

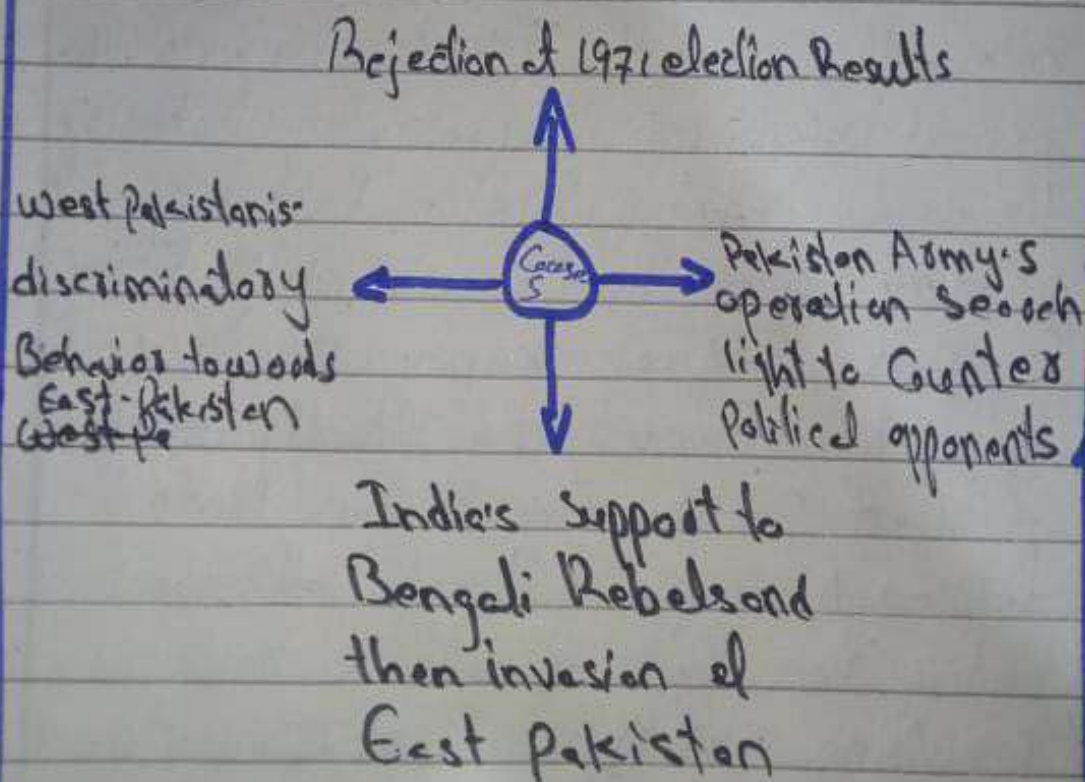
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Introduction

The fall of Dacca or Separation of East Pakistan has always remained one of the darkest chapters in Pakistan's History. There are multiple factors responsible for this tragedy like conflict over the results of 1971 elections, the West Pakistan's discriminatory behavior towards East Pakistan, launching of Military operation "The Search light" to suppress political opponents and the involvement and finally invasion of East Pakistan by Indian Armed forces. Accompanied by the aforementioned factors, the fall of Dacca took place resulting in the surrender of Pakistan Army and Separation of Majority from minority. In this tragic event global and regional powers also equally participated like USSR unconditionally sided with India while America

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Apparently sided with Pakistan but
at the very crucial juncture during
the conflict US did not help Pakistan.
Disheartened from betrayal Pakistan left
SETO and CENTO the two US Alliances.



Rejection of 1971 election Results by PPP.

One of the very first Cause of the conflict was the Pakistan Peoples

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Party's rejection of election results of 1971 as Sheikh Mujib ur Rahman had won the election and he was supposed to form government. However, the white-looking West-pakistani did not wanted that they should be ruled over by a lesser ~~two~~ East Pakistani; therefore they tried to delay the process. This attitude sparked anger among the Bengalis and ultimately many of them migrated to India and many began protesting against this injustice.

