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Critically evaluate the slowing down of CPEC. Recommendations for Islamabad and Beijing

Introduction

China Pakistan Economic Corridor has been playing a pivotal role in the development of Pakistan. But it is (it) facing challenges from its inauguration. There are so many factors, for example, political instability that also leads towards economic crisis. The programme is also facing governance problems and regional security threats and terrorism through out the country is hindering this issue. Moreover, there are also external issues like US, Afghanistan, and India's concerns to this programme are also a big challenge. But this issue can be take over through different strategies. This discussion is

based upon the challenges and recommendations for CPEC Phase II.

II Evaluation of the slowing down of CPEC project in Pakistan

A. Internal factors in slowing down of CPEC II

1A. Political instability in Pakistan

Pakistan is facing political instability since 1948, when Quaid-e-Azam was no more. Through out these years, the governments could not complete their tenure gracefully. That's why it is hindering a lot of economic projects of the country as all of the governments politicized these projects. CPEC is also one of them.

2A - Economic Crisis is also another factor

When there is political instability,

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economy also faces crisis. In fact,

Politic & Economy

Political process is directly proportional to economy. Therefore, Pakistan cannot invest her money with China and all in progressive works. Hence, it has also affected foreign direct investment.

3A. Demandings of IPP's of China

Pakistan has debt of about 1.98B\$ of Chinese IPP's. China is demanding her money from Pakistan. And she is unable to give due to economic instability. It has also slowed down this project.

Abrar Zaidi (Dauid) wrote in his book "Pakistan Development Paradox"

"It does not mean there is no development in the country but these developments are not giving benefits to the local people"

4A. Regional security threats and terrorism

Pakistan is also facing security challenges for many years. CPEC is also affected. For instance the Chinese workers are ^{being} killed on the working sites. And (this) China is very much concerned about it. They had warned Pakistan to start the operation against terrorists otherwise they will not start this project.

