

Regional cooperation is Pakistan's Path to stability

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The Essay

"keeping together is progress
and working together is
success." (Henry Ford) Pakistan
always works together with
regional states to attain

stability. Since time of independence Pakistan has been doing great deals with other countries. These deals lead to rise in economy of the country. So, Pakistan cooperates with China, Saudi Arabia for enhanced economy, strategic stability, eradication of unemployment support of other countries, reduced Indian influence in south Asia, industrial growth, advanced transportation sector and to cope with energy crisis. Similarly if Pakistan negotiates with Afghanistan then it will become easy to curb terrorists attacks, to secure western border, to strengthen ethnic integration and to strengthen economy as well. Last but not least, if Pakistan purchases Russian oil and nuclear weapons it will boost Pakistan's finances and defense system.

Firstly, Pakistan did mutual strategic deal with Saudi Arabia in September which will enhance economic stability of Pakistan. Because this defense pact has further strengthened friendship of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will give more financial aid to Pakistan. For instance in 1998 after nuclear tests Saudi Arabia gave a subsidy on oil to Pakistan. Similarly, brother country has given Pakistan a bail out package of 20 billion dollars in past. So, cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan will result in ~~an~~ financial stability in the Pakistan.

Moreover, cooperation between Pakistan and

Saudi Arabia will increase strategic stability of Pakistan. Because in mutual defense deal a clear stance has been conveyed that attack on one country will be considered attack on both countries. It is same as written in article 5 of Non Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Any country will think thousand times before attacking Pakistan. In addition, this pact promotes positive nuclear image of Pakistan in the world. Hence, cooperation between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia leads to strategic stability and it is a path to stability of Pakistan.

Furthermore, jobs opportunities will be created in Saudi Arabia for Pakistani youth. Country

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will make easy visa policy for Pakistan. Already a huge amount of Pakistani labour has been working in Saudi Arabia for many years and they send remittances every year. When more citizens will move to this country then more remittances would come back in Pakistan which will result in stability in the country. Similarly Pakistan's foreign direct reserve will increase. In a short, cooperation between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia is a path to stability in Pakistan.

In addition there are chances that other gulf countries like UAE, Qatar, Kuwait and Oman will show their interest in doing defense

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deals with Pakistan similar to Saudi defense pact. More bail out packages will be granted to Pakistan which add to country's finances, and Pakistan would become able to attract more countries to do their investments in it.

For example when US and India started nuclear or defense engagements, after that France and Russia also showed ~~the~~ their keen interests for strategic cooperation with India which upsurged Indian economy. Hence, defense cooperation with gulf countries is a path to stability in Pakistan.

Moreover, Iran will support Pakistan and Saudi defense even it has given suggestion to form NATO like

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muslim organisation. This support matters because in 2024 Iran attacked Pakistan from its border and disturbed peace of Pakistan. But now there is another reason Iran and Saudi Arabia have come close to each other and Iran would not bear ~~to~~ any attack on Pakistan. Even Iran itself would not do any invasion against Pakistan and subsequently Pakistan's border with Iran will be secured also and stability in country will be enhanced. So, support of Iran for Pakistan due to Saudi defense deal would be a leading ~~factoring~~ factor which will contribute to stability.

Besides these arguments there is a noticeable factor

that fosters stability in Pakistan is reduced Indian hegemony in region after Pakistan and Saudi Arabia defense pact. Because when in May India did attack on Pakistan, it was not answerable to anyone. But now it will have to give justification of any invasion against Pakistan before Saudi Arabia which is trade partner of India. Moreover, India will not ^{to have} wish bad relations with Saudi Arabia because according to Indian Embassy in Riyadh bilateral trade between both countries is of approximately 41.88 billion dollars and 2.59 million labour is currently working in Saudi Arabia which sends money to India. As a result India will evaluate its policy towards Pakistan and would

avoid any action which will affect its bilateral relation with Saudi Arabia. In this way Pakistan will maintain stability in all four provinces without Indian interference. So, bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia is a path to stability in Pakistan.

Secondly cooperation between Pakistan and China is a path to stability in Pakistan through China Pakistan Economic corridor.

Because it will reduce unemployment rate in Pakistan due to more infrastructure, energy industrial and transportation projects. For example when construction of Diamir and Basha dams started it created many jobs and many electrical and civil engineers were

given jobs. Even now a days engineers from small cities like Jheung are also working there and contribute to economy of the Pakistan. Hence, cooperation between Pakistan and China is a path to stability in Pakistan.

Furthermore, industrial growth will be at peak through China Pakistan Economic Corridor because nine special economic ~~corridor~~ zones will be made under this mega corridor. For instance Allama Iqbal zone will be constructed in Faisalabad for strong industrial sector and textile exports will be enhanced. Similary overall 2400 industries will be established under China Pakistan Economic Corridor Phase two.

Moreover Pakistan would also become able to grow its information technology sector which will contribute to economic uplift of country.

So, cooperation between Pakistan and China through China Pakistan Economic corridor is a path to stability in Pakistan.

In the same way China Pakistan Economic Corridor will result in advancement of transportation sector as well. Pakistan has been facing poor transportation infrastructure for many years. But now this corridor is offering majestic transport projects. For example there are some projects which have been completed. Orange line train project is offering

remarkable services to citizens.

But Karachi to Peshawar railway

project, Main Line Road (ML-1)

and somehow Multan Sukkur

Motorway are under construction.

CPEC motorway provides short distance for travel to traders and they invest more across the country.

In a nutshell, cooperation between China and Pakistan is a path to stability in Pakistan.

