instabilize the region. The terrorist attacks and illegal policies of Taliban is not appropriate for regional stability. The South Asian region become a place for the negativities of terrorism and Taliban are the catalysts to initiate the attacks. So, Taliban and TTP effects the region of Afghanistan and Pakistan in the worst way.

Recommendations to ease the Islamabad-Kabul tension

Islamabad and Kabul relations are we getting weak due to presence of TTP in Afghanistan. The following recommendations can be useful to improve the relations between the two countries.

1 Diplomacy

Pakistan and Afghanistan should use diplomacy to solve the tensions between them. Diplomacy is a tool to solve the issues and problems between countries. Pakistani government should take responsibility to control the illegal activities of TTP leaders through diplomacy. The talks with the Afghanistan's Taliban may be a symptom to handle the ongoing tensions between the Islamabad and Kabul.

2 Illegal trade

Illegal trade at the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan is another cause to create tensions. Many illegal products including drugs and weapons are smuggled through the border from one country to other. These illegal weapons are used against the governments of Pakistan and Taliban. The illegal trade must be controlled in order to ease the tensions between Islamabad and Kabul.

3 Refugees

Many refugees from Afghanistan moved towards Pakistan in the days of cold war and war on terror. These Afghani refugees become a hurdle for Pakistan. They take part in different insurgencies as a member of TTP. Now, the Taliban government in ^{Afghanistan} Pakistan give them protection and use them for improper activities. So, the influx of refugees in Pakistan should be lessened to bring harmony between the Islamabad and Kabul.

4 Indian and American factor

India and America are involved in the internal issues of Afghanistan and Pakistan. India supports Talibans and TTP to act against Pakistan. India helps them to do terrorist attacks and insurgencies. Similarly, America is also playing her part

to pressurize Afghanistan and Pakistan. America use the band of Afghanistan to compete the emergence of China in South Asia. TTP gives a sign from the actions of India and America to diminish the positive image of Pakistan. Hence, the Indian and ~~Pk~~ American factor should be moved out to solve the lingering tension. It should be done cooperatively by Afghanistan and Pakistan.

5 Interpretation of Cold War and War on Terror

Cold War and War on Terror are major events in South Asia. Both Pakistan and Afghanistan became the victims due to these wars. The people of Afghanistan and Pakistan think that Pakistan is directly involved in these wars. This thought of people is increasing due to wrong interpretation of cold war and war on terror. Although Pakistan became a part of war, but its intentions were to sort out the crisis. TTP wants to take revenge from Pakistan, therefore, they enjoin Talibans in Afghanistan. The interpretation of wars must be corrected among people, especially TTP, in order to solve the tensions between Islamabad and Kabul.

6 Policies and politics of Pakistan

The policies and politics of Pakistan can work to increase the friendship

between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The government of Pakistan should make policies which are suitable to run the state in a smooth way. It can help control the inappropriate actions of TTP. Similarly, the politics of Pakistan should be strong to solve the issues in the country. The political leaders of Pakistan should cooperate with TTP and Taliban leaders of Afghanistan to lessen the intensity of bad actions. Therefore, it is recommended to use policies and politics in a good way to sort out the tensions between Islamabad and Kabul.

Conclusion

Pakistan and Afghanistan faces many tensions due to the safe heavens of TTP in Afghanistan. The Afghani Taliban and members of TTP are working together to harm the relations between the Islamabad and Kabul. Due to the illegal activities of Taliban and TTP, both countries are observing many problems. So, it has some effects such as negative image of politics, harm economy and regional instability on the state of Pakistan which are not conducive for positive consequences. It is urgent requirement to stop the actions of Taliban and TTP against Islamabad and Kabul. Some recommendations such as curb Indian and American factor, positive interpretation of wars in Afghanistan and

make policies wisely can be suitable to ease the ongoing tensions between Kabul and Islamabad.