



Pakistan Affairs Test-1

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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. (20 Marks)

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Hybrid Warfare is Increasing Pakistan's

Security Woes

Possessing highly geostrategic position on the globe, Pakistan has always been a constant victim of various security threats. The non-traditional security threats have recently impacted the state in an adverse way. The rise in hybrid warfare across the country is one of the biggest challenges and threats to Pakistan's national security. Hybrid warfare in Pakistan involves various violent non-state actors. These include the terrorist groups in Baluchistan as well as in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The ever increasing threat of terrorism on Pak-Afghan border is also sponsored by rival foreign states. Hybrid warfare is imposed on the state of Pakistan and its potency is increasing day by day which ultimately enhances the security problems of Pakistan. The consequences of hybrid warfare are impacting the socio-economic conditions of Pakistan.

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• Hybrid Warfare:

Hybrid warfare, as the name indicates, is the form of war in which various kinetic as well as non-kinetic military actions are taken to weak make the enemy state weak.

Hybrid warfare includes cyber war, espionage, sabotage, propoganda, manipulation of social media, civil wars, terror financing and economic cause economic and political instability.

Hybrid warfare has severely affected the national security of Pakistan. The rise in terrorism in along the porous Pak-Afghan border has also been seen in the context of hybrid warfare.

• The 5th Generation War:

Cyber war is also termed as the 5th generation war. It has been a source of political unrest in the state. The spread of misinformation and fake news on social media causes results in mistrust among the masses and the institutions of the state. Espionage or intelligence spying by means of hacking and stealing online data is also one of tactics of cyber war. Pakistan has suffered the outcomes of propoganda against its military and political institutions.

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• Role of Violent Non-State Actors:

The support given to various non-state actors by rivals of Pakistan has resulted in the breach of peace. The terror-financing of Baluch Separatist Movements has been a primary focus of Indian Doval doctrine. Various attacks on military camps in Baluchistan have shown their links with India. These violent non-state actors include not only Baluch separatist movements but also Islamic militant groups including Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, Islamic State Khorasan etc. These violent non-state actors have continuously targetted the military and police forces of Pakistan. It has resulted in a constant state of unrest in KPK and Baluchistan.

• Rising Terrorism:

As per Global Terrorism Index 2023, Pakistan has ranked on 8th number among the countries highly impacted by the terrorism. The most fatal terrorist attack in 2022 in the whole world was the attack of Baluchistan Liberation Army on the FC camp based in Panigau, Baluchistan. The 8th deadliest terrorist attack is also on Pakistan's account. Pakistan has dropped three ranks downwards in terrorism index in 2023 report as compared to 2022 report of Global Terror Index.

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• Impact on CPEC:

The constant insurgencies in Baluchistan are also a threat to the success of CPEC which is the most important economic project of the country in regards of foreign investment. Two terrorists were killed on August 16, 2023 in a counter attack by military forces of Pakistan. The terrorists were intended to harm the convey in which Chinese officials were travelling. These terrorist attacks are constantly threatening Pakistan's security.

• Afghan Lands used for insurgency in Pakistan:

Since America left Afghanistan, the land of Afghanistan has been misused against Pakistan. The 'safe heavens' and sanctuaries provided to TTP in Afghanistan has threatened Pakistan's border security. The Taliban government in Afghanistan refuses the accusation of misuse of their land but there are ground realities and strong evidences against their claim.

In a nutshell, it can be concluded that the increasing potency of hybrid warfare

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imposed on Pakistan is unceasingly
affecting the national security in
a very adverse manner.