Moreover, through China Pakistan Economic Corridor many energy projects have been established to reduce energy crisis in Pakistan. Pakistan has been

facing severe energy crisis since

2010. But these projects will

be a sigh of relief. For instance

total 20000mw energy will be

produced under China Pakistan

Economic Corridor. Similarly Kohala

hydropower project will produce 1124mw energy. These projects will ~~project~~ provide sufficient energy to both household and commercial sector as well. Moreover, when energy will be provided to these sectors then house based businesses and small industries will progress and stability will be achieved. So, cooperation between Pakistan and china is a path to stability in Pakistan by overcoming energy crisis.

In the same way, Pakistan will become center of attraction for world. Because through gawader port Pakistan provides easy access to global market to countries. due to it's presence near strait of hurmoz. For example

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through gawadar china can travel to central Asian and Middle Eastern countries in just seven days, otherwise it takes more than thirty days. Similarly china finds it the safest route for oil trading. Due to this route more countries can choose it for exports and imports and in return they will pay to Pakistan which will result in economic prosperity of the country. Hence, through gawadar port project of China Pakistan Economic corridor, Pakistan can attain long term sustainability.

In the same manner Pakistan and china also do defense cooperation which is a key to strategic stability in Pakistan. Pakistan

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is more concerned for its security due to its geostrategic location and always wants to buy modern weapons for nuclear stability. For example, Pakistan purchased F-17 thunder from China and used it against India during May 2015, skirmish. Moreover, with help of JF-17 thunder, neutralized the Indian bombers and competed with advanced Indian S-400 defense system and Rafail as well. As a result, big powers saw security capabilities of Pakistan which were only due to China's support. So, cooperation between Pakistan and China is a path to stability in Pakistan.

Thirdly, cooperation between Pakistan and Afghanistan can be a path of stability by

suppressing militancy. 2025 has been favourite year of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan for attacking innocent civilians and personnels. According to Arab News in second quarter of 2025 901 attacks were reported. Pakistan claimed that TTP is using Afghanistan soil against Pakistan. More over, both countries should cooperate with each other and formulate combined security policy because all members of NATO also have combined strategic policies. Similarly by adopting consensus based policy Pakistan and Afghanistan can curb militancy in region generally and particularly in Pakistan. So, cooperation between Pakistan and Afghanistan ~~can~~ is a path of stability in Pakistan.

In the same manner Pakistan always wants to secure its western border because it has been already fighting with India at Eastern border. If Pakistan and Afghanistan cooperate in a right manner they will secure border. For instance Afghanistan is a poor country, Pakistan should provide economic aid and essential food items because there is food crisis in Afghanistan due to international sanctions. In return Afghanistan should give guarantee of secured border. Hence, cooperation between Pakistan and Afghanistan is a path to stability in Pakistan.

Furthermore, Pakistan always wants to strengthen ethnic integration in the country. In

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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa there is a large population of Pashtoons which consider state of Pakistan as their enemy and only have sentiments for Afghanistan. Moreover, Pakistan and Afghanistan should arrange people to people contact meetings because both countries have similar religion, culture and specially Pushto language. By adopting this measure by both countries; Pakistani Pushtoons will start respecting country's customs and traditions and national integration will not remain a dream of Pakistan. So, cooperation between Afghanistan and Pakistan is a path to stability in Pakistan.

In the similar way Pakistan can prosper economically by cooperating with Afghanistan.

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Pakistan is a agricultural country it can export wheat, corn and rice to Afghanistan. According to an estimate before tensed relations Pakistan was doing trade of 3 billion dollars with Afghanistan. Similarly Afghanistan produces more drugs which it imports to Pakistan which are ~~being~~ being used in formation of medicine. But Pakistan will get more advantage on exporting more food items to western neighbour. So, cooperation between between Pakistan and Afghanistan is a path to stability in Pakistan by acheiving economic prosperity.

Last but not least cooperation between Pakistan and Russia is a path to

stability in Pakistan by economic uplift through price regulation. Because Pakistan has been facing Public unrest due to inflation since regime change in 2022. Moreover economy also faces trouble due to uncertainties. But Pakistan can get rid of these issues by purchasing oil from Russia at low prices. For instance India also purchases cheap oil from Russia despite the tariffs by USA only to reduce inflation rate. Similarly Pakistan should also purchase oil from Russia to ~~regulate prices~~ regulate prices and to enhance savings of state. In a short cooperation between Pakistan and Russia is a path to stability in Pakistan. In the same manner, Pakistan always wants to

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create deterrence to strength
it's strategic stability. For this
Pakistan must buy nuclear
weapons from Russia. Because
India also has been using
S-400 Russian defense system
which is most advance one.

It enhances nuclear deterrence
of India. ^{Similarly} Pakistan can also
purchase S-400 and other
advance and modern weapons
as well for deterrence in
the region which will create
strategic stability. Hence,
cooperation between Pakistan
and Russia is a path to stability
in Pakistan.

In a nutshell, regional
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Moreover, Firstly Pakistan's
cooperation with Saudi Arabia

will boost economic and strategic stability. Job opportunities, trade with gulf countries, Iran's support and will reduce Indian hegemony in region. Secondly, Pakistan and china bilateral trade relations through china Pakistan Economic corridor will reduce unemployment, enhance industrial growth, advance transport sector, countries will attract to Pakistan and through defense cooperation ^{strategic stability} will be enhanced. Thirdly, cooperation between Pakistan and Afghanistan will suppress militancy, borders will be secured, national integration in Pakistan will become reality and economic sector of Pakistan would grow. Last but not least cooperation between Pakistan and Russia will helpful to overcome inflation and financial crisis through price regulation and Pakistan can create deterrence through Russian weapons.