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

Hybrid Warfare:

"Hybrid warfare is a military strategy that employs a blend of kinetic operations and subversive efforts to destabilize an adversary." Post nuclearization of weapons, a major confrontation between NWF is rarely possible. Therefore, recent conflicts employ sub-conventional or hybrid warfare. Wars are no longer fought on conventional battlefield alone but also asymmetrically over the digital world, cyberspace, social media etc.

The strategize competitors are making best use of hybrid warfare tools in the exploitation of domestic faultiness like political, economics, societal to destabilize a country.

Objectives:

Objectives of hybrid warfare is not secure an adversary's immediate defeat. It is actually to erode adversary's morale, isolate it diplomatically and 'soften' it up before a full-scale invasion. The objective is to deflect the enemy from pursuing unacceptable military or political objectives, disrupt its communications, command and control, important infrastructure, imposing economic pain to secure adherence to political demands, delegitimize an adversary's government, compromising its leaders.

Hybrid warfare - Tactics

Hybrid warfare is a blend of the following tactics

- Conventional tactics
- Non-conventional tactics
- kinetic and subversive efforts
- Regular and irregular tactics
- Information and cyber tactics

The art of executing hybrid war is to evade international obligation and help perpetrators gainfully

employ the intangible elements of warfare. The purpose remains to weaken the target state from within and make people fool, insecure, remain uncertain and lose confidence in the government and its institutions

Hybrid Campaigns Against Pakistan:

In his speech at the passing out parade of Pakistan Military Academy (PMA), Kakul, Chief of Army staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa said "Our enemies know that they can not beat us fair and square and have subjected us to a cruel, evil and protracted hybrid war." In recent years these hybrid attacks have been observed with more intensity and speed, it is facilitated by rapid technological change and global interconnectivity. In this ^{today's} world of social media, where anonymous identities spread false news conveniently and people catch these news and further spread

without any verification which cause instability, hate and anger within the society. It is increasing day by day in Pakistan as well and enemy is using it as a tool against us. This domain of hybrid war has an exceptionally large canvas for instance, economic warfare may include disruption in stock exchange and creating volatility in the currency market, both aimed at purposely scaring investors away to weaken a state. (~~different~~ propa)

Different ~~false~~ propagandas is being spread which contributed to its security challenges. Some examples of hybrid campaign against the Pakistan are following;

- a) Oversated nuclear weapons concerns propaganda against Pakistan which fallouts nuclear security concerns.
- b) Coercive diplomacy to hold the Pakistan's missile technology.

c) Eroding legitimacy of Kashmir Freedom struggle through propaganda, accusations, false flag operations.

d) Onus of American Failure in Afghanistan was ascribed to Pakistan for providing safe heavens to Afghan Taliban.

In 2018, American President Donald Trump tweeted that "The US has foolishly given Pakistan more than 33 billion dollars in aid over the last 15 years, and they have given us nothing but lies and deceit, thinking our leaders as fools. They give safe heaven to the terrorists we hunt in Afghanistan, with little help. No more!

e) US-Indian conspiracy against CPEC and Pak China "Debt trap";

f) Accusation of Pathank attack on Pakistan without any meaningful evidence

g) Exploiting the already grim situation in Pakistan ~~with~~ and erstwhile FATA through fake propagandas.