

Topic: New provinces in Pakistan: A Route to Efficient Governance or a Burden on the Economy?

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement: Creating new provinces in Pakistan enhance administrative efficiency, political representation, and service delivery, but without strong fiscal planning, institutional reforms, consensus-building, it may become an economic burden rather than a solution.

2. Existing Structural and Governance Failures in Provinces:

- (a) Current bureaucracy is outdated, slow, corrupt, and politically influenced

- (b) Local governments remain weak and fully dependent on provincial funds.
- (c) Creating new provinces will multiply existing problems if the main issues not addressed.

3. Economic burden of New Provinces in a Fragile Economy:

3.1 ~~xxx~~ High cost of New Administrative Setups

(a) New assemblies and secretariats require very high public spending.

(b) Budget shift reduces funds for health, education, and development sectors.

3.2 Fiscal Crises Makes Expansion Unsustainable

(a) Heavy debt and IMF limits reduce Pakistan's financial space.

(b) New provinces add constant salary, pension, infrastructure expenses.

3.3 Governance Needs Reforms, Not More Provinces

(a) Digital system and tax reforms are required before expansion.

(b) Expanding weak systems increases corruption instead of solving issues.

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3.4 Resource Conflicts will likely Increase

- (a) NFC Award disputes may rise tension between new provinces and federal
- (b) Water, gas and mineral ownership conflict can deepen political tensions.

3.5 Rising Militancy ~~only~~ in KPK and Balochistan:

- (a) TIP and Separatist attacks threaten Security.
- (b) Creating new provinces now may weaken current security operations.

4. Preconditions Before Any New Province: Reform First, Division Later

4.1 Strengthen Governance, Bureaucracy, and Local Government Systems

- (a) Reform state institutions and local governments before creating new provinces.
- (b) Ensure merit-based service, police reforms and digital accountability.

4.2 Achieve Economic Stability Before Administration Expansion:

- (a) Increase tax-to-GDP ratio to fund future provincial expenditures.
- (b) Reduce debt dependence to avoid IMF imposed financial restrictions.

4.3 Improve Security and National Integration

- (a) Stabilize KPK and Balochistan through a comprehensive counter terrorism policy.
- (b) Promote national identity among all political parties.

5. Conclusion

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