

Article: Time For internal unity

The state of Pakistan is threatened with two major wars: one with Afghanistan and other a regional war.

This regional war can be considered as an 'international war' owing to the involvement of multiple countries.

The recent escalations between Iran and Israel will be a tough balancing act for Pakistan which is walking on tightrope and juggling multiple balls at the same time. Furthermore, our internal political divisions, egoistic conflicts, an under developed and debt-ridden economy, rising unemployment and poverty, deteriorating living conditions, and a current wave of terrorism are further intensifying an already complicated external situation. Therefore, the decision makers in Pakistan need to clear their minds, take a holistic view of the situation, and develop a fundamental paradigm shift in how the country must be run amid these crises.

First and the foremost, the word 'state' must be understood. The state is its people, and it is the will of the people of Pakistan to establish an order in which the state shall exercise its powers and authority through the chosen representative of the people, and where in the principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice shall be fully observed. Moreover, with the implementation of constitution, different institutions are created by

the state which all the members of its institution take oath to preserve its laws.

Thus, the current external and internal crisis requires our vows to the constitution that will eventually let things fall in place.

Moreover, all the members of Parliament need to embrace each other in the name of Pakistan, discuss our foreign policy, develop a consensus, take people into confidence, and must initiate an effort at national unity and reconciliation along with senior and trustworthy statesmen and civil society leaders. Nonetheless, the reconciliation process must also extend to all the political prisoners to draft a mutually agreed solution in the larger national interest.

conclusively, Pakistan is in the dire need of sustainable structural reforms in all its institutions, a shared long-term vision for national development, and national unity more than ever before.

Notably, only a resilient and united Pakistan can effectively deal with an increasingly complex and dangerous world.