

The ascending potency of hybrid warfare being foisted on the state of Pakistan is adding to the security woes of the Country. Elaborate with Example.

The founder of Pakistan, Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, once said "The weak and defenseless, in this imperfect world, invite aggression from others." While tactics and strategies are devised to effectively handle threats and anticipated undesirable situation, efforts are also made simultaneously to inculcate a sense of security. Therefore, the phenomenon in which almost all nations are constantly striving to that level of security. However, Hybrid warfare, a fifth generation war, is the biggest security woe of the state of Pakistan. As Hybrid threats combine military and non-military as well as covert and overt means, including disinformation, cyber attacks, economic pressure, deployment of



irregular armed groups and use of regular forces. The increasing power of hybrid warfare being imposed on the state of Pakistan is enhancing the security woes of the country. These Hybrid methods are used to destabilise and undermine the Pakistani society. However, Pakistan needs to strengthen its relations with regional countries as well as the international community. Call for collective efforts against terrorism while sharing own experience can bring rich dividends.

In the context of Pakistan, India's incapability to seek strategic goals by using regular military forces as its prime instrument, though the other irregular armed forces, appears based on wars fought between Pakistan and India since independence. It portrays that having more conventional strength and employing hybrid warfare cannot ensure success. On the other hand, a flawed assessment of a rival's strengths and weaknesses can



towards the ultimate failure of the designated aims. For example, Pakistan and India has observed in 1948, 1965, 1971, and 1991.

Concerning CPEC, India has put all its efforts into disturbing this economic corridor by establishing a three-dimensional wing within RAW to destabilize Pakistan politically, socially, and economically. India is the frontline architect of assaulting the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative by speaking fake information through media to create a trust deficit between the Pakistan government and masses. BJP led government, since day one, has been pursuing irrational and aggressive policies against Pakistan. Endeavours to disparage Pakistan's image through FATF is a case in point. Breaching the line of Control is a frequent practice by India to shape up its hostile domestic environment. Fake claims of Surgical



in Pakistan are in the same pursuit. According to UN, "Pakistan has told UN Secretary General Ban-Ki-moon that India's claim of carrying out a surgical strike across the LoC was false and instead that the responsibility for the escalating crises rests entirely on India." (UN)

The fifth generation war, Hybrid Warfare, is the most recent challenge for Pakistan. However, the enemies of Pakistan indirectly make fragile and break internally by Hybrid strategies. The enemies of Pakistan are focusing on fifth generation war. The words of Army Chief General Bajwa in 2018 while addressing to the passing out parade of cadets at Pakistan Military Academy Kakul are "Our enemies know that they cannot beat us fair and square and thus, they have subjected us to a cruel, evil, and protracted hybrid war." For example boomerang series of cyber attacks on FBR and NBP in 2021.