

# Challenges of hybrid warfare and regional dynamics

## Outline

### 1. Introduction

Kinetic and non-kinetic measures against your rival to achieve your military, diplomatic and international objectives. Pakistan facing hybrid warfare challenges creating aggravated situation in country. Some pragmatic steps taken by government and civil society to stop these measures.

### 2. Hybrid warfare is the catalyst of decline of prosperity.

### 3. Consequences of hybrid warfare

- a) Security crises of Pakistan
- b) Bad governance in Pakistan
- c) Economic crises of Pakistan
- d) Educational crises in Pakistan
- e) War on terrorism
- f) Cyber space attacks

### 4. Effects of hybrid warfare

- a) Human loss
- b) No law and order in country
- c) Economy level decline
- d) Unemployment increase
- e) Peace deteriorated
- f) Personal information hacking
- g) Misinformation create

### 5.

- a) Establish good governance
- b) Updating of education system
- c) Proper accountability
- d) Boosting economy growth

### 6. Conclusion

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century the nature of wars and threats are reshaped and modernized. Wars are not fought by using traditional methods as like in the 20<sup>th</sup> century 19<sup>th</sup> century. In 21<sup>st</sup> century different new tools are used such as media cyber tools, NGO's, militant groups, Propaganda, Terrorism, extremism, Sectarianism, bad governance, and many more. The hybrid warfare blurred the differentiating line between peace and wartime by unconventional warfare, creating uncountable threats including political, economical, military, civil, diplomacy, terrorism, psychological distress, isolation between civils, unemployment, poverty, illiteracy. The hybrid warfare impacts are more negatively effect the atmosphere peace of a country cause decline of economy, political, social, National and International will of prosperity and development. Pakistan being the victim of hybrid warfare. The attacks on senilankan team in Lahore, Balochistan security detonation, attack on Army public school Peshawar 2014 attacks on holy places, public places military institutions are the terrifying tactics of hybrid warfare. Hybrid warfare set back countries to get their objectives. Some pragmatic steps must ensured the stoppage of these

hybrid wars. Including the economic growth, regulating media by regulations and policies for them. Updating education systems, syllabus, institutions, Accountability, developing international relations to counter the negative implications of hybrid warfare.

Hybrid warfare is due the insurgency of other countries have posed negative implication to weak the opposing country base and encounter easily. specially developing and non-developed countries are on the point of hybrid warfare - some measures must be designed to overcome menace.

The threats of hybrid warfare emanating due the security issues of Pakistan.

Pakistan have security issues due to internal and external interventions of other countries. The violence in Balochistan and KPK due to some communists and capitalists powers creating conflicts. Other factor is the loose border security, which resulted in the presence of other militants groups such as TTA, RAW, TTP, Daesh, ISIS, BLA, state actors and non-state actor. TTP terrorist organization supported by India financially and materially, "Kalbushan Yadav" an Indian spy who was arrested in Pakistan. All these insurgents involved in the anti-state activities / insurgency

by producing extremism, sectarianism in public minds resulted in war.

Bad governance is the main cause of hybrid warfare. Bad governance not provide justice which resulted in weak law and order situation, political polarization. In result of political polarization the country to the external hands like prey fall easily. The bad governance creating chances for warriors of hybrid warfare to encounter the law and order situations creating challenges which are impossible or difficult to overcome. Low law and order situations youth exploited involved in anti-state activities. The government unable to focus on the basic issues due to other distractions.

Due to economic crises hybrid warfare is at its peak. Economic development is necessary for a country peace and development at internal and international level. Pakistan having weak economy due to loans taking from IMF, World bank at interest and specific aims like increasing price of petrol, food items, Pakistan having low export value but more imports causes decline to GDP. All National institutions like Wapda, PIA, steel mills, Railways are burden except of points of development in national economy.

Instead of earning for country, Pakistan Foreign Policy, Security Issues, economic developments are challenge due to hybrid warfare, insurgency of other countries interventions which pull Pakistan to set back instead of making their position stable at the map of world. Less border security causes smuggling which decline the GDP value. Example of Balochistan border, Afghan border and the main is the Indian border.

Education crises lead Pakistan at the table of hybrid warfare to create challenges of strict implications. Pakistan's illiteracy level is according to GGI 2021 report, male 89% and female 82%. - Due to illiteracy people unaware of their Do's and don'ts, their basic life rights. Pakistan's budget 2% is not so enough to support the well equipped, updated education system. This unawareness of public lead them to hybrid warfare victims easily.

The Soviet Union war in Afghanistan lead Pakistan to hybrid warfare. The US - interest in Afghanistan, US support Pakistan economically, by providing financial and military support to Afghanistan.

mujahideen TTA, TTP to fight against Russia, Russia amalgamating US interest in afghan. Lead to war of powers, by proxy war in Pakistan - These mujahideen migrated from other other countries like KSA, Pakistan - In Zia era 1980-1970, border's open lead to insurgency in Pakistan by escalating situation of peace Extremism produced, people bulge rate increase, e.g. Food, water crises evolved - resources decreased all these factors lead to disturbing situations in Pakistan now resulted seen in front in shape of hybrid warfare.

Cyber space attacks also a form of hybrid warfare. Cyber attacks increased day by day which is a threat to national database and its decision making mechanism. This cyber threat needs immediate attention. considerable more deteriorating to resources abolished information technology compromised technological developments make data base vulnerable, this tested time by time - Cyber approach a threat to financial, commercial and banking sectors, medical institutions etc. Cyber attack is an arsenal which causes more

distracting effects to Pakistan. Because Pakistan is not so much advanced digital, educational and economic position to create opportunities to overtake the cyber attacks of other countries. Israel made cyber attacks in 2021 by clients of NSO group cyber espionage firm. In 2021 cyber attacks on Pakistan National Bank, FBR also.

Hybrid warfare having uncountable deteriorating effects in which one is human loss. Human loss is in result of attacks such as bombings, ~~extremism~~ extremist groups, in name of sectarianism such as attack on Army public school Peshawar in 2014 Police line attack Peshawar 2022 according to HRW report 2021, 5000 killed in warfare attacks. No law and order situation in Pakistan. Lawlessness create problems badly affect the Pakistani society leading to distress - corruption introduced everywhere even for legal rights of people. This is due to hybrid warfare. Inequality create disturbances in society.

due to hybrid warfare unemployment increased causes different changes such as poverty, which is the mother of all inflation on national and international level - The unemployment rate in Pakistan 74% male and 48% women unemployed according to World Bank report 2023 - If employed If their wages are low, women have less than 25% as compared to men according to PEW research report

The human lives loss, poverty, unemployment, economic crises, food crises deteriorated peace of society individual, political level - All these factors lead to hybrid warfare - According to ECP 2018 Report 9.94% elected from north waziristan - According to LPR 40.8% not get their share in inheritance due to uneducated illiteracy, inequity, and misconception created by militants, hybrid warfare actors such as resulted only few women are heads of states (PEW report 2019) Cyber attacks information hacked personal, national, international which is used by militants to weaken the bases - The NAB and FIA cyber attacks



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causes conflicts in institutions,  
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