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There is dangerous revival of militancy in KP and Balochistan. Critical evaluate the reasons and give recommendations.

Introduction

Military operation Rah-e-Raast in 2008 was launched in Malakand division. Rah-e-Nijat military operation was launched after 1 year in the South Waziristan. Series of Khyber operation was launch in 2014. But after the incident of APS Peshawar on 16-December-2014 the mother of all military operations Zarb-e-Azab was launched in North Waziristan. Rad-ul-Fasad was launched across the country in 2017-2018. Resultantly, militancy was apparently defeated in the ex-FATA, Malakand division, other part of KP, and Balochistan as thousands of militants were either being captured or they infiltrated into Afghanistan and ~~more~~ thousands of them were killed. The government and Policy maker thought they have defeated TTP and other terrorist organizations, but unfortunately the defeat was temporary as there has been a dangerous revival of militancy in the war-zones in Pakistan.

Reason of Revival

1) Fall of Kabul - Ray of hope for the non-state actors.

The longest and most expensive war in the history of US and NATO. The world's strongest military and advance technology holder failed to defeat Afghan - Taliban. Taking control of Afghanistan by Taliban it give a ray of hope to TTP that they can do same kind of aggression in Pakistan.

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and take control of some areas.

Anwarul Haq Kakar Ex PM - Senator said, "During last two years the AFG-Taliban came into power, the terrorist attack increased by 60% and 500% suicidal attack increased in 2 years."

TTA encouraged TTP and Gulbakhadar group to resume attacks against the security forces, Chinese law enforcement agency and civilians in Pakistan.

2) Safe Heavens for TTP and ISKP

During Doha deal in Feb 2020 between Taliban and US. That the territory of Afghanistan will not be used for terrorism any more, and Afghan Taliban agree that they will make sure that their land will not be used for any kind of terrorism activity. But in fact, all attacks are operating from the Afghanistan soil and Afghanistan is providing safe heavens to TTP (Tehreek Taliban Pakistan) and ISKP (Islamic State of Khorasan Province) and violating Doha deal.

Report of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "Hafiz Gul Bahadar group, they used soil of Afghanistan and attacked on Pakistan in Mir-Ali South Waziristan on 16 March and claimed killing of 7 soldiers."

3) Porous Border with Afghanistan.

The Durand line between Pakistan and Afghanistan is about 2671km long, which is considered as an artificial line by the people of Afghanistan and they created so many hidden tunnels for themselves. Pakistan lies in a top 10th climate change vulnerable country as the effect of climate change destroys these porous borders and infiltration is done by the terrorists and locals.

Whereas the relation between the people of both sides of the border are based on ethnicity, Pashtuns and Baluch tribes are divided due to the Durand line so it is one of the hurdles to tackle the movement of Taliban.

4) Failure of negotiation with TTP.

Russian foreign minister said, "Terrorism has been defeated in the battlefield and rooted out but Pakistan is the only country with terrorism."

During the previous government, negotiations were done for which they regrouped again but their unacceptable demands make negotiations harder as they want reversal of 25th Amendment or FATA reform bill.

- They will not end terrorism till Shariah law is not imposed in Malakand division which means giving control of Malakand division to Taliban the plan of TTA and TTP
- FATA merger amendment to be revoked.
- Taliban should get recruitment in security agencies
- They regrouped again for negotiations once they fail they

Started attacks on the soil of Pakistan.

5) Involvement of foreign hands to sabotage CPEC - Spread Terrorism.

China Pakistan Economic Corridor a game changer for Pakistan and for South Asia. As Pakistan government want peace and spreading hand toward friendly friendly relation that based on economic, social, military, and technological but some other countries does not want the success of Pakistan.

“Kalbushan Sudhir Jadhav RAW Agent arrested by law Enforcement Agencies”
 “Attack on Chinese national in Karachi, Dasse, and Bisham”

These attacks are done by India funded terrorist organization to weaken the economy of Pakistan and increase internal instability of Pakistan.

Recommendation:

1) Zero tolerance for terrorist
 Outfit: Kill Policy no negotiation.

“Who ever kill one human being, he kill entire mankind.”

The terrorists have no book, no religion even they are not a human being. National Security Committee meeting called on by PM Shuhbaz Shareef where clear instruction where

where given for zero tolerance and negotiation with them only kill policy for them.

2) Intelligence-Based Operation (IBOs) is one of the viable solution.

In past operation like Zarb-e-Azab, Rah-e-Raast were the requirement for that time but now IBOs are more effective in term of economic and social. Zarb-e-Azab and Rah-e-Raash were large scale military operation and that have heavy economic cost and massive social cost like displacement of people. As IBOs are targeted, precise operation and even that didn't required displacement of locals.

ISPR report that, "In year 2024 from January to October total 2801 IBOs conducted, resulting in the elimination of 341 terrorists."

3) Police reforms: Modern weapon, increase use of technology and empower CTD.

Government should increase ^{be number} of police, sufficient funds and salaries and advance type of weapons. Effective use of technology by creating internal department of cyber unit that can check every kind of unwanted people and do surveillance 24/7. Counter Terrorism Department should be trained by military intelligence officer for more effective performance on the field.

Where as the criteria of selection must be more strict.

"21-June-2021 United Nation office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) with Collaboration of National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) under framework of PACT Pakistan Action to Counter Terrorism handed over 20 Armoured vehicles to CTDPKP with financial support of EU."

4) A grand strategy for de-weaponization of society/tribes.

Starting with merged districts of KPK and Balochistan that first option should be volunteered dropping and handing over of the weapon and such people must be supported in field of health services, education, and infrastructure to provide youth with alternative opportunities to radicalization. Ensure that local communities of Balochistan benefit from development project such as CPEC and Rekodiq project.

"Balochistan Government programme "Peaceful Balochistan Package in which hundreds of militants have surrendered their weapons, government resettle them, free education, jobs opportunities, and health services were given."

"KP government establish a center in Swat named as Sa baon centre in swat focus on psychologically counselling young militant, correcting extremist ideology

through education, vocational training to equip them for normal life in society."

5) Timely execution of CPEC:

Sometimes hunger forces you toward unethical/illegal acts out of a primal instinct for survival.

If the CPEC is completed on time this will help to divert the attention of foreign hand from Pakistan and terrorism will step back. CPEC will help to address the economic grievances of people as it will generate ~~thousand~~ thousands of jobs in the country and special economic zones will also help people to have a ~~great~~ great infrastructure in their areas.

In 2018 World Bank blog post, research suggest that economic factors like unemployment are a "Push factor" toward radicalization.

Maslow's Hierarchy theory of needs place basic physiological need (food, water, shelter). If such needs didn't fulfill people focus on survival and do unethical or illegal acts as they have no other option.

Conclusion:

No one else will come to save us from terrorist. We need strong policy and proper implementation of law and order in entire country and we must ensure our own surrounding by ourself as we have to live here. People and Law enforcement agencies must be united and faith on each other to have a secure Pakistan. All the military operation and IBs helps us but we loses about 8832 security personal mean 8832 families report by Watso Institute for international and public affairs at Brown University.