

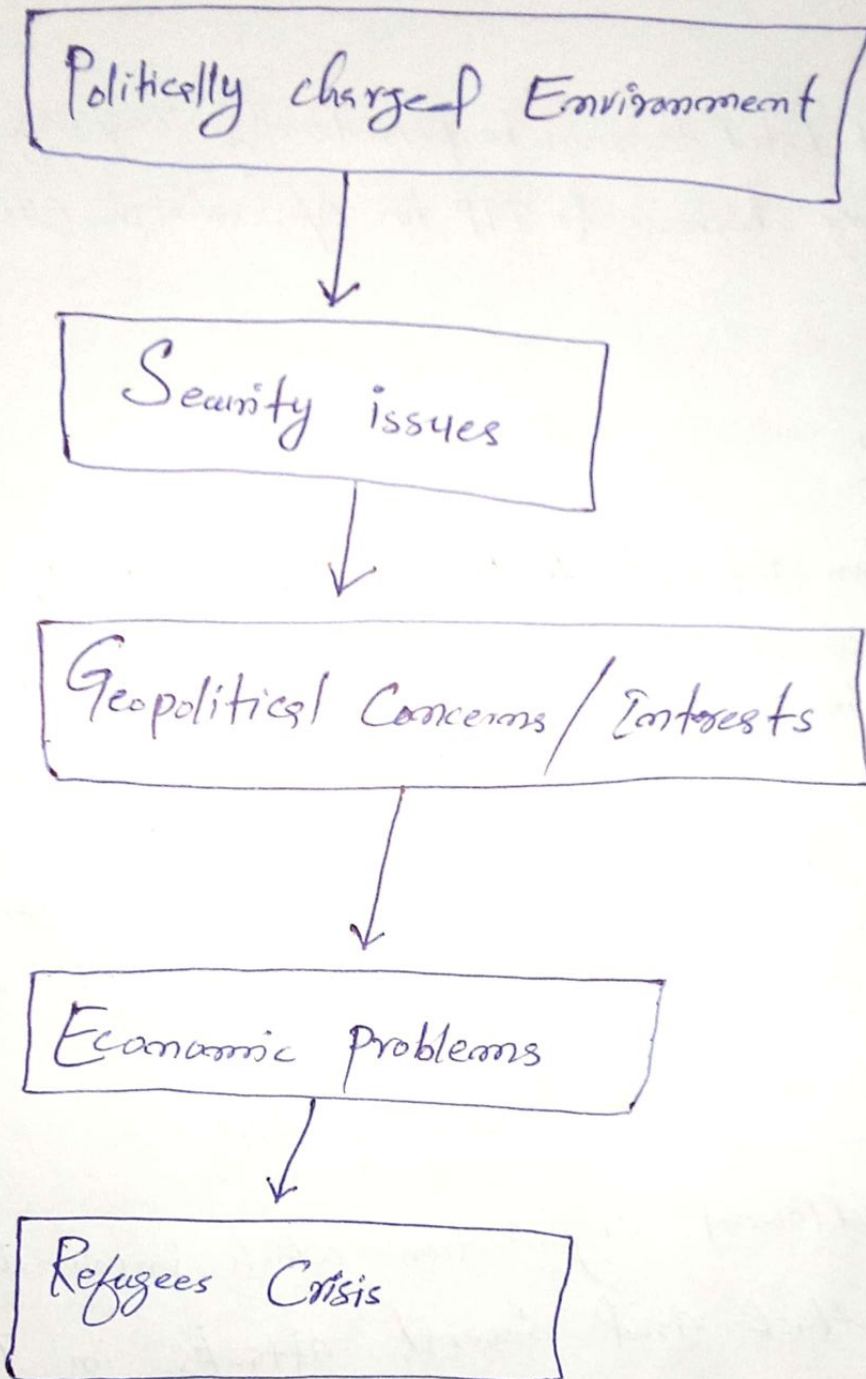
QNO: 8 Islamabad-Kabul tension is persistently lingering on due to the safe heavens to TTP in Afghanistan. Critically evaluate.

Introduction

When Taliban returned to power in August 2021, Islamabad hoped this would help to secure its western border. But this expectations was not met. Instead, country saw the escalation in cross border attacks and results into casualties of security forces as well as civilians. These attacks change the perception of Islamabad towards Kabul.

Afghanistan as safe heaven to TTP

TTP is outlawed organization which involved in series of attack and several attacks in Pakistan. When Afghanistan came into influence of Taliban in ~~the~~ August 2021, they use Afghan soil for their attacks. If we see the attacks had been done throughout history. ~~Now~~ Now these have been escalated due some factors like political unrest environment which trigger some more issue for ~~Pakistan~~ both countries.



Politically charged Environment

Islamabad now completely engaged in to curb politically charged situation within country. ^{Moreover,} Engaged in to stabilize economic situation of Pakistan. On the other hand, Kabul ~~faces~~ are facing Taliban regime which imposed several restrictions on citizens. Automatically, Political instability booms in Afghanistan due to restriction. ~~Several~~ Hundreds of Afghan citizens fled to Pakistan and other neighbouring countries. ~~This situation give space to outlawed organization for attacks. Because both countries are engaged in to stabilize their issues within country~~

Refugee crisis

Due to political instability and regime change, Pakistan gave shelter to thousands of Afghan refugees. ~~As~~ As developing country, Islamabad faced ^{more} difficult time due to ~~economic~~ ^{assistance} economic and infrastructure provision to Afghan citizens. Moreover, it was affect countries' GDP and overall growth and development for several months.

Security issues

Beside all endeavours of Pakistan for refugees, some of them were engaged in terrorist attacks in Pakistan. On the other hand, TTP attacks on Pakistani security forces on regular bases. According to UN security council report, "TTP benefited the most of all the foreign extremist groups in Afghanistan from the Taliban takeover." Moreover they use Afghanistan soil for attacks.

"The safe haven and liberty of action available for TTP in Afghanistan." Statement by countries

Security forces. Several talks with Taliban officials produced no effective outcomes. They are not will to curb the situation. Resultantly, Pakistan started to deport undocumented refugees to pressurize the Taliban government. And also accused they are harboring Pakistan's enemy.

Geopolitical concerns

Obviously, ~~with~~ ^{the} geopolitical actors or powerful rivals see the opportunity, they will react as per their national interest. So the political charged environment within both country is opportunity to ruin the development projects within both countries like CPEC. In this case India is involved in attacks for refraining projects and counter the china's influence. Oppositly, China wants peace for the ~~completion of projects and~~ development.

Economic losses

Afghanistan are facing sanctions from some countries. It affects country's ~~for their~~ economic stability and overall growth. Not only sanctions, but also border tensions play significantly drastic role in this vicious cycle. ~~Several~~ Furthermore, Afghanistan is landlocked country. ~~She~~ She uses Pakistan's sea routes and border routes for trade with other countries. In recent past, TTP attacks ~~make~~ ^{have made} difficult for Pakistan ~~and~~ to allow Afghanistan for using routes. When Pakistan deported her citizens, she also restrict ~~their~~ her trade with Pakistan for some days.

Conclusion

In nutshell, Pakistan and Afghanistan relations are fragile due to Security Concerns. Not only Security concerns, but also other factors play their roles to ruin the prosperity and peace. No doubt TTP uses Afghan soil for attacks in Pakistan. If Afghanistan is unwilling to curb or retain this situation, they will use same soil to attack on countries. ~~as well.~~ Finally, ~~it will affect~~ all the region. Its effects will be seen in all the region.