

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

PART - II

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INTRODUCTION

Muslim League was in a continuous effort for separate electorate and provincial autonomy to protect rights of minorities in general and Muslims in particular. Nehru Report has ignored the demand for separate electorate which was vehemently opposed by Muslims. Losing 1937 elections and facing the real administration of Congress ministries brought them to a point, that a separate state is a must for their existence. Within seven years of Lahore Resolution, Muslim League became successful in obtaining a separate Muslim state.

- BRITISH ORDERS FOR FRAMING CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS
- NEHRU REPORT 1928
- QUAID'S 14 POINTS 1929
- ALLAHABAD ADDRESS 1930
- CONGRESS MINISTRIES 1937-39
- LAHORE RESOLUTION 1940
- ELECTIONS 1946
- INDEPENDENCE 1947



BACKGROUND:

Hamid Ali Khan in *Constitutional and Political History of Pakistan* points out that the movement got an extra engine when British Empire assigned the work of designing a framework for constitution to both leading Parties i.e., Congress and Muslim League. Before this task they had already accepted Muslims demand of separate electorate, so before elections all formalities for governance should be managed.

NEHRU REPORT

NEHRU was assigned for the task from Congress, and he had proposed its report in 1928. He was severely criticized for shamefully ignoring the Muslims demand of separate electorate, that has been already accepted in Simla Conference.

QUAID'S 14 POINTS

As Quaid-e-Azam has responsibility for this task from AIML, so he presented his famous 14 points agenda in 1929. He has clearly stated that elections should be based on separate electorate so that minorities also participate in government affairs, for safeguarding their own rights.

ALLAHABAD ADDRESS

On 21st annual session of AIML at Allahabad, Allama Iqbal gave his presidential speech, in 1930. At the occasion he proposed the concept of a separate state for Muslims, therefore titled as Dreamer of Pakistan.

In my opinion, areas of Punjab, NWFP, Sindh and Balochistan should be merged into a sovereign state with or without British Empire. It is the only

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destiny for Muslims, at least of western Indian Muslims for protecting their rights.

After this address, Chaudhary Rehmat Ali has coined a name for such autonomous region in 1933 and that is Pakistan.

CONGRESS MINISTRIES

AIML was very badly defeated by Congress in 1937 elections, as it failed to form a single ministry in India. While Congress came in government with clear cut majority in major provinces. Muslims faced a harsh distinction in the rule of Congress. Hindu Muslim disputes were a part of daily news.

LAHORE RESOLUTION

On 22-24 March 1940, AIML gathered in Lahore for passing a resolution, a clear depiction of Muslims demands. On 22nd

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March, Quaid's speech had already cleared about the resolution.

Muslims are not a Minority.

They are a Nation, by any definition of nation. Both are living together from centuries but never intermingled their values, religion and culture.

Therefore, a separate State is mandatory for Muslims to protect their identity.

On 23rd March, resolution was passed describing its basis, demand and reason.

BASIS	Two Nation Theory
DEMAND	A state composed of Muslim majority areas of West & East India.
REASON	To protect their identity and to practice their faith.

ELECTIONS

The resolution was climax point of movement, and victory of AIML on almost all seats of Muslims in the elections of 1946, clearly shows the acceptance of league as a sole representative of them. British government can't deny the demand of an independent state. League was also remained successful in presenting the Poor man Budget (Liqaat Ali Khan).

INDEPENDENCE

Finally, Lord Mountbatten was called for drawing a boundary line. He has fully utilized the weak points of Lahore Resolution, resulting in an unfair distribution of land specially of Punjab and Bengal alongwith the resources. But atleast Muslim league won in obtaining a separate homeland for Muslims.

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CONCLUSION

If Congress didn't show rigidity towards Muslim's demand for separate electorate and showed a good governance in its ministries towards all, Muslim League might be remained busy in struggling. Their stubborn behavior had done half work of AIML in realizing Muslims, that they can't safeguard their rights in a United India. Therefore, a separate homeland for you is a necessity.

