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Pak-Afghan relations in the wake of repeated attacks by TTP and ISKP in Pakistan - using Afghan land against Pakistan and in return Islamabad decided to pull out Afghan refugees.

Ans: (1) INTRODUCTION ::

As Afghanistan is the immediate neighbour of Pakistan and located in North-West of it. The increasing attacks of TTP and ISKP are deteriorating the relations of both states due to the safe haven of militant groups in Afghanistan. In return, Pakistan had to pull out the Afghan refugees. The impact of the recent developments is direct on the trade, security and cooperation of Pakistan as well as Afghanistan.

(2) Increasing attacks of TTP and ISKP in Pakistan ::

Since previous two years, Pakistan is experiencing rapid attacks of militant groups of TTP and ISKP. In 2023 two attacks in Peshawar killed

many people.

(3) Afghanistan - as a safe heaven for militants :-

As Afghanistan is the neighbour of Pakistan and its seven other provinces only attack with one province KPK.



Afghanistan is being used by such militant groups who are responsible for terrorism in Pakistan.

(4) Pakistan's decision to pull out Afghan refugees.

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ment to hand over TTP and ISKP to Pakistan. Islamabad had to pull out Afghan refugees in 2023.

(5) Implications of increasing tensions between both of the states :-

(1) Security issues will increase :-

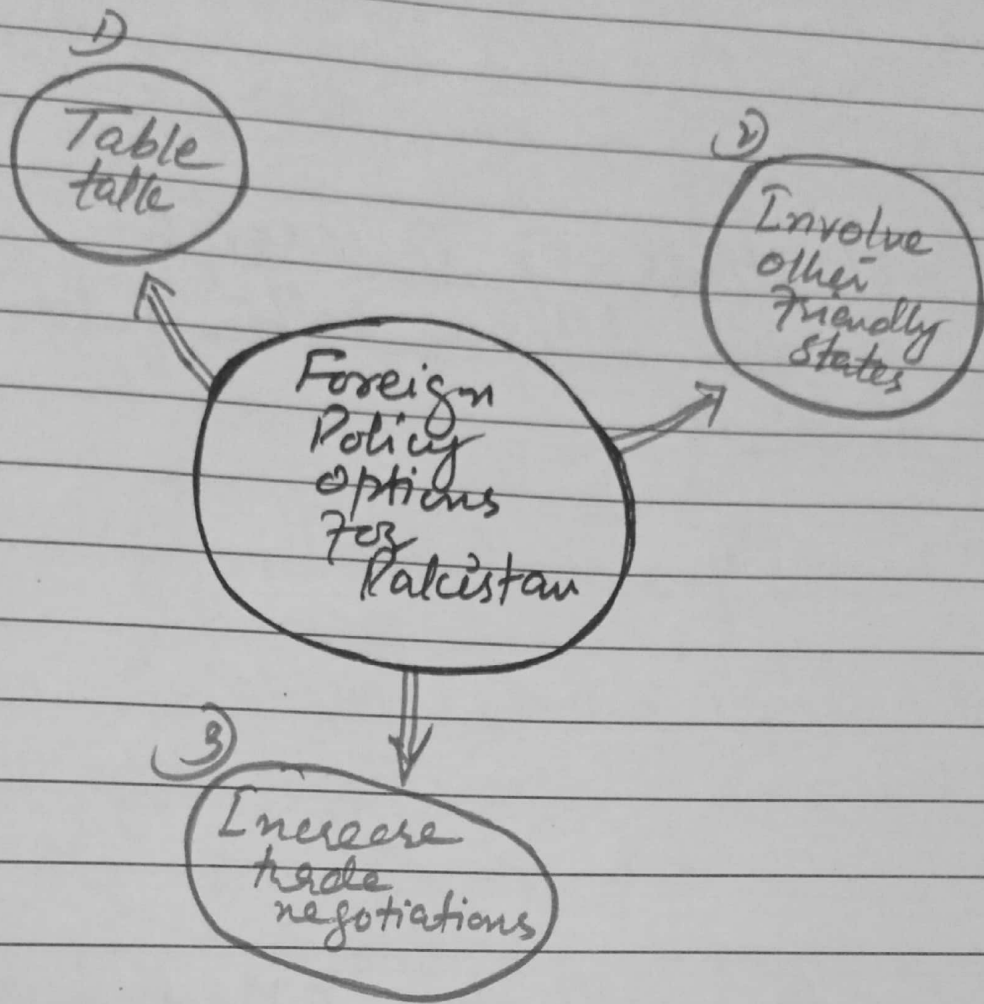
Both countries are immediate neighbours so, tensions between them may increase security concerns for both of them.

