

Introduction:

For decades, Pakistan saw a crucial partner in Afghanistan, with initial euphoria manifested in eagerly welcoming Taliban to join power in Kabul back in 2021. As the dust settled, however, the ground realities served Islamabad a stark reminder the nation had long shrouded in the mystery of expedience. Today, the tensions between Kabul and Islamabad have come out in the open, predominantly centered around hardline regime's affiliation with terrorist threatening Pakistan. Although Islamabad has used variety of carrot and stick policy prescriptions, things have remained grim. The answer is an attempt to analyse the current dynamics, ultimately culminating in outlining policy options.

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Kabul- Islamabad tensions
Following 15th August
2021: TTP, Safe havens

TTP has emerged
a victor of Kabul under
Taliban. Afghan Taliban
support it to evade defection
of TTP cadres to ISKP.

UN Analytical
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2024 saw violent terrorist campaign reaching levels comparable to pre-2014

Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS)

There is a serious uptick in violent activities by TTP, primarily targeting Security personnel

Pakistan is bleeding badly. There is uptick in militant activities throughout the country. It requires response.

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Potential of TTP-BLA
nexus has further put
Islamabad in tight spot

There is a thinking that
such an alliance is possibly
undermining Pakistan

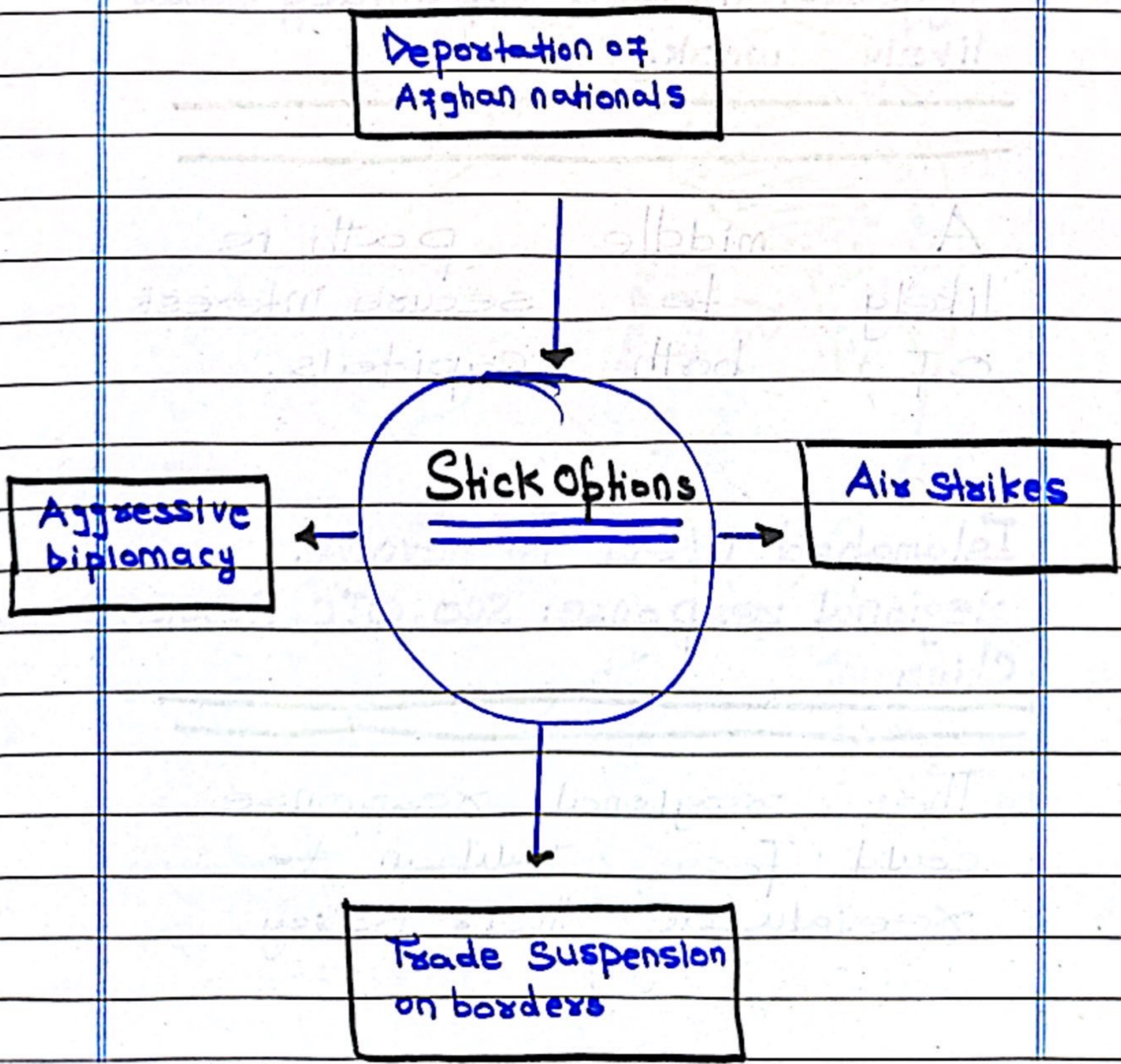
Taliban have so far remained
unresponsive

