

# How Pakistan should Combat 5GW Successfully?

## Introduction:

The criteria of warfare has transformed from to the domain of ideas, use of ~~misinformation~~, spreading of misinformation. Pak due to its strategic location, Political polarization, Fragile economy, rise of Sectarianism has become primary target of 5GW. Different stages were passed before 5GW. First Generation War, Fought on battle field, source are Horse, gun etc. example: ~~Pallas~~. Second Gen. War, Fought in hidden places through rifle, Gun machine examples: WWI. 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen. War: through tanks, ships, submarines, examples: WWII, Pak-India 1965, Hiroshima-Nagasaki. 4<sup>th</sup> Gen. War: Support provided to local unrest through Information Technology. 5<sup>th</sup> Gen. War: Trigger Mindset of people, through social media. Pakistan need multidimensional strategic plan, shift from ~~nonconventional~~ → non-conventional engagement, build NCTA, promote NAP strategy.



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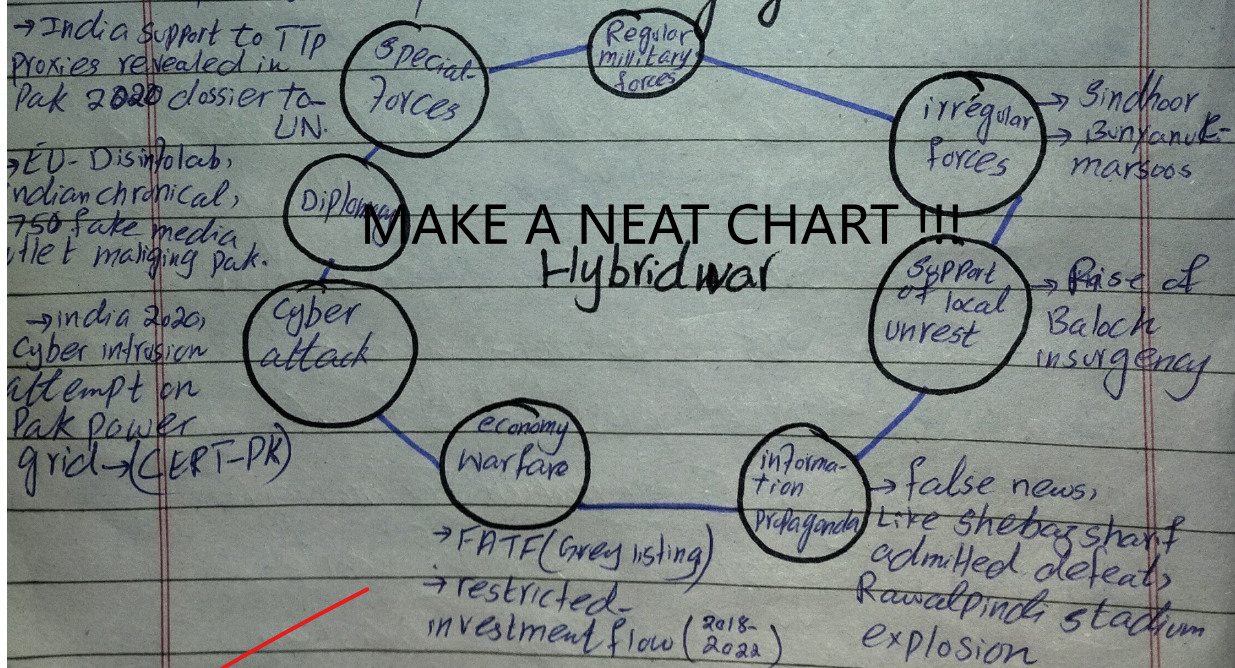
EU Disinfo Lab (2020): "Indian chronicles" report of Pakistan face one of largest disinformation campaign, Governance Fragility, underscoring the urgency of a whole nation approach that blends diplomacy, governance and innovation to safeguard sovereignty in digital era.

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## Hybrid Warfare

Mixture of kinetic and non-kinetic measures against your rivals to achieve geopolitical, military and diplomatic objectives.

It also part of Grey zone war.



It Targeted by many systems but 5th war is targeted to just 2 system



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i) information

ii) Non-state actor.

### Case study

Indian Terrorist attack on G.H.Q RWP. ~~although~~, are not able to destroy the building → This is hybrid attack. After this, indian media promote propaganda claimed: Pak military system were not safe means its all forces system are not secured that make negative impact of Pak to other countries → This is 5<sup>th</sup> Generation War.

### 3) 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Warfare

It include two Factors

a) information control	propaganda
↳ Done by social media	Done by N.S.A.

~~Non-state Actor~~: like T.T.P, P.T.M (Pastor Tahfiz movement), Islamic state of Khurasan.

~~When~~ non-state actor changes into violence non-state actor they engage in irregular, Asymmetric Warfare.

They Targeted: <sup>in Pak</sup> Balochistan, FATA, G.B, (Syrian) Porous Border.



2013: Indian Army chief admitted they build "~~Technical~~ Sport Division", just after 2008 Mumbai attack.

- In the extension of Block insurgency, include RAW, NDS, Khad (Afghan agency), MOSAD (Israel intelligence Agency).

