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Question 8

Islamabad - Kabul Tensions and their Solutions

1- Introduction

The situation between both countries has become tense. Both countries are experiencing trade blockage, diplomatic chaos and attacks on their soil. This could be mitigated by strengthening bilateral and trade relations.

2- Analysing Islamabad - Kabul Tensions

Both the neighbours are experiencing very tense relations. The following points will illustrate their situations.

i) Trade Blockage

Due to rising tensions, both countries are facing trade blockage. Pakistan fears the infiltration of terrorists. Chaman Border has been closed due to this threat.

ii) Diplomatic Chaos

Both neighbours are exchanging heated arguments between each other. The foreign minister of Afghanistan Zabiullah Mujahid has warned that the Taliban government could take strict measures against Pakistan.

iii) Attacks in Pakistan

Since the TTA has captured power in Kabul,

Pakistan is facing numerous attacks on its soil. According to Dawn News, Pakistan has faced 30 attacks in the months of June and July.

iv) Attack on Chines has further strained the relations

Bisham attack

resulted in the deaths of Chinese nationals. This restrained Pakistan to take strict measures against the well-wishers of the terrorists.

Therefore, the country has taken strong stance against Afghanistan.

v) Strained Bilateral Relations

Taliban refuge to

TTP terrorists has strained the relation of both the neighbouring countries. Pakistan demands an end to TTP support by Afghanistan.

3. Solutions for Improving Bilateral Relations

i) Ending Diplomatic Chaos between Two muslim Countries

The first strategy that seems practicable is to end the diplomatic struggle between both countries. Both the countries should have diplomatic meeting same like Doha agreement for resolving their issues

ii) Eradicating Taliban Support to Tehreek Taliban Pakistan

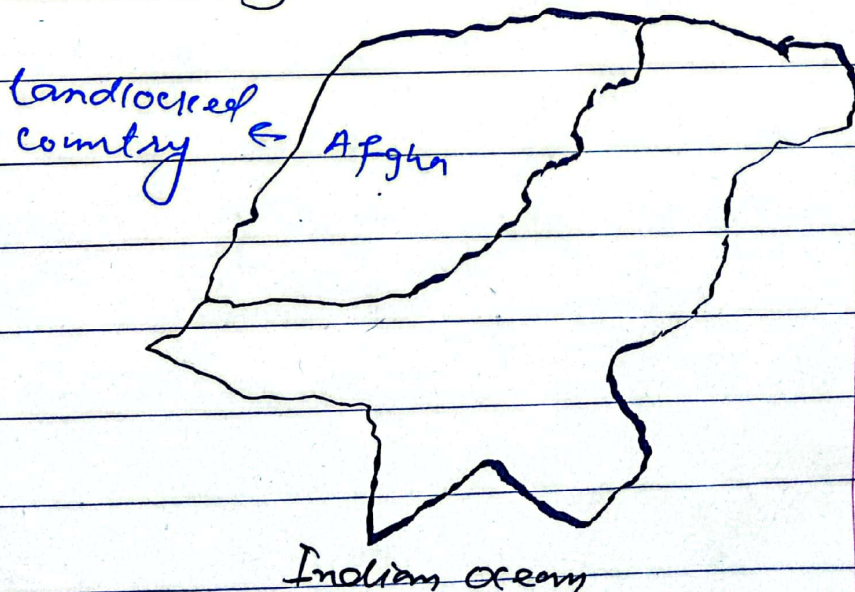
The most prominent problem is that Taliban must end their support to TTP. If this problem is solved, both will have good relation. The Taliban

Spokesperson has assured Pakistan that Taliban government will not support Pakistani terrorists.

iii) Strengthening Bilateral relations through cross-border investment

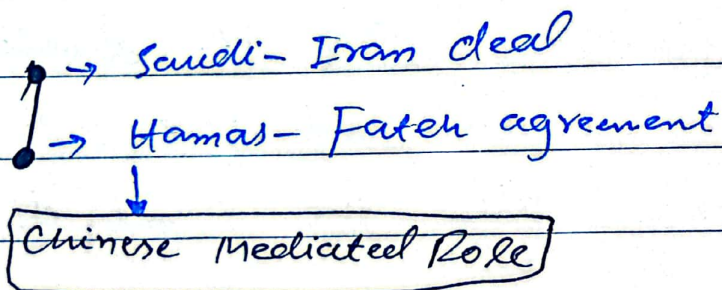
Afghanistan is facing severe crisis. But it is rich in natural resources. Pakistani investors must invest in Afghanistan for its development. This could end political deadlock between both the countries as well.

iv) Enhancing Trade Relations



Pakistan could provide a route to Afghanistan for trade. This sympathy of Pakistan can also reduce the tension between both the countries. Moreover, Pakistan should also enhance its trade with Afghanistan by exporting grain.

v) Pakistan should seek Chinese mediation



Pakistan can also request its friend China for resolving its tensions with its neighbouring country Afghanistan. In this way, it could reduce its tension with Afghanistan.