B. External issues

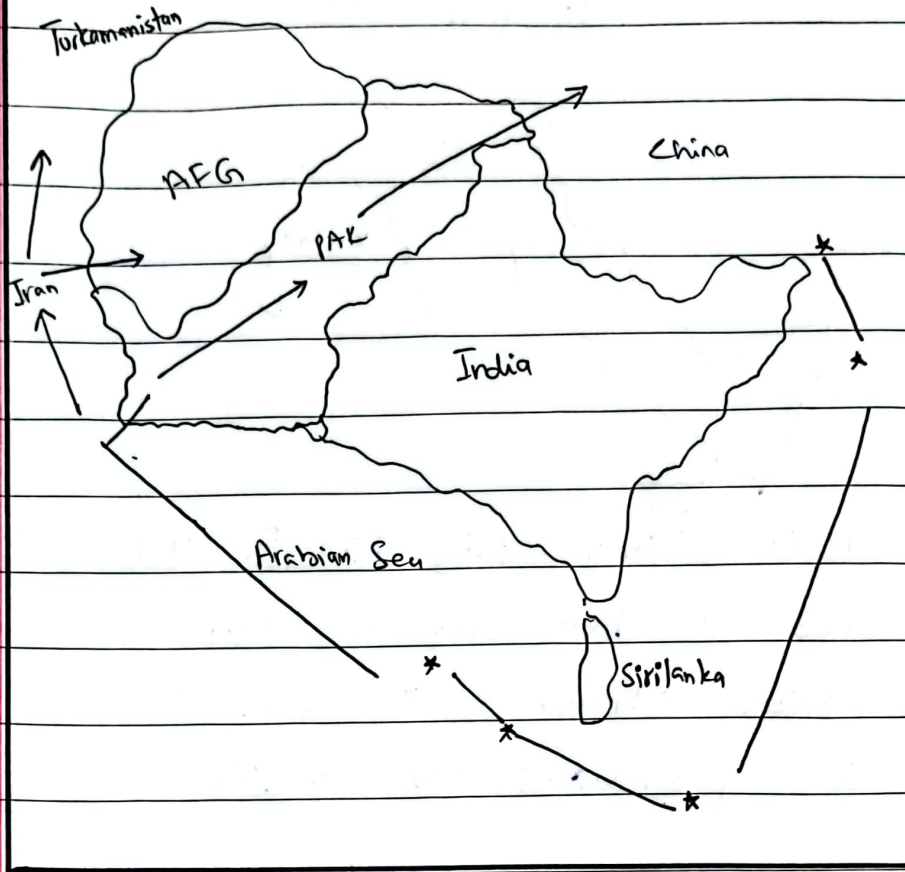
1B. US- Concerns about CPEC

US has concerns that, The CPEC will stop their economy so they should not start this project. It creates a pressure on Pakistan because, Pakistan's economy is based upon their aids. US concerns are right in the sense, as it is creating belt in the

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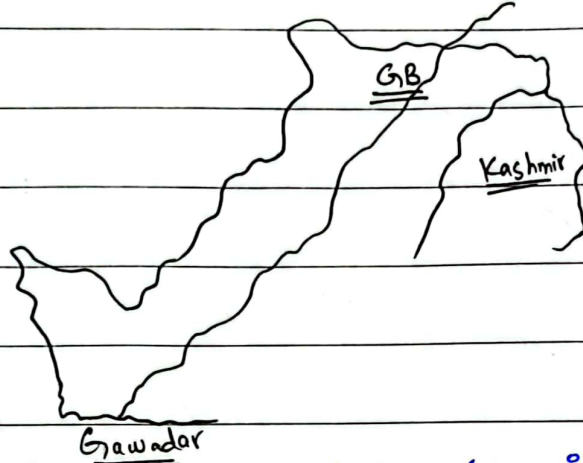
Countries. Just like in the picture :-



2B- Afghanistan role and terrorism

Afghanistan has issues from Pakistan regarding Durand Line. They always demand this area from her. That's why often starts attack in Pakistan. This thing has frightened China regarding security. Hence, China is facing doubled threats, internally and externally.

3B Indian's Concerns towards CPEC



India Gawadar claims that, GB is their area so they have to stop this project through this area. It has also pressurized the situation.

Recommendations for Islamabad and Beijing regarding CPEC Phase II

A. Internal solutions

1A) Depoliticization of any Project in the country

Due to political instability, the projects are prevented and gets late.

Pakistan should de-politicized all of her projects so that it could

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not impact all projects including CPEC for consistent working.

2A- Work towards economy

There is a finest solution to prevent Pakistan from loans. This way will lead towards less debt and less interest rate. For this Pakistan should privatize some state owned enterprises following the role of England's PM Thatcher. So that China IPP could also be wared off and it could not affect CPEC as well. Barack Obama says that

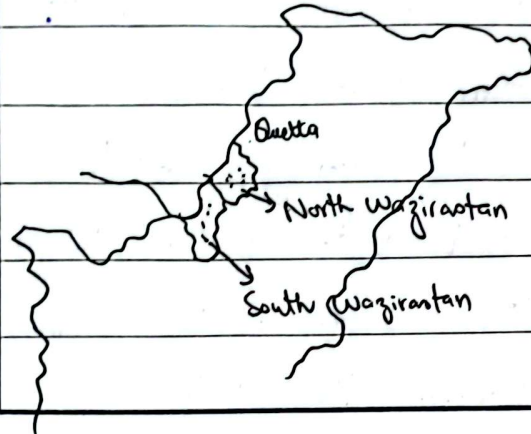
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“Nation who cannot control its economy and natural resources cannot control their future”

3A- Tackling security concerns

Pakistan should start operations throughout the country. It should be intelligence based operations to tackle this issue. She should also talk to BLA, that

it could also give advantage to Balochistan. Government should give them assurance to make them part of this economy.



According to the sources, TTP has hidden themselves in these areas. Government should empower Army to do operations to clear these areas.