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INTRODUCTION

Economic prosperity is linked with political stability (Malika Lodhi). Without an accepted government of people, neither the government become enthusiastic for deliverance nor the people show

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concern for their accountability. Stability and sustainability of political order is essential for attracting foreign investments and national image of country. On other side political stability is also very much dependent on economic prosperity (Ishrae Abbass) Even a government without major public support when delivers and brings prosperity in country, masses will ultimately accept its capability.

ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE

IMPORT BASED ECONOMY

According to Annual Economic Outlook Report of Ministry of Finance Division 2022-2023, Pakistan has exports of \$12.5 billion while imports of \$21 billion.

In energy sector, more than 5000MW of CPEC electricity production is based on imported fuels which

is responsible for widening the current account deficit.

IMF AUSTERITY MEASURES

To obtain a SBA fund of \$3bn Islamabad has put great efforts. It also has to follow up the strict conditionalities as directed for improving economy of country. As a result of which Pakistanis are facing an ever highest inflation rate of 28.2% (Jan, 2024).

LOW TAX TO GDP RATIO

Revenue generated in form of tax is very less as compared to GDP. Pakistan has less than 10% tax: GDP which should be atleast improved to 15%.

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

REGIME CHANGE

From 2021 to 2024, Pakistan has

been governed by three different governments and the fourth will come in power after the general elections of February. In such a situation, no investor is willing to invest, therefore necessitating political stability over economic prosperity. Not only this but the economic indicators have observed very shocking ups & downs in this time period. IMF was not willing for SBA until Islamabad somehow managed \$3 bn from friend countries. Its second tranche was also released after successful review, for which Pakistanis has observed sky rocketing prices of energy and fuel.

SECURITY SITUATION

Finding no political stability, VNSAs got a welcoming environment for their voracious activities. There is an increase of 94% terrorist activities from year of 2022 to 2023.

TTP & ISKP resurgence from lands of Taliban has affected Islamabad relations with Kabul.

EFFORTS OF CARETAKER SETUP

Interim PM has sent back the load of 1.5 million illegal Afghan refugees which are harming Pakistan's fragile economy. But the delayed procedures of passports and visas has also halted trade from Torkham border giving a loss of \$100,000 per day closure.

