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Critically evaluate the reasons for the slowing down CPEC Phase II and recommendations to make it a tangible reality.

1- INTRODUCTION

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CPEC Phase II is an important economic booster for Pakistan prosperity. Unfortunately, due to cross-border tensions, political instability, security concerns and Chinese demands regarding IPPs are the key factors, creating hurdles in slowing down this process. To introduce some reforms in the country like Political stability, provinces unity, dealing with terrorism and economy as well as to engage India in this amazing opportunity; this programme can be made into a tangible reality.

This question will discuss the issues and recommendations regarding CPEC Phase II.

2- Reasons for slowing down CPEC Phase II

A. Political instability across the country

Pakistan has ^{been} facing political instability for many years. Due to this reason, a lot of progressive works are pending or investors feel insecure due to these reasons. CPEC is also one of the progressive work that is facing challenges in the country, that shows incompetent nature of the politicians. As, it is said that:

"Violence is the last resort of incompetence"

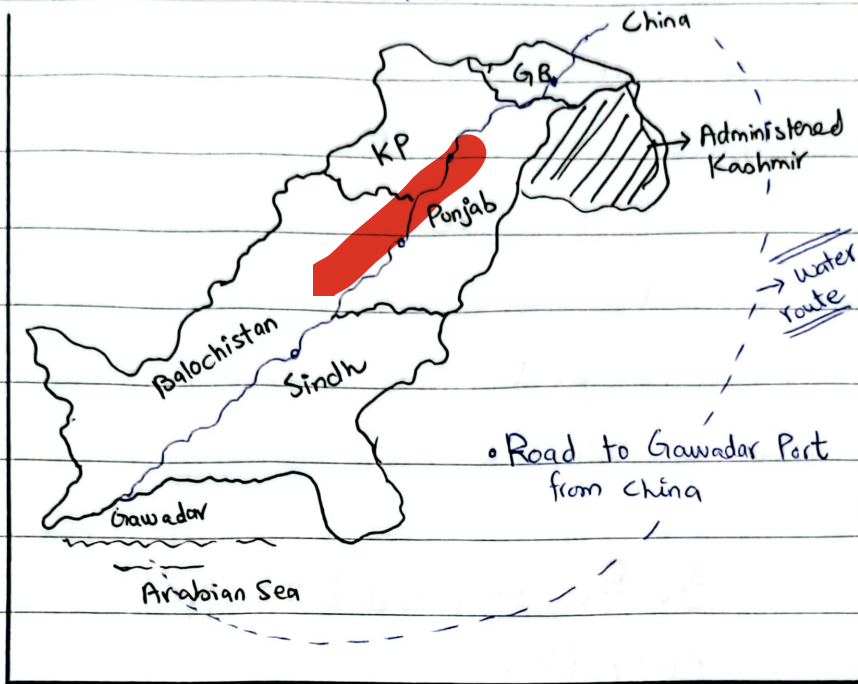
(B) Chinese Security concerns in Pakistan

Security has always been a first priority for everyone. During completing the project of CPEC, attackers have attacked many times on Chinese foreigners to stop this phenomenon. That's why the work is usually slowed down. The map

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will show that how Chinese have committed for their and Pakistan's self interests regarding economy. And this is how they have rebuilt the road especially from China to Balochistan.



(C) Cross-border tensions (from India)

From the beginning of this project, India is ^{going} against it, that is also one of the biggest challenges. She also send some terrorists to create insecurities so that this could not be completed. Moreover, America is also against the CPEC in the perspective of China. She has

Concerned about rising of China.

(D) Chinese demands of debt 1.89 billion Dollars

There are the companies ^{of (IPPs)} including China working in Pakistan. Due to economic and political instability, Pakistan is unable to give all debts at a time while China is consistently demanding their money. It has created a tension between the both countries.

3. Recommendations for CPEC Phas II to make it a tangible reality

A- Political stability in Pakistan

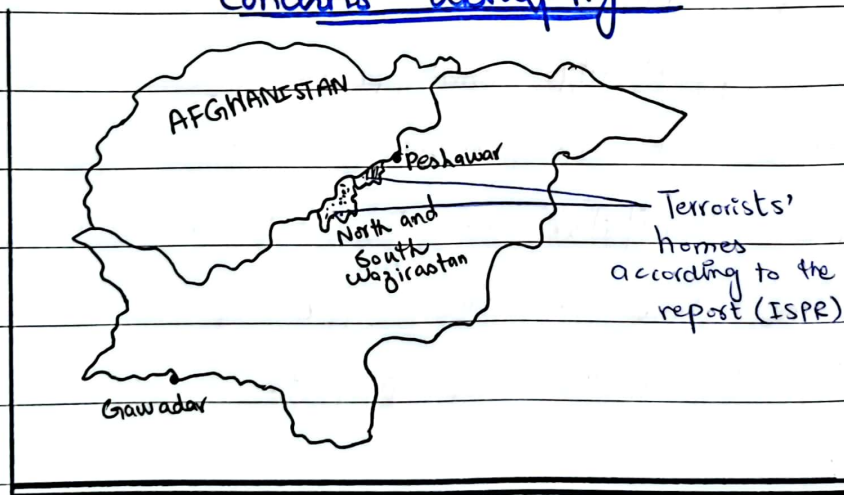
The political instability affects ^{relations} and creates the bad image of the country. It is necessary to introduce a policy for the government to complete their tenure in every situation and introduce policies against political agendas from

Opposition.

B- Provinces unity can be a fruitful

Balochistan and KP are also against this project. They have concerns that, they will not be facilitated ever before. It is essential for the government to negotiate with these provinces and make them sure to launch progressive reforms for them.