4A- Negotiations with India, USA and Afghanistan

There is only a solution to negotiate with these countries that CPEC will not hinder the economy of US and to forget the past incident we should move on with united projects, regarding India and AFG.

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Conclusion of the discussion

CPEC can be made as one of the finest projects all over the world. If Pakistan could be able to overcome her problems internally and externally it can be possible.

Moreover to rise the steps towards the project's challenges like to stable the economy and politics and negotiations to US and neighbours, it can be successfully completed.

Question: 05

Critically evaluate opportunities and challenges after Sheikh Hasena and opportunities for Pakistan

1. Introduction

Bangladesh was facing so many social, political and economic issues in Sheikh Hasena's regime. After falling her government it gave a new direction to the country in all factors. In all these scenarios it has also opened an opportunity for Pakistan Bangladesh relations once again.

Through these bilateral relations, both countries would be able to involve in trade, strong foreign policy, educational and tourism etc. In fact, it has opened towards a golden opportunity to get closed once again.

2. Opportunities and Challenges after Sheikh Hasena Regime

A- Political unrest is there at the corner even after her

It is not easy to stabilize the country within the moments. It demands many days. Just like Bangladesh, after Sheikh Hasena's government, political instability is still there. As people are putting allegations on her daughter (Saimia Wazed) regarding corruption. And people have claim to remove her from NHO. It is said that:

“A hungry man cannot control her country”
(Albert Einstein)

B- Social unrest throughout the country

The students are consistently demanding for job quota to be enhanced.

This thing is increasing social unrest day by day.

Opportunities for Bangladesh

A- To stabilize the social unrest in the country

There is a golden opportunity for the new government to provide the maximum job quota to decrease the social unrest all across the country.

B- To grant stability to the politics

To grant stability to the politics, it is essential to check the allegations the people are putting, whether they are right or wrong. If right, then the new government should accept the demands of the people by using the motto of "equality, fraternity and liberty".

E - Opportunity to enhance the influence of BNP and JI

There is a great opportunity for BNP and JI to enhance their influence in Bangladesh. As these countries has played an important for the independence from Sheikh Hasina regime.

D - Opportunity to enhance GDP and foreign policy to other countries like PAK

It is quoted by Barack Obama that
 "A nation who cannot control its resources, cannot control its future"

Now, it is up-to Bangladeshi government to work for the economy of the country. For this, they have to enhance the foreign policy to other countries like Pakistan. who are religiously similar with them.

3. Opportunities for Pakistan in this whole scenario

A- Development of strong Foreign Policy Through trade



It is a great opportunity for Bangladesh to avail the opportunity of CPEC to trade with Pakistan through waters. It would head towards the strong policy between two countries.

B- Development the opportunity of tourism ^{b/w} for both countries

It is also another golden opportunity for both countries to

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explore the cultures and traditions of both countries. Although they are both similar in religious perspectives. But According to the student of Pakistan who has been ^{also} working there she said that:

“There is no religious extremism in Dhaka just like Pakistan. And these people are also super excited about the festivals like Eid”

It could be beneficial for the people to know each other's cultures. And another opportunity is that, it can also decrease the religious extremism as well.

C- Regional stability

Both countries can avail the regional stability as ever before they had before independence. It could also get them close to each other and the people would be able to know the concept of “Bhai-Chara” (Brotherhood). Just like

Iqbal said:

لوں تو سپر پیکٹی ہو سرز ا جی، بو افغان جی تو
تم سبھی کچھ ہو بناؤ کیا مسلمان پٹی ہو؟

D - Opportunity of military trainings

As Pakistan's military is known as one of the strongest military all over the world. There is a good opportunity for Bangladesh to take military trainings from Pakistan Army. Which would also create stability in the country.

E - Technology and educational opportunities

By air or by waters, both countries' students can avail the opportunity of education (through the ^{even} procedure of exchange students). It would also get strong their relations.

