

# Terrorism in Pakistan

A self-inflicted injury.

Outline :-

(i) Introduction :-

a) Since 9/11 Pakistan had lost billions of dollars due to ~~terrorist~~ terrorism.

b) Terrorist activities are going on in every part of world in different ways. Pakistan is one of the most affected country from terrorism.

c) Terrorism in Pakistan is one of the major issue of the country. It is due to moves which were taken by country in past. Some were the necessity of time and some were the wrong policies of government.

(ii) What is terrorism?

(a) Definition of terrorism.

(b) Types of terrorism in Pakistan, Sectarian and Separatist.

(iii) Historical background.

(a) Terrorist groups produced due to Russia - Afghan war.

(b) Post 9/11 terrorist activities.

(c) Separatists in Balochistan.

(iv) What are injuries inflicted by terrorism?

(a) Economic losses.

(b) Fear among people to visit other parts of countries.

(c) Mass destructions.

(v) Is terrorism in Pakistan a self inflicted injury?

a) Steps taken which were necessary of time.

- Steps taken in Russia-Afghan war
- Becoming a part of Global conflicts.
- Relations with neighbours.

b) Wrong policies of Government.

- Political polarization among people.
- Post 9/11 policies.
- Operations but not major policy
- Good and bad Taliban
- Late constitutional reforms for specific regions.

vi) Solutions

- a) Policies to improve Economic condition of people.
- b) Better policing
- c) Less political polarization.

vii) Conclusion.

## The Essay

Since 9-11, Pakistan ~~had~~ has lost billion of rupees due to terrorism. Terrorist activities is going on various parts of the world. Even US and Europe is not safe from the terrorist activities. Countries are spending billions to counter terrorist activities. ~~Parts~~ Central Asia, Africa, middle East and South Asia are the regions which are affected most due to terrorist activities. Terrorism in Pakistan is one of the major issue of the country. It is due to the moves which were taken by the country in the past. Some were the necessity of time and some were due to the wrong policies of government.

Terrorism means, is to spread terror among the people. To force government to accept certain demand. or to gain a

rule in a specific region. Act of terrorism can be carried out in various ways, including bombing, shooting ~~to~~ military or police personals, abduction and hijacking etc.

Pakistan is dealing with major types of terrorism groups which includes Separatist a mainly separatists and sectarian terrorist groups. Separatists are those terrorist groups which have a demand of a separate state.

They demand a independent state within a specific boundary. Their boundary definition of boundary can be a specific part of country's area or boundary boundaries can extend between specific parts of two countries. Other type is the

sectarian group which do the terrorist activities in name of their sects. Their main rivals are the people from the other sects.

between <sup>sectarian</sup> b. In Pakistan mostly terrorist groups are engaged in shia-sunni fights.

Lashkar-e-Tahqiqi and Sipah-e-Sahaba are sunni terrorist group and sipah-e-Muhammad and Fatimoon are shia terrorist group. They are often engaged in terrorist activities all over the country.

During Russia Afghan war, Pakistan, with the help of US, formed many terrorist organization to tackle Russia. That was a sequel of cold war which <sup>was</sup> ~~were~~ going on between Russia and US. After Soviet's withdrawal of soviet forces from Afghanistan these organizations were still active in Afghanistan and in the border areas of Pakistan with Afghanistan. After the withdrawal, these organizations started fighting with each other claiming the the throne of Afghanistan. Due to some reasons these organizations started their terrorist activities in Pakistan, claiming territories in Pakistan under their rule.

After 9-11 US wanted a operation in Afghanistan. For that, they seeked Pakistan's help to give a route to the NATO forces to start a operation in Afghanistan. Pakistan provided routes to NATO forces. Due to ~~that~~ <sup>these</sup> specific reasons, the terrorist organization which were a good friend to the country were ~~now~~ became a foe. They started terrorist activities in ~~EE~~ FATA and Swat. Claiming those areas under their rule.

While in the south west, Baloch terrorist organization are active which are separatists. Due to the economic conditions the people are against the state. These organizations are the result of proxy wars which took place in border areas of Iran and Pakistan. Some of the major organisations are Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) and BLF Balochistan Liberation front (BLF).

These organizations are engaged in targeting various army, police and Chinese engineers.

As discussed, since 9-11, Pakistan has lost billions of rupees due to terrorist activities in the region. Nobody wants to invest in a country which is with such high cases of terrorism reported annually. Majorly areas of KP and Balochistan are mostly affected due to terrorism in the country. These areas are rich in minerals but their resources ~~are~~ <sup>have</sup> not properly used until today. These terrorist organizations don't let anybody to explore for the minerals in these areas. Such type of activities are causing heavy losses to the country.



