

Extremist Threat

Recently, a campaign to counter terrorism in Pakistan has been launched by the name of Azm-e-Istehkam. This measure is taken specially in regard to the concerns shown by Chinese officials over the safety of their workers in Pakistan that has been frequently targeted over some time. While state continues to explain what Azm-e-Istehkam entails, especially in realm of counterterrorism measures, there is also need to wage a plan to counter the growing extremism in Pakistan. Terrorism and extremism are both joined at hip and feed each other. In order to effectively implement counterterrorism measures, a similar campaign should be formulated to counter growing extremism in Pakistan. People are being lynched over the allegations of blasphemy in Pakistan. People who are following their beliefs even within the range of their homes are being persecuted. ^{people who practice} Their is dire need to de-radicalise the society. A blueprint to de-radicalise the society is present in the form of updated NAP. Updated NAP contains all the elements to counter extremism as well as terrorism. Point 3 of NAP states "effective measures should be taken against religious/sectarian persecution & terrorism. Experts in the field should be consulted to fine-tune the plan. The single biggest step that needs to be taken is to bring to the heels the group that are promoting murderous vigilantism in Pakistan."