

# Q3

## Introduction:

With India's growing economic clout, coupled with New Delhi's deepening bonhomies with Washington, the scales are vastly tipped in the favour of India. But that does not enable New Delhi to violate the provisions of international law and act unilaterally. Pakistan has its options and would employ them meticulously to seal a deal over disputed valley of Kashmir along the lines of multilateralism, reciprocity and integration. The answer aims to shed light on the role of Pakistan in resolving the Kashmir question.

# Manifestations of Shifting Regional balance

India's economic clout  
and expanding markets

Since the 1991 economic reforms, India has not looked back, registering growth of 8-10pc for decades thereafter. This has enabled it a sense of impunity.

The Indo-US ties have not been as secured as today

Michael Kugelman  
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The deepening US-India ties have emboldened New Delhi to biblical proportions

The US, with its China containment policy, has found a partner of choice in India, raising Indian hubris to biblical proportions and changing the regional power-balance in India's favour.

Simultaneously, Pakistan's fading geopolitical prominence make India a great player

For Pakistan, its stature has been greatly dented in the same timeframe - a cause of concern for Islamabad, as regional power has welcomed India's footprints.

Pakistan's shrinking diplomatic space has allowed India to act unilaterally

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What role does  
Pakistan envision for  
international mediation  
or ~~multilateral~~ multilateral dialogue  
in resolving Kashmir issue

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Pakistan is a key  
player, without which  
no peace plan is possible  
in nuclear South-Asia

No peace is possible  
without Islamabad being  
a key stakeholder in  
South Asia. As for Kashmir,  
it cannot be another  
Palestine, for Pakistan  
has the wherewithal  
to draw a coherent  
response.

The partition Plan of 1947 grant Pakistan a legitimacy

With a Muslim majority status of Kashmir, it was deemed part of Pakistan. It cannot be captured, and no peace can be attained without Islamabad.

India's failure to observe UN resolution, and its genocide in Kashmir dents its hegemonic agenda

India's consistent hubris has earned it hatred in Kashmir. It cannot absorb the region without a sustained dialogue with Pakistan.

Islamabad believes to engage India on UN, SCO, Saarc and other forums to secure peace

Islamabad will engage New Delhi with all resources available. Being a key affectee, Pakistan would raise the issue on all platforms.

Pakistan places a considerable emphasis on dialogue, waiting only for the right time to strike chord

There is no hurry. Pakistan will bide its time; when the stars aligned, New Delhi would eventually turn to table.

Pakistan is a key player and its importance is reverberated in New Delhi, Washington and Beijing

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Pakistan is not eager to institute diplomatic resolution on Indian ties, given its stress on reciprocity.

Islamabad believes in reciprocity and this will move its relations forward with India, and on Kashmir. Ultimately, India will have to come to table.

India's hegemonic mood-swings serve no one, not even New Delhi itself.

Stephen Cohen  
Brookings Institute

## Conclusion

Although regional balance of power favours India, the importance of nuclear Pakistan cannot be wished away. The issue of Kashmir is inextricably tied to Pakistan's foreign relations. A multilateral initiative resolving Kashmir question would see Pakistan at its central. The resolution to Kashmir, peace in South Asia and regional integration cannot be imagined without active contribution of Islamabad.



# Q2

## Introduction:

Ever since the approval of Partition Plan of 1947, the threat of hot borders has been at the centre of Islamabad's external relations. With domineering inclinations of New Delhi, Pakistan was forced to adopt a model of national security state, with things mirroring the same, even after seven long decades.

Regarding Afghanistan, a friendly neighbour is long sought, yet little results are evident, as terrorism continues to find expression <sup>against</sup> Islamabad's security calculations. Meanwhile, Pakistan's relations with Tehran are relatively stable, but 16 Jan. 2024, the day two neighbours saw tensions threatening bilateral relations, manifested fault lines straddling the shared border. The answer intends to conduct the analysis of security challenges of Islamabad and its impacts vis-a-vis its neighbours.

Pakistan's relations with India under the light of Islamabad's security challenges

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Indo-Pak relations have been strained due to disputes over territory in Kashmir.

Pakistan's relations with New Delhi have been vastly impacted due to border disputes, which have escalated due to Indian actions in Kashmir after Aug 5.

