

Q. Discuss the recent reset in Pak-US relationship.

1. INTRODUCTION :

Throughout the history of Pakistan, Pakistan-US relationship has been complex and transactional. Their relationship has been a tale of convergence and divergence throughout the history. In recent times, the onset of a new ~~resume~~ of Pakistan-US relationship have several benefits for both the countries. There are several factors behind the recent reset of Pakistan-US relationship which include the US goal to counter China and grow its economy through the extraction of minerals from Pakistan. Moreover, the recent Indo-Pak war and the remarkable winning of Pakistan have showed US the potential regarding the country. In addition to this, US-India slippery relation have also stressed its relationship ties with Pakistan. However, there are several challenges in the reset of this relationship which include the terrorism in Pakistan, Pakistan-US ~~vs~~ US-Israel relationship and trading relationship of US and India. Moreover, the competition of US and China may also cause a hindrance in the Pakistan-US relations. Pakistan must act strategically to strengthen its relationship with US. It should focus on economic ~~partner~~ and trade deals with US while being partner with China as well. Moreover, it should work on terrorism eradication to make a safe place for US personnel in the

country. The Pakistan-US relationship shows a major potential for Pakistan's growth economically and politically in the region. Therefore, 2 steps must ~~not~~ be taken to strengthen the bond between the two countries.

2. MAIN FACTORS BEHIND RECENT RESET IN PAKISTAN-US RELATIONS:

US goal to counter China: Hegemony in Asian region.

Role of Pakistan in countering Taliban

Pakistan's minerals: US Plan of action to win global market

Pakistan's remarkable winning in Indo-Pakistan war.

Pakistan's unduly support to Trump to win Nobel Peace Prize

The slippery US-India relations: Attraction for Pak-US relations

2.1 US GOAL TO COUNTER CHINA: HEGEMONY IN ASIAN REGION:

The goal of United States to become the hegemon of the world has been a major reason for the reset of Pakistan-US relations. The Pakistan has been a very good friend of China in the recent years. The projects like CPEC and BRI has caused the increased influence of China in the Asian region.

In order to counter the hegemony of China, US needs to make more of its influence in the Asian region. Therefore, Pakistan's relationship shows a great attraction for the US to counter the China's increased influence in the region.

2.2 ROLE OF PAKISTAN IN COUNTERING TALIBAN:

Pakistan has been trying its best to counter the terrorism in the country and also its grounds being used for terrorism in other countries. In recent days, Pakistan has arrested the terrorism responsible for the terrorist activities in the ^{Kabul} ~~US~~. This was caused the attraction for the US to make reset of its relationship with Pakistan.

In March 2025, Pakistan arrested an Islamic State operative suspected of involvement in 2021 bombing in Kabul.

2.3 PAKISTAN'S MINERALS: US PLAN OF ACTION TO WIN THE GLOBAL SEMI-CONDUCTOR MARKET:

US has planned to work on its semi-conductor market and counter the ~~the~~ economic market ~~of~~ of China. For this reason, Pakistan has been an attractive point as Pakistan holds major minerals of the world.

2.4 US THREAT OF INCLUSION OF PAKISTAN IN CHINA'S BLOC:

As China's influence has been increasing in the Asian region, US have started the efforts to counter its influence. US was threatened that Pakistan will completely join the China's bloc which China may later use to counter US. Therefore in order to counter China's influence in the region, US tries to strengthen its ties with Pakistan.

2.5 PAKISTAN'S REMARKABLE WINNING IN INDIA-PAKISTAN WAR : OPERATION BUNYAN UL MARSOOS:

In the recent war between India and Pakistan, Pakistan showed a remarkable winning with the operation Bunyan ul Marsoos. This has shown US the potential of Pakistan related to army and armed equipments. Therefore, impressed by Pakistan's performance US wished to strengthen its ties with the country.

2.6 PAKISTAN'S UNDULY SUPPORT TO TRUMP TO WIN NOBEL PEACE PRIZE : US BROKERED CEASE FIRE IN PAK-INDIA WAR:

In the recent India-Pakistan war, the ceasefire was brokered by the US. However, India didn't give the credit to the US for the reconciliation efforts. Pakistan gave the full credit to US and also supported Trump ⁱⁿ the

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nobel peace prize . Noticing Pakistan's efforts and the ignorance of India, US tried to strengthen its ties with Pakistan .

2.7 THE SLIPPERY US-INDIA RELATIONSHIP: ATTRACTION FOR PAK-US RELATIONSHIP:

The US and India relationship have been slipping these days. Ignoring US, India continued to export oil from ~~Pat~~ Russia. Which cause the loss of trust of US in India. Moreover, the loss of ~~US~~ India in the war between the Pakistan and India also caused the loss of trust between US and India. This hence, caused the strengthening of relationship between Pakistan and US .

3 CHALLENGES IN THE RESET OF PAKISTAN US RELATIONSHIP:

Challenges in the reset of Pak-US relationship

Terrorism in Pakistan: Hinderance in way of US investment

US unhindered support to Israel in Palestine war

India US relationship: India still a major trade partner

3.1 TERRORISM IN PAKISTAN: HINDERANCE IN THE WAY OF US INVESTMENT:

One of the major hinderance in the way of Pakistan-US relationship is the terrorism. If the US personnel are being attacked in the country. Then the relationship and the investment of US will come at the stake.

3.2 US UNBOTHERED SUPPORT TO ISRAEL IN ~~US~~ PALESTINE WAR:

US has been supporting Israel in ~~Paki~~ Palestine war since the beginning. The Pakistan being the part of the Muslim world also have some duties for this sake, If the Muslim world combine for the end of the war between Israel and Palestine Pakistan needs to support the Muslim world. This may also cause hinderance between the two countries.

3.3 INDIA- US RELATIONSHIP: INDIA STILL A MAJOR TRADING PARTNER:

India Although the US India relationship are at stake. India is still a major trading partner of US. For this reason, the relationship between ~~the~~ India and US might strengthen again. The strengthening of relationship may cause hinderance of its relationship with Pakistan.

4 SUGGESTIONS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIP WITH US:

Economic Partnership instead of political ally: benefit for both countries.

Counter-terrorism efforts and security to US Personnel in Pakistan.

Exchange of culture through exchange of students and entertainment industry

4.1 ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP INSTEAD OF POLITICAL ALLY : BENEFIT FOR BOTH COUNTRIES

Pakistan must focus to become economic trade partner with US instead of being its political ally. In this way Pakistan can become economically strong while also supporting US in its cause. The country must plan to make long term trade plans with US to strengthen the relationship between both countries.

4.2 COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS AND SECURITY TO US PERSONNEL IN PAKISTAN:

Pakistan must try its level best to counter terrorism in the country. Especially the security of US personal working in the country must be given extreme security so that the relationship between the two countries can

be strengthened.

4.3 EXCHANGE OF CULTURE THROUGH EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

In order to strengthen the ties between the two countries, Pakistan must work on the exchange of culture between them. In this way, the relationship between the two countries will also strengthen the relationship between the citizens.

5 CONCLUSION:

Pakistan-US relationship have been converging and diverging since the birth of Pakistan. The recent reset of the relationship pose a great opportunity for the economic growth of the country. US needs Pakistan for its counter against China's influence in the region and the semiconductor market. Moreover, the remarkable victory of Pakistan in the India-Pakistan war have also attracted US to strengthen its ties with the country. Although there are some hindrances between the countries which may cause the loss of relationship, still this relationship have great benefit for Pakistan. Pakistan must try its best to strengthen the bond between the two countries.

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