

## "Current Affairs"

Q1 BIA attack on train in bolan shows how dangerous the Organization has become. Critically evaluate the reasons for the revival of separatist insurgency in Balochistan and give policy recommendations

Ans:- Introduction:

The recent attack by the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) on a train in Bolan is a stark reminder of the growing threat posed by separatist insurgency in Balochistan. The insurgency's resurgence can be attributed to a complex set of factors, including grievances, economic disparities, ethnic identity issues, and state repression. This paper critically examines the causes behind the revival of the insurgency and offers policy recommendations to address the following issues:

### Reasons for the Revival of Separatist Insurgency.

(1) Historical Marginalization The Baloch people's resistance to Pakistan's annexation in 1948 has led to long-standing grievances, including political exclusion and cultural suppression. Despite their significant contribution to Pakistan's resources, Balochistan has remained a marginalized region.

Underdeveloped, with little political autonomy granted to its people. This historical marginalisation continues to fuel separatist sentiments.

### (2) Economic Exploitation

Despite its vast natural resources, Balochistan has remained economically deprived. The federal government and military have exploited resources like gas, mineral and fisheries without ensuring adequate benefits for the local population. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, which transgresses Balochistan, has been viewed as another instance of exploitation, with locals feeling excluded from its economic benefits.

### (3) Military Repression and human rights violations

The Pakistani military's response to Baloch insurgency has been primarily through force, often involving extra-judicial killings, disappearances, and human rights abuses. These heavy-handed tactics have only fueled resentment and radicalised local population, pushing many towards separatist

groups like the BLA.

## iv Regional Geopolitics and External Influence

Neighbouring countries, particularly India and Afghanistan, are often accused of supporting Baloch separatist movements, seeing them as a means to destabilise Pakistan. This external involvement has exacerbated the insurgency by providing resources and moral support to separatist groups.

### Policy Recommendation:-

#### 1. Engage in political Dialogue

A sustainable resolution to the conflict requires inclusive political dialogue with Baloch nationalist group. The Pakistani government should initiate talks addressing Baloch demands for greater autonomy, political participation and resources control. A transparent, decentralized political structure may help ease tension.

#### 2. Promote Economic development

The development of Balochistan's resources should prioritise the welfare

of the local population. CPEC and other economic projects must include provisions for local job creation, infrastructure development and community involvement in decision-making. This will help address feelings of exploitation and ensure that economic benefits are equitably shared.

### (3) Uphold Human Rights and Rule of Law:-

The government must undertake immediate steps to the end military abuses in Balochistan.

Greater oversight of security forces alongside independent investigations into human rights violations, is essential to restore trust b/w the state and Baloch people.

### (4) Cultural and educational empowerment:-

Recognize and promote Baloch cultural and linguistic identity within the national framework is crucial. The government should ensure that Baloch language and traditions are respected in school and media, fostering a sense of

pride and belonging.

### Conclusion

The resurgence of separatist insurgency in Balochistan is rooted in deep historical, political and economic issues. This failure of the state to address these grievances had led to an intensification of violence. A comprehensive approach involving political dialogue, economic development, human rights protections, and cultural empowerment, is necessary to achieve lasting peace in Balochistan. Only by addressing the root causes of insurgency can Pakistan hope to stabilize the region and meet the legitimate aspirations of the Baloch people.

Q2: Trumps Unilateral negotiation with Russia to end the war in Ukraine has put Ukraine and Europe in a complex situation. Critically evaluate the statement and suggest policy measure.

### 2. Introduction

The war in Ukraine has raised global concerns, with various political leaders proposing different solutions. Donald Trump's suggestion

of Unilateral negotiations with Russia has created a complex situation for Ukraine and Europe. This approach could undermine international alliance, risk Ukraine's sovereignty, and destabilize the region. A careful evaluation of these potential risks is necessary to develop effectiveness of policy measures.

### (1) Undermining Alliance:

A unilateral approach risks weakening NATO and EU unity.

### (2) Lack of Consultation with Ukraine and Europe:-

Trump's unilateral approach undermines Ukraine's sovereignty and Europe's role in negotiations. This could lead to a peace agreement that disproportionately favors Russia, leaving Ukraine with unfavourable terms.

### (3) Geopolitical Tensions

Europe's security is closely tied to Ukraine's stability, and any peace deal made without EU

Consolation could destabilise European security, particularly for countries near Russia's border.

## Policy Measures:

### (1) Inclusive Diplomacy:

Any peace talks should involve Ukraine, the EU, and key NATO members to ensure all stakeholders' interests are considered and the peace agreement is sustainable.

### (2) Strengthening European Security Framework:-

EU and NATO should enhance their defense cooperation to prevent any security vacuum if Russia gains significant advantages through unilateral talks.

### (3) Supporting Ukraine's Sovereignty:-

Ensure continued military, economic, and humanitarian support for Ukraine enabling it to maintain leverage in any peace process.

### (4) Engaging with Multilateral Institutions:-

push for peace talks under

International organizations like the UN or OSCE to guarantee transparency and fairness, preventing one-sided agreements.

## Conclusion:

the unilateral nature of Trump's negotiations poses risks to Ukraine and European stability, and a more inclusive, multilateral approach to peace talks would be prudent.

Q3:- Trump has launched the largest and most dangerous trade war of the century.

## Introduction:

Trump's Trade war, initiated primarily against China, marked a dramatic shift in global trade dynamics. By imposing tariffs and sanctions, it aimed to address trade imbalances, intellectual property concerns, and China's growing economic power. However, it has had far-reaching

implications not only for the US and China but also for the broader global economy, affecting trade relationships, supply chains and international cooperation.

## Implications for the US:-

### • Economic disruption:-

Tariffs led to higher costs for consumers and businesses, especially in sectors like agriculture and manufacturing, which faced retaliation from China.

### → Job losses?

While some sectors saw job gains, others particularly in export-dependent industries, experienced layoffs.

### → Inflationary Pressure

Increased tariffs could drive up prices for goods, potentially causing inflation and affecting domestic purchasing power.

## Implications for China:-

- ~~China's~~ China's export-driven economy was impacted, with

Growth slowing due to reduced  
access to US markets and the  
need to find alternative trade  
partners-

### Shift in trade Relationships:-

China sought new trading  
partners accelerating efforts to  
strengthen ties with the EU,  
Asia-Pacific, and other emerging  
markets-

### Industrial restructuring

China focused on technological  
self reliance and innovation,  
though the trade war complicated  
this transition

## Global political Economy:-

### Disruption of Global Supply chains

the trade war disrupted global  
supply chains, encouraging companies  
to diversify production away  
from China which could lead  
to higher production costs  
world wide

### Shifts in Power Dynamics

The US China conflict  
reshaped global economic alliances,  
with other countries forced to navigate  
a middle ground.

## Conclusion:

-the trade war destabilized the global political economy, harming both the US and China economically while fostering uncertainty and shifting global power dynamics.

A more cooperative trade approach could help mitigate these risks.