West-pakistani leaders' discriminatory behavior towards

As Senior Journalist Hamid Mir Quoted a senior Pakistani official saying, "They are black, lesser people, how can we let them govern us". With this statement it is quite clear that it was not only a political power struggle, but also a racial war between two wings of Pakistan. That's why the discriminatory behavior of West Pakistanis

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Political elites and generals also a great cause for the tragedy of East Pakistan.

Pakistan Army's military operation added fuel to the fire.

Following this political blame game and power struggle, Pakistan Army has launched its military operation known as Operation Search Light to oppress opponents. However, this worsened the situation pushing a large number of people of East Pakistan to migrate to India where, the youths were trained and equipped by Indian Army, thus, this led to the beginning of a civil war in East Pakistan and ultimately prompting an Indian aggression on West East Pakistan.

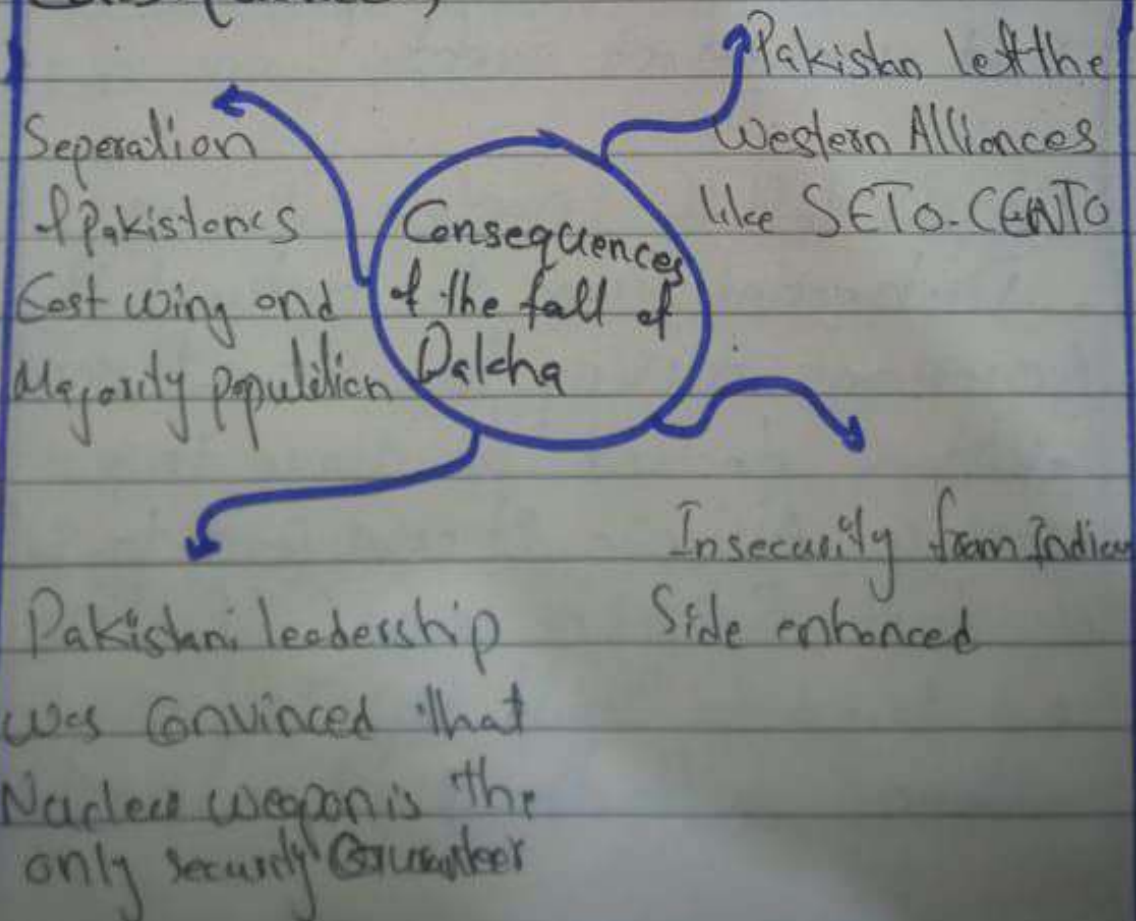
Indian Invasion of East Pakistan

As Pakistan Army was battling the rebels in East Pakistan, there

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Master. India formally entered into the war through Invasion of Pakistan. This made the situation worst for Pakistan as the Bay of Bengal was the only supply line which was blocked by Indian Navy and Pakistan's Armed forces were left with little food and ammunition to fight a much larger enemy. Thus, this ultimately resulted in the defeat and Surrender of Pakistan Army and Separation of East Pakistan.

