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Q1:Introduction:

The relations between Iran and Pakistan have become hostile in last few days. It started when Iran launched a series of missiles attacks on the Panjgur district of Pakistan, where two children and few women got killed in the strikes. This series of attacks was a major threat to the sovereignty of Pakistan and in the retaliation Pakistan first cut off the diplomatic ties and then also retaliated with striking the Pakistani based terrorists in the Saravan district of Iran. It was both a strong message to the world that Pakistan is a sovereign country and also sent a message to the terrorists groups based in Iran.

Iran's take on the Air-strikes in the territory of Pakistan:

Iran is that a majority of

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Sunni Muslims and have minority of Shi'ite Muslims. There is a sectarian war in the region. Jesh-ul-Adl a Sunni terrorist group which has its roots in the Sistan-Baluchistan province of Iran.

They have also attacked on Iranian security forces in the past. Iran believes that the terrorist group Jesh-ul-Adl have safe heavens in territories of Pakistan.

The attack on January 16<sup>th</sup> of 2024 was on terrorist's hideouts in Pakistan.

Pakistan's take on the attack of Iranian Missiles and its retaliation:

The attack by the Iranian forces was a shock to Pakistani govt and its people. Because the claim of Iran that she has attacked the terrorist's hideouts in Pakistan was completely false and this narrative was rejected by the Pakistani state. In the retaliation, first Pakistan cut off the diplomatic

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ties with Iran. After the diplomatic retaliation Pakistan in order to show the Iranian regime and the world that Pakistan is not a banana republic attacked on the basis of Pakistani based terrorists groups in the Saraman region of Pakistan. Which was also confirmed by the Iranian govt that Pakistan has attacked on their terrorists not on any Iranian civilian. Through this attack Iran and as well as the world saw firm reaction of Pakistan that the country will not think twice to retaliate if attacked.

Pak-Iran hostility and its impact on the region and specially the cause of Palestine:

Since October 7th, the Israeli forces have been wreaking havoc on the innocent Palestinian people. More than 25000 people got killed in the

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Gaza war. When the people of Gaza were looking for support the ~~muslim~~ Muslim world, this incident took place and all the world shifted its sight from the Gaza war to Iran-Pakistan strikes. These strikes not only weakened the idea of muslim brotherhood but also damaged the cause that all muslims including Iran and Pakistan were ~~was~~ advocating for. This hostility between the Iran and Pakistan also benefited the cause of western ideology that muslims are not united.

Beneficiaries of the Pak-Iran hostile relations:

Israel:

The ongoing genocide of Palestinian people by the Israel was being condoned by the world. Pakistan which is sheer enemy of Israel and Iran which is also against the being of Israeli state. When Israel saw these two muslim brotherly countries attacking on each other

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got mesmerized and enjoyed the hostility. Iran who is supporting the Palestinian people in their cause through its proxies in the region got diverted and Pakistan who has been supporting the Palestinian cause through various ways, be it diplomatically in the OIC and UN assembly and through providing aid to the Palestinian people also got diverted from this attack.

United States and its western allies: India, United States which has hostile relations with Iran and who is also supporting the Israelis in the Gaza war was the one who came forward and ~~the~~ blamed Iran for being a hostile and terrorist country. The western nations also blamed the Iran too. This point was not a problem when Iran attacked the sovereignty of Pakistan. On the other hand, India a major enemy of Pakistan blamed that

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The Pakistan is terrorist country and it gives ~~and~~ safe heavens to the terrorist and supported the point of the Iran. Though the attack from the Iranian govt was wrong in itself but it harmed the idea of Muslim Ummah and specially the cause of Palestine.

What can both countries can do to deescalate and bring back normalacy:

### Restoration of Diplomatic Relations:

The first thing which countries need to do is to restore their diplomatic relations. Because the problem can only be solved through dialogues. Both countries need to sit on the table and address the issues through diplomatic tables.

### Military: Need of Strengthening Military Relations between Iran - and Pakistan:

There is a dire need of military sharing between the countries.

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Both countries are facing the issue of trans border terrorism. So, through intelligence sharing and combine operation both countries can wipe out the terrorist groups in the region.

More and more inclusion of people to people relation:

The people of Pakistan and the Iran have to have people to people relations. It can be through art, media, culture etc.

Economic Activities in the region:

The hostility can be lessened by more and more economic relations. Both countries have to build their economic relations. There must be border markets where both countries' inhabitants can do businesses with minimum amount of taxes on trade.

Conclusion:

Though, the relations between Iran and Pakistan are hostile at



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moment but this can be reduced through multiple ways and Iran is the first country in the world which has recognized Pakistan on its inception. Both countries have been having brotherly relations. However, in last several years, the two countries have been accusing each other for doing terrorism in the respect of countries. The relations can become healthy and stronger if both countries set on diplomatic tables and address the issues via dialogue only and start more and more trades so that the two countries can get benefit from each other and do not let the rest of the world enjoy these hostile relations.