Both countries can also ^{do} work on technology to enhance their economy.

"As world is going to be a

global village through technology”

Conclusion of the discussion

This discussion concludes that, there is no doubt there is a light at the end of the tunnel, just like in the form of falling of the government of Sheikh Hasena. Now, Bangladesh can avail many opportunities through ^{strengthening} foreign policies, & trades with other countries. Pakistan is a best example for them to avail the opportunity to cope with challenge.

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Pakistan economy and structural reforms

1- Introduction

Economy of the country plays an important role to stabilize the situation of the country. Pakistan is facing economic challenges from (many) ~~about~~ its birth.

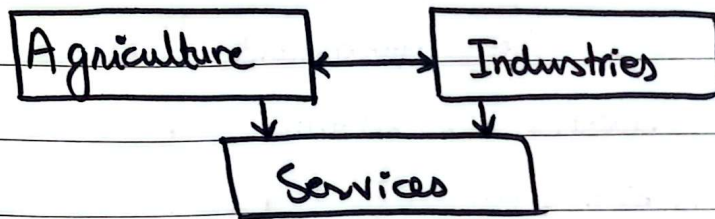
It has many flaws and need to be reformed. Just like, reformation in taxes, and state owned enterprises, shifting towards renewable energy to get rid of IPPs. Also the reforms in technology and educational institutions and lessen the loans from IMF and WB. It ~~is~~ also ^{necessary} ~~to~~ ^{for} to enhance security for tourism and Foreign direct investment. There is also essential to get rid of corruption and to introduce blue and green economy. This question will be discussed upon the reformation that the

Country needs.

1- Pakistan's economy and structural reforms

A- Tax reforms through equal division between the Institutions of Pakistan

There are three dominant institutions in Pakistan:



These (Both) are working for the development of the country. But these institutions are basically not working equally and even they are not giving taxes equally

For instance:

Agricultural Sector
→ 0% tax

Industrial Sector
→ 30% tax

Services sector
→ 30% tax

Hence, there should be equal taxation so that they could be able to contribute more towards the economy.

B- Reforms in the state owned enterprises

State owned enterprises for example:

PIA → 7.1 Billion Rs Loss

Railway → Also in Loss

PAK Steel Mill → Also in Loss

For this, the government should sell these enterprises, following the model of Thatcher, PM of England. Who sold her Railway to the locals and collected the revenue through taxes. It is for good for Pakistan as well, if she ^{will} follow the rule.

C- Technological enhancement in research institutes

According to the reports a textile institute has made the fabric through Peel of Banana. And the

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Students 'also made the shirts through this fabric and exported to the others. It could be possible ^{only} with the help of government. The Pakistan government can also do work on this process. It would be ^{more} easy to sell the state-owned enterprises and to invest her money on these works.

D- Shifting towards renewable energy from electricity

If Pakistan shifts towards the renewable energy resources as it is enriched with sunlight. It can shift its electricity towards solar panels.

According to the reports

"Pakistan has become 1st most buying ^{solar} panels country from China"

But it could be beneficial only when the government will sell the solar panels at low prices. So that everyone could be able to buy them. Through shifting towards these panels, Pakistan will get rid of IPPs and grid stations as well.

E- To lessen loans from IMF and World Bank

Pakistan is one of those countries who maximum relies on IMF and World Bank's loans. It also enhances the debt as well as the interest rate on that loan.

According to the World Bank report:
"Pakistan has 17 trillion Dollars loan on hand"

To get rid of these institutions Pakistan should enhance the economy so that she could not rely on them.

F- Corruption and check and balance on institutions

Another factor is that, there is no check and balance in the institutions and the employees are doing corruption regarding money. For instance, Police department is considered as one of the corrupt

institutions in Pakistan. There is also no check and balance on FIA and FBR. The government should put strong check and balance on them so, that it could prevent the country's resources and assets.