Consequences;



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Separation of Pakistan's East wing and Majority Population.

As East Pakistan was the majority of Pakistan, then with fall of Dacca Pakistan's East wing separated from its West wing. Dacca and East Pakistan were very crucial for united Pakistan as it was the City of Dacca where All India Muslim League was formed. Thus Dacca was very important component for Quaid-e-Azam's Pakistan which, unfortunately, separated in that unpleasant event.

Pakistan left its Western Alliances Disheartened from the betrayal of Americans during the war of 1971, Pakistan decided to leave the Western Alliance it was part to. So it left SEATO and CENTO and tried to build up regional alliances with the Muslim world.

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This decision led Pakistan to regionalize its relations and join Non-Aligned Movement.

Insecurity from Indian Side enhanced. India has always been perceived as enemy and, the fall of Dacca and Indias side in it proved this to be one hundred percent true. So the insecurity from India Side enhanced as Military was broken, demoralized and the Balance of power was in Indias favor; therefore, the fear from future Indian Aggression mounted.

Pakistan enhanced its Quest for nuclear weapon as only Security Guarantee.

As mentioned above, the military was broken and demoralized due to humiliating defeat in East Pakistan, so the only way to do balance of power through deterrence.

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nuclear weapon as the then prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto said, "We will eat grass, but make bombs" this very quote signifies how mounting the Indian threat was in these days.

Role of Regional and Global powers in the Crisis.

Though initially it was an internal matter of Pakistan, but later on regional powers like India and global powers like USSR and USA played their roles. As Pakistan was in Western Camp, so US promised to support Pakistan in the crisis. However, when Indian Navy with Soviet backing blocked Pakistan's way in Bay of Bengal to rest Pakistan the American support never came for Pakistan's assistance which ultimately contributed to Pakistan's defeat in the war of 1971 due to

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blockade of Supplies. Other than this, Gulf States warmly supported Pakistan diplomatically. Similarly, other Western States like UK & France did diplomatic support but none of them supported Pakistan in Military or material terms.

Conclusion.

The Crisis of East Pakistan was a tragic event that disintegrated the real Pakistan. However, this tragedy teaches important lessons if one learns, he can avoid committing these blunders again which led to fall of Dacca. Furthermore, it also opened the eyes of Pakistani leadership to not trust Western powers specially America, as US deceived Pakistan at a very crucial juncture of the crisis that led to the fall of Dacca.

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Introduction

CPEC is a game-changer not only for Pakistan, but for the region
 Abdul Malik Baloch former CM Balochistan

CPEC or China Pakistan Economic Corridor is a project under China's Belt and Road Initiative. CPEC project has the potential to transform Pakistan's every sector be that energy sector, industry, transportation and export sector, as it is a multi-dimensional project that involves building infrastructure for energy sources, transportation and export import. However, there are some concerning threats to this project. There are hostile countries who are waging proxy wars against CPEC and also propagating a negative image of CPEC.

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Significance of CPEC for Pakistan's development

(1) Infrastructural Development and Connectivity

(2) Boost Pakistan exports through its connectivity projects

(3) Improve Pakistan's diplomatic position at international platforms due to closeness with China

(4) Improve Pakistan's relevance in the world with improved economy and diplomatic standing.

(1) Infrastructure Development and Connectivity

For Pakistan, the underdeveloped infrastructure has always been a problem be that energy infrastructure

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or transportation infrastructure. According to World Bank's report on energy, annually 16% of Pakistan's electricity is wasted due to flawed energy infrastructure lines. Similarly on transportation side, Pakistan's resource rich regions, like Balochistan and KPK do not have good roads to ensure smooth transportations. Thus, CPEC is the remedy of this. Under CPEC, Chinese Companies are supposed to build electricity grids, roads and railway network to ensure smooth transportation. This will connect Pakistan's provinces internally as well as externally with the regional states.

