

Part II

Background

Q1 Pakistan and Afghanistan are two neighbouring countries that share a border of approximately of 2734 km with each other. Both the countries are Islamic countries by religion and almost share ^{the} same culture. When Soviet Union invasion took place, Pakistan was the only country that accommodated the war driven refugees and backed the Afghan mujahideen to defend its land.

After the return of Soviet Union from Afghanistan, the menace of militancy prevail not only in Afghanistan but across the world. The sole group as a militant that was operating in Afghanistan was Al-Qaeda. There was no other militant group operating.

But when the fall of Kabul took place in 2001, militant groups multiplied by ~~in~~ numbers and spreaded across the world. The operation Cobra by US, driven the militant groups from Afghanistan.

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to different regions especially those regions that are close to Afghanistan, such as Pakistan, Uzbekistan and some African countries.

In Pakistan, mostly the militant groups entered the FATA regions (Federally Administered Tribal Areas) which were under the Frontier Crime Regulation (FCR), such as South Waziristan, North Waziristan etc. These areas being mountainous and under no proper rule of law, provided a favourable environment for the militants to settle and multiply their numbers.

Pakistan being a member of War on Terror conducted several operations named as Operation Zarb-e-Azam, Rahe-Raast etc to combat these militants. After Army Public School incident Pakistan took strict measures against these militant groups and dealt with them with an iron hand. especially a group named Tehreek Taliban Pakistan. whereas on the Afghan side, Afghanistan government also took strict measures

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and combated against militant groups with much state force.

FALL OF KABUL AGAIN & RISE IN MILITANCY

In 2021, after Doha agreement between Afghan Taliban and United States of America took place in Qatar which was mediated by Pakistan, the official Afghan government was toppled by Afghan Taliban and took over Afghanistan the main capital city - Kabul. Ever since, the Afghan Taliban took over the charge of Afghanistan, the world witnessed especially Pakistan that share close a boundary with Afghanistan, the rise in transnational attacks.

According to a report published Dawn, 350 attacks have so far taken place in which most of the law enforcement personnel have been targeted.

The Afghan Taliban, as the experts believe, share the same ideology with the banned or outlawed groups and thus favouring the groups. There are multiple militant groups operating in Afghanistan such as, TTP, Islamic Movement of

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of Uzbekistan, Islamic State of
Khorasan and many other numerous
groups.

For these militants group, Afghanistan
provides a haven from where they
are operating. Prior to Kabul fall,
these groups could hardly
operate as they were under the
strict observation of Afghan
government but ever since Kabul
fall took place, all these militants
group gathered and multiplied by
number.

Pakistan has been highly
vulnerable to these militants
and especially TTP which is
officially an outlawed group in
Pakistan, has so far conducted
several attacks in Khyber Pakhtun-
khwa, Balochistan, Gilgit Baltistan
etc. Pakistan has several time
warn Afghanistan to take strict
measures against TTP but Afghan
government has repeatedly
failed.

Pakistan One of the major
attack that was conducted
by TTP was in Peshawar Police
line, in 2023 in which many
policemen have been martyred.
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highly securitized, yet the attack has been smoothly conducted. Another recent attack was on the Chinese van at Dasu site that killed 5 Chinese national and the attack was claimed to be conducted by TTP. These are some of the major attacks; there have countless other but the fact is that with the advent of Afghan Taliban, the rise in insurgency has been heavily increased in Pakistan that has made existential threat for Pakistan and has challenged the national security of Pakistan.

~~PK~~ PAKISTAN MEASURES AGAINST MILITANTS GROUP

Pakistan authority has usually resorted to kinetic measures which means taking practical military measure against militant groups. A recent Intelligence Based Operation which was conducted by Pakistan using jet fighters and conducted strike against the hide outs of Tehreek Taliban Pakistan commander named as Gul Bahadar in Khost and Paktika.

The Foreign Office of Pakistan Raheq Baloch stated that Pakistan has conducted an intelligence based operation against TTP that has allegedly killed Gul Bahadar. whereas the Afghan Taliban has called the operation as the violation of their sovereignty and warned Pakistan of several consequences.

Pakistan has usually sought military operation against Afghan Taliban ^{based} militant groups which has further exacerbated the situation between the two countries.

Relation Between Afghanistan & Pakistan

The relation between Pakistan and Afghanistan is massively affected by rise in militant group. Both the countries are on an on and off condition due to militant attacks. Pakistan since its a close boundary, has largely suffered from militant attacks which lead the country to take strict measures against Afghanistan. Due to recent measure attacks and rise in insurgency, Pakistan

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close its transit route with Afghanistan due to which trade between the two countries has been stopped.

Pakistan to pressure Afghan to take measure against TTP, has also expatriated the Afghan refugees. According to a report, there were 2 million Afghans illegally dwelling in Pakistan without having any proof of identity.

Owing to militancy problem, both the countries have several times exchange fire across the borders. A more recent exchange of fire between the two was at Kurram Agency border but shortly after a local jirgah engagement reconciliation took place.

Pakistan has also built an iron fence across the border to counter the infiltration of illegal Afghans to the country. This move was highly criticized by the Afghan government as well as the recent Afghan Taliban. The stringent relation between the two also date back to contested border and the claim of Afghan on the territory till Attock which Pakistan dealt with iron hand and bases the claim as irrational and baseless.