To follow ↳ Chinese economic model

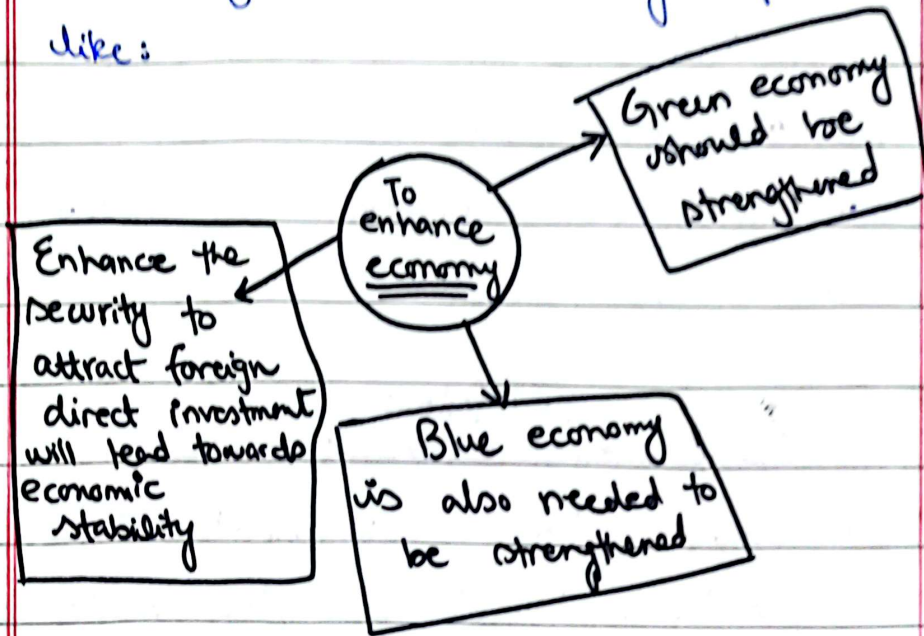
Although China's government is authoritarian based. But she made the policy to strengthen her local government to make the policy and collect revenue for the government.

Hence, after a short time the local government generated the taxes policies and enhanced the economy of the country. It is said that: ~~you can~~

"You can change your friend
but cannot change your
neighbours"

Pakistan should feel blessed to have these neighbours and should follow the sound natured policies of China.

Moreover there is also need to reform the following departments like:



Conclusion

It is proved that through the given reformations, Pakistan can paveaway towards the stability of economy. It can be possible only if the country does reforms in every mentioned department of the country.

Question: 04

Islamabad - Kabul tensions. Critically evaluations + recommendations

INTRODUCTION

Pakistan and Afghanistan are the neighbours from west side's border of Pakistan. Recently, the both countries are facing tensions due to terrorist organization TIP. Pakistan has different claims while Afghanistan has contrast based claims and neglect her's claims.

In the response of Afghanistan, Pakistan has recently attacked Afghanistan that has created tensions. And this scenario is going to be more tensed if negotiations between two countries could not be happened.

As well as both countries need to have tight security ^{on borders} and internal security as well. Pakistan should also expect the Afghan nationals for creating peace.

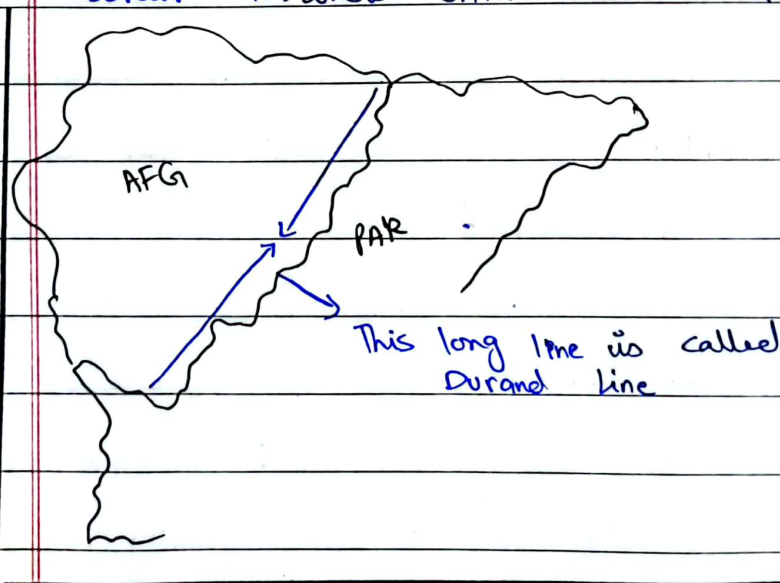
This discussion is based upon the challenges of Islamabad - Kabul relations and recommendation to do them better.