It CPEC will boost Pakistan's exports as it connects Pakistan internally and externally.

As one of the key agendas of CPEC is Connectivity, so if it does connect Pakistan with markets of Central Asia, Middle East, and Africa, and Europe, then it will

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will greatly boost its economy

China Improves Pakistan's diplomatic position at International platforms due to closeness to China.

China and Pakistan, since their independence, enjoyed warm relations. However, CPEC can double this Warmness and can bring these two States further closer. With this closeness with China, a permanent member of Security Council, can help Pakistan improve its diplomatic image and develop closer relations with other powers through China. Thus, CPEC can improve Pakistan's diplomatic clout.

Enhance Pakistan's relevance by improving its diplomatic position and economy.

In this modern era a State's relevance is not only seen through its geography or military power,

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but also through its diplomatic relevance and economic prosperity. Therefore, as CPEC helps in uplifting Pakistan's economy and diplomatic standing, it will greatly improve Pakistan's relevance in the world.

CPEC is facing some challenges and also there are some opportunities that it offers to Pakistan.

Militancy in two key provinces of Pakistan in context of CPEC: Balochistan and KPK

Western propaganda against CPEC. Western Media propagates CPEC as a 'debt trap' initiative.

Challenges that CPEC faces

Indian opposition to CPEC and its claim that CPEC is passing through a disputed territory G.B.

Western and Indian proposed alternative projects to counter CPEC and BRI like India Middle East Europe Corridor IMEC.

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1) Militancy in KPK and Balochistan pose direct threats to CPEC and its related projects.

Pakistan's two provinces Balochistan and KPK have always remained unstable and with the initiation of CPEC projects, the militants doubled their attacks. For instance, last in March the Chinese engineers, working on Dasu Dam project, were hit through a suicide attack that resulted the death of 5 Chinese officials. Similarly, in Balochistan in 2024 CPEC Authority Port Complex was attacked by the proscribed militant group BLA which also caused loss of lives. That's why active militancy in these two provinces is a grave challenge to CPEC.

2) Western propaganda against CPEC

Besides proxy war against CPEC the western states are also active

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active in negative propaganda against CPEC like they term CPEC a debt trap which, according to the western media, China uses to grab territories and use them for exploitation and military purposes. Thus, this is also a challenge CPEC faces.

3) Indian propaganda and claim on CPEC being built on a disputed territory of Gilgit Baltistan

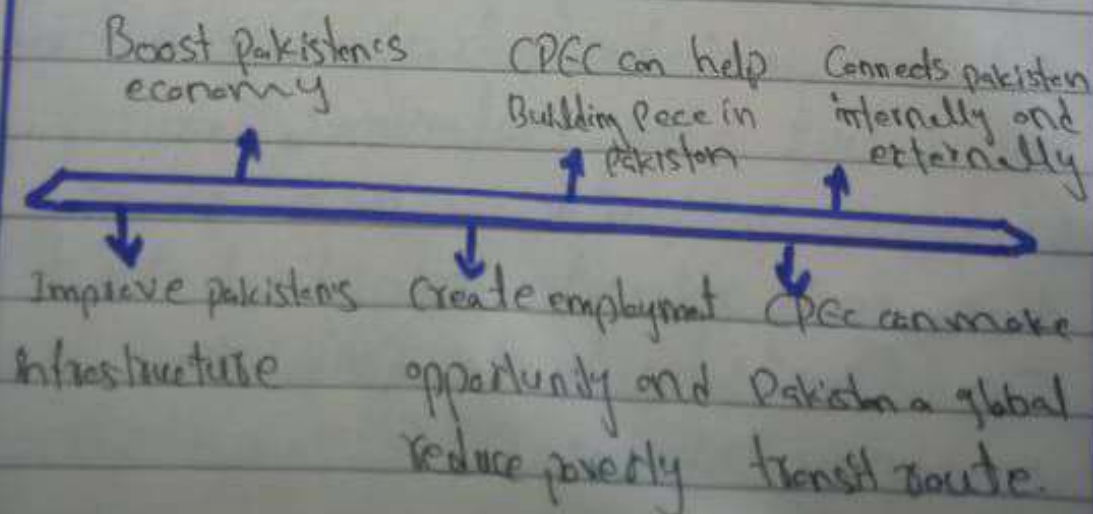
Though the original MAP of BRI project mentioned India as a participating country, but India not only rejected this proposal of participation, but also blamed China for building CPEC on a disputed territory of Gilgit Baltistan. However, Pakistan and China both promptly rejected India's this allegation and pursued CPEC as planned, but India still keeps proclaiming CPEC an illegal pro-

