

Q: In Modern Day democracy there must be Pragmatic Civil-Military Relationship to deal all the internal and external security threats. Analyze with reference on the role of Pakistan's security & stability in South Asia.

Ans: Civil-Military Harmony:-

Civil-military relations are very important in modern day democracy. In Pakistan we have seen civil-military imbalances in past, but now the things are changing. Pragmatic civil-military balance would be beneficial for maintaining internal conditions and external security.

Civil-Military role in internal Security:

As we have seen the internal fragmentations in Pakistan sometimes create instability and weaken the security at borders as well. The Sindh ethnic issues and the Baloch separatist movements creates the tensions within the state. The military control over these issues suppress the tensions. That maintain internal security.

Foreign Policy:-

Civil-military relations also shape the strong foreign policy. As it leaves an image of strong government and army coordinations. Such as the security in South Asia is also linked with this relation.

Afghan Tensions:

The rise of Afghan Taliban after US withdrawal gave breathing space to the terrorists. That's why they are conducting attack on Pakistan by using Afghan soil. So strong civilian governance and military security strategies are needed to resolve issues.

Indian Threats:-

India being our historical enemy always remain a threat for Pakistan. In recent 2025 war with India leaves a very strong impact of military capability to manage security. So, civil-military relations are important.

Bilateral & Multilateral Agreements:

Agreements like Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on Defence Strategy and Pakistan's stance on platforms like OIC and SCO would get stronger with pragmatic civil-military relations. So, in order to keep these agreements for long term Pakistan needs to balance its relations with the military. As ~~in~~ security whether it's internal or external, important for the foreign policy.

Current Dynamics of 2025:-

In 2025, we have seen the Pakistan's progress along with the military coordination.

↳ SCO summit (2025): During SCO summit in 2025, Pakistan's Prime minister attend the summit along with Chief of Army Staff Gen. Asim Munir. This leaves a very positive image that Pakistan

holding very strong collaboration with Army now. PM managing diplomatic negotiations and Army manage security strategies.

↳ Pak-Saudi Defence Agreement:-

In Sep 17, 2025 Pak and Saudi Arabia signed an agreement as attack on one state will be considered attack on both. So this is 9/80 possible due to the strong civil-military relations in 2025 have been seen.

Suggested Reforms:-

The following reforms are suggested in this context.

Civil-Military Institutionalization:

Platform like national security council (NSC) would be beneficial for progressing running of strong civil-military relations. Where they can discuss all issues together.

• Check & Balance:

Check and balance is needed for harmony. Both institutions should collaborate but don't create hegemony over each other, that would create imbalance and result in tensions.

• Integrated National Security:

Modern threats like cyber warfare, terrorism, 5th generation wars etc, all require modern solution in form of integrate civil-military strategies.

Risks in relations:-

The following are the risks that can be expected.

→ **Weak Institutions:** There is a risk of weak institutionalism when the executive dominates the legislature, losing its influence and harmony, which at last results in weak institutional democracy.

→ Deterioration of Relations:

of civil-military relations deteriorated as happened in Past, that will create internal and external hurdles. The government crisis would damage the democracy and the military dominance creates structural problems in Pakistan's foreign policy.

→ Personalities Affiliation:-

Shehbaz - Munir Tandem ^{would} create affiliations in Public. That will be problematic in upcoming scenarios. So such type of affiliations create hurdles in smooth going relations.

→ Supremacy Optics:-

Some analysts argues that it will blur the line of civilian governance supremacy over military. As democracy should be maintained by civilian elected government.

Conclusion:

Therefore, this is necessary in today's world to balance the relations with military means.

Civil government needs to analyze the internal challenges and military institutions needs to provide suggestions along with maintaining their prioritized duty of security. That's how a pragmatic military-civil relations would resolve internal and external threats. Along with leaving a strong impact of Pakistan around the world.