2. Challenges of Islamabad - Kabul relations

A- Problem of Durand Line

Pakistan has long border with Afghanistan in the form of Durand line and is also considered as an insecure border of the countries.

Pakistan has claim that through this border terrorists enter our country.



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B- Pakistan claims about TTP who is hidden in AFG by AFGHAN Taliban

Pakistan has claim that Afghan Taliban has given TTP space in Afghanistan. It is also a national policy of AFG that:

“They cannot give disadvantages to their guests”

But Afghan Taliban are not accepting that claim.

C- Attacks of Pakistan in Afghanistan

Pakistan was consistently facing challenges of security from Afghan border. It also killed so many soldiers. As well as it was also impacting China's relations as well. That's why Pakistan attacked Kabul in January 2025 and claimed

“We have killed 90+ TTP terrorists in Kabul” (ISPR)

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D- Afghanistan Contrastive claim on Pakistan

On the other hand, Afghanistan had claimed that, the attack did not kill any TTP member, but it killed 20+ children and women.

Hence, Afghanistan is not ready to accept to have TTP in their region. Rather their foreign minister told Pakistan in response of attack:

"If Pakistan has Babar missile,
we have so many Babars
in our country"

It indicates a tension between both countries.

4- Recommendations to get through this issue

(A) Negotiations between
both countries

This problem can only be get through if both countries could

talk on this problem. But Afghanistan is not accepting it to talk with Pakistan.

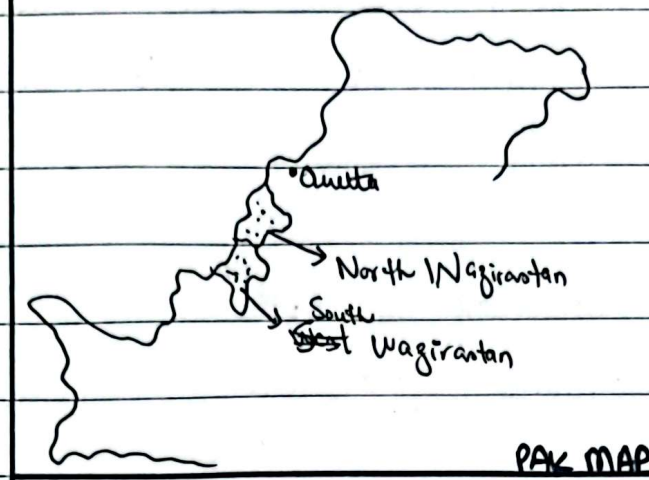
(B) Security on both countries borders

Another recommendation is that both countries need to strengthen the security on borders. As it is a long border. There should be (need) necessary to create more check posts and there should be separate night and morning shifts. So that security could be tightened without any sleep. As it is said that:

"PAK Army is one of the greatest Army of the world. (ISPR)"

C. Pakistan should also enhance internal security

To control BLA → Balochistan +
Waziristan
(North & South)



AFG officials have claimed to tight their security and do search operations in these countries. Which is a good option, rather than to blame them only.

Conclusion

Pakistan and Afghanistan relations are one of the important relations regarding muslim countries as well. Both countries are facing allegations on both sides. ^{But} it can not be solved through allegations but through negotiations and through tightens the security, internally and externally.