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Introduction:

The relation between Afghanistan and Pakistan has been bitter since Pakistan's inception. One of major cause is the Durand line which was demarcated in 1893, but Afghanistan did not accept that line since that time<sup>to</sup> till today. However, there has been some periods, which indicates their better relations in the past. For instance, during Daud Khan's period, the relations were quite good & amik-

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able. Both countries share similar ideology, culture, language etc. There is a strong relation between <sup>Pashtoon</sup> ethnic groups of Afghanistan & Pakistan. Since the <sup>government</sup> of Afghan Taliban, Pakistan supported them against <sup>the</sup> Soviet Union. Pakistan trained Afghan Taliban against the invasion of the Soviet Union in 1979. After Taliban, the US supported & brought Karzai into power. The relations with Karzai were bitter because he was pro-US and Indian. After 9/11 Pakistan began bad Taliban which are existing till today. Moreover, Tehrik-e-Taliban & ISKP are continuously targeting Pakistan army & its civilians & even children.

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# Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations:

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Since mentioned above that their relation has been complex and sour. As, Afghanistan did not embrace the Durand Line till today. But there are some periods which shows their good relation. During Daud Khan relations were friendly & both countries raised their trade. Besides, Pakistan helped & trained Afghan Taliban against the Soviet Union's invasion in Afghanistan in 1979. Pakistan supported the then Taliban government. But due to 9/11 & Afghanistan's delivery of Asylum to the Al-Qaeda brought & coerced the US to withdraw <sup>or oust</sup> Talibans from govern-

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ment and bring Karzai into power. Later on, Taliban were alone fighting against the US. Consequently, Taliban again came into power. But the bitterness remained intact.

## Relations After Taliban government.

Following the withdrawal of the US from Afghanistan, Taliban came into power & Pakistan helped her in Dohar accord & welcomed their government despite the disappointment of the US. Pakistan not only welcomed the Afghan Taliban's government but also boost trade with Afghanistan.

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## Raising Attacks by TTP & ISKP on Pakistan,

Since two decades, TTP is involve in various attacks on Pakistan. Besides that it attacked on civilians including children & even attacking on mosques which are considered sacred by them. According to the Statistics of Pakistan TTP killed 322 people in 2021, besides that, it targeted schools, where it killed more than 150 children. The notable attack was on Army public school in 2014 in which more than 200 children were martyred. Furthermore, ISKP which is also using

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Afghan soil to "Sabotage" Pakistan. It is also involved in various attacks, according to a report, it is involved in more than 600 attacks in Pakistan. Afghanistan & its government are so weak to go control these militant groups. According to some people that Afghanistan do not want to stop them as they are using Afghanistan as a station.

## Suggestions to improve Relations.

The relations can be improved by negotiations between the two countries. Besides, Afghanistan must ensure that it will not allow any militant group

to use its land and sabotaging Pakistan. The diplomacy must be strong enough that no any misunderstanding could not exist. Both countries must boost trade so that minimize the bitterness. Pakistan must protect its borders, specially, Pak-Afghan, to stop infiltration & Terrorism by TIP & ISKP.

### Conclusion,

In short, both countries did not enjoyed long-term friendly relations. It is possible if Afghanistan & Pakistan follow these aforementioned suggestion. There is dire need of good relations between Afghanistan & Pakistan.

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OIC & its  
Power.

Introduction:

OIC which stands for Organization of Islamic Cooperation, as its name indicates that there is cooperation between Muslim states. However, some argue that it is a failed organization because it lack a conflict resolution mechanism & internal rift exist among the member countries. Besides there is a great influence of the US on the member countries. But the recent invasion of Israel on Gaza showed



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that even OIC could not do anything. But there are a lot of opportunities to <sup>make</sup> become OIC a successful organization.

Hamas-Israel War as  
an opportunity for  
OIC

Since 7 October, Hamas-Israel War is going on and no one can stop Israel because it is supported by big powers. OIC which remained failed so far in many cases such as Kashmir issue, Rohingya Muslim issue etc. But now it has an opportunity to show its power by organizing any conflict resolution. Together

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Muslim countries constitute half of the world population and have the potential to defeat a enemy. So, OIC can stop the war by making resolutions and negotiating war against Israel if she did not stop.

