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Pak-Afghan relations Introduction:

After the take over of Afghanistan by the Afghan Taliban in August, 2021, there has been an increase of attacks by the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). For most parts, the Afghanistan land has been used by the TTP. According to Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS) Security report TTP and ISK-P Islamic State Khorasan accounted for 82 percent of terrorism related deaths and conducted 78 percent of terrorist attacks in 2023. This has deteriorated the relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan because there have been reports that TTP is using Afghanistan's

and to destabilize Pakistan.
 Pakistan has asked the Afghan-Taliban to play a role in curbing these attacks but the Afghan-Taliban interim government has denied all of his claims.

Due to these increased militant attacks, Pakistan government announced the deportation of illegal and undocumented Afghan refugees. The Afghan government termed this as "unacceptable" so the relations have been further deteriorated.

III Implications of militant attacks for Pakistan and Afghanistan

i An Environment of uncertainty and discomfort

Due to these attacks, Pakistan has been dealt with an environment of uncertainty and discomfort. There has been a loss of precious lives and the internal peace

also has been in jeopardy. There has been a sphere of mistrust between the civilians, ^{military} and the government. For example the political parties have blamed the military for not taking effective actions against the militants and similarly military has also criticized the policy makers for failure of their policies.

- II A threat to ill-torned economy

These attacks are a threat to the economy of Pakistan who is already struggling to cop up with its economic and security risks are associated with the investment mostly the investment by the foreigners and also the game changing projects like the CPEC and BRI. No one would like to invest in environment

where there is uncertainty and
instability

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Afghanistan's humanitarian crisis
might go further deep

Afghanistan is already struggling
with her economic crises. If

TTP and ISK-P are using
her land means the international

communities would choose
this factor to not to help
Afghanistan in order to curb
this crisis.

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Afghanistan's image has been
hampered - might ^{not get} her
geo-political goals

As Afghanistan just got
a new set-up in August, 2021.

It is still struggling to
get new friends which
can't help them in attaining
their geo-political goals
and if Afghanistan's land
has been used or if they
not do anything about TTP

they might not achieve their geo-strategic goals.

-v Afghan Transit Trade:

This transit can also be affected. If Pakistan makes a policy that no further trade will be allowed through the corridor then it will be a huge loss not only to Afghanistan but also to Pakistan also.

But what Pakistan has done is that they ^{have} ordered all the un-documented Afghan refugees to go back to their country. This has further deteriorated the relations.

2.15 How this deportation will hurt Afghanistan

(i) Afghanistan's Capacity building will be tested.

An estimated 1.7 million Afghan refugees are undocumented

meaning that Afghan ^{government} need some sort of capacity building to settle this refugees.

Afghanistan is already facing severe humanitarian crisis. According to UN, almost 69% of people of Afghanistan are under the poverty line. So settling these refugees will be a massive challenge for Afghanistan.

-ii Deportation poses risks to Afghan's stability

Many refugees will likely to adjust to life in Afghanistan, especially if they have no foreseeable prospect. They might join some violent or extremist groups in order to have a profitable earning.

252 Tehreek-e-Taliban will benefit a lot from these deportations

The ultimate winner will be the Tehreek-e-Taliban. This will neither benefit Pakistan nor Afghanistan. But TTP would take advantage of this, they might involve some refugees who are familiar with Pakistan and could be persuaded to attack the state.

IV Recommendations - what needs to be done to tackle TTP and to have better relation with Afghanistan
Pakistan need to understand Taliban psyche:

Pakistan need to understand Taliban psyche. For example instead of handling Osama Bin Laden in 2001 to America they let their government to fall. So the Afghan Taliban would never hand out TTP leaders to

Pakistan And instead of asking them that give clue about their bases, they should take strict actions and attack the ~~military~~ militant bases through intelligence operation.

-ii Pakistan needs to dismantle the leaders of TTP

Pakistan need to dismantle the top leaders of TTP. We have examples from the past that by dismantling the top leadership breaks the network of such violent groups. We have seen that the founder of TTP

Baitullah Mehsud was killed in 2009 and after that somehow TTP was not as effective as they were before.

iii Pakistan need to re-evaluate her policy towards Afghanistan
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Critical and tentative dialogues have been held between Pakistan and Afghanistan instead of making them part of problem try to co-opt them into the solution. Afghanistan need to understand the demands of Pakistan if not Pakistan need to re-evaluate her policy towards Afghanistan.