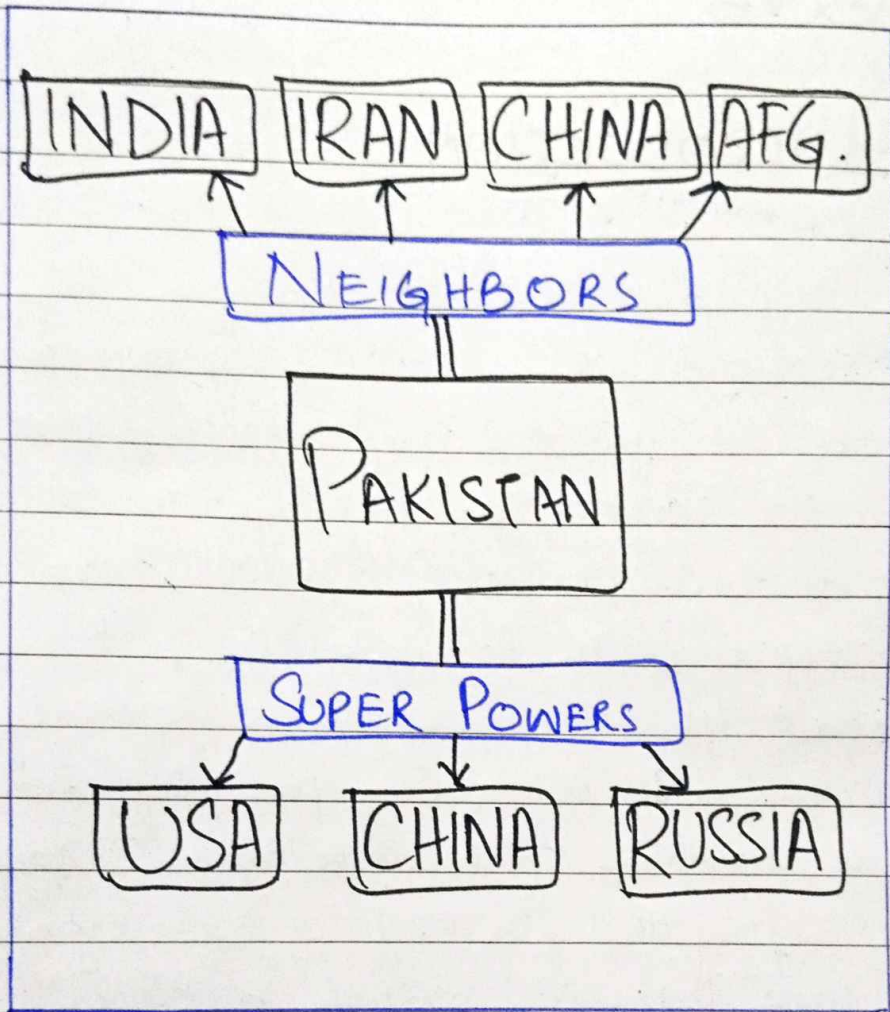
CONCLUSION

Both factors are linked to each other in multiple aspects. But the geopolitical and geoeconomic landscape of Islamabad prioritizes political stability in the country for economic prosperity only. Of both which came first, must have to bring other, otherwise has to go its home back.

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INTRODUCTION

World is observing the year of elections where half of its population will get its newly elected govt. Amid security conditions and economic prospects, Pakistan has to reframe its foreign policy to deal its economic crisis especially which will ultimately put stars on the shoulders of the government for achieving the goal. In a situation where there is coldness in east, any kind of military activity in west is unaffordable (Malika Lodhi, Jan 2024 in Dawn). Besides its friendly relations with USA and China, Pakistan should also shake hands with Russia. In global great power game Islamabad should behave like a balancer prioritizing its own geo-economic concerns (ISIS).



RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS

AFGHANISTAN

In November 2023, Narendra Modi decided to send back the Afghan refugees for three main reasons..

- 1- TTP & ISKP are attacking from Taliban's land.

2- Taliban's stable government
in Afghanistan and withdrawal
of US Troops

3- Economic load on Pakistan's
economy

But Kabul never accepted the
blame of their using land against
Islamabad. Governments from both
sides want to ease the security
situation for which they can use
joint military strategies to combat
terrorists. Pakistan can also move
forward like China to establish
good diplomatic ties with country.

IRAN

On 16 Jan 2024, an attack from
Iran has killed civilians in Pakistan.
The issue was balanced by accurately
targeting terrorist sites in ~~Sistan Baluchistan~~
Baluchistan. But situation in Baluchistan
is tensed as per attacks by BLA.
Tehran & Islamabad interior
ministers along with foreign office

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have discussions to solve the issue by sharing intelligence information. Pakistan's relations with Iran was always remained disturbed due to Iran Saudi ties. Beijing brokered deal is beneficial to Islamabad, as now it doesnot have to pick one out of two. There is great opportunity for coming government to operationalize TAPI pipeline.

INDIA

Modi's government has cold relations with the former Pakistani government. He has also fully flourished his Hindutva ideology for securing his third term. Revokation of Article 370 and 25(A) plus opening of Ram Temple on demolished site of Babri Masjid is clear manifestation of New Delhi's muscles flexation. Pakistan has also blamed India for targēe killings (Spokesperson FO). Its successful mission to Moon and

deal with USA (NASA) to share
Sea and Earth navigation system
Share Pakistan for some movements
to lower its existential threats.

Otherwise the idea of Akhand
Bharat will change the strategic
landscape. As India has always
manipulated the extremist move-
ments of Balochistan. A good relation
with Iran is a must to stop India
for atleast spoiling the internal
situations of Pakistan.