Iran & KSA: Rapproach-  
ment another opport-  
unity for success  
of OIC.

Since the rapproachment between Iran & KSA in 2023, there is a gate or an open opportunity to become successful. As, both countries are oil rich and the whole world is dependent on fossil fuels.

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Therefore, OIC can ~~represent~~ this dependency into a strong mechanism of ~~the~~ resolutions. Besides, KSA is the King of Muslim world and has the potential to resist any conflict & make conflict resolution via OIC. Moreover, these two countries can collectively unite all Muslim States and get dominance over the others. This would enhance the functions of OIC which would ultimately represent Muslim countries stance.

### Conclusion:

OIC remained failed since its inception, but there is an opportunity <sup>to exit</sup> via Hamas-Israel War & Iran & KSA rapprochement to get success.

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Q No 4IMEC vs BRIIntroduction:

India-Middle-East-Europe Economic Corridor was initiated by the Prime Minister Modi in 2023 during the summit of G20. This corridor connects India with UAE via ship route & UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel to Greece. This project was launched against Belt & Road initiative project of China, however, the worth & value of BRI is more than IMEC. India & the US is continuously trying to contain China's emerging dominance in the world but unfortunately, both are failed.

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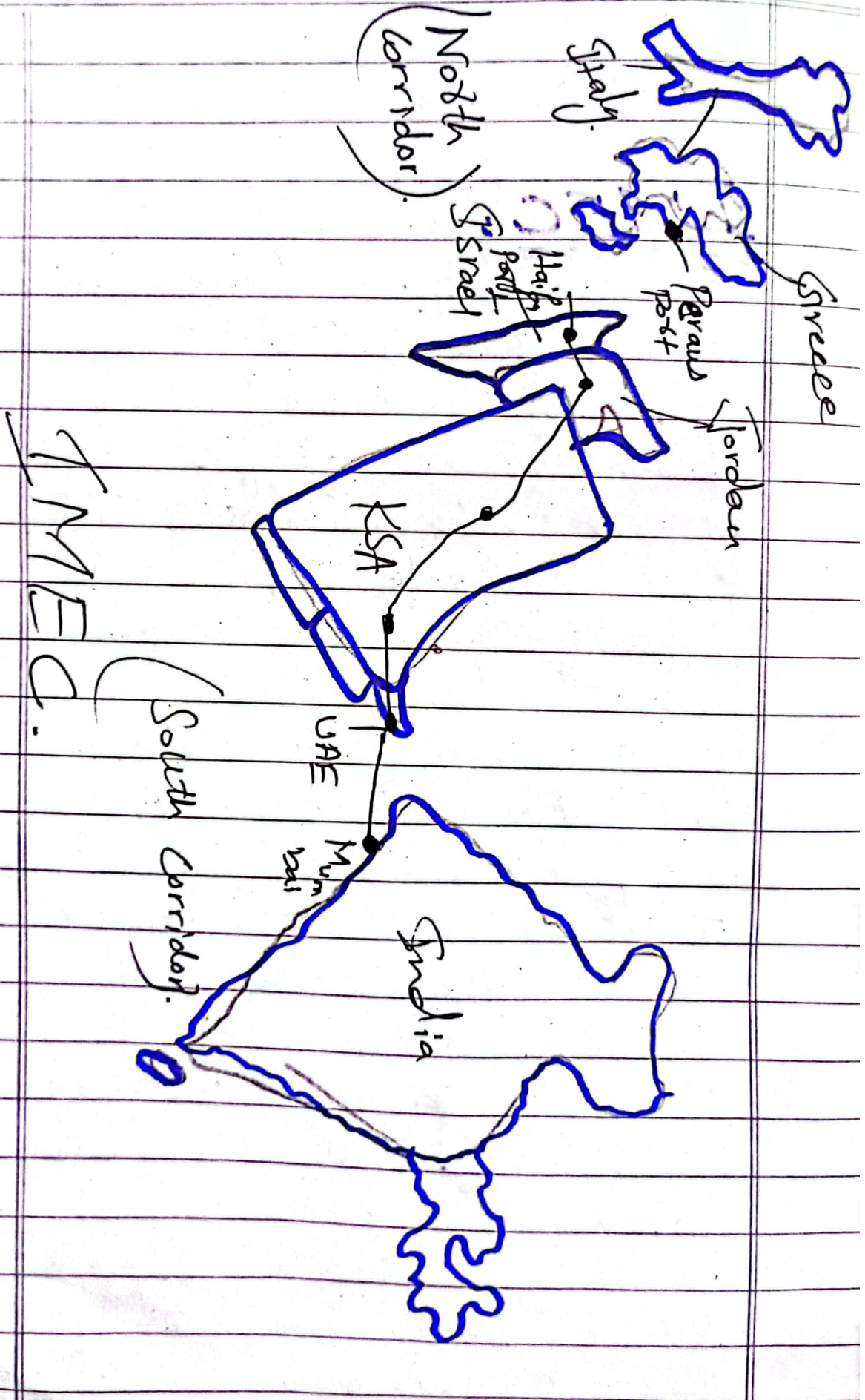
to curtail China's influence  
over the Middle East.