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ject. Thus, this is also a challenge to CPEC's legitimacy.

Western and Indian projects to Counter CPEC with waging proxy war, a media campaign and diplomatic war against CPEC and BRI, the western and Indian opponents are active in producing new projects to Counter China's projects. In this regard India Middle East, Europe & Corridor IMEC is an example which was launched to Counter CPEC. However, any such project is far behind from competing with CPEC.

Opportunities for Pakistan Under CPEC.



Infrastructure Development

As discussed in previous part of the question, one of the key components of CPEC is infrastructure development and connectivity, so under CPEC, Pakistan will get to improve its economy through developed infrastructure. The infrastructure come under CPEC projects are Road, Highways and energy infrastructure which are crucial for any country. Thus, this is a great opportunity for developing Pakistan's infrastructure.

CPEC can boost Pakistan's economy

The multi-billion dollar project offers immense opportunities for boosting the country's economy. The CPEC project not only includes infrastructure development, but also professional training programs, institutes which can train and educate individual that can contribute to Pakistan's economy. Under CPEC, Pakistan

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gets connected with the region and the world which will also improve its trade with other states again contributing to its economy.

Create employment opportunities and reduce poverty.

CPEC offers great employment opportunities to Pakistanis. For instance, under CPEC there are hundreds of small projects which prioritize locals for those jobs. Similarly, the training programs and institutes are built like China Pakistan Friendship Training Center, Gwadar that train individuals and enhance their chances of employability. Thus, it can be said that CPEC helps in enhancing career and job opportunities for Pakistanis.

CPEC can help in building peace in two of the hot provinces of Pakistan with the help of Chinese technology.

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As CPEC passes through these two provinces that are facing Militancy then China and Pakistan's joint efforts can be very much fruitful in neutralizing Militancy in these provinces of Balochistan and KPK. China's Military technology with advanced sat Satellite Surveillances can greatly help Pakistan in locating and neutralizing terrorists. That's why CPEC not only offers economic gains to Pakistan, but will also help Pakistan get rid of the menace of terrorism.

CPEC can make Pakistan a global transit route for trade.

As Pakistan has already been blessed with a great location which has a long Coastline along with the Arabian Sea, the route of global trade. Now, when CPEC begins from Gwadar, Balochistan, Pakistan, it offers a great opportunity that

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in future Pakistan will be a hub for global trade. Thus, CPEC doubled the blessed importance of Pakistan and its blessed geographic location.

CPEC Connects Pakistan externally and internally.

Pakistan's Connectivity with and outside world is ~~very~~ weak due to infrastructure connectivity. There is only one railway line that connects the capitals of the provinces and within province there is no railway service. Similarly roads are also broken. So under CPEC, there will be connectivity through highways and railway projects. Similarly the CPEC project also aims at connecting Pakistan with rest of the world, for instance, by including Afghanistan in CPEC, it connects Pakistan with the resource rich markets of Central Asia. Likewise,

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It also connects Pakistan with other regions.

Conclusion:

CPEC can be a game-changer for Pakistan by transforming its infrastructure, economy and foreign relations. However, though there are challenges linked to CPEC, which hinder its true potentials, but it should be kept on as it ^{is an} inclusive project, unlike western projects, that offers growth, connectivity and peace and prosperity to all irrespective of political, religious or ideological difference.