(C)- Dealing with security concerns abruptly



According to the sources, usually the terrorists organization have homes in the North and South Waziristan. To clear these territories will create a secure environment in the country and it

could provide trust some relations towards China. "CPEC is beneficial for socio economic progression" (Former PM, Nawaz Sharif)

(D). Negotiations with India

Pakistan should negotiate with India, regarding CPEC^{and} to think beyond the disputes. It is the best economic chance, India can also avail.

4- Critical analysis

CPEC is a project from which not only Pakistan and China can avail the opportunity and progressions; but also the neighbouring countries can avail the benefits in the future. For this, they have to show friendly behaviour towards both this project.

5- Conclusion

Economy is a fundamental necessity for every country to meet its basic needs. CPEC is a good chance to provide this opportunity. And every one should

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avail this opportunity (through) to meet
the hurdles regardless of territorial disputes.

This discussion has also provided recommendations
regarding
to making this dream into a tangible reality
for the betterment across the regions

Question no: 02

Islamabad Kabul tensions, critically evaluation and recommendations

1- Introduction

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The rigidity between Kabul and Islamabad is one of the key factors, creating tensions in both countries. A major problem now a days is regarding TTP, on which Pakistan attacked in the territory of Afghanistan. Some recommendations relating to this issue can be in the form of negotiations, dealing with unity and Islamabad's step can step forward to deal with this issue. This discussion will deal with the tensions between both countries and way forward for this problem.

2. Islamabad-Kabul tensions
linger due to TTP using AFG
land

(A) Afghan Taliban relations with TTP due to same ideology

In August 2024, ^{Afghan government} (Pakistan) released TTP groups from jails after evacuating US armed forces. According to the sources, it is said that

“The increasing friendship with TTP is due to same historical ideologies. As both groups fight against US together”

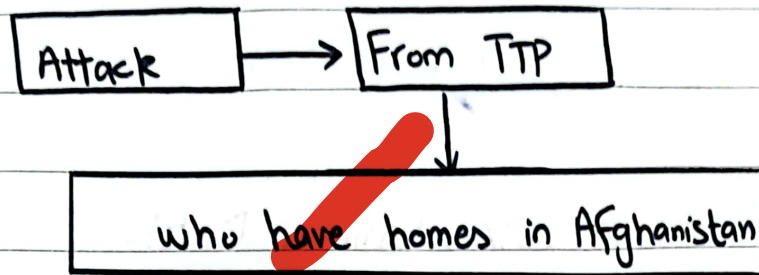
This is the factor, Afghan Taliban have given homes to TTP. That is a biggest threat for Pakistan regarding security.

(B) Reasons, why Pakistan attacked in Afghanistan recently

According to the former President, Barack Obama;

“A nation who cannot save her from threatening groups, cannot build a progressive future”

Pakistan has been attacked many times from terrorist groups. In last attack, about 16 Armed Forces martyred. According to Pakistan's claim:



(C) Claims of Afghanistan regarding TTP

Afghan government claims that, they do not have any TTP organization in our country. It would be better, to find them in your own country. Afghan foreign minister Sher M. Abbasi argued that:

“Though Pakistan had named its missiles Ghaznavi, Abdali and Babar, it should remember them, Afghan had many Ghaznavis, Abdalis and Babars equal to atomic bombs”

This claim has also worsened the relations between both countries.

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(D) Tensions between both countries on social media

On the contrary, social media is also tensed with both country's citizens blame game; that is working as a fuel to fire.

AFGHANISTAN blame : Daish

PAKISTAN blame : TTP

(E) Deaths as the consequence of Pak attack

Afghanistan has claimed that, there was not a single terrorists' man killed, But this attack has killed their children and women. According to Afghanistan Foreign Minister:

"We (will) have not attacked in the answer due to relations with Pakistan. But in case of any other attack she has to face the consequences"

This thing also indicates that Pakistan is being warned. It also has created

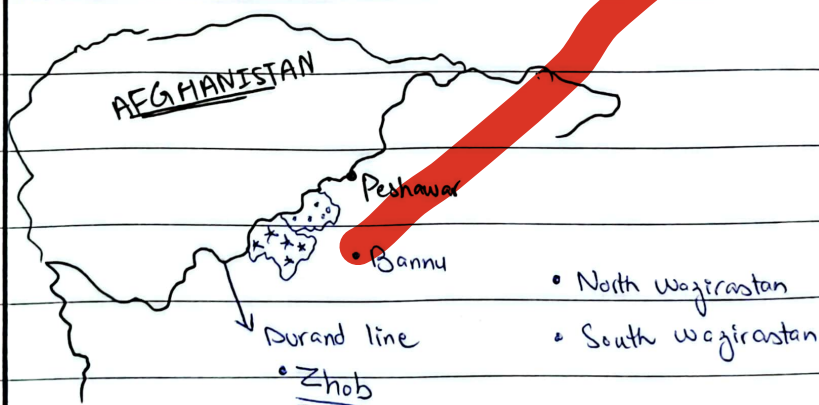
more tensions between both countries

3. Recommendations regarding solving the problem

Afghan ministry also has given some recommendations to Pakistan. For examples

(A) To secure your own territories like Waziristan, where terrorists have homes

Afghan minister has directly said to Pakistan to secure your own territories where terrorists organization usually have homes. To do search operations, can make them able to be secured.



The Afghan-Pak relations analyst has claimed that, Terrorists have accessed to Bannu, Wazirastans and Zhob; Pakistan

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need to clear these territories. They gave surety, that they will get through this issue. So they (Pakistan) has to stop blaming game towards Afghanistan.

More recommendations

Negotiations

Proper engagement to get rid of this problem

Need unity decision from both countries

Internal security in both countries