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Hybrid Warfare and Pakistan

Introduction.

Hybrid warfare has intensified in Pakistan; being imposed on the country, it has enhanced security issues in Pakistan. It is a combined use of regular and irregular forces under a unified command. In recent years, there is an increasing intensity of hybrid warfare in all its forms. As Pakistan is already grappling with deteriorated security apparatus, hybrid warfare is adding fuel to the fire. However, taking effective measures the risk of hybrid warfare could be minimised.

The Idea of Hybrid Warfare.

Hybrid warfare is a theory of military

strategy. It was first proposed by Frank Hoffman

"Hybrid warfare entails an interplay of conventional as well as unconventional instruments of power and tools of subversion." (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, NATO)

The Rising Potency of Hybrid Warfare in Pakistan

The Hybrid warfare has intensified in Pakistan. In the words of the former Army Chief of Pakistan,

"Our enemies know that they cannot beat us fair and square, and thus, they have subjected us to a cruel and protracted hybrid war."

Thus, Pakistan is experiencing various forms of Hybrid warfare as,

Forms of Hybrid warfare taking place in Pakistan.

Propagandas
GHQ Attack

Failed Attacks
Balakot Incident

Terrorism
Attack on Chinese

Cyber Attacks
FIA and NBP

Public Opinion
EU Disinfolab

Propaganda in Pakistan.

There is an increased in number of propagandas against Pakistan.

For instance: A attack on General Headquarters (GHQ) Rawalpindi in 2008 by a group of terrorists was a blatant display of hybrid warfare. Through the incident, a message was given to the world that nuclear assets of Pakistan are not safe.

Failed Attacks.

Countries have carried out failed attacks in Pakistan. The motives behind such strategies was to undermine the security apparatus of Pakistan.

For Instance: Indian warplanes carried out attack in Pakistan's space boundary near Balochistan. It was a failed attack in which shooting down a Pakistani F-16 fighter aircraft was falsely claimed.

Resurgence of Terrorism

In recent times, there is a resurgence of terrorism. It is problematic for Pakistan.

For Instance: A Convoy of Chinese engineers working in infrastructure projects in Pakistan's port city of Swat. An attack from Baloch nationalists.

Cyber Attacks.

Cyber warfare has also been a problem for Pakistan. There is an increased number of cyber attacks in Pakistan.

For Instance: A series of cyber-attacks was experienced on Federal Board of Revenue FBR and National Bank of Pakistan, NBP.

Creation of Fake Public

Opinion.

Through information technology countries have attempted for creating fake public opinion throughout the world.

For Instance: A data revealed by European Union's DisinfoLab in 2020 revealed that India exploited over 750 websites across 118 countries to discredit Pakistan in the world.

Conclusion.

The rising intensity of hybrid warfare in Pakistan has damaged its security apparatus through positive actions that the risks can be hoped that the risks can be minimized.