Recommendations

- i Pakistan needs to take political measure against the 'outlawed' groups operating from Afghan. This includes a political settlement with Afghan Taliban and the leaders of militant groups.
- ii Pakistan must realize that excessive kinetic measure can only further exacerbate the situation and add more to worry than to resolve matter. Kinetic measure can eliminate terrorist but it cannot eliminate terrorist ideology. Therefore, Pakistan needs to come up with other measure than kinetic measure.
- iii Pakistan needs to understand the geography Afghanistan and the problem facing by Afghan Taliban combating outlawed groups. There are several ideological groups that are operating in Afghanistan which even Afghan Taliban are facing as a problem. IS-KP is against Afghan Taliban and it stopping Afghan Taliban to combat TTP as they regroup and pose threat to Afghan Taliban.

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The relation between China and United States of America is that of competitors. After the fall of Soviet Union America has turned out to be the sole power of International world. The power phase of America was called as Unipolar moment or uni-polar world order. During this uni-polar world order the world has witnessed war, crimes, terrorism and human rights violation. The hegemonic behavior of America has a negative impact on the international community.

To counter the hegemonic behavior of America, China had to excel herself and that was only possible by attaining economic strength. China to attain economic strength, took hard and strict policies that could be beneficial for her success. China played attained economic strength in a short span of time and today China is considered as second

largest economic country with a 20 trillion dollar economy.

The rise of China has gone under 3 phases. The first phase of China is called opening up to the world. Prior to 1978, China was a poor country with a total GDP of 150 billion dollars but when Xiaoping came in power, he transformed China to what is known as a competitor with America. The China opening up phase proved well for China. She opened up herself to the world and provided business opportunities to the countries. China liberalized the trade and boosted up her economy.

The second phase, China went through was integration in the international organization. China when got entrance in the international organization, integrated herself in the world. China formed alliance and developed critical relationship with the international world. China played critical role in the international organization and became a main player.

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The third phase in which China is currently operating is called re-ordering the world.

Re-ordering term generally means multipolarity. China since being emergent economic giant is actively playing a role to re-order the world. China is largely doing this by extending its trade partnership to other parts of the world.

This re-ordering is largely due to American hegemonic behavior in the international community.

When China joined the international organization, it observed that

the international organization is unfair and is heavily influenced by western world. The representation of Asian world is not proper neither they are treated well under the influence of western world. Owing to this China came up with a

vision of multipolarity which America deems to be Chinese dominance of the world that China clearly denies.

Trade War

US and China are today in a trade war. Trade war usually

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engage imports and export.

When Covid-19 came, the whole world stopped operating whereas China owing to its excellent policies was delivering to the world their goods.

The China economy had largely growing and had ~~exp~~ exported 400bn dollars of goods. During these phases, America was the most top importer of Chinese goods. The country economy was doubled.

Donald Trump being a harsh critic of China imposed heavy taxes on Chinese goods. Excessive tariffs were levied on all the exports imposed goods Chinese. Most of its goods were listed in the negative list on which the tariffs were double.

China owing to this also put excessive tariffs on the American goods such as iPhone the largest mobile company whose users are in million. China also put some of the most imported goods in the negative list and double the tariffs. With all this China provided cheap labour to world and their goods at

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economic rates which helped China to extend its business to Middle East and Europe as well. Chinese products are currently available in all parts of the world. This strategy has given America a very tough time.

Currency War

After World War II, America raised as the sole super in terms of economy. It was the only country having 75% of the world gold reserves. Having this much large reserves of gold, gave America a leverage.

Before World War II, the business model was based on barter system which means giving something in exchange of something. This system had made difficulties for the world and people couldn't do business in other part of the world.

In 1945, a Bretton Wood Institutions were built. The purpose of these institution was to set a fix currency on the basis of which countries will be able to do business around the world.

The currency dollar was decided since America had large gold reserves and therefore it could print dollars against gold and other countries had to value their currency according to the dollar.

This concept made America the super power and owing to this America become hegemonic power.

Owing to this China came with alternative model: doing business with countries in Yuan & Yuan and the countries local currency. For instance China trade with Russia in Yuan and Ruble with Saudi in Riyal and Yuan. Today, ~~Yuan~~ the world operate in Yuan currency with 6% whereas dollar is 58%. China wants to exceed Yuan as a trade currency which poses threat to America.

China also partnered BRICS organization which comprise of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa with UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran and other many countries recently added. China is basically ending

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Peaceful Mediator

China's approach to the world is different. China does not believe in hegemony. It only believes in peaceful coexistence and cooperation between countries.

One of the examples of China being a peaceful mediator is to resolve a long-standing conflict between Iran and Saudi Arabia.

The relation between Iran and Saudi Arabia had gone under conflicting issues since 2016.

Both have engaged in proxy war against each other. Such confrontation had posed significant threat in the Middle East. China wanted to ~~exert~~ exceed her business partnership to ^{the} Middle East where it wanted to put an end to the hegemonic nature of US.

Owing to her excellence China with its diplomatic skills brought about a peaceful agreement between Saudi Arabia and Iran and signed both a deal of peace and co-existence. With the peace China also pledged to invest in the Middle East and signed a deal of billions of dollars.

Analysis on China being role playing country

- 1) China approach is different than that of America. America believes in hegemony whereas as China believes in cooperation and peaceful existence.
- 2) China investment is for the world not for herself only. This means that the US investment solely serves US interest where as Chinese investment serves both herself and the world.
- 3) With rise of China world witnessed opportunities whereas that of America, the world witnessed only war, terrorism, human rights violation and many other destruction.

The above three points clearly mention that ~~the~~ China can play a better role as mediator than the US.