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Q2 Introduction:

The Chinese dragon has not only been hatched but is ready to take flight; this challenges the bald eagle supremacy. The world has been unipolar so far after the collapse of U.S.S.R. but the world order is changing abruptly with multipolarity. Rise of China is predominantly a challenge to the U.S. hegemony.

Enemy of enemy is ~~your~~ friend:

China and India have had cold relations due to their territorial and water disputes. For U.S.A to contain the Chinese influence in the region, increasing the Indian influence is the best way out.

U.S - India Strategic Partnership:

Although the U.S during the cold war showed cold shoulders to the India due to India's inclination towards U.S.S.R., the U.S has been eager to increase its cooperation and coordination with India. Some of the key strategic partnerships include

- i) \$29 billion deal to establish eight civil nuclear reactors
- ii) Support for Indian membership to NSG (Nuclear supplier group) by the U.S.A.

A threat for Pakistan:

The growing U.S.A-India relations is a threat to Pakistan, a non NATO ally called by Bush administration, which relied

heavily on the U.S.A for military and monetary aids during the cold war and war on terror. The civil nuclear partnership between U.S and India is now a cold shoulder by U.S to Pakistan when it was asked to do more in War on Terror.

India will not only be allowed to import uranium from anywhere but also will create hurdles for nuclear imports of Pakistan and will possibly block Pakistan's membership in NSG.

U.S - China India military collaboration: India has become the 2nd largest U.S weapon importer. India relied on U.S.S.R weapons earlier but now it has increased ~~the~~ westernization of weapons. American weapons provided its efficiency and durability can strengthen the Indian army, navy and airforce which can be a threat to Pakistan as India has long been trying to conduct surgical strikes in Pakistan which she cannot do due to the lack of equipment but the American gadgets of war may encourage Indian military to take such bold initiatives.

B3W vs BRI:

The Belt road initiative of China is an American and Indian nightmare. For India it is not only China but also Pakistan, through which The BRI would run through Pakistan Administered Kashmir (Gilgit Baltistan), which India has irredent claims on. BRI for India is

her encirclement and entanglement and for U.S.A it is a red card to keep U.S out of that region.

Similarly the string of pearls (ports that facilitate chinese trade) could threaten the increase chinese influence in the only all time year warm waters of Indian ocean.

Both U.S and India will create hurdles in the path of BRI which and CPEC which is the best deal of century for Pakistan and China.

Options left for Pakistan.

U.S needs market and India needs advance weapons to contain China ultimately threatening and damaging Pakistan's interests so for Pakistan increasing following are the options to counter this threat.

- (i) Increased collaboration with china in terms of military & nuclear technologies
- (ii) Upgradation of its military equipments
- (iii) Focusing on development of relations with Russia.
- (iv) Speedifying the CPEC BRI programme