## IMEC:

As mentioned above  
it was launched by Modi  
in 2023 to contain China's  
BRI. This project of corridor  
connects India to UAE  
via sea route and connects  
UAE with Saudi Arabia  
via Railway route and  
Saudi Arabia to Israel  
both Road & Rail routes  
are present. From Israel  
to <sup>port</sup> Haifa ~~port of~~ to Greece's  
~~port~~ Piraeus & then this  
will be connected to the  
Europe via Italy. Collect-  
ively, this corridor includes  
road, rail & ship routes  
which will facilitate  
trade between the <sup>members</sup> coun-  
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IMEC had the potential to increase India's trade as well as the member countries. According to Indian News that IMEC would increase the investment & trade 60%. IMEC is also called modern Spice Route because once spices were transported via this route.

### Challenges to IMEC:

The biggest challenge is Hamas-Israel war. This war would not allow Muslim countries such as UAE & KSA to proceed. Besides, Erdogan of Turkey also inhibiting this route as both Greece & Turkey are involve in conflict.

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the Mediterranean Sea.  
Future prospects of  
IMEC.

It is seemed to be fail in future because war between Israel & Hamas would halt project. Else, China would impede it because it does not want IMEC to get success.

BRI.

Belt & Road initiative was initiated by China in 2013. This project consist of 6 corridors & many other projects. This project connect China with the Middle East via CPEC and Africa & Europe. China will be connected with the whole world by BRI. It will be



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dominating over world. It is the silk route and will be connected via Road & sea routes with the world.

## Challenges to BRI:

The biggest challenge is the B3W which stands for Build Back Better World by & this was initiated by <sup>the</sup> US & G7 countries. Now, this B3W has been changed into PGI programme for Global Infrastructure Investment as this project will invest in middle countries. Secondly, the second challenge is posed by IIMEC to China, in which India wants to dominate the Middle East & contain China's influence.

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## Potentials of BRI

BRI has the potential to contain IMEC & PGII lead by India & the US respectively. Moreover, China has gained the trust of many countries & even more than 300 countries are the members of BRI. So, it has the potential to dominate world & diminish the influence & dominance of the West.

### Conclusion:

Both projects are good in their essence but BRI has the potential to overcome IMEC & PGII.

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## SIFC & Investments nets

(SIFC) Special Investment Facilitation Council was initiated by the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif & COAS General Asim Munir in 2023 to boost investments. This was signed between Pakistan & Gulf countries to boost investments. As, Pakistan faces a lot of bureaucratic hurdles & terrorism. Therefore, <sup>the</sup> country has decided to involve army to make transparency in the projects as well as bring trust of the Gulf states.

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## Chances of Investments

There are many chances of investment in the country. The country has the chance from <sup>the</sup> Middle East & China to invest in it. Formerly, the image of Pakistan was quite tarnished by some corrupt politicians & bureaucratic hurdles. Now, the presence of army will assure the investors security & assurity of profit for both parties. This would increase Pakistan's economy and will boost its GDP & growth rate forever. This would lead to other states to invest in Pakistan as it is rich in resources.