It is worryingly disappointing
to see Taliban colluding
against Pakistan interests

Islamabad have undertaken
coercive measures, but all in a
vain

The coercive measures
have failed to find
articulate response.

Coercive Measures of Islamabad aimed at winning in TTP and persuade Afghan Taliban



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AS Islamabad
has failed to stir
genuine response, below
strategies could be
given a thought

A middle path between
aggression and diplomacy would
likely work.

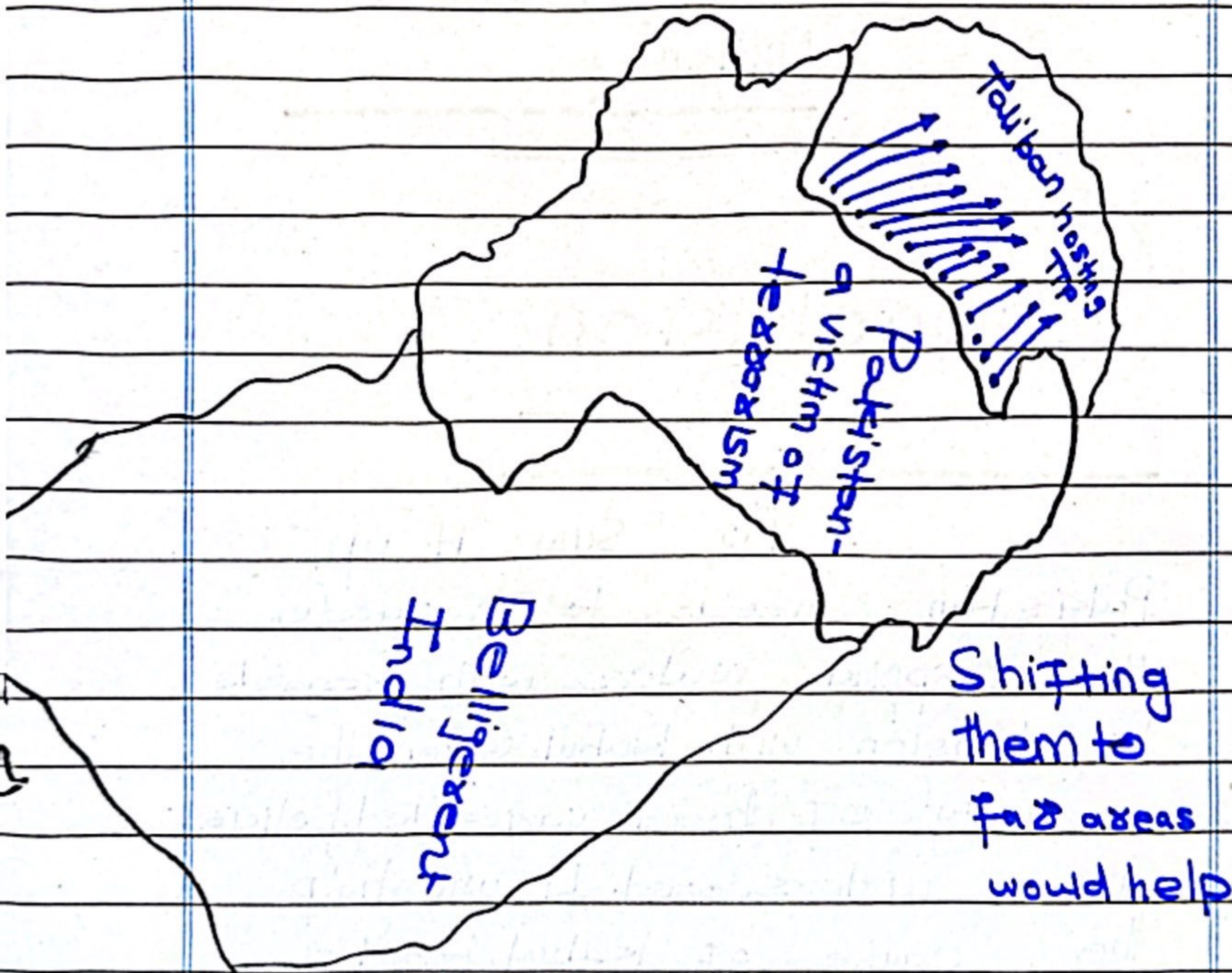
A middle path is
likely to secure interest
of both capitals.

