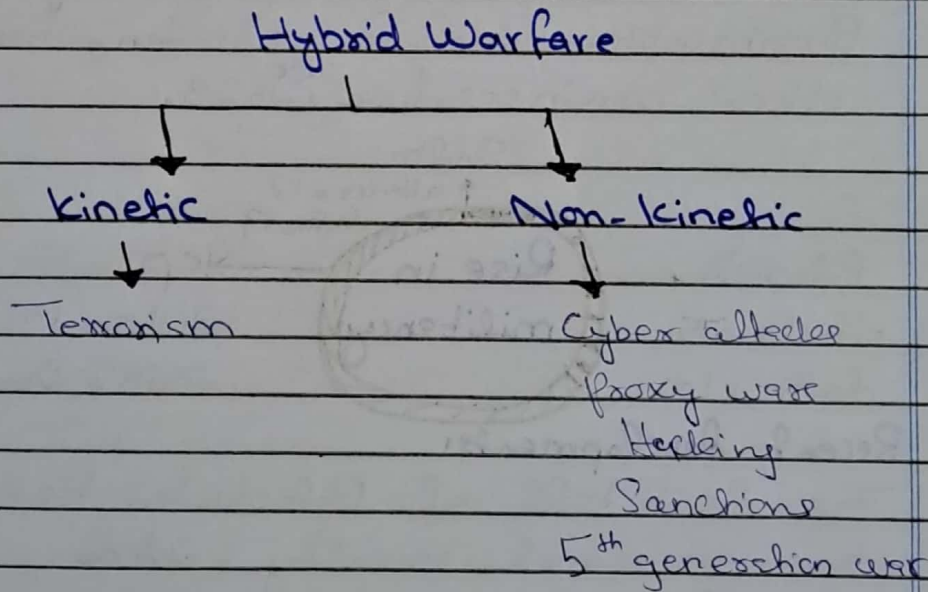


Q. The ascending potency of hybrid warfare being foisted on the state of Pakistan is adding to the security woes of the country. Elaborate with examples.

Ans. INTRODUCTION:

The term hybrid warfare refers to the much broader domain of security threats. It involves both kinetic and non-kinetic means of warfare to achieve tactical, diplomatic and military objectives.



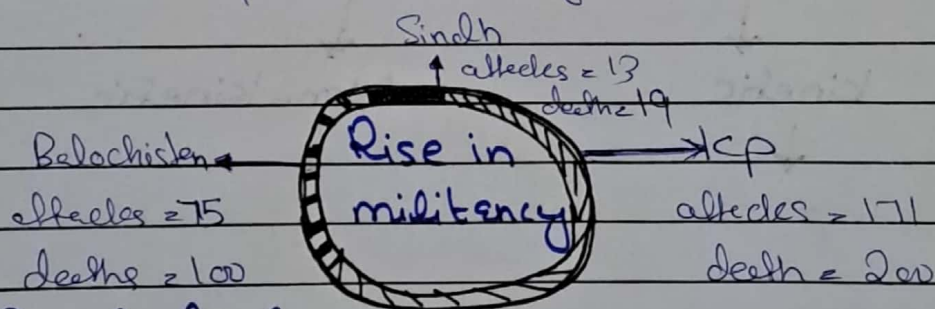
In today's world; which has evolved in every domain; technological, industrial & economical as well; security issues tend to become complex in nature. These complex security issues have posed much greater ~~ext~~ existential threat to countries worldwide.

## ⇒ Pakistan under serious threats:

Despite serious economical, political and social unrest, Pakistan never gave up on its ~~struggle~~ ability to struggle, sustain, and survive. Out of all the threats, Non-state actors have caused great dint on national security of Pakistan.

### \* Surge in Terrorism:

According to Pakistan Institute of conflict and security studies, There is a combined rise in the terrorist attacks, mostly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, then other provinces during <sup>July</sup> 2023.



### ↓ Recent developments:

⇒ The death toll of Balochistan have been increased recently, ~~when~~ after Bajaur Attack on August 2023, The responsibility of which has been taken by Islamic state of Khorasan.

⇒ FC is being attacked in Peshawar, 2023, The responsibility is taken by Tehreek Jibad Pakistan.

⇒ Peshawar Police line Mosque <sup>2022</sup> was under attack, responsibility was taken by Tehreek Taliban Pakistan.



## => Security Concerns of Pakistan:

### 1) Political Instability:

Pakistan being engaged to deal with multiple war fronts, has to deal with growing political instability<sup>on</sup> national and international levels. For example, India has been engaged in proxy wars against Pakistan. The motive of which is to create regional hegemony; Balochi Separat are the proxy of India. That has created chaos in Balochistan by growing unrest in its security. Moreover, the result of proxy war is being Pakistan has become sidelined in world politics. Being an economically fragile state, it is in a great threat to Pakistan's diplomatic ties around the world.

### 2) Socio-Economic Crisis:

The outcome of hybrid warfare in Pakistan is, increased insecurity of food, water, employment opportunities and sense of political deprivation as well. According to World Bank report 2023, Pakistan has been ranked on 142 among world economies. This is followed by another report of Global Hunger Index report 2023, Pakistan ranked 99. But among all these development of negative ranking

is the report of Bureau of immigration and overseas employment, more than 8,00,000 skilled people left the country in search of employment opportunities. Thus, security issues are causing great damage to the core of ~~Pakistan~~ Pakistan's socio-economic stability.

### 3) Military / Institutional weakness:

Military in case of Pakistan, is playing an important role in bringing peace and stability. In account of recent terrorist attacks, and terrorism being trained out, both police and military forces have to be on their toes to cope up with non-state actors. According to Stockholm-based Institute of Policy Research, Pakistan has spent only 3 billion US Dollars on its defence budget, 2019. This points out towards the increase in economic assets, the state has to put in, in order to tackle the militants, and halt them to cause any threat to the ~~the~~ state. Moreover, attacks on FC and Police, <sup>is to</sup> bring about the military into the cities, ~~causing~~ causing them to relax the borders, so that violent actors, like TTP have the opportunity to occupy territories.



Such intention weakens the structure of the institution, causing great loss on Pakistan's security.

#### 4) Malign Pakistan's Internationally:

Image Another outbreak of terrorist insurgency & hybrid warfare is that, Pakistan has been continuously maligned on international media. This has been done through acts of terrorism, propaganda and misinformation. For example, Attack on Sri Lankan Cricket Team, was the result of India's proxy war against Pakistan, which has cost Pakistan a lot in terms of ban on International Cricket in Pakistan. Such act left Pakistan isolated and marked a great dent in Pakistan's economy as well.

#### \* CONCLUSION:

As Sun Tzu in his book said that If you know your enemy and yourself, it would be ~~iff~~ better for you to not fear in a hundred wars ahead. ~~iff~~ Pakistan, however ~~does not~~ ~~needs~~ keenly need to plan strategy to deal with ~~non~~ hands with such non-state actors, and also increase its economic and military capacity to effectively bring peace & stability in the state.