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Answers 2

Introduction

The Palestine issue is a long standing conflict over land, sovereignty, and identity. It is rooted in Balfour Declaration when Arthur Balfour made a statement that in Palestine a separate homeland would be created for Jews. Afterwards, huge migration of Jews started to Palestine, resulting in demographic change. It resulted in recurrent war between Israel and Palestine. In 1948, a war broke out between them that led to the creation of Jewish state. Palestinians are struggling to recapture their territory from Israel. On 7 Oct, 2023, Hamas intruded into Israel, kidnapping several civilians and killing 1400 civilians. Israel launched a counter attack on Hamas. It badly demolished civilians' infrastructure and resulted in

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thousands of casualties. A ceasefire between them reached out in January that ultimately broke in March. President Donald Trump announced his 20 point plan in Sep, 2025. It has several provisions that can affect the two-state solution in various ways. In this backdrop, Pakistan needs to tread a cautious path to not involve itself in any potential conflict that may break out between Hamas and Israel.

Gaza Peace Plan

It was announced by President Donald Trump on 29 Sep, 2025. It has several provisions. These are the followings:

1. Delimitation of Hamas.
2. Ceasefire between Hamas and Israel to free captives and ensure unrestricted humanitarian aid to Gaza.
3. Board of Peace to supervise the administration of the territory.
4. International Stabilization Force to secure security of Gaza.

Impacts on the future of the two-state solution.

Trump's Gaza plan would undermine the two-state solution in several ways.

Manifestations that Trump's Gaza Peace Plan will undermine the two-state solution.

1. Intensification of Israel's settlement policy.

Gaza Peace Plan is hugely in favour of Israel. It seeks to demilitarize Hamas. By delimitarizing Hamas, Israel Defence Forces would have no resistance. It will defend Israeli settlement in the besieged territory. As a result, large-scale Palestinians' territory will be occupied. This will dampen the prospect of two-state solutions.

2. No timeline for Israeli withdrawal

There is no timeline for Israeli withdrawal. It means Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) will stay longer in Gaza, threatening civilians in all possible way. It demonstrates a bad omen for two-state solution.

3. No enforcement Mechanism of

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the Gaza Peace Plan

There are no provisions for strictly enforcement of the Plan. As there is no international police force to implement it according to a time table, Israel will violate it and attack civilians brutally. Therefore two-state solution is unlikely to be achieved, given the frequent violations of the plan by Israeli forces.

4. No Provisions for the inclusion of Palestinians

It was framed by President Donald Trump without the inclusion of Palestinians. It also does not have any provision to include Palestinians in the International Stabilization Force. Therefore, it is likely that Palestinians will reject its implementation. Therefore, a peaceful transition to two-state solution is impossible. This will result in protracted war between Israel and Hamas.

So Demilitarization of Hamas will face a setback.

Hamas has now become a defender of Palestinians.

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It is unlikely that it will lay down arms. By not doing so, Israel's perpetual violence against Hamas will continue. This will dampen the prospect of two-state solution.

Comprehensive Policy Framework for Pakistan to effectively respond to the evolving situation

In this complex situation, Pakistan has to take very such policy measures that it does not face any set-back either from Israel or Hamas. Followings are the policy measures for Pakistan.

1. Consult Hamas before dispatching its force.

Gaza Peace Plan obliges Pakistan to contribute to the International Stabilization Force. Before sending its contingent, Pakistan needs to consult Hamas so that any hostility may not be incited against Pakistan's forces.

2. To Persuade USA to enlist Palestinians in the International Stabilization Forces.
Palestinians are excluded from

International Stabilization Forces.

Therefore, they will not cooperate with such forces. Hence, Pakistan needs to lobby USA for their inclusion to secure their cooperation.

Adherence to International Law

When Pakistan sends its contingent to Palestine, it should be forced to comply with international law to not attack any civilian or their infrastructures.

Diplomatic support for two state solution

Pakistan must leverage the UN to ensure a two-state solution based on pre-1967 borders with Jerusalem its capital. This will enhance the soft image of the country when it contributes to the International Stabilization Forces. Its contribution will not cause anguish to Hamas.

