

PAKISTAN'S RARE EARTH AS A Security Concern.

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1) Introduction:-

- 1.1) Potential of Rare Earth Minerals of Pakistan
- 1.2) National Security Policy of Pakistan 2022
- 1.3) Thesis Statement.

2.0). Pakistan's Rare Earth have become a security concern:-

2.1) US-China rivalry: positioning REM as resource curse in geo-political bloc.

- Situation prevailing in Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Prospects of US sanctioning Pakistan under CAATSA for entirely aligning with China.

2.2) Patron-client relations: dependency on China and the US for technology transfer may enforce neo-colonial dependency

- Council on Foreign Relations Report "Strategic Consequences of REM."
- US geological Survey Mineral Commodity Summaries 2024.

2.3) Catalyst for Successionist violence and provincial fractures: presence of minerals wealth in KPK and Balochistan.

- Balochistan Conflict Analysis by Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS).
- International Crisis Group Report "Balochistan's Forgotten War".

2.4) Environmental Security Threat: driving climate change problems.

- MIT (2022) study on Bayan Obo.

2.5) Elite capture and Corruption vortex: undermining economic security of the state.

- Transparency International Corruption 2024.
- World Bank's "Changing Wealth of Nations 2021" report.

2.6) Market Volatility and Economic Weaponization: wreaking havoc on economic growth.

- World Bank's "Mineral for Climate Action" Report.
- Implications of China's 2010 export embargo of REM on Japan's economy.

2.7) Intelligence and Espionage
background: dependence on
foreign company will undermine
economic sovereignty.

- Australia Strategic Policy Institute,
"RE decoupling dilemma" report.

2.8) Militarization and Security
force over-reach: blurring
line between corporate
security and state defence

- Formation of "Brigade against
illegal Mining" in Colombia
as case in point.

3.0) Panacea for addressing aforementioned challenges:-

3.1) Navigating between US-China
rivalry through balanced approach.

3.2) Ensuring the participation of local
people to combat successionist
movements.

3.3) Forge intelligence and tech based partnership
with the companies in the US and China
to counter dependency syndrome.

4.0) Conclusion.