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**Theme in Pak-Afghan relations.**

Since Taliban's takeover in 2021, there has been a dramatic resurgence of TTP in major bordering intention between (as a result of) 9/11 and Pakistan's internal Taliban regime as expectations were high. However, contrary to the desired results, Afghan Taliban, instead of chasing anti-pakistani militants, remained constrained in its consolidation of power at center, allowing TTP space to re-arm and regroup itself. (unluckily, the frequency and scale of terror attacks in Pakistan by militants operating in Afghn soil) accelerated. Since then, the relations between the two countries have downslidet. To pressurize Kabul, Islamabad took certain punitive measures too: deporting millions of Afghn refugees, suspending trade, closure of borders, and even bombing militant hideouts within Afghanistan. These kinetic actions further fueled the anti-pakistani discourse within Afghanistan. Airstrikes and cross border firing didn't help the Islamabad's concern, rather it compelled

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Afghan state to look beyond the lines sketched by Pakistani establishment. The hostile bilateral ties between the two eliminated prompted warming up of ties between Kabul and New-Delhi. The clear indication of such strategic shift was evident during four-day conflict between India and Pakistan. Amid this regional diplomatic tug of war, China who has significant influence over both Kabul and Islamabad organized bilateral meeting between respective foreign ministers. The relations took another major shift with Beijing in between now. The contemporary developments suggest thriving of the relations, with diplomatic engagements reinstalled between the two. Both Afghanistan and Pakistan have legitimate concerns, which necessitate prolonged dialogue and multidimensional exchange. Trade, cultural exchange and diplomacy should be dealt separately from security concerns. Although both are interconnected and influence each other, suspending trade and diplomatic channels only exacerbate the security paradigm instead of helping it. The two countries face intricate web of terror militancy and only a combined and cooperative counter-terrorism strategy could succeed, but it requires a mature and resilient bilateral relationship.