4- Conclusion

The relationship of Pakistan and Afghanistan has been strained by the problem of PTA. Afghan refugee to the enemies of Pakistan has enraged the countries. This resulted in tensions.

However, little sympathy and practical strategies could reduce the political confrontation between both countries.

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Question of Middle East Crisis after assassination of Hamas leader and its Solutions

1- Introduction

The tensions in middle East has been rise to a significant level. The region is standing on the brink of a regional and world war. The assassination of Hamas leader has added a fuel to the fire. However, the potential strategies like chinese mediation, solution Palestine issue and unity of Arab countries could resolve this crisis.

2- An Overview of Current Middle Eastern Crisis

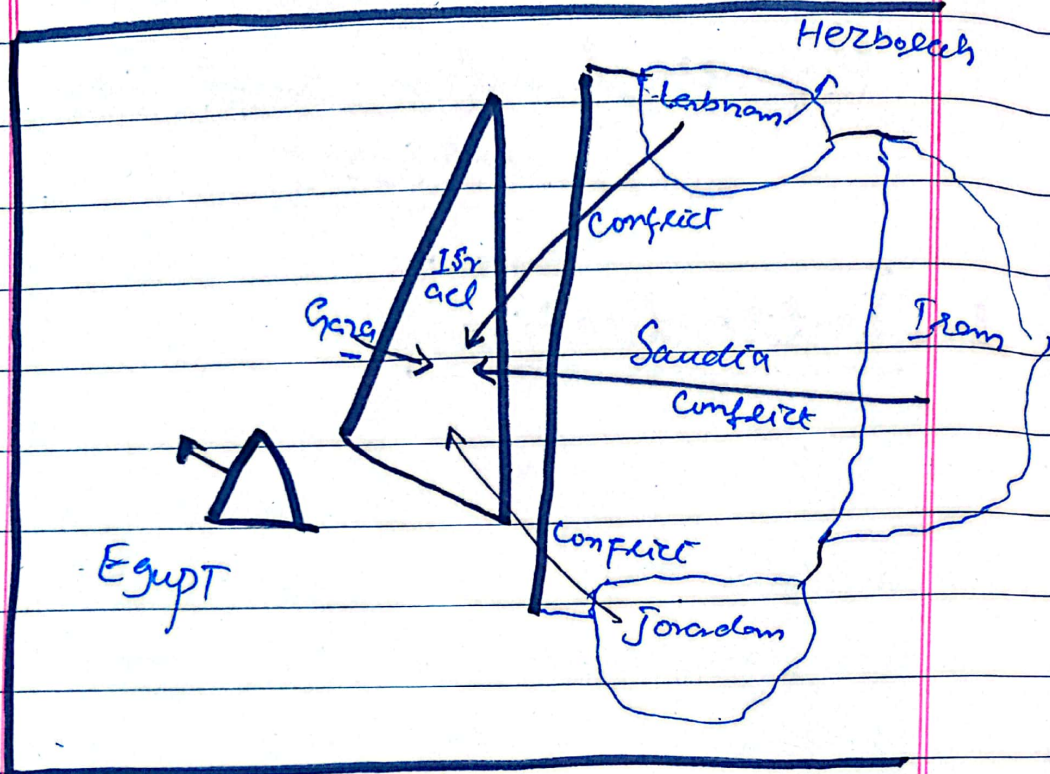


Fig: Showing current situation of Middle East

3- Iran - Israel Tussle and Evolving Situation in Middle East

i) Eruption of Regional war

All middle Eastern

Muslim countries are against Israel. The slightest problem could ignite a full fledged war involving key countries such as:

Jordan
Iran
Lebanon } against Israel

ii) Fear of World War Three

The big powers are also engaged in middle East crisis.

Syria → Russia is present

Israel → America is supporting

Arab countries → China is present

The ongoing conflict could result in world war three.

iii) Human Security is in danger in Middle East

Israel has killed 37 thousand Palestine people. Apart

from this, a full fledged war could also kill more people in this region.

iv) Israel Arab Enmity: A new chapter is unfolding

Arab countries were normalising ties with Israel. But this tense situation has halted the normalization of relations between both countries. Saudi-Israel deal has been restricted due to ongoing conflict

v) Economic repercussions for Middle Eastern countries

The middle Eastern countries are facing severe economic issue. Trade has been halted due to ongoing conflict. As a result, economic tensions are rising in middle East.

