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Tensed Pak - Afghan relations even after mediation by china, Major factors and wayforward.

Introduction:

Relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan are highly tensed now a days and record from the history. International states such as China try to Cool down the temperature by using Trio - Strategy of Afghanistan, Russia and China. Recently, some other neutral States such as Qatar, Saudi-Arabia and Turkey are also acting as a mediator between these two hostile State but nothing to be proved as fruitful yet. Some major factors like Durand Line (border) dispute, Taliban Support to TTP, Refugees Settlements, warming Indo-Afghan relations, Afghan nationalism Sentiments near the porous

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none of the Afghan government accept the legitimacy of durand line. It has been a conflict even from the decades. The tensed relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan in 2025 after the escalating militancy in Pakistan especially in KPK and Balochistan, are characterised by this irrendidist dispute.

Taliban's Support to Militant Groups :

Pakistan strongly claimed that the militancy in Pakistan is caused by militant groups backed by Afghanistan. Some major groups are **TTP, Al-Qaida** etc. It's not just a rhetoric from Pakistan but the **International body United Nation** has proved that TTP is the source of militant insurgencies in South Asian regions and it is supported by Afghan regime. This support is in the form of **Save heavens to flex their muscles, American Weapons**, along with logistic facilities are provided by Afghanistan's Taliban government. After the end of War by Americans in

Afghanistan leave large amount of **arsenals** in Afghanistan now used by TTP against Pakistan.

Settlement of Refugees:

Pakistan bear the burden of Afghan refugees for almost **2 decades** and now decided to send them back after Taliban take control over **Kabul**.

But, Taliban rise question against this Pakistan act. Almost **1 million** refugees has been living in Pakistan at the time of decision to send back them.

As the **economy** of Pakistan continue to move downward after **2020**, so it can't carry the weight of refugees any more but Taliban's ^{govt} angry with this Pakistan act.

Warming Relations B/w India & Afghanistan:

Relations between **Kabul** and **New Delhi** is warming continuously. Afghanistan's **foreign minister** visited the India in **November-2025** as the sanctions was uplifted on him to travel abroad.

India also backed the Afghan led TTP actors to spread chaos in Pakistan.

It is proved by military chief when a train **Jaffer express** was hijacked by militants in **Balochistan**. The suspects had a close relations with Indian intelligence. Moreover, **Kalbhusan** in the jails of Pakistan prove that India as a great rival of Pakistan supporting **Non-State actors** to spread militancy in Pakistan.

Afghan Nationalism:

Afghan Taliban assist the communities living near the border region of Pakistan ^{to gathered} under the banner of Afghan nationalism. So, these people then can easily be used by either Taliban and TTP to spread mass destruction in KPK and Balochistan.

Alegations by Afghan Taliban to Islamabad:

Afghan Taliban claims, Islamabad is only the responsible for militant attack in Pakistan as it is happening withⁱⁿ their territory. Furthermore, their stance is Pakistan spend thousands to build the border, then how militant actors cross Afghanistan and entering Pakistan's territory. Not with standing

the border is still porous and uses to cross the territorial line.

Way forwards:

① Despite of hostile environment between these two states here are some way forwards to resolve the issue between Pakistan & Afghanistan.

① International Mediation

② Sanctions by International bodies like USA, UN, WTO, WB.

③ Build pressure by Regional actors e.g. China, Russia, and CARs states

④ Increase Bilateral trade.

→ Free flow of goods, information

→ Zero or less tariffs.

→ Give them Access to Water Routes

⑤ Establish Neutral International

Watchdog body to thaw the hostile relations for long time

Conclusion:

Number of factors such as border dispute, Taliban's support to militants, Settlement of Refugees, Warming relations b/w India and Afghanistan, ^{and} Afghan national. But to overcome these challenges, this relation could be better.

— Chances of the end of Ukrainian War — Demands b/w NATO & Russia are poles apart. —

Introduction:

The Conflict between Russia and Ukraine is historical and the present Russian intervention in **Kyiv** is due to claims of **Moscow** at this territory. There are many reasons against the backdrop of current **NATO - Moscow** demands that are poles apart. For Russia, it is a **buffer** territory, NATO-Ukraine alliance ~~will~~ be a **threat** for Moscow's territorial sovereignty and it's a **Western Hegemony** near the region of Russia and strategic **sea trade route** go under the control of West. While for NATO alliance, especially for **European nations**, control over the territory of Ukraine means **Asian** dominance through the **Beijing - Moscow** alliance. More over, they see it as a reflection of Soviet Union **expansionist** era during Stalin's era.

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So the chances of the end of War will go against the Ukraine and in favour of Russia according to the current situation. As the deal broking by the president **Trump** shows a strong reflection of Russian dominance.

NATO- Russian Demands are poles apart:

Some major Reasons are:-

(A) Backdrop of Moscow's demands.

Ukraine - a buffer territory.

For Russia, Ukraine act like a buffer territory for Western intervention in Moscow. Moreover, Russia claims as it is its historical controlled territory like **Georgia & Crimea**. Therefore, Russian demands are clear prior to reach any truce between these two states.

UKranian- NATO alliance.

It is like a nightmare for Russia to feel the presence of NATO in their neighbouring territory. The major

purpose to establish NATO was to contain Russia after the fall of Berlin wall. Thus, Russia demanded to never allow the Ukraine to join NATO.

Western Hegemony:

NATO-Ukraine alliance will be a real time picture of Western Hegemony near the South Asian region. It is a threat both for Russia and China. In Russia-Ukraine war, China supported Russia by buying oil and armed technology, because Western Hegemony does not be acceptable to both states.

