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Introduction

The partnership between USA and India is growing day by day. The newly formed I2U2 is the latest milestone in the partnership. However, the partnership, primarily to contain China, is hurting Pakistan's interest as this will impact Pakistan's ~~interest~~ ~~of~~ ~~area~~ negatively in terms of economic, strategic and political. Therefore, Pakistan needs to ~~do~~ adopt measures such as diversifying relationships, stabilizing economically, and promoting soft image around the world to navigate the situation.

2, Is US-Ind Strategic Partnership primarily to contain China?

USA's Perspective: The US main goal is to contain China because China is a threat to US' hegemony. To do so, it is making military alliances in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly with India. This is because India is a key player in the region and US can be greatly

benefited from it. The partnership includes I2U2 and Indo-Pacific Strategy. Hence, from US perspective the partnership is primarily to contain China.

India's Perspective: According to Indian security analyst C. Raja Mohan, India's grand strategy divides the world into three concentric circles:

- i, immediate neighborhood
- ii, extended neighborhood
- iii, entire globe

China is a blessing in disguise for India as to contain China, India is getting significant cooperation from US which helps it achieving its grand strategy. Thus, India primarily wants to become a key global player.

How the Partnership is hurting the interests of Pakistan

a) US-Ind Partnership is disturbing the balance of power in the region which creates security issues for Pakistan.

As the US bolsters its relation with India, it may be perceived as tilting the power in favour of India. From the platform of I2U2, US is cooperating with India in terms of

Security which can upset the balance of power in the region.

b, ^{with the} Technological cooperation between US and India, India outcompetes Pakistan technologically;

From the Partnership with US, India can benefit from America's latest and advanced technology. US is a leading player in technological innovation. With such Partnership India can gain competitive advantage over Pakistan in the field of technology.

c, Economic impact of US-Ind Partnership on Pakistan:

US and India economic ties could potentially limit economic opportunities for Pakistan in the region. This can have a negative impact on Pakistan's economic growth and development because US will shift its focus from Pakistan to India.

d, The Partnership could exert negative influence on International institutions which will become unwilling to resolve Pakistan's issues;

Internet Pakistan is dependent on

International institutions especially financial institutions such as IMF and World Bank. The growing partnership could limit Pakistan's ability to get bail out from IMF.

e, The Partnership could result in Pakistan's isolation diplomatically at international forums:

The growing US-India Partnership could result in diplomatic isolation of Pakistan at international forums. This may limit Pakistan's ability to garner international support for its ~~support~~ positions and concerns such as, Kashmir issue and Indus water Treaty etc.

f, Pakistan's leverage could diminished due to US-India Partnership:

As the US strengthens its partnership with India, it may have less incentives to accommodate Pakistan's interests or concerns. This could ~~limit~~ diminish Pakistan's leverage in negotiations and dispute resolution efforts.

Suggestions for Pakistan to follow in this regard

a, Islamabad should engage in diplomacy to balance the situation:

Pakistan should engage in diplomatic efforts to address its concerns and promote regional stability. It can work on improving relations with both the US and India while seeking a balanced approach. The ~~link~~ ~~between~~

b, it should strengthen ties with other partners:

Pakistan should diversify its strategic Partnership beyond the US. It can strengthen its relationship with countries like China, Russia, and Middle Eastern countries to ensure it has multiple avenues for political and economic support.

c, Pakistan should acquire multi-alignment approach:

India follow its multi-alignment strategy. It is the part of QUAD and Indo-Pacific strategy led by Western powers. It is also the member of SCO and BRICS led by non-Western powers. Similarly, Pakistan should also use multi-alignment approach in order

to avoid isolation at global stage.

d, It should focus on internal growth.

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Pakistan's internal instability exacerbates external pressures. Pakistani policy makers should remind themselves that power respects power. So, in order to exert strong influence at global stage, Pakistan must stabilize itself politically, economically, and technologically.

e, Pakistan should enhance counter-terrorism efforts to promote soft image globally.

Soft power is equally important to hard power. Many countries in the world isolate Pakistan on the allegations of terrorism. That is why Pakistan should enhance counter-terrorism ~~approach~~ efforts to promote its positive image in the world. This will garner a good support for Pakistan globally.

Conclusion

In short, the growing partnership of USA and India is primarily to contain China. Despite this, it

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is hurting Pakistan's interests. Therefore, Islamabad should take the aforementioned measures to navigate the situation.