(2) Trade will be affected :-

As Afghanistan is a land lock country and it needs Pakistan for transit trade. So, it will be difficult for Afghanistan to run its trade without Pakistan's support.

(6) Foreign Policy Options for Pakistan to resolve the issue :-

Pakistan will have need to take some pragmatic steps.



(1) Pakistan should arrange table talk with Afghanistan :-

War is the not an option for both of the states, so they must arrange table talk to resolve the issue.

(2) Islamabad needs to involve other friendly states :-

States like China and Russia can

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play a pivotal role to mediate and defuse the tensions.

(3) Pakistan should increase trade negotiations :-

Trade involvement can also reduce the issues as both of the states are neighbours and can help out each other.

(7) Conclusion :-

Being immediate neighbours, Afghanistan and Pakistan shares religious similarities. Increasing tensions between the states due to militant groups. Pull out of Afghan refugees ignites the tensions more. Hence, Pakistan needs to be engaged in negotiations and involvement of other states

Ques: US - India's growing strategic partnership to contain China but its effects on Pakistan.

Ans: (1) Introduction:

Soon after the partition of Indian subcontinent in 1947, US and India have been engaging in strategic partnership. Both countries are also rivals of China and in order to contain it, they have signed some pacts QUAD and IMCE (India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor). US and India are also members of BRICS. Pakistan is also one of the affectee of such strategic partnership like security concerns are increasing for Pakistan along with Kashmir issue.

(2) US-India's Strategic Partnership:

US and India are members of BRICS, IMCE and QUAD. Both countries do military, naval and air exercises together. The recent meeting of Foreign Ministers and security officials of US and India further

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strengthen partnership in other fields.

(3) Both countries strategic partnership aims to contain China :-

(1) BRI is contained through IMEE :-

In the annual meeting of BRICS in India, 2023, India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor had been announced basically to contain Chinese dragon (BRI + String of Pearls).

(2) QUAD is another suffocation for China :-

QUAD (Quadilateral Security Dialogue) is a partnership among Australia, India, Japan and United States. These countries has deployed military around the string of pearls.

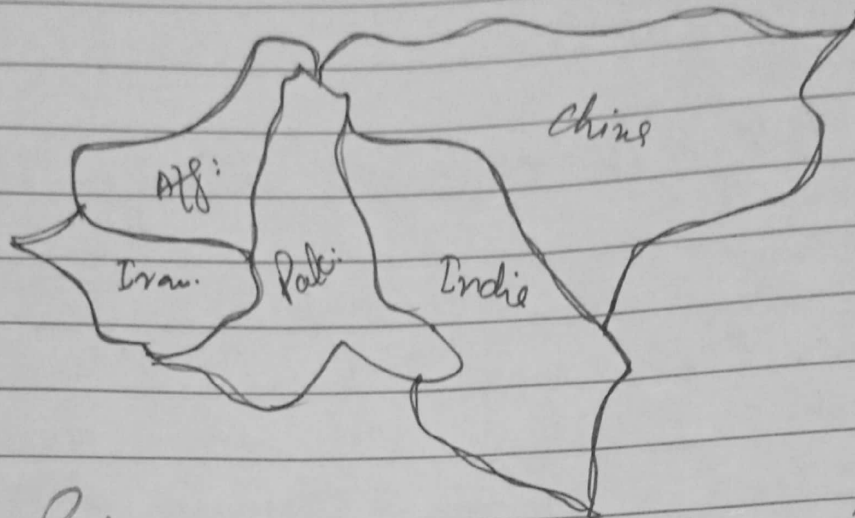
(4) Implications for Pakistan :-

(1) Security concerns on eastern border may increase :-

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Pakistan significantly face the issues on its eastern border due to the increasing army of India.



(2) Pakistan will also improve its arms and technology.

In order to compete with India, Pakistan will also need to improve its arms and technology.

Conclusion:

US and India have immense strategic partnership to contain China but it also have some serious implications on Pakistan such as security, cyber, technology. Hence, Pakistan must take pragmatic steps.