③ Backdrop of NATO's Demands:

To Contain the Russian Rise:

For NATO states, especially for European alliance, they consider the rise of Russia as a threat. They had historical conflicts in ideological dominance. It was actually the war between two ideologies commonly known as Communist vs Capitalist Cold War. Therefore, NATO's demands are to protect the Ukraine from Russian containment. Like past.

Access to Water / Trade routes.

Sea trade route is a major source of conflicts between them. As the Russian economy depends on the water route flows near Ukrainian territory. NATO wants to contain their economy to stop the resurgents of Russia.

Chances for the end of Ukrainian War:

By analyzing the present situation the ball is in the Russian hands.

⇒ Some factors are describe here to support this stance.

① Alliance B/w China & Russia:

Although, the United States and European countries put sanctions to buy Russian oil and energy to stop Russia - Ukraine War. But Russian alliance with China compensate this problem and save Russia to collapse its economy.

② Alliance B/w Moscow & New - Delhi

A recent geopolitical shift between

Russia and India change the dimension of years long politics in South Asia. A Cold relations between Washington and New Delhi in Trump 2.0 push India to clasp their hands with Mr Putin.

India Continue to buy Russian oil and the deals in past was 10 million trade now reach at 67 million \$. This thing support Russia to continue the war in Ukraine.

Trump: negotiating peace plan:

A plan was discussed between Putin and Trum during his November-2015 visit to Washington. This plan strongly Supporting the Russia instead of Ukraine. European alliance are never happy to this peace plan:

It highlight the:-

- Ukraine will never Join NATO
- Ukraine^{will} gave the already annexed territory to Russia.
- Swap the prisoners b/w both states.

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So, if Ukraine really wants to peace for their people and territorial sovereignty, it must be negotiate in some term.

Conclusion:-

In a nut shell, The demands while negotiating over Ukrainian territory between Moscow and NATO allians are poles apart due to many reasons such as: buffer territory, Ukraine NATO-alliance, Western hegemony, to contain the Russian Rise by NATO, access to water territory are notable. The chances of end of Ukrainian war highly depends on Ukraine Willingness to give at somehow. Otherwise, Russia is playing well and strongly in this conflict, and having ability to continue it.

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Pak - Saudi Defence Pact Causes & implication

Introduction:

In September 2025, Pakistan's Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif** and Saudi Crown prince **Muhammad Bin Suleman (MBS)** signed a mutual defence pact under the umbrella of Pakistan's **nuclear Capability**. International media called this defence pact as the foundation of **Muslim NATO**. There are many factors that pushed both states to join hands for mutual military cooperation, such as a **hostile environment in Middle East (ME)**, **Israel's aggressions** towards muslims states without **impunity**, e.g. **Palestines, Lebanon, Iran, Yaman and Syria**. More over, attack on **Qatar**, a close alliance of **USA**, push Saudi Arabia to deal with a muslim nuclear arm state. In addition to, **KSA** has long been a close ties

with Islamabad. Changing in the Global world order as **USA** is no more a **Sole Super power**, and Pakistan has positive relations with **China**, a great rival of USA and as an emerging power to disturb the world order, thus, good relations of Saudi Arabia with Pakistan assist them to stay close to China in future to boost their economy.

Causes of Signed Defence Pact:

Hostile Environment in ME

In Middle East, after the Israel has been starting **genocide in Gaza (Palestine)** Since 7 Oct, 2023, the environment at there is extremely hostile. This thing pushes the Riyadh to grow ties with an Islamic nuclear armed state. The bloody war in Palestine is still ongoing, through a fragile truce persist between Israel and Combined muslim states.

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So the situation may remain tensed even for decades in middle east

Israel's Brutality towards Other Muslim states.

Israel is a nuclear armed states (not accepted publically yet) but proven by the International bodies.

It act like a fascist actor to spread chaos in the region.

It's Confrontation with **Yaman**.

Syria (over Golan Heights) **Lebanon** (For Hezbollah) **Iran** and **Qatar** put the situation under scrutiny for the rest of the muslim states like Saudi Arabia.

Strategic attack on Qatar:

Israel's attack on Qatar highlight some serious concerns for regional muslim states. Qatar has close ties with **United States** and having their **bases** as well. Israel's war-machine is fueled by USA. Therefore, it is a matter of concern not only

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for Qatar but also for other muslim states.

Warm/Cordial Relations B/w Riyadh & Islamabad from decades

Islamabad has extremely Cordial relations with Riyadh not because it is a muslim state but also two holy cities for muslims, Makkah and Madina are situated in KSA.

Thousands of pilgrimages visit this country through out the year. It is a source of economy for KSA as well.

Therefore, it is not surprising if both states clasp their hands now under defence pact.

Implication:-

“Attack on Saudi Arabia will
Consider as an attack
on Pakistan and vice-versa”

A joined statement by
Shehbaz & M. bin Salman

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International ^{Media's} perception, Muslim NATO:

International Media like "BBC, World Times, Al-Jazeera, called this pact as a foundation of Muslim NATO. The major reason is as Both Riyadh & Islamabad offered all 'muslim states may also join this pact under the nuclear umbrella of Pakistan'. Similarly, this statement is reiterated by defence minister of Pakistan, 'Khawaja Asif' while addressing the questions in "Head to head" Al-Jazeera TV show.

Economic Ties:

Under this pact, Saudi Arabia will boost their economic relation with Pakistan as well. The economic support ^{will} provided to modernize the defence system, to buy arsenals and for joint training programs or military exercises.