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INTRODUCTION

With the arrival of globalization came a bond of interdependence among different nation - In a globalized and connected world, the decisions that are made for a country or by a country at global level carry more weight than the decisions made at local level. The dilemma of interdependence has significantly influenced Pakistan's ~~today~~ foreign policy - This state of confusion has created challenges for the country that were never faced before - ~~just~~ because they affect the political, economic, social, and geographical domains of the country among others - The vastness of the challenges have made it clear that the challenges need to be tackled at global level. In order for the country to cherish the most out of future -

2- "Foreign Policy can kill us": Contextualizing the necessity of "make it global"

After world war 2 and the unsuccessful attempt of the nations to live in the old era of wars, the world had finally understood the fact that we are all interdependent - This understanding led to the concept of "make it global". In terms of US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, we live in a world where we need to win the "competition" in an era of "interdependence". This chaos has necessitated nations, including Pakistan to play at a global level and their existence is validated and protected only if they take it to the global fora.

3- Foreign Policy Challenges for Pakistan in an era of Interdependence

(i) The challenge of correcting
the anarchical image of
internal politics

First-ever challenge the
country faces is of correcting its

global image of anarchy. Fall of elected government in 2022 and the delay of elections in 2023 rebel the ~~and~~ international community away which cannot find way to ~~be~~ connect to the country's decision-makers, who change every year. Thus, political image must be corrected first.

(ii) **The Challenge of Shifting Foreign Policy to Geo-economics**

Gone are the days when geo-strategic coalitions were the sole strategist of a country's decisions. In an era where countries are focused on building economic relationships, Pakistan surely needs to shift its politics to geo-economics.

(iii) **Challenge of freeing Foreign Policy from aid-dependence**

Pakistan's foreign policy, particularly for the countries like United States and Gulf nations, is based on transaction. This low dependence on external aid ~~poses~~ poses a greater threat to foreign

policy from turning into a permanent symbiotic relationship which will repel the nations away.

(iv) Challenge of Successfully generating enough Cross-Domestic-Production

The country faces an almost constant Balance-of-Payment Crisis, as the cycle keeps repeating year-by-year. However, various economic policies of 2023, including the free-trade agreement with Gulf Nations and attracting foreign direct investment by SIFC projects. Yet, there is a challenge of ensuring that these policies will be implemented efficiently.

(v) Challenge of Pakistan-Afghanistan relations getting worst:

Pakistan and Afghanistan are neighbors and the formula of interdependence applies on neighbors too. However, strained ties with Afghanistan, due to the issues of migrants.

and militant organization can lead the neighbors to get repelled from each other, adding to the challenges of foreign policy.

(vi) Challenge of maintaining good relations with India:

Pakistan and India are the arch-rivals who need to be in cooperative relations for the sake of prosperity and peace in South Asia. However, India's aggressive actions for its policy towards ~~and~~ Kashmir leaves Pakistan with an ideological dilemma, making it impossible for the neighbor nations to be in good terms and creating foreign policy challenges.

(vii) Challenge of reducing the tensions between Pakistan and Iran

End of the year 2023 and the beginning of 2024 has witnessed some great tensions between otherwise friendly neighbors - Iran's attack on Pakistan and

claiming to have ~~been~~ killed terrorists and Pakistan's retaliation have ~~to~~ strengthened the existing tensions and resolving these tensions is a huge foreign policy challenge for the country-

(viii) The Challenge of Staying relevant in Technology Race

Nowadays, all the wars are technological wars and all the policies must be reformed according to the fast-paced growth of technology. Particularly, the increase in the military use of Artificial Intelligence, as seen in various projects of United States defense agencies, country needs to play accordingly-

CONCLUSION

Foreign policy of Pakistan is currently facing major challenges in multiple domains- From the regional problems to global community, the country has a war to fight. These challenges are of a strong nature due to a globalized and interdependent world- It is because of this

reason that the foreign policy and its challenges ~~had~~ ~~and~~ require preference over domestic policy -

Q2- Legal and Security ... ?

