

PART-II

Q#6: Answer.

Introduction:

Since the fall of Kabul to Taliban, Pakistan is facing severe security crisis due to TTP safe heavens in Afghanistan. Due to ideological synergies, Taliban are not using force against them. Modern weaponry and bolstering of arms after Kabul fall leads to heavy losses. Pakistan has retaliated with strong actions like air strikes, sea, air transit trade and immigrant pushback. Pakistan have to take measures like strengthening borders, revising NAP and intelligent use of carrot and stick policy to address these challenges.

A) Use of Afghanistan as a launching pad by TTP and impacts on Pak-Afg

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a) Bolstering of TTP Post Fall of Kabul:

The rise of Afghan Taliban has bolstered TTP that they can also achieve similar setup by overthrowing regime in Pakistan. This has led to change in strategies and operational abilities.

b) Synergies in ideologies of Taliban and TTP:

Afghan Taliban are not taking actions against TTP because they share a common ideology which includes imposing a Sharia based order. They common ground b/w them does not allow action against them.

c) Use of modern weaponry by TTP:

TTP are now using modern weapons to target LEAs. This shows the support and backing by Kabul which provides these weapons after the fall of Kabul.

d) Failure of Afghanistan regime to fulfill their promises:

Taliban time and time promised Pakistan that they will relocate Pakistan Taliban far from Pakistan border to the west. They have not fulfilled their promise even after 9-years.

e) Retaliation by Pakistan and fall in relations:

Pakistan has conducted

cross border air strikes to target TTP hideouts. This has led to fall in relations and aggression by Taliban, who has sent 15,000 troops to Pak-Afghan border.

1) Rising relation between Taliban and India:

Indian deputy foreign secretary has met Taliban foreign minister in Dubai, showing rising relations between the countries. This will have serious implication for Pakistan as India has used Afghan soil to target Pakistan time and time again.

B) Way Forward to counter rising security threats and balance dwindling Pak-Afg relation

a) Intelligent use of carrot and stick policy:

Pakistan government has to use carrot and stick policy intelligently, as stability and peace in Afghanistan is essential for its program. Maleeha Lodhi in her article "limits of Co-ersion" argue that Pakistan must adopt an intelligent use of stick followed by carrot in form of transit trade, intel. support and economic aid to overcome Afghan dilemma

b) Collective pressure on Taliban Regime:

Pakistan should engage regional powers like Russia and China to build diplomatic pressure to counter Afghan support of terror groups. As

China is a major investor and supporter of Taliban regime, pressure from their side will result in concrete actions.

c) Strengthening Porous Borders:

Along with diplomatic measures, Pakistan should adopt robust policy to strengthen border, curtailing flow of terrorist across the border.

This will require installation of AI enabled cameras and drone tech to strengthen security of borders.

d) Addressing Grievances of ex-FATA:

The support base and recruiting ground of TTP lies in ex-FATA. The state must alleviate

poverty and reconstruct the area, connecting it with the rest of the country. This will end the sympathy for TTP or Afghan Taliban and assimilate them in mainstream economy and society.

e) Revising NAP with clear implementation Agenda:

NAP has passed its shelf life. There is need of new and robust policy measures to counter rising extremism. The new NAP should have clear goals with clear implementation road map to achieve lasting peace across the country.

d) Conclusion:

In conclusion, the

Support of Afghan Taliban for TTP actions has led to decline in Afghan-Pakistan relation, followed by coercive action by Pakistan. Pakistan have many options including use of carrot & stick policy, diplomatic pressure and adopting holistic counter-terrorism policy. If adopted, can lead to positive results.

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SWIFT, a global banking transaction channel; is used by US and western allies to punish their adversaries. This has led to rise of BRICS, which want to democratise global financial structure, as most of its members are under severe financial

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Panctions, they are adopting new ways to counter their western aggression. They can overcome weaponisation of RUSFI by barter trade, trade in local currency and development of an alternative channel. Moreover, this aggression can be overcome by collective diplomatic and economic pressure to liberalise the economic system.

A) Pathways by which BRICS+ can counter western exploitation:

a) Adopting trade in local currency:

By developing a framework for trading in local currency, BRICS countries can overcome western aggression. This can be achieved by

integration of banking system, overcoming use of SWIFT framework. Also, it can be easily achieved as every country will trade in its own currency, avoiding contraband overuse of other currency.

b) Developing an alternative Payment system:

By developing an alternative payment system, BRICS can permanently overcome SWIFT challenge under Kazan declaration. BRICS has adopted agenda to develop BRICS Pay which will counter ~~BRICS~~ SWIFT.

c) Developing a common currency backed by Gold or Silver.

Along with SWIFT, dollar is another major

avenue used by US and its allies as weapon. BRICS must adopt a new reserve currency backed by elements like Gold or Silver. This will overcome not only western weaponisation of dollar but also gave leverage to South as they are rich in these elements.



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d) Integrating local banking Channel:

In short term, countries facing western sanctions can overcome it by integrating their local banks. Iran and Russia have connected their banks, allowing trade in their local currency.

e) Barrier Trade: way to counter SWIFT:

Another possible avenue by which BRICS+ can counter SWIFT is trading in goods. These countries are rich in resources; they can use it to trade in goods. This will develop an alternative to SWIFT and allow trade.

f) Collective advocacy for non-weaponisation of SWIFT:

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BRICS countries are regional and global powers. They must leverage their diplomatic position by collective diplomatic efforts for non-weaponisation of SWIFT. If do it collectively, along with their allies, it will result in concrete results.

3) Conclusion:

In conclusion, to overcome SWIFT exploitation, BRICS+ must develop and alternative payment system until then, trading in local currency and goods and integrating local banking channel is an easy way of countering western exploitation by political use of global financial structure