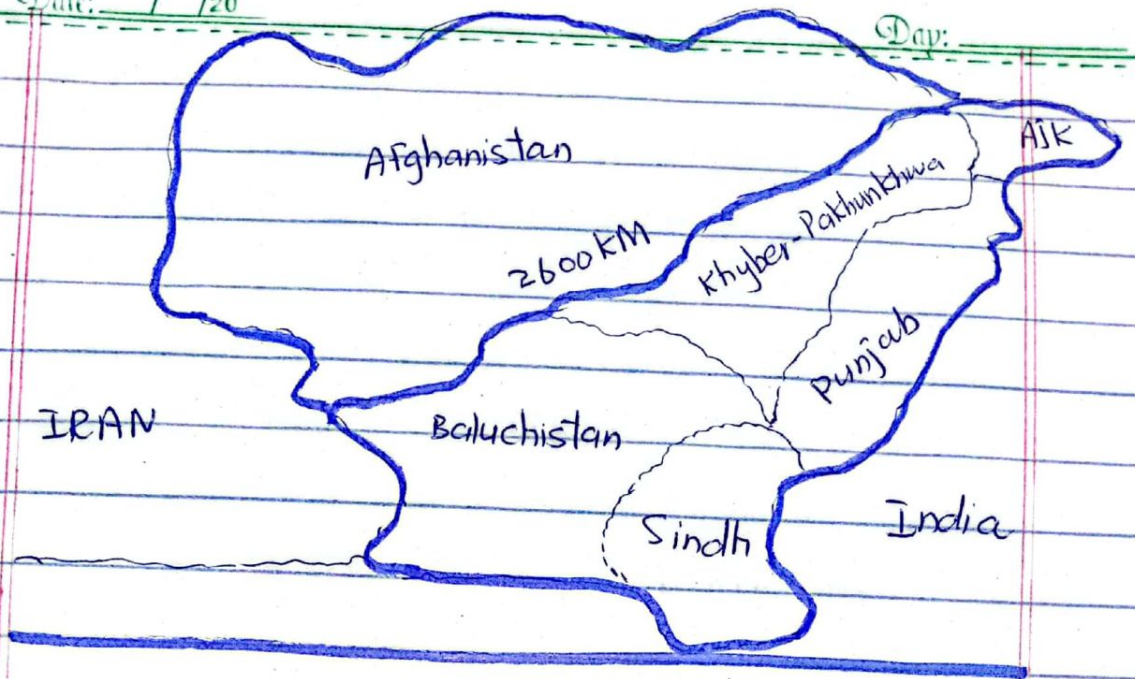


What are the potential impacts both humanitarian and geo-political, of Pakistan's decision to repatriate Afghan refugees, and how this might influence the regional dynamics in South Asia?

Introduction:

Pakistan's government mandated the departure of Afghan migrants and refugees, primarily Afghans either by force or voluntarily. However, this departure of Afghan's refugees can have potential impacts both humanitarian and geo-political. Moreover, Pakistan's decision to repatriate Afghan refugees might influence the regional dynamics in South Asia. Pakistan has taken this decision due to several security reasons. This decision of repatriation can have positive or negative influences on Pakistan and other dynamics in region.



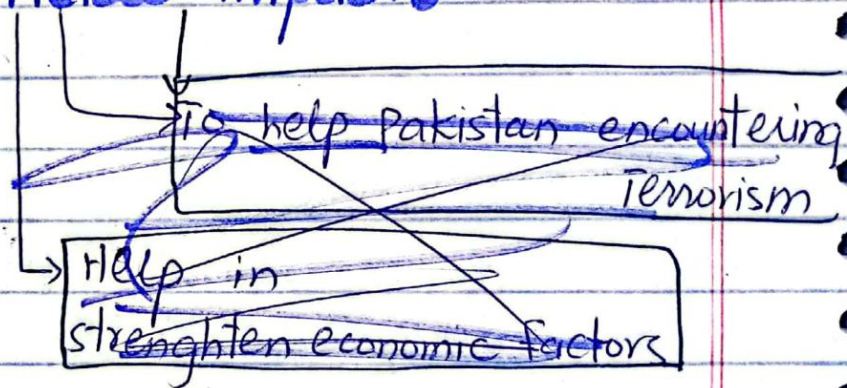
Potential impacts as both humanitarian and geo-political of Afghan repatriation:

Since the announcement of Afghan repatriation, the interim Afghan government led by the Taliban rebuked Pakistan's announcement deeming it "unacceptable". However, Pakistan takes its stance claiming that Afghan's illegal or undocumented migrants are involved in security crises in Pakistan. Having porous border with Afghanistan, migrants come across the border. Presently,

1.3 million Afghan refugees reside in Pakistan, with concentration in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 50% and Baluchistan 24%.

Afghan repatriation causing some potential impacts discussed as under:

Beneficial impacts



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- 1) Help Pakistan in encountering Terrorism:

Repatriation process of ~~Pakistan~~ illegal Afghan people help Pakistan to encounter terrorism. It has been noticed in **2023** major terrorist attacks including suicide bombing, migrants were included. So, their return to back to their country will help

Pakistan to fight against terrorism.

2) Help Pakistan in strengthening economic factors:

Since 2016, Afghan refugees were actively taking part in business or economic activities.

If they repatriated to their country, so there will be huge economic vacuum for Pakistan.

3) Reducing inflation, reducing costs:

If Pakistan deported un-documented people or migrants then, it will reduce the inflation, reduce costs and reduce the living standards and will cause more opportunities for Pakistan.

4) Strengthen Baloch identity:

As 24% of Afghan people are in Balochistan so they are causing threat to Baloch identity. Pakistan wants Balochistan to remain with particularly Baloch identity.

Non-Beneficial impacts

1) Shortage of labour:

Abrupt Afghan migrant's repatriation will cause labour shortage in Pakistan. As in 2023 the over all GDP size was only 0.29% in Pakistan. So, its a huge shortage of labour.

2) Humanitarian crises:

Pakistan initiated one of the largest repatriation program in UNHCR's history. This will cause a major humanitarian crises. 3 million migrant will deported, then repatriation will lead to economic issues, infrastructure development and other serious concerns in Afghanistan.

3) Criticism from international community:

Pakistan also facing criticism from UN and all over the glob. It will cause defaming

the name of Pakistan.

Influence in regional dynamics in South Asia

1) Refugee influx:

The repatriation of Afghan refugee can impact the overall refugee influx in South Asia. It may lead to changes in demographic patterns and put pressure on the resources.

2) Cross-border Cooperation.

The decision of repatriate Afghan refugees requires close cross-border cooperation between Afghanistan and neighboring countries.

3) Economic integration.

The repatriation of Afghan refugees can impact economic integration in region. It may lead to changes in the labor markets, trade patterns and investment flow

5) Regional organization role.

Regional organizations such as the South Asian Association for regional cooperation, can play a crucial role in facilitating the repatriation process. They can provide a platform for dialogue, coordination and resource mobilization among member countries.

Conclusion:

Pakistan's taken ~~bits~~ decision of repatriation due to security reasons. This act can lead to serious positive or negative impacts in region. However, at the same time it can have some opportunities for Pakistan too.
