

# RESURGENCE OF TERRORISM : CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD FOR PAKISTAN

## Challenges for Pakistan due to terrorism

(i) Social chaos due to the polarisation in the country.

Case in point: Good vs. Bad Taliban

Political division in the country.

(ii) Spread of propaganda has become easy

Case in point: Surge in extremism.

Implicating the youth against state.

(iii) Diminishing law and order situation in the country

Case in point: Rise of local dacoits

Surge in street crimes.

(iv)

Brain drain has increased exponentially

Case in Point: Gallup survey - 8 million left

People become less patriotic

(v)

Surge in India's dominance in Kashmir and parts of Pakistan.

Case in Point: Kashmir elections, 2024

Kalburshan Yadhu episode

(vi)

Burden over fragile economy of the country

Case in Point: Death in FDI in Pakistan

CPEC is halted.

Ways through which Pakistan can counter  
Resurgence of Terrorism for Good:

The resurgence of terrorism in Pakistan renders a number of challenges. The first challenge that stood in front of the country is the social chaos due to the polarization. Since, the arrival of de facto government in Afghanistan, a new concept of good versus bad Taliban has been emerged in Pakistan. This has caused polarization among people as they are unaware and blank over who do they support. For instance, According to ISPR, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, a terrorist organization, is bad Taliban. The intriguing fact, however, is that the safe heavens for TIP is Afghanistan, the government of which is good Taliban. This mystery has been used by politicians as per their interest for political scoring, dividing the nation. That is how a social unrest has become a challenge for the country due to resurgence of terrorism, implicating citizenry.

In addition to it, the promotion of propaganda has become easy too amid resurgence of terrorism. As the country is tangled in its problem, the enemy of state has targeted social media to arouse extremism. The evidence of this can be seen in recent blasphemy events. The burning of Sri Lankan manager in Sanghoda, the attack on Christian community and the igniting of a tourist in Swat are its manifestation. Social media, through propaganda, has made people intolerable.

The enemies of the state ~~they~~ have attacked the young minds in order to be the part of enemies of the state. Such brainwashing can be seen in Gallup survey 2023, where people lacked confidence over Pakistan's military power by two-folds. Hence, propaganda has become a challenge for the state due to terrorism.

Another challenge that is affecting individuals is the diminishing law and order situation in the country. This can be witnessed in the recent appearance of local dacoits in the riverine areas of Pakistan. The dacoits are a matter of concern for the concerned authorities because they are heavily armed with lethal weapons. Recent attack on a police convey by rocket launcher, resulting in the deaths of dozen, is its manifestation. Along with it, street crimes have also become a new normal for past three years. According to a police report published in Dawn, in 2023 over 8000 cases of mobile snatching reported in Karachi alone with 20 per cent cases of fatalities of civilians. The death of young student just outside the premises of his university in Karachi is one of them. This diminishing law and order condition, hence, become a challenge because of terrorism.

In result of this, there is an exponential increase in the number of Brain drain per year. Because the state has already a lot of stuff in its plate, the

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people has made-up their minds that Pakistan cease to overcome the problems. That is why, more than eight million people left this country in 2023 according to NADRA. The people has become less patriotic and more centralized. They tend to make their lives better rather than aim for collective good, promoting the proverb, "the grass is greener on the other side". Hence, Brain drain has become a challenge due to the revival of terrorism.

Talking of the terrorism, how can somebody forgets the role of India in promoting it in Pakistan. In recent times, India has achieved its dominancy in Kashmir and trying to engulf parts of Pakistan too. The removal of Article 370 and 35(A) from the Indian constitution by the BJP government was the first step towards dominance over Kashmir. As of now, there are elections going on in Kashmir while, Pakistan battling against its survival. The desperation of India to have regional hegemony made it to fund proxies like Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA). The episode of Kalbushan Yadav, Raw agent, that was caught from Iran-Balochistan border is its evidence. It shows how the dominance of India against Pakistan's existence survival is directly proportional to the resurgence of terrorism, making it a challenge of latter.

Lastly, the most significant challenge due to <sup>the</sup> resurgence of terrorism is the burden over the fragile economy of the country. The dearth in foreign direct investment (FDI) is its manifestation. According to the Pakistan Economic Survey, 2024, there is only \$1.2 billion of FDI came in Pakistan. This figure is of concern for the people in the helm of affairs especially when the fertility rate is highest, 3.5 per cent, in South Asia according to PES, 2024. Besides, the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the golden sparrow of Pakistan, has also been halted since the resurgence of terrorist activities in the country. The Dasu dam attack, resulting in the death of dozen Chinese engineers, has not only halted CPEC project altogether but also faded Chinese confidence on Pakistan. All of this have impacted the economy severely as it raised by 0.3 per cent in last fiscal year according to PES, 2024. Therefore, the surge in terrorism has brought-up a lot of challenges for Pakistan and economy in burden is paramount among them.

All the challenges due to the resurgence of terrorism has been discussed in detail in the foregoing paragraphs. Now, the following paragraphs define the solutions to counter these challenges; so, that, Pakistan can get back its lost glory and pride in the world.