Ans:

INTRODUCTION

Pakistan's ~~has~~ interim government had ordered the immediate repatriation of illegal Afghan migrants in the October of 2023 - It has seen some positive ~~and~~ results of majority of Afghan migrants were moved - However, it has raised various legal and security challenges as well as opportunities for the country - These dimensions have affected and have the potential to affect further the political, economic, social, and security situation in the country -

2- Legal Dimension of Afghan Migrants' Repatriation

(i) Initial Difficulties of Lawfully Moving a huge number of people

It was a tough ~~task~~ and almost impossible task to move Afghan migrants who were over 300 thousand - On the top of that, the government set an unrealistic target of moving the migrants within a month - It has raised questions over the policy and ~~the~~ impossibility of doing so by staying in a ~~lawful~~ legal framework

(ii) Question of International Law on Aggressive Displacement

The policy was against the international standard of lawful repatriation. This is the reason various countries in the West has questioned the ~~immediate~~ hurry in the action and advised to carry out ~~displacement~~ the process in a manner that is in accordance with International Law

(iii) Defying the United Nations Policies on Migration:

Pakistan has also been questioned by the United Nations and other ~~the~~ global organization about the policy - It ~~is~~ in fact, is criticized by global community

in its choices -

3. Security Dimension of the Repatriation of Afghan Migrants

(i) Repatriation of illegal immigrants being a necessary for security

The policy was a necessity that needed to be fulfilled - It is reported that legal Afghan migrants are around 300 thousand in number but the unregistered and illegal migrants are more than 3 millions, ten times the number of registered ones - Such an influx of unregistered foreign individuals was definitely a threat for national security and needed to be curtailed -

(ii) Rise in Terrorism and Suicide Attacks after the announcement of policy

Alongwith the positives, the policy came with various negative effects for national security - In fact, there has been an increase in terrorist

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attacks after November 2023. Carefully estimated around 60% as a consequence.

(iii) Tensions with Afghan Taliban Government

The policy of repatriation came ~~for~~ ~~to~~ as surprise of many Taliban officials. Taliban officials have strongly condemned this action and warned Pakistan government of severe consequences which raises questions on the security situation in Pakistan.

(iv) Threats to the regions bordering Afghanistan

Repatriation of Afghan refugees raises major security threats in the regions that border Afghanistan. In fact, majority of the terrorist attacks are taking place in the western areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa that risks the security of the province.

4- THIS IS HOW THE REPAR- -TRIATION OF AFGHAN MIGRANTS AFFECT PAKISTAN

(i) Worsening State of Terrorism in Pakistan

Terrorism is on a
rise in Pakistan once again,
thanks to the tensions with
Afghan Taliban government.
According to the estimates of
United Nations, there has been
an increase of 500% in
the suicide attacks in Pakistan.
This implies that the bad
relation, fueled by the
displacement of a huge number
of population will only worsen
the situation.

(ii) Complications for the foreign policy of Pakistan

Due to the state of
a lack of peace in the
region, the foreign policy of
the country is also confused.
Pakistan shares a relation with
Taliban government that cannot
be broken ~~about the threats~~ are
and must be continued despite

all the distrust, pungent remarks, and aggressions - The ~~Neighbors~~ dependence of both the states on each other and growing tensions perplex the foreign policy designers -

(iii) Social Unrest Caused by Mass Displacement

A huge number of population has to be ~~moved~~ across a border. This ~~moves~~ causes huge unrest in society due to sudden and large displacements, thus complicating the situation.

(iv) Expected loss of lives

Migrations also come with huge costs of human lives - This stands true in the case of Pakistan's policy for Afghan migrants and ~~welcomes~~ causing a humanitarian massacre.

5. CONCLUSION

Pakistan policy of Afghan migrants' repatriation has a key implication on both the nation, particularly in legal and

Security domains - These legal and security situation definitely impacts Pakistan both in negative and positive ways. On one hand, it defines a sense of security by finally freeing Pakistan from the burden of ~~illegal~~ migrants. On the other hand, however, country faces some security policy, social and humanitarian threats as well. Altogether, the policy choice ~~was~~ was a need of the day but done haphazardly.