-iv **Three pronged approach**
diplomatic, economic and military action

Pakistan first need to engage Afghanistan with diplomatic ties efforts are currently been made as Muleer Feroz-ur-Rehman was sent to have talks about the mutual cooperation. But as of now no progress has been made. If diplomatic ties fail Pakistan need to exert pressure through economic policies like

enhanced duties, high tariffs and a tight policy regarding the transit. Smuggling along the border and influx of refugees must be closely monitored. Also there needs to have a military operation against the TTP but not of the kind of Zarb-e-Azb we had in 2016. This time a new and with a perfect operational strategy - a operation is required.

-v Afghanistan need to respond positively to Pakistan's demand in order to gain her geo-political depth

Afghanistan need to help Pakistan in order to get his geo-political goals. As there is already a humanitarian crisis so in order to have a world-International

Committee they must remain adhere to the Pakistan's demands. **China** can play her role in initiating complete and effective dialogue. This is also important for China because regional peace is crucial for China's flagship projects like the CPEC and the BRI and if there is peace in the region means China's ambitions as a world's economic leader would be fulfilled as far as this region is concerned.

Question : 03

US - India Strategic Partnership

Introduction :

India and USA are extending their strategic partnerships through some economic and defence agreement. Over the past few years USA has invested a lot in India and both have committed to extend this to a new level. One primary reason for that is containment of China and as both India and USA do not want the hegemony of China, they are making agreements in almost all spheres of the geo-strategic and geo-economic domains. Beside China this has also created problems for Pakistan in its security and economic spheres.

This has far reaching implications for Pakistan but with a effective and balance approach Pakistan can ensure that its geo-strategic and geo-economic demands are not affected.

II A glance at the growing Strategic partnership of India and USA

US-India have been the Strategic partners in almost all the domains since the visit of President Clinton in 2000s. But these relations have been further extended to a new level. India and USA have signed multiple defence, technology and economic deals. In the defence sector the US-India-Defence Technology Trade Communication was signed in the 2018. It was a security agreement and

at strengthening the security and capability of certain defence alliances. Similarly the Indo-US defence Industrial Cooperation signed in the 2023 also aims to have a co-production of advanced defence system and collaborate research. Similarly in technology NASA and ISRO are developing strategic framework to develop and invest in new technologies. In terms of economic domain the trade between India and USA crossed \$191 billion in 2022 according to the White House. Similarly in various multilateral agencies USA is extending its supports towards. For example backing India to become a permanent member of United Nations Security Council. Example of

This is in 2008 Barack Obama backed India to get permanent seat in the UNSC. Similarly USA is also supporting India at CEO and Forum, Pacific in Blue Pacific, climate and energy — all these show growing ties between India and USA.

Implications for Pakistan

(i) Balance is disturbing in S.A.Sia

The geo-political and geo-strategic balance has been disrupted in South Asia.

USA providing defence aid is a serious concern for the regional stability of South Asia.

India is already at conflict with its four neighbours China, Pakistan, Nepal, and Bhutan. This not only has far implications

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Poo Pakistan but also for
the regional stability of
South Asia.

(ii) USA by supporting India
suppressing the issue of Kashmir
By backing India, USA
is suppressing the issue of
Kashmir. USA as discussed
earlier is backing India to
get a permanent seat in
UNSC means that Kashmir
issue would be remained
unsolved.

(iii) USA - turning its eye from
India's humanitarian crisis
Due to this USA has
also turning its eye from
India's unlauded policy
against the minorities.

USA -
(iv) Somehow weakened the relation
with Pakistan

By doing all this Pakistan-USA
relations have been dealt
a major blow.

Pakistan has lost confidence in USA that it can't act as a mediator. In the past at least instances USA has played the role of mediator but it seems unlikely now.

IV Policy Recommendations

- i Pursue active diplomacy to curb Indian's influence. Pakistan need to be active and portray a message at the International forum that USA is disturbing the peace in the South-Asia. For this Pakistan need active diplomacy.
- ii USA need to continue working with Pakistan in order to exert influence in Afghanistan. If USA want to have its influence in Afghanistan and

as Afghanistan is critical for
the world's peace, USA
need to work with Pakistan
in order to have a peace
and influence in the region.

I. III USA need to enhance its
silicon valley investment
in Pakistan

USA can enhance its
silicon valley investments in
Pakistan because Pakistan
is already facing severe
economic crisis. USA need
to implement similar
strategies they adopted
in India like the
Amazon or Google
farms that are gradually
working in India.

iv USA need to transfer technology
through WIPA

v Pak need to form formidable

per labeled cooperators

vi Enhance partnership with china