4. Strategies for resolving Middle Eastern Crisis

i) A proper solution to Palestine crisis could end crisis

Palestine crisis is a biggest problem in Arab-Israel enmity. A proper solution to this problem such as "Two State Solution" can end this protracted conflict.

ii) Restricting Non-State Actors from Starting attacks

Hezbollah, a proxy of Iran, in Lebanon, attacks western and Israeli ships. This enrages the countries to initiate conflict. Therefore, these type of proxies should be eradicated for ensuring peace in middle East.

iii) Restricting America from pursuing its vested interests

USA supports and provides weapons to Israel. For keeping a check on Iran. This enrages the Iran. USA support to Israel should be eradicated. In this way, the conflict could be resolved.

iv) China should play a mediated role

China

China has already crisis of Iran and Saudi-Arabia. In this, it should also play a mediatory role in resolving the crisis of middle East. Hamas-Fatah reconciliation is an example of China mediation.

4) Unity among Arab countries

Jurgon Theory of Collective Action insist that collective struggle could resolve many issues. The ^{Muslim} Arab countries should have unity and collectively stand against Israel for restricting it.

5. Conclusion

The Iran - Israel enmity has plunged middle East into a well of crisis. The world powers' involvement also raises the fear of world war three. However, some practical steps can resolve this crisis easily.

Question 04

Differences of government Opposition, Judiciary, and Military in Pakistan and their Solution

1 Introduction

The main institutions of Pakistan and Pakistani government are facing myriad of difference. They are confronting each other. However, unbiased institutions, and mitigation of political polarization can reduce the difference of different organs of the state.

2- Analysing differences of main organs of Pakistan

i) Political polarization increase the conflicts

The main organs of Pakistani state pursue different goals. This divergence of opinions causes conflict among the main organs of the state. Pervez Mushraff has once said: "Political polarization has made it difficult to govern Pakistan"

ii) Judicial Concern of Intelligence Influence in decision making

The Judiciary of Pakistan is struggling for establishing free and

independent judiciary. Chief Justice Qazi Fuz Issa, has received many letters full of death threats.

iii) Military Concern of excessive Criticism

The image of military has been maligned by social media. It is termed as "Regime changer". The Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan has termed it "Digital Terrorism" (Syed Asim Munir).

iv) Differences of Coalition government restricting development

The Coalition government has myriad of differences. As a result, the development on many projects is delayed. NFC award changing debate was ended

due to disagreement between
Coalition government

v) Outrage of opposition is
enraging public

The public
follows Imran Khan due to its
personality cult. Whenever a finger
is pointed at opposition, the public
began to criticise the government.
The opposition is initiating public
criticism against government.

vi) Vested Interests are leading
to conflicts

The power holders
in Pakistan wants to pursue
their vested interests. Whenever
their interests are not fulfilled,
they began to collide against
each other. Muhammad Ijaz

has argued that the divergence of interest lead to conflict in Pakistan [political conflict in Pakistan].

3. Strategies for mitigating the difference of main organs of Pakistani State

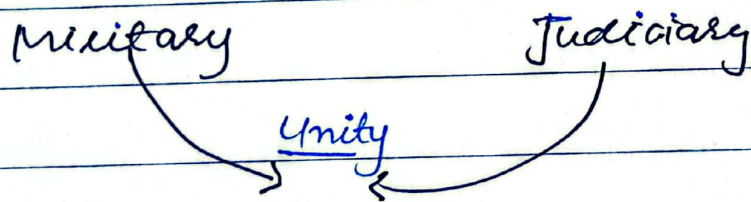
i) Strengthening institutions

The strong institutions could resolve many crisis of Pakistan. The strengthening of Judiciary could resolve its concerns. The authors of *Why Nations Fail* also emphasize that strong institutions are necessary for the development of state.

ii) Establishing local government for devolving power

The concentration of power in few hands exacerbate the political differences. The devolution of power could resolve the issue. World Bank report of 2008 has also favored local government system for the country.

iii) Fostering unity among the institutions of the state



The unity between different institutions could resolve the problem of respective institutions. The unity will also undermine their differences.

iv) Establishing a system of checks and balances

A system of checks and balances will avoid concentration of power in one hand. This ^{will} also divide the responsibility of institutions. USA system of checks and balances can be followed for this purpose.

v) Ending concerns of opposition and government by bringing proportional representation system.

The concern between opposition and government arises over concentration of power in single party. Proportional representation will divide power among all parties and it will end concerns of opposition and government.

4- Conclusion

The different organs of Pakistani state are conflicting with each other due to concentration of power of in single hands. The devolution of power and proportional representation system can end their differences.

Question 02

Capacity payments to Ipps results in costly electricity and Solutions for this

1- Introduction

The agreements with Ipps results in costly electricity. And it also rises the circular debt of Pakistan. Therefore, there is need of revising agreements with Ipps and shifting to renewable energy sources.

2 Understanding Ipps

Ipps are known as Independent power producer.

They privately produce electricity and sell to government. Benazir Bhutto firstly brought these private companies into Pakistan.

