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Current Affairs

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Despite Beijing's continuous efforts to decrease the tension between Pakistan and Afghanistan, the South Asia region has still hostile relations. With continuous terrorist attacks from Afghanistan region, and with Afghan Taliban providing logistical and operational space, sanctuary and financial support to TTP, it's making Pakistan in a difficult position to join hands with its neighbours on west border. However, things can be on better way, once cross-border terrorism lessens.

Major Factors straining Pak-Afghan relations

Afghanistan, providing safe haven for TTP - Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan

According to UNSC's department

"The analytical support and sanction monitoring team's report, Afghan Taliban has issued \$43,000 per month to

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TTP leader Noor Wali Mahsoud back in 2024. In the report, it was also mentioned that TTP established new training centers in Kunar, Nangarhar and Paktika provinces of Afghanistan.

An estimated amount of 6,000 to 65,000 fighters in TTP.

The US Department of State shared 2023 Country Report on Terrorism indicating a significant presence of TTP in Afghanistan.

Taliban Refusing to give a written guarantee during mediation
In the past, the acting prime minister of Afghanistan - Hasan Akhund had assured Pakistan's delegation in Kabul that Afghan territory will not be used against any nation, including its neighbours. Similarly, in July 2020, the joint statement declared that Afghan territory must not be used to threaten any country's security. Despite these diplomatic commitments, terrorism is still not halted. Pakistan is demanding a written agreement, even in the presence of neutral bodies, Türkiye and Qatar, the Kabul is ~~not~~ showing resistance. Defence

minister Khwaja Asif strongly emphasized that without a written agreement with guarantees, Pakistan cannot consider the issue resolved.

Afghan Taliban is under the influence of a third party

While giving an interview on a TV channel, Defence minister Asif unveiled that negotiations were close to a point several times, but the Afghan delegation pulled back "after consulting Kabul." He further explained that the proposed agreement was pulled back each time Afghan representatives contacted Kabul for instructions. This given scenario creates lack of trust. No peaceful negotiations can be successful, if the real players are behind the board, controlling the official government.

Prade, TTP, Afghanistan and India strengthening ties

Growing strained relation between Pakistan and Afghanistan brought Delhi and Kabul together. In October 2025, India announced to upgrade its "technical mission" to a full embassy. This indicates a restoration

of India's diplomatic presence in Afghanistan. Moreover, Afghan's Foreign Minister Muttagi's visit to India signalled a regional and economic partnership between both countries. ~~The~~ Pakistan is taking this growing ties as a matter of concern. Defence Minister Asif accused Kabul of becoming "a proxy of India". He further stated that Afghanistan and TTP are cooperating to "impose terrorism on Pakistan".

Afghanistan's refusal to accept Durand Line as a formal border

In Recent negotiations in Doha, the Taliban's defence minister clearly stated that the border mentioned in the ceasefire agreement does not refer to the Durand Line as Afghanistan never considers it as an official, legal and valid border. They view it as a division imposed by British during colonial-era. The relations will be fierced whenever Pakistan will work on the border - fencing, posts, checkpoints or even trading.

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