Conditional Participation in Stabilization Forces

Pakistan needs to condition its contribution on a mandate that has legitimacy from the UN and it is

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not a colonial project.

Conclusion

Trump's Gaza Peace Plan was announced by President Donald Trump to end Israel-Palestine conflict. It aims to end the war for good. However, a comprehensive analysis demonstrates that it undermines the two-state solution.

Therefore, Pakistan on its part must take several policy measures, including conditional contribution to the international stabilization forces, diplomatic support for the two-state solution, and advocating for the inclusion of Palestinians, are imperative to be taken to not anger either Israel or Hamas.

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Answer 4

Introduction

Pakistan has belligerent neighbors, India, on its eastern border. It has always wanted to impose its will on Pakistan. Any terrorist attack that occurred on its territory is blamed on Pakistan.

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In April, in Pahalgam, terrorists were brutally killed in India. India accused Pakistan for it and attacked it in May in order to target terrorist network in Pakistan. It has multi dimensional implications for their relations, including deterioration of trade relations, suspension of Indus water Treaty, military escalation, and setback to religious tourism. Its consequences go beyond their relations. It has also redefined regional power dynamics and shifted alignments of extra regional actors. Due to this, USA's inclination toward Pakistan has enhanced.

Background of Pahalgam crisis

When terrorists targeted tourists in Pahalgam, India launched operation Sindoor to target terrorists inside Pakistan. In this operation, Pakistan downed its fighter jets and drones. In retaliation, Pakistan launched operation Buryan ul Marsoos in May that attacked several targets in India. It caused material loss to India while

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Pakistan emerged victorious.
USA intervened to reach
ceasefire between the two.

Multidimensional Implications for Pakistan-India bilateral relations

1. Suspension of Indus Water Treaty

India has weaponized water
and immediately suspended
Indus Water Treaty that
governs water distribution
between the two countries.

2. Military Escalation

Military leadership of
both countries exchange
harsh statements with
each other. It is likely
that military misadventure
may happen due to
the setback to India
in the war. To secure
its dominant position in
South Asia, India may
involve in Pakistan-like
misadventure.

3. Deterioration of Trade Relations

Deterioration of trade
relations between the two
countries has occurred

further. Therefore, there is no possibility of warming of trade relations between the two.

4. Setback to religious Tourism
Sikh pilgrims come to Pakistan on their gurus' anniversaries. However, in the post-Pak Ogam, India has banned their entry into Pakistan.

5. Diplomatic Crisis

Both countries have suspended their diplomatic relation since May conflict.

6. Peaceful Settlement of Kashmir is impossible.

Deteriorating ties between Pakistan and India has made peaceful settlement of Kashmir impossible.

How the crisis has redefined regional power dynamics

Establishment of Balance of power in the region.

Pakistan's operation against India has established balance of power in the region. Now, Pakistan's military is

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was-tested military that
can thwart any attack
against its territory.

How it has shifted alignments
of extra regional power.

1. Warming ties between Pakistan
and USA.

The conflict has exposed
the dominant position of
Pakistan's military. owing
to this, USA and Pakistan's
relation has warmed. The
reason is that Pakistan
has acknowledged the
key role of Donald Trump
in ceasefire between Pakistan
and India. USA has
~~inked~~ mineral agreement
with Pakistan as well as
made it a partner
of Gaza Peace Plan.

2. Pakistan and Saudi Arabia
Defence Deal.

The conflict enhanced
Pakistan's military's stature.
owing to this, Saudi
Arabia inked Defence
Deal with Pakistan in
September 2025. It states
that attack against

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any state will be considered attack both states.

Conclusion

The Post-Pahalgam crisis transformed Indo-Pakistan relations from uneasy coexistence to overt confrontation. It deepened diplomatic rupture, militarized security postures and destabilized cooperation mechanism. It has also shifted power dynamics and realignments of extra-regional actors.