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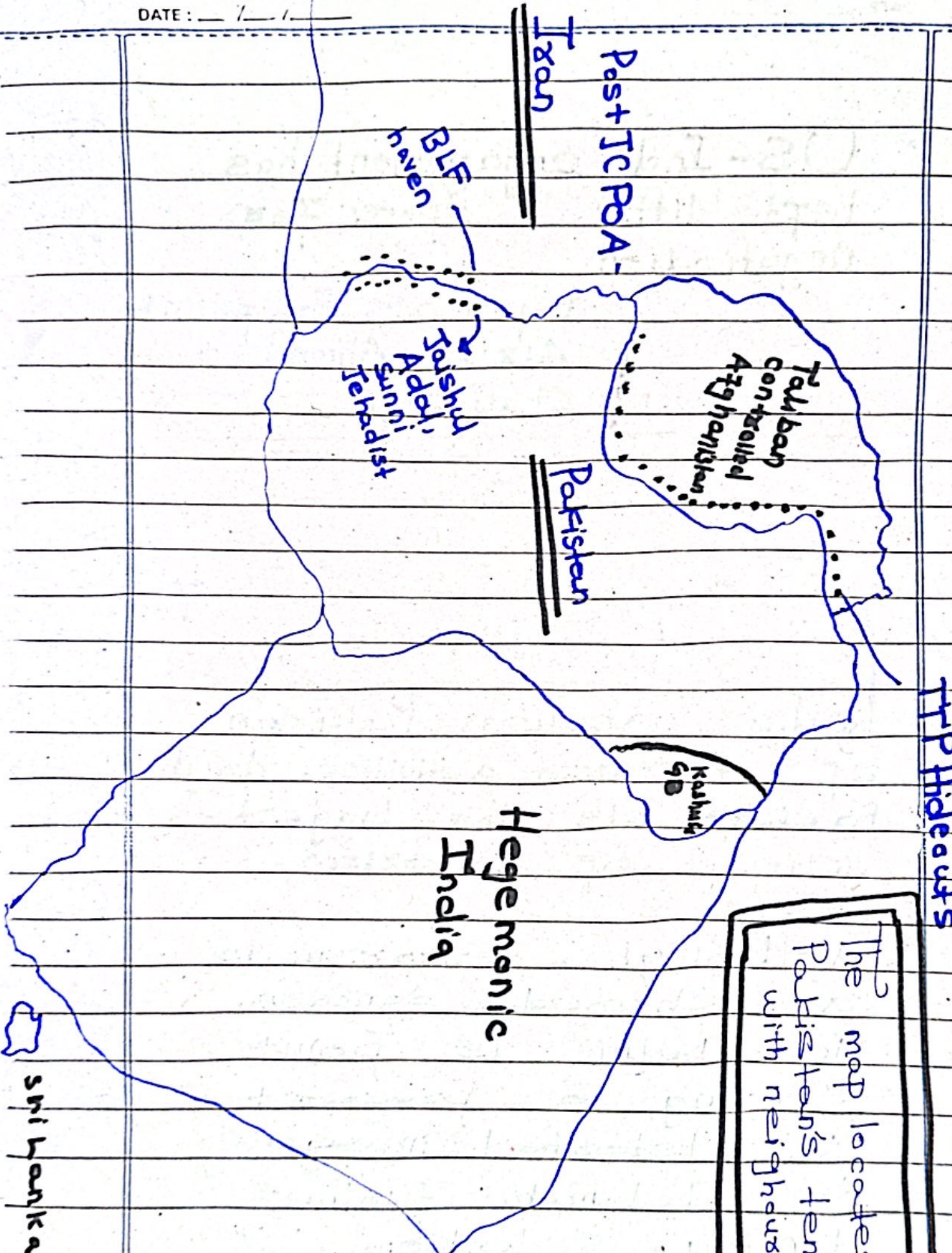
US-Indo engagement has  
left little space for  
negotiation

Diplomatic Footprints  
Aizaz Ahmed  
Chaudhry

India accuses Pakistan  
of terrorist activities. Though  
Pakistan is the biggest  
victim of terrorism

Although terrorism is  
a shared concern,  
New Delhi is going  
forward to present  
a distorted image  
of Islamabad, further  
denting relations.

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The map locates  
Pakistan's tensions  
with neighbours

Pakistan's relations

with Kabul have been

threatening to stir tensions  
due to cross border terrorism

Almost 2305<sup>attacks</sup> occurred  
in Pakistan in 2024

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Pakistan's policy of Strategic  
dominance lies in ~~tatters~~ in  
Afghanistan

For decades, Pakistan  
aimed for a friendly  
regime in Kabul to  
avoid hot borders along  
multiple fronts, only to  
have more tensions.

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TTP Shares ideological bonds with Afghanistan of Taliban

Zahid Hussain

No Win War

With Kabul reluctant to rein in TTP, Islamabad's relations with it have deteriorated

Kabul have no interest in managing the threat of terrorism, against the spirit of Doha accord, which has presented challenges to Islamabad.

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# Tehran-Islamabad

Ties: in a contemporary  
String of Challenges

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It is for that missile attacks  
reveal irritants in  
the relations.

Last year saw the two  
nations attacking each  
other to betray what  
fault lines could force  
them in flashpoints.

Both capitals accuse each  
other of harboring terrorist

While Islamabad accuses  
that Baloch separatist are  
not been cracked down in  
Iran, the latter maintains  
Pakistan lax attitude to  
terrorists of different  
shades.

Pakistan need stable borders, but present situation is replete with challenges

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Conclusion:

To sum it up,  
Pakistan's relations with neighbours have been greatly influenced- and for worse, due to security challenges and disputes over territorial claims. It is high time Pakistan map a strategy to iron-out tensions.

Evolving a Strategy to combat terrorism in Pakistan and region is central to Islamabad  
Dr Zafar Jaspal