

Pakistan Affairs Attempt Question

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Examine the root causes of terrorism in Pakistan.

Introduction: Pakistan, a country with immense potential, and rich resources is undergoing instability because of the 'ghost of terrorism'. Terrorism has its ~~rooted~~ roots in the cold war and Pakistan's role in it as an western ally. Pakistan, as a faithful ally of USA, trained mujahideen on its soil to fight 'Red infidels'. This created an gun culture, which eventually resulted against the state. The Mujahideen, ~~after~~ and refugees played central role for the exacerbation of terrorism in Pakistan. Also, the economic deprivations of local further intensifies it.

Root causes of terrorism

(i) Afghanistan's Invasion and Threat to USA hegemony in region.

In 1979, USSR on the call of local Communist

gout of afghanistan, send it
forces for occupation. America, sees
it as an existential threat
for its role and interest in
the region, therefore, with the
help of Pakistan it started
"operation cyclone" against "Red army".

(ii) The Training of Mujahideen and
emmergence of Kalashnikov culture :-

USA with help of
Pakistan and the funding of
Arab Countries, started training
mujahideen on Pakistan's soil.
Zia's Islamization further favored the
situation and as a result Pakistan
became the epicenter of global
Jihad against 'red armies'.

This created a gun-culture
in the tribal areas, as a result,
the local tribal lords started
struggle against the state itself
because of the deprivation
they was facing.

(iii) Shelter to refugees and economic marginalisation.

Pakistan give space to almost 4-million refugees from afghans. It increased the economic burden on Pakistan. Also, among these refugees were some 'criminals'. These non-state actor acts as a proxy of India.

(iv) 9/11 and the emergence of Al-Qaeda, ISIS and TTP.

After 9/11, the American President J. Bush forced Pakistan to help America in its great war on terror. Pakistan, again joined the western bloc. As a result, the Taliban and other militant group, which previously had soft image for Pakistan, became the enemy of Pakistan. This strategic mistake of Pakistan resulted into decade of internal instability, economic breakdown and Political

turned.

(v) Drone attacks: turning nationalist struggles into Anti-State armed movements

After 9/11 attacks, Pakistan again became a strong ally of America for 'wrong reasons'. Because of this alignment Pakistan had to compromise on its territorial sovereignty. USA directly attack on different 'hideouts' of terrorist in different areas of Pakistan. But the locals of that area considered it as a attack on themselves so, in this various terrorist organisation came into exist.

(vi) The negligence to Address local grievances:

The local govt of KP and Balochistan, failed to develop, the marginalised areas, especially Ex-Fata. As a result it also contributed to the terrorism nourishment.

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(vi) Role of External actors :

External actors

Like India also played a ^{role} vital to exacerbate terrorism in Pakistan for their strategic interest. As part of this, Khabashan Yader was arrested in Balochistan. This shows the role of India in promoting terrorism in Pakistan for its interests. ~~Also~~

Also, TTA in Afghanistan has ideological linkage with TTP and it provided safe-heavens to the terrorist of TTP on the soil of Afghanistan.

(vii) Critical Analysis

The terrorism in Pakistan is not just the result of Govt failure to address locals grievances but it has deep roots in the cold war and alignment of Pakistan with America. ~~an~~ Also, the influx

refugees and marginalization of tribal areas and under-developed parts also contributed to the terrorism, which further intensifies by the involvement of external actors.

Conclusion

Pakistan is going through a big wave of terrorism because of its role in cold war and also the involvement of external actors. But this terrorism can be vanquished by adopting a national Policy, addressing local grievances and the promotion of education.