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"Our enemies know that they can't beat us full and square and thus they have subjected us in a cruel, Evil and protracted hybrid war."

(COAS, General Qamar Bajwa)

Introduction:

Hybrid warfare is a war method which is being used now a days to fight. Its objective is not to defeat an adversary with immediate effect rather its objectives are to weaken the adversary internally by causing political and economical and instability. Intervening state will use social as well as electronic media for this purpose. In Hybrid warfare the intervening state's objective is to damage the morale of the target state and to isolate it diplomatically.

Wars are not longer fought on conventional battlefields alone, but also asymmetrically over the digital world, cyberspace, social media etc.

Hybrid Warfare Tactics:

Hybrid warfare is a blend of tactics like conventional as well as non-conventional tactics, kinetic and subversive efforts, regular and irregular tactics and information and cyber tactics.

Impact of Hybrid Warfare on Pakistan:

Pakistan became a frontline state against ^{terrorism} ~~terrorism~~ after 2001. Since then Pakistan is facing severe security issues. Pakistan has been blamed for providing safe heavens to the Taliban. Pakistan is not free from previous threats and now it has to face hybrid warfare and 5th generation warfare.

India is mainly involved in hybrid war against Pakistan. India is responsible for financing terrorist organizations like TTP (Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan), Jamat ul Ahle Sunnat and Baluchistan Liberation Army etc. India is interfering in the internal matters of Pakistan and is threatening sovereignty of our beloved country.

According to a report "Indian Chronicles" there were almost 500 fake social media accounts owned and controlled by India to portray negative image of Pakistan in European Union.

US-Indian conspiracy against CPEC and Pak-China friendship through dept trap is a fresh example of hybrid warfare.

Pakistan is facing serious security issues because our enemies are using social media, as well as electronic media in order to make people of Pakistan hate their armed forces and this is leading to threat to the sovereignty of Pakistan.

Hybrid methods of warfare such as propaganda, deception, sabotage and other non-military tactics have long been used to weaken Pakistan internally. What is new about attacks seen in recent years is their speed, scale and intensity, facilitated by rapid technological change and global interconnectivity.

Fake news and propaganda against prestigious institutes like Judiciary, police and armed forces has become a common issue. Indian intelligence agencies are involved in turning the nation of Pakistan against its military.

Way forward for Pakistan:-

Pakistan should use its social and electronic media in a positive way. As average person spends almost 8 hours on social media. One example is Zainab case in which media played role in getting justice and the culprit was being hung till death in Oct. 2018.

We should train our Journalists to

combat new hybrid warfare. We should improve our image internally as well as internationally through our trained journalists and research articles.

Our universities and schools should produce sense of nationalism in our students so that they will be aware of fake news and propaganda of our enemies.

CONCLUSION.

- Hybrid warfare in a nutshell is the warfare method of the present era and Pakistan is facing many security challenges due to hybrid wars. Pakistan need to focus on the modern methods to fight wars as war methods are now-a-days no more conventional means. Pakistan has to invest in technology to combat hybrid warfare and 5th generation warfare.