Islamabad need to evolve
regional response: SCO, OIC, Russia,
China

The regional response
could force Taliban to
reevaluate their policy.

Pakistan Should develop a Plan to Shift the TTP cadres away from shared borders

Locating the TTP cadres is a good option, particularly in the short term interest of Islamabad.



A multifaceted approach is required, which involves ideological combat and socioeconomic governance beside kinetic measure to browbeat terrorism and militancy

Barak O Neil:
Inside Terrorism and Militancy

Conclusion:

To sum it up, Pakistan needs to navigate the choppy waters, with regards to tension with Kabul. Given the enormity of threat, variegated policies are underscored. It will help the cause of Kabul, too, to reevaluate their ideological bonds. Ultimately, they also need international recognition

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Introduction

Stalin and Mao had varied interpretation of Communism. Although both mounted challenges to Western order, 1960s saw a remarkable recalibration, turning Beijing closer to the US, possibly in the search of global recognition of One-China policy. The equation of Past has reversed to spark a debate following the Russian annexation of Ukraine. Today, Moscow has gyrated closer than ever to Beijing, with the latter returning the reciprocity in an effort to put Washington on backfoot. The current fragmentation of liberal order has only added to their cause. The answer is an explanation to global geopolitical dynamics, pivoting around Washington, Beijing and Moscow.

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Russia- China growing economic, geostrategic and geopolitical bonhomie

China's silence over Ukraine manifest the partnership

China has maintained a silence over Russian aggression on Kyiv. This is viewed as a symbol of strong partnership between the two.

Moscow seems ready to overlook Indian apprehensions over the ties

Moscow is ready to sacrifice India at the altar of Chinese concerns. It is no mean feat for Beijing.

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Beijing has left no stone unturned in offsetting Sanction on Moscow: Buying Russian oil

Buying oil from Russian Industry has enabled Moscow to stay afloat. Otherwise, crisis would have vastly hurt its all-oriented economy after host of sanctions.

Both are part of seemingly anti-west Bricks+

The phenomenon of multiple multilateral organisation displaying anti-west leanings are intrinsically tied to the partnership of Russia and Beijing.

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Today, Russia-China ties
are closer than ever

Age of Revolutions

Fareed Zakaria

How such a partnership
is a potential challenge
to the US?

Both capitals seek to
overthrow West led order

This is their national
orientations. The new
governance model is what
they have seen unity.

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Both are critic of
US imperialism and expansion

The US imperialism has
unsettled both, particularly
Russia. The China containment
has forced Beijing closer to
Washington

Moscow and Beijing want
to overhaul the world's reliance
on dollars

The dollar disentanglement
is their shared goal,
in an attempt to avoid
falling into sanction regime

In their worldview, Bretton Wood
institutions are done for good

Bretton Woods find no
welcoming in both capitals.

The fragmentation of
this liberal order has
helped their cause

The current state
of transitioning order
has helped the goals
of Beijing and Moscow.
Both are united to
cash on the vulnerability
of US and the Western
empire.

The unravelling of
liberal world order
feeds into US anxieties,
aiding Russia, China, Iran
and North Korea

Stephen Walt
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Limitations of Beijing and Moscow partnership

Burden of history could
drive a wedge

This poses a threat
to the partnership. After
all, trust is a rare
commodity.

India's deft diplomacy
may draw a grain bargain

India would try hard
to get Russia back to
its team. And West will
push it to do so.

Revanchist designs of
Putin could turn off
Xi Jinping

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Relations

A favourable outcome of
ukraine crisis, engineered
by Trump, to Moscow could
keep a check

A favourable outcome in the
negotiation could put a check,
particularly in the Trump
administration.

Conclusion: In conclusion, Beijing
and Moscow share a goal of putting
to rest the US dominance for
shared growth. Time will reveal
how far they go in accomplishing this goal.
Today, they remain in friendly terms,
but self-interests may throw a gauntlet in
longer run.