3- Expensive Electricity as a result of IPPs

i) Capacity payment to IPPs
increase electricity Tariff

The payments to these companies restrain government to enhance electricity tariffs. As a result, electricity becomes costly. Electricity Tariff has been increased from 11 to 33 due to payments.

ii) Capacity payments restrain government to unwanted taxes on electricity.

To fulfill the payments of electricity companies, the government impose unwanted taxes. Resultantly, electricity price goes higher. Television tax in mosque bill is an example of this.

iii) Increase Circular Debt

The payment to these private companies results in circular debt. Whenever, government remains unable to pay these companies, it results in power sector debt. It has reached to 30 billion according to Economic Survey of Pakistan

iv) Sell costly electricity to government

These companies also get fuel from the government yet sell costly electricity to government. Consequently, this results in enhancing

the prices of electricity

4) IPPs are burden on Pakistani power sector

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) has reported that two IPPs have not produced single unit of electricity. Despite this, payment of 13 billion was made to them. In this way, public gets costly electricity.

4- Solutions for generating cheap electricity instead of relying on IPPs

i) Revising agreements with IPPs

The heinous agreements that are resulting in costly electricity

Should be revised. Hafiz Naeem ul Rehman from Jamat-e-Islami has protested for revising these agreements.

ii) Prioritising renewable energy resources

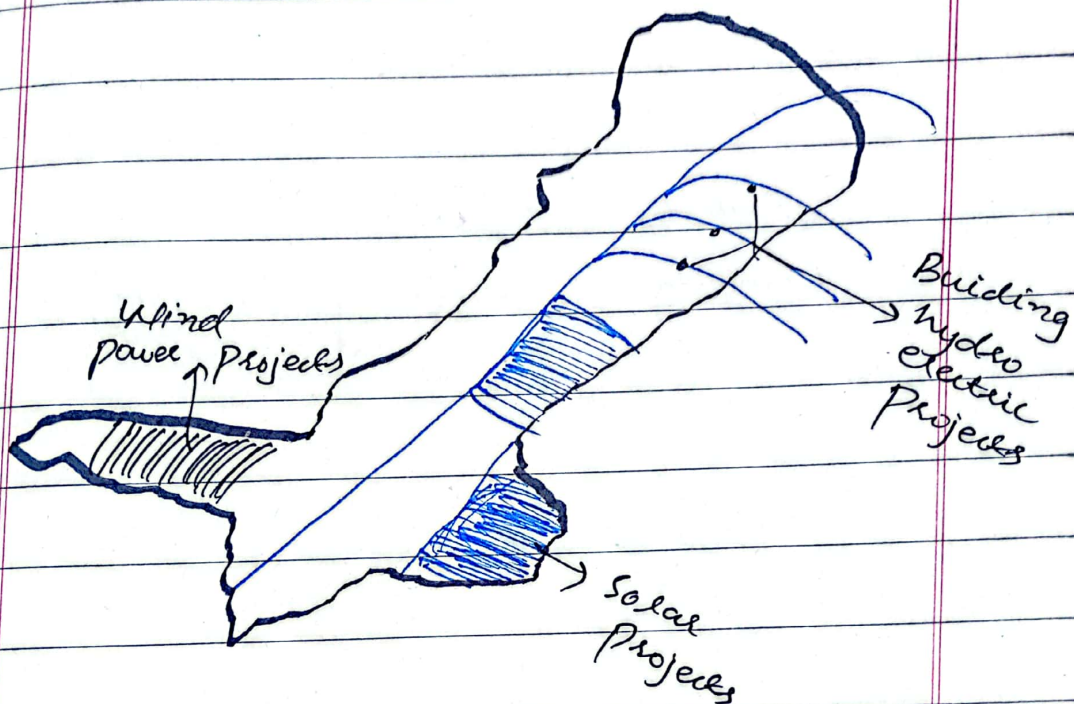


Fig: Showing renewable energy sources in Pakistan

By establishing these projects, Pakistan can get rid from costly electricity. These projects will also end the dependency of the country on IPPs.

iii) Controlling Circular Debt

The circular debt increase the price of electricity of in Pakistan. Avoiding electricity theft is necessary for reducing power sector debt.

iv) Establishing Ren

iv) Ending dependency on IPPs

The establishment of renewable energy resources is mandatory for ending the Pakistan's dependency on IPPs. Under CPEC, more projects of renewable energy should be agreed for reducing Pakistan's dependency on IPPs.

✓) Monitoring electricity theft through Artificial Intelligence can reduce burden on government

AI used be used for monitoring electricity theft. This will prove effective in controlling the power sector cost of the country. Therefore, this technique should be followed

5- **Conclusion**

The excessive reliance and agreements with IPPs provide costly electricity. The revising of these agreements and ending reliance on IPPs can result in providing cheap electricity.