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Answer:

Introduction:

Pakistan has always put efforts towards maintaining peace in the south asian region. It has made diplomatic and economic efforts in tackling regional security challenges. Its efforts have improved its relations with the neighbouring countries such as Iran, India and Afghanistan. Moreover, it has mediated peace in the region through regional organizations, which has also improved the international standing of country.

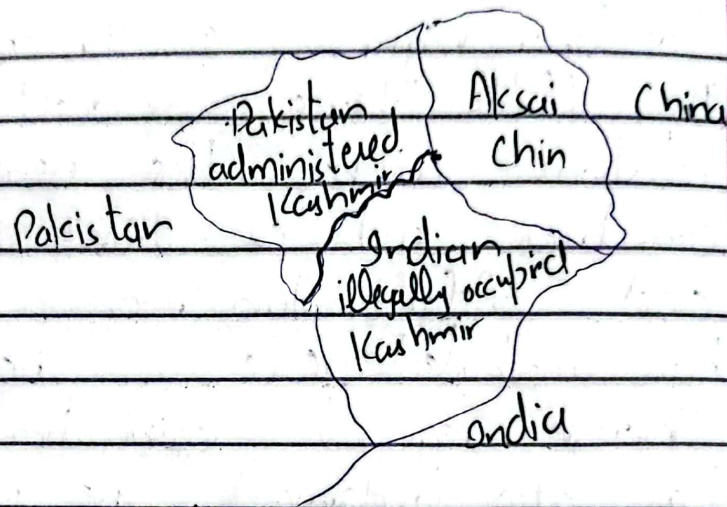
Pakistan's approach to counter regional Security Challenges:

Pakistan has significant importance for its neighbouring countries. Pakistan has always worked towards regional peace, because regional peace is important to enhance trade and economic cooperation among south asian

countries.

- Resolve Border skirmishes with India over Kashmir.

Kashmir has been a core dispute between Pakistan and India since inception. There has been multiple border disputes on LOC over Kashmir.

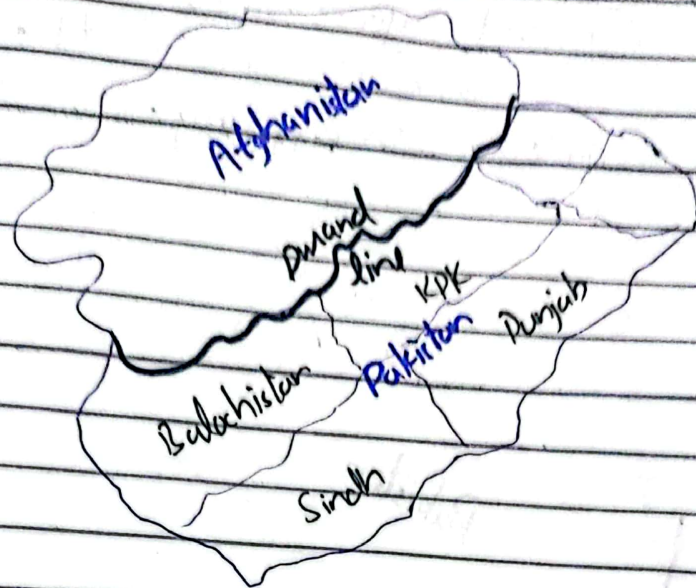


Pakistan has always engaged in peace talks with India to mitigate these border disputes because these are important for regional peace.

- Countering the Resurgent Afghanistan over Afghan Border

The "Durand line" which is the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan has always

been a controversial dispute between both countries.



Afghanistan has been conducting various terrorist activities in its border. According to the UN security council statement:

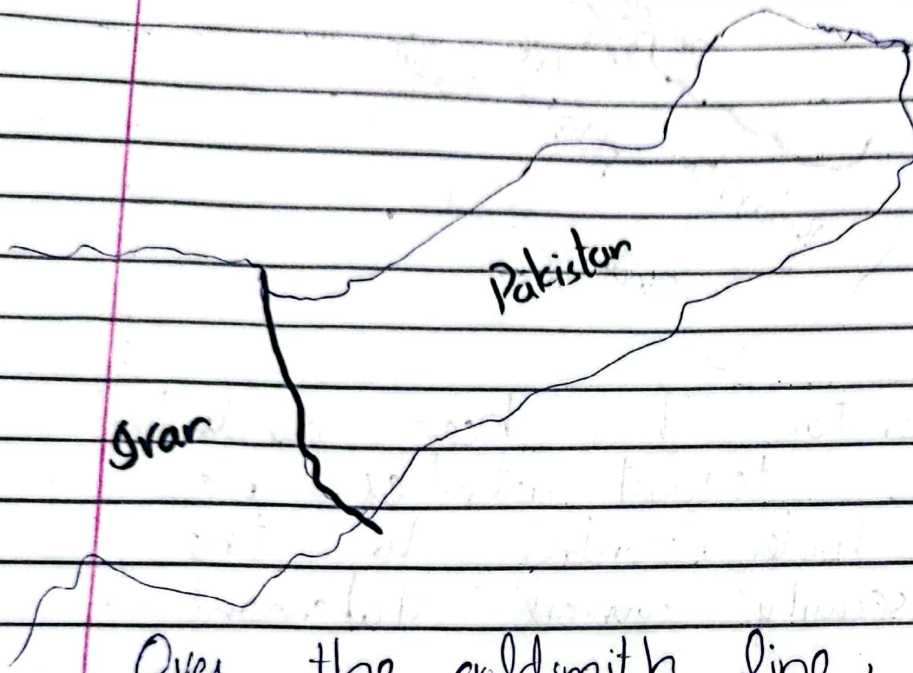
"Terrorist Groups enjoy more freedom in Afghanistan than any other point in world"

Pakistan has always tried constructive and peaceful dialogue with Afghanistan government to curtail its support for militant groups.

• Enhanced Security Over Goldsmith line:

Pakistan and Iran have enjoyed diplomatic relations from the

start. However some cross border security issues have been seen in recent years. There has been an increase in the cross-border smuggling.



Over the goldsmith line, there has been an increase in smuggling activities which has impacted Pakistan's economy. According to Al Jazeera:

"Pakistan has lost around 7 million dollars over cross border illegal oil smuggling with Iran"

So security over the border has been enhanced to curb the illegal oil smuggling.

Implications on its relation with Neighbouring Countries.

- Enhanced Trade Cooperation among Regional Countries:

A peaceful region may result in enhanced trade cooperation among regional countries. It can help the expansion of "CPEC" across the region which may benefit all the countries within South Asia.

- Improved Security Situation in the Region:

Resolved border disputes and lessened terrorist activities with the neighbouring countries may lead to improved security situation in the whole region.

- Promotes Economic Partnerships among South Asian Countries:

When border disputes are

resolved and terrorist activities are curtailed, economic cooperation within the region can be promoted.

Conclusion:

From the above discussion, it can be concluded that Pakistan has put significant efforts in mitigating border disputes and security threats with its neighbouring countries. These can impact its relations by enhancing trade, promoting peace and economic cooperation in the region.