There is also a fear among  
among people to visit such areas  
which is causing polarization in the  
country. Recently there was a news  
that 5 Punjabi barbers were murdered  
in North-Waziristan. Every day we  
hear news that Panjabis or Sindhi  
labours are murdered in Balochistan.  
Due to such type of activities  
people don't visit such areas,  
causing polarization in the community.  
These organisations don't let  
anybody outsiders to visit  
such areas, as due to which  
local they will loose support  
from the locals:

Terrorist activities had  
caused mass destructions in every  
part of Pakistan. Bombing in  
Karachi, They have carried out  
numerous bombings and attacks  
targeting public places, markets,  
religious sites and government  
institutions. These attacks are

signs they are challenging the  
sovereignty of state. Terrorists  
are usually <sup>carried</sup> carried out ~~set~~ as  
such attacks to spread terror  
in a region and mark their  
hold in the area.

Due to governmental policies,  
political polarization is also rising.

Terrorism has become a  
self-inflicted injury due to many  
reasons. Some are the reasons  
which must have to be taken  
and were a necessity of time. In  
Afghan-Soviet war, after  
conquering Afghanistan, Russia's  
next target was to find warm  
water. They had possibly two  
routes one through Iran and  
one through Pakistan. So, Pakistan  
had to jump in the war. To  
tackle Soviets Pakistan created  
several groups for guerrilla

warfare against Soviet union. Soviets lost the war but these organisations were active in the border regions of Pakistan. They were continuing their activities. Instead of removing such organisations from its land, Pakistan used them to control politics in Pakistan. That was a big mistake. These organisations later started activities in Pakistan.

~~The major change came after the~~  
The major turning point between the on going good relations with Taliban and Pakistan came after 9-11. When US demanded a route for its military to start a operation in Afghanistan. Pakistan under intense pressure of US provided the route. Taliban was infuriated by steps taken by Pakistan. Thus, hence a new organisation came into existence, Tehrik-e-taliban Pakistan (TTP). They launched terrorist activities all over the country. They were controlling FATA and Malakand regions.

Pakistan ~~also~~ remained a part of conflicts global conflicts. Whether it is Arab Israel wars or Provinces wars between Iran and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or it is a war between US and Soviets. ~~Economy of~~ Pakistan if we look at the history, economy of Pakistan mostly relies on foreign aids and loans. So becoming a part of conflict was due to sale of dollars. These steps costs costed more than the inflow of in aids. Due to such steps terrorist organisations were created and then our government institutions couldn't control them. Other countries used these terrorist organisations against the country.

Political polarization also play a key role to produce more terrorist. There is a issue of political polarization in Pakistan. Political parties uses different political stance to asp stance to divide the citizens. There is a image among random Pakistanis that people from other provinces are their enemies. Punjabis think Pashtuns are against them. Pashtuns think Punjabis are against them. Balochs think Punjabis are against them. Unequal distribution of resources is the main cause of the such hate. Such type of hate gives a good stance provides support from the peopl. to the terrorists.

~~when ever terrorist activities~~  
After operation, 2006-07 many areas were vacated from the terrorist. But they were left

without proper policing & creating a power vacuum. When ever a vacuum is created it is always filled. Police must have to fill this vacuum. Unfortunately, There is no proper policing in the FATA due to which the terrorist again filled that vacuum. Military operations is never a solution until there is no proper policing in those areas.

In FATA until 2018 there was no proper policing. Police was not allowed to go inside the villages and houses of the people. Without proper policing terrorist can reunite in areas.

United we have often heard the in news good and bad taliban.

~~Good taliban are those which are~~

Pakistan is. Pakistan is often a

faces many allegations that it have a good relation with some terrorist

group and use them against others.

These are good Taliban. While

those which often do terrorist activities are bad talibans.

But in reality the good and bad talibans support each other. They never had bad relations with each other. Enemy of a friend is your enemy. Pakistan must adopt a policy to such policies often bounce back. Sometimes good to

### Solution

① If we improve policing in the region it is the only way we can improve security in the region. Police must be trained and must equip with proper equipments to deal with the terrorists. Long term solution is only possible through this.

### Economy

~~Terrorist affected areas must~~

Government must have has to take immediate steps to improve infrastructure and to improve economic conditions of the people. Bad economic conditions always cause people to pick the gun.

There should be less political polarization because. Due to political polarization a feel of distress spread among people.

Terrorism is caused in Pakistan by own opt policies and by playing someone's else's game. This caused huge economic and human loss to Pakistan. Governance is also a issue ~~to~~ which is causing the terrorist to rise again even after massive operations. Better governance and steps to improve economic conditions of people can only help Pakistan.



to get rid of terrorism.