CHINA

Pakistan and China has
celebrated a decade annivers-
ary of CPEC in June, 2023. The
security situation in KPK and
Balochistan especially alongwith
political instability have halted
the progress of CPEC. Pakistan
can gain multiple assistances from
Beijing for its economic prosperity.
As a major investor of Taiwan's

silicon industry, China assists Pakistan to boost its technology sector to cope threats from East.

RELATIONS WITH SUPER POWERS

USA

Pakistan's relations with US were primarily because of latent interests in Kabul. With its withdrawal, New Delhi became favorite child of it. Pakistan has to put basis of new relations which will solely based on its geo economic and strategic capabilities. US can favor Pakistan in education sector through scholarships and investing for improving quality of education.

RUSSIA

Being an ally of US, Pakistan remained restricted in shaking hands with Russia. The visit of ex-PM has shown a positive

indicators from Moscow. It is ready for bearing the losses of steel industry of Pakistan and revolutionizing it for Islamabad. Also Pakistan can step forward for being a part of BRICS. Shaking hands with them will balance the global and regional political landscape, thus reducing concerns for any kind of military activity.

CONCLUSION

To deal with economic crisis a safe and secure environment is necessary. For which Pakistan's relations with its neighbors must be trustworthy. This is essential for regional stability. And as the region has potential for balancing global powers, therefore also impacts global security concerns. Pakistan should formulate its ties with all of them on geoeconomic basis.

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ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGES

Although Pakistan is contributing only 1% in global emissions, yet has observed a loss of infrastructure, lives, health and economy as per victim of climate changes.

AIR POLLUTION

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FLOODS

HEAT WAVES

FLOODS

In 2022, Pakistan's one third land was submerged under water, giving a loss of \$30 billion (NDMA). Due to poor

sanitation facilities, it has also its DHAs of Karachi and Lahore submerged in 2023. The situation is worsening the crop growth and net yield, for which wheat has to be imported further contributing to raise price of living in it.

AIR POLLUTION

As per AQI, Pakistan is most polluted country having Lahore and Karachi at top 5 cities.

In Dec 2023, artificial rain has been used to lower smog levels. A report by World Bank claims that living for a month in Lahore can lower life span upto three years. This has boosted pneumonia cases in Punjab,

7250 ^{children} deaths in Jan 2024 only.

With a health department third in transparency International report on corruption and worse quality of air, chances of good health

seems unaffordable.

Heat WAVES

Pakistan has also experienced extreme heat waves bringing its temperatures about 45°C on average. More than 1200 deaths in Karachi only (NDMA), a locust attack in Sindh along with loss of 40% yield of mango and starch in wheat are all curses of heat waves.

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POPULATION EXPLOSION

As per 7th national consensus held digitally, Pakistan has more than 24 Crore of people making it the 5th largest nation of the world with a birth rate of 2.25%. As per availability of scarce resources, such a huge population is not a blessing.

IMPACTS

⇒ Poor health conditions of people specially mothers and children. Pakistan is observing highest mortality rate, 40000 deaths per year due to breast cancer, 34% mentally depressed women (Pakistan Medical Association). In Pakistan a child is dying in every minute due to Pneumonia, diarrhea and malnutrition (UNICEF)

⇒ Conflicts on scarce resources of caring. More than 40% of population is living a life below poverty line. They can involve very easily in criminal and terrorist activities to feed their stomachs.

FUTURE COURSE

⇒ Increased use of contraceptive pills as endorsed by Bangladesh

to control its population.

⇒ Improving health conditions of people so that they don't produce for having at least someone in the end.

⇒ Improving economic condition of people so that they don't continue to produce for letting them to earn for their parents.

⇒ Legislations for a prescribed birth rate as done by China.

⇒ Women empowerment so that they can make a choice for themselves.

⇒ Family planning consultation at religious, educational, political, social and media level.

