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Introduction:

Pakistan and Afghanistan are the neighbour countries. Ties between both the countries have seen many ups and downs. Since the independence Afghanistan had not recognised Pakistan and the Afghanistan has been a land of many wars. As someone said.

"Afghanistan is the cemetery of global powers".

And because of continuous tussle between the Afghan government and Taliban Afghanistan has not witnessed peace. This situation in Afghanistan has created many problems in Pakistan.

Reasons of Essentiality of Peace in Pakistan in Context of Peace in Afghanistan

1. To Avoid Refugee Crisis:

Afghanistan had witnessed wars with the Soviets and the Americans. Because of these continuous wars and the poor conditions of human rights in Afghanistan, Pakistan has witnessed 1 million of refugees.

According to United Nations:

Pakistan has hosted more than 10 million Afghan refugees.

These refugees have created multiple challenges for Pakistan. Therefore it is essential to build peace in Afghanistan.

2. To Avoid Waves of Terrorism:

Afghanistan soil and the refugees have continuously been used to spread terrorism. During the US war in terror there is some decline witnessed in terrorism but as the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan there is surge in terror attacks from Afghanistan. Also the refugees are also involved in the terrorist activities.

According to the reports of ISSTI:

In 2023, out of 26 terror attacks 14 have been carried out by Afghan nationals.

3. To Reap Maximum Trade Benefits

Peace in Afghanistan is essential to get the maximum benefit from the trade potential. Afghanistan is rich in crop production and the mineral resources. In addition to this if there exists peace in Afghanistan then there are greater chances of expanding CPEC towards the Afghanistan. This will enhance the trade potential involving regional trade. Also the Russia and China are engaging with Taliban government.

Recently at Stockholm summit Afghan Taliban are invited to ensure investment in Afghanistan from Russia.

4. To Protect the external sovereignty:

As the history evidenced that Afghan has been the soil for major wars. The most prominent was the Soviet and US attack. During these attacks and conflicts war, Pakistan has suffered a lot. But importantly

its external sovereignty is violated. For instance, Salala checkpost attack and many more. Therefore, as a neighbor it is essential to build peace in region.

5. To Maximize the Engagement of International Community:

International diaspora is reluctant to build relations with the Pakistan. Because there are threats of terrorism. Even some of the countries have called Pakistan a terrorist state:

As President Biden said -

There are threats that the nuclear weapons may fall into the hands of Taliban.

So to encourage the international community to engage in Pakistan it is necessary to build peace in Afghanistan.

Current challenges prevalent in hindering peace between Pakistan and Afghanistan:

1. Cross Border Terrorism:

Cross border terrorism is a major hindrance in developing peace between Pakistan and

Afghanistan. There is a surge in the attacks of terror on the Pakistani soldiers. Its citizens claimed by the TTP which is operating from Afghanistan.

As Munir Akram said:

International Community must play role in disarming the TTP essential to build peace in region

So, Pakistan has repeatedly engaged with the Afghan officials that if no war is still now there is not any significant trade between them.

2. Illegal Drug Smuggling:

Afghanistan is a major production hub for the opioids. So, it is involved in the smuggling of these drugs to the Pakistan's northern areas and then to the rest of the country. This menace has created a major hindrance in developing peaceful relations between.

3. Illegal Dollar Smuggling:

There are certain evidences that Afghanistan is involved in the smuggling of dollars from Pakistan.

According to Reports:

\$1.5 million are daily smuggled from Pakistan to Afghanistan.

Because of major influx of dollars into the Afghanistan, its currency is stable against dollar. This is also a major hindrance in developing peace between them.

4. Human Rights Conditions in Afghanistan:

There are violations of human rights in Afghanistan. Like there is a ban on women education and the working of women in the industries. As the UN sponsored Doha talks are continuing to engage and influence Afghanistan to lift ban on women education but they repeatedly said that this is an internal matter of Afghanistan.

5. Not Accepting Durand Line as International Border:

Afghanistan has not accepted the Durand line as an international border. They said that some of the tribal areas are the part of Afghanistan. Pakistan has repeatedly signed agreements but they are refugees. Pakistan has signed

force on it with worth of \$0.7 bn
but there is continuous searching
of the force.

Conclusion:

To conclude, Afghanistan being
a neighbour if there is not any
peace reluctantly will also not
witness peace. Terrorism, refugee crisis,
developing trade, to protect Pakistan's
sovereignty peace is essential. But
cross border terrorism, illegal smuggling,
human rights conditions are major
hindrance in developing peace.

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Introduction:

After the WWII America has emerged as the sole super power. But as the time goes on its hegemony is challenged by the rise of China especially in the field of economy and technology. So posing a threat to the US. Now counter this US has fought in every front whether diplomatic or economic. But this fight is going on.

Areas of China's Emergence in which it poses threat to US:

1. Economy- Export oriented

China's economy is rising at a faster pace making it a second biggest economy after US with GDP of \$18T. Also China is the biggest exporter of goods even to US prospect of the world. By building BRI it upgraded its economy to a export based challenging US hegemony.

2. Technology → Development of AI

China is leading the world in the field of AI. Its aim is to become a giant if at till 2030. Moreover its chip industry is growing at a great pace also challenging the US.

3. Foreign Policy — A mediator

China's foreign policy is mediator oriented towards US. As it is involved in building peace and diplomatic relations between the Taliban and Riyadh. Now, it has offered a dialogue between Hamas and Fatah.

4. Military Spending → Renovation and Military exercises:

China is continuously spending a huge amount on the military. It includes priority on air weapons to the PLA and to modernize it and also military exercises in south China sea.

5. Cultural Expansion: Confucianism, Constitution, Scholasticism.

China is spending more culturally as it depend its influence like confucianism, fifties and recently 1000 undergraduate scholarship is a major step.

Challenges posed as Threat to the US.

+ Counter its expanding power East:

China is continuously involved in expanding its influence in the east through BRI and locar. so posing a challenging threat to the US which now initiates the IMEEL.

2. China Want success not Victory:

China has repeatedly said that he wants success not victory. It means that he wants the development of the whole region rather than developing only himself or to gain development by defeating some other countries.

Conclusion:

To conclude, China is the first economy, technology, military, foreign policy and culture power a threat to the US. So the US is continuously involved in countering China to maintain its hegemony.