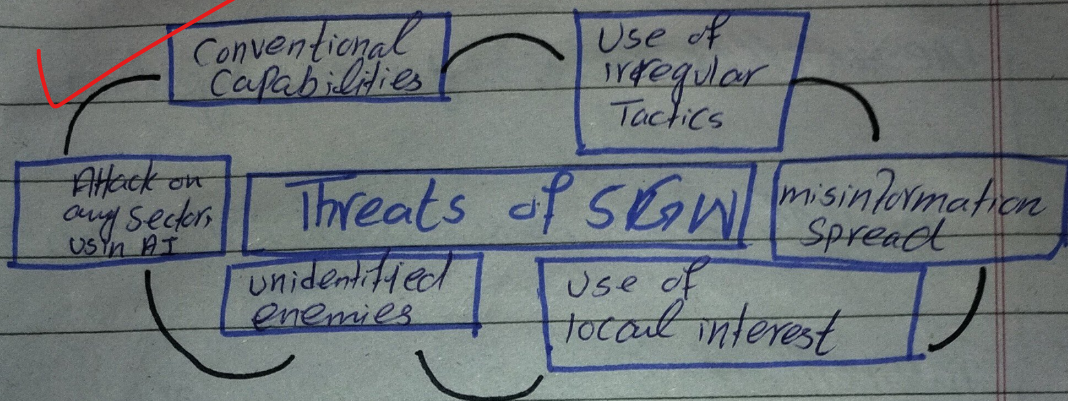
### Major Events Occurred due to 5<sup>th</sup> G.W.

- 3 March 2016: Indian naval Commander Kalbushan Jadhav arrested in case to ~~target~~ the "Gawadar Project" through CPEC.
- After Cold War in Ukraine, different mode of War were used like ~~subversions~~, proxies, conventional military operation. Purpose: To deter, Coerce adversary.
- Operation Sindhoor: India attacked on Pak, Indian media hyping unverified ~~claims~~ like 100 Terrorist killed. 31 verified misinformation cases detailed in Fake News Watchdog (2025)



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### Threats involved in S.C.W



i) Main Target:

## Politics and military Sectors.

ii) main issues in Pak:

Different are following.

Low ~~digital~~/media literacy

Fragmented strategic communication

## Cyber Governance Gap

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## Economic Fragility

## Political Polarization

Involvement of non-state actor.

Ethnic-Nationalist Division

## Manipulation in Public Opinion

## Crossing Radicalization.

-a) Media illiteracy: During crises like Covid-19 and polio 2019, recent election cycle, false narrative spread



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Faster than official clarification.

~~media illiteracy~~ = Easy weaponization



internal chaos, external isolation.

ii-b Fragmented Strategic Communication:

Delayed, inconsistent rebuttals

ii-c Cyber Governance Gap:

Cyber Governance Gap = Delayed Action +  
Weak regulation → Adversaries gain  
edge in hybrid warfare.

Example:

2020, CERT+PK warned of India phishing attack  
targeting Govt employees, but poor in inter-  
agency coordination delayed mitigation.

ii-d Economic Fragility

Weak economy makes Pak vulnerable  
to coercion through sanction, debt.

Example:

FATF Grey listing cost 38bn\$  
(IMF report)



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## ii-e Political Polarization

Divide Political culture provide distribution: like **FATA, Baloch Nationalist, T. T. P. Pak Tahafuz Movement.**

Social media Campaign after 2022 regime change crises mistrust among institution

## -f Involvement of non-state actor:

increase insurgencies like in **Balochistan** and other sector like **T. T. P, Hizbullah Mujahideen, AL-Qaida, Islamic State of Khurasan.**

## -g Ethnic Nationalist Division

In Pak 1971, dismiss the public opinion about Kalat division.

## h Manipulation of Public Opinion:

Due to lack of media literacy,  
**Example:**

During Palwama 2019, false news of 300 death in Balakot strike spread widely before verification.



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## -i Growing Radicalization:

Extremist ideologies enable recruitment for proxy wars.

Example:

In Pak, Baluch Youth, Sindh Nationalist Group, In Sri Lanka → Liberation Tiger & Telem that is, militant group, are highly radicalized.

## 5) Combating Ways:

Ajit Doval, Give Doval Doctrine.

Which mean "offensive Defence" strategy, where India seeks to destabilize adversaries (mainly Pak) internally rather than through open war.

• By reconsidering Strategic Doctrine.

### 5-i By Youth, Academia, Tech (Reform CASS)

• incentivize open-source intelligence (OSINT) clubs, researching institutes

ISSI, IPRI, CASS, PIDE

• Research Grant to counter deepfakes

→ Emergence Pak/Global Scholarship on AI & hybrid war.



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5-ii) Developing strategic - Communication center:

Establish NSCG to synchronize  
Govt - Military - Provinces - Regulator Mission  
Abroad with clear SOPs for rapid rebuttal.

5-iii) Cyber Resilience: (Reform CSP)

- Operationalize "Cyber Security Policy" (2021)
- Create a "Joint Cyber Command" for defence in Cyberspace

5-iv) Economic Shielding: (Reform PIDE)

- making strong economy, transparent, diverse
- no one can easily target it through  
Sanction ii) Fake news, Financial Pressure

5-v) Political and Social Cohesions:

Political Cohesion: Political parties agree  
on "No Fake News pact" for the sake  
of national security.

Social Cohesion: Govt + Political  
Parties work together to close Gaps  
in neglected areas so that people  
trusted the state instead of  
hostile propaganda. Reform PIDE IPRI.



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#### - iv) 1 Diplomatic Track: (Reform ISSI, EU, start Com)

International Diplomatic track mean

- Show the world the enemy's propaganda
- Make friends with the countries that faced same problem.
- Work with social media companies to remove false news quickly.
- Get training from Global experts like NATO start Com to strengthen Pak defenses
- Establish institute like DARPA runs "Media Forensics Program" to fight deepfakes.

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#### Conclusion:

Quaid-e-Azam.

"With Faith, Discipline, Unity and selfless devotion to duty, there is nothing worthwhile that you can't achieve."

Pakistan victory in SGW by trust on all provinces, make it one state, Synchronized credible defence system empower each and every people from each province.