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(i) Introduction:

China - Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is an important organ of the Belt Road Initiative (BRI). In other words, CPEC is a project, through which China integrates Pakistan. Since 2015, CPEC has been inaugurated officially. According to the China plan, the second phase of CPEC would ~~comm~~ be commenced in 2020, but due to several issues, the project did not meet ~~it~~ as its plan was revised. Therefore, **Pak-China Collaboration**, to ensure its development, is imperative.

(ii) Overview of the growth rate of CPEC - I and phase - II:

CPEC project officially launched in 2013, but due to several irritants, it became late. So on the ground development has started in 2015. Then, according to the proposal, CPEC phase II would need to start in 2021. However, but due to several internal and external issues, CPEC phase-II has initiated recently. Let us understand the underlying incentives behind the very slow progress of CPEC.

Incentives behind the slow

Progress of CPEC :

There are several external and internal challenges which resist CPEC development. Some of them are given below

(i) Covid Pandemic :-

Covid-19

Shut down the whole world. However,

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~~It is~~ The Covid-19 pandemic epicenter was China. Therefore, China was the victim of Covid-19: it ~~did~~ did not only adversely impacted the China human capital, but it also stagnated the ~~growth~~ economic growth of China. ~~Consequently~~, China was ~~more~~ was grappling with Covid 19 for almost three years, therefore, the progress of CPEC became slow down.

(b) Political instability:

Another reason is ~~is~~ high political instability in Pakistan. Within 10 years since the inception of CPEC, almost five governments changed. And these governments have different priorities. Thus, it negatively impacted the CPEC growth. Moreover, the emergence of sub-national political groups ~~high~~ politicised the CPEC structure and development. These internal political instability hampered the

CPEC growth rate.

③ Prompt Corruption in CPEC Projects:

Furthermore, corruption also poisoned the roots of CPEC. For example, before the COVID-19, ~~Asim~~ the growth/progress of CPEC was historically slowed down because the chairman of CPEC Asim Bajwa was involved in the corruption of CPEC projects. It has been noted that that almost 80% projects under his chairmanship were scadalised.

④ western influence on Pakistan:

The rise of China is unbearable for the western world. Therefore, they ^{are} continuously ~~are~~ creating problems in the way of CPEC development. For example, they try to build anti-CPEC narrative in people.

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while, they also pressure Pakistan through western global governing institutions for example, @ IMF. In this backdrop, IMF ~~keeps~~ ~~terms~~ emphasizes to cut down the subsidies special economic zones. These things resist the progress of CPEC.

© Security Issues:

Moreover, Security

Issues further deteriorated the growth of CPEC. Non-state actors are continuously targeting the CPEC related projects, such as energy, industry and other CPEC projects. Furthermore, Chinese officials are always on the ~~edge~~ ~~of~~ the terrorist's rifle. Consequently, it ~~is~~ slow down the growth of CPEC.

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the proxies involvement in the region

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threatens the growth of CPEC.
As they ~~continue~~ are continuously inciting
Baluch separatist movement, such as
BLA, BRA and ~~BLF~~. It threatens
the growth and progress of CPEC.

(iv) Recommendations to Beijing and
Islamabad to ensure a smooth
Progress of CPEC:

Under the consideration
of these threats, there are some
high resonating recommendations which
~~are~~ may ensure its ~~growth~~ and
progress. Some of ~~them~~ are given
below:

(a) Sort out western Conspiracy
theories about CPEC related
China needs
to support Pakistan to sort out
the western conspiracy about CPEC.
For example, they argue that CPEC
would be the 2nd east ~~indian~~ Company
for Pakistan as China ~~purposing~~ is

Pursuing a debt trap policy. &
 Such type of conspiracy should be
 counter at an early stage. So that
 it will not influence those who are
 sitting at the power position

(b) Collective Security & Cooperat.

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Furthermore, both Pakistan
 and China should take a collective
 action against the security issues.
 They should need to counter the
 Baluch separatist movement. and
 they should break the tie between
 TTP and Baluch Liberation Army. Their
 suffocation and their isolation will
 make a conducive environment for
 the growth of CPEC.

(c) Ensure the Socio-economic development of the great the grass-root level through CPEC: it is

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imperative for the CPEC development to ensure its positive impact on the people. Even at first phase, people have this concern that Chinese are exploiting ~~the~~ Pakistan resources. However, it is essential to revive their socio-economic condition through CPEC projects. ~~It is~~ As a result, it will support CPEC projects.

④ Neutralising foreign involvement:

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Involvement in CPEC push it to the wall. Therefore, ^{China} they need to support at every geo-political landscape so that Pakistan dependency on western institution would be reduced. For example, China needs to support Pakistan financially in this severe economic crisis in order that ~~Pakistan will not~~ IMF will not dictate Pakistan in the matter of CPEC.

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(V) Conclusion :-

Since the inception of CPEC, its growth rate has been observed very low as compare to the suggested one. There are several internal and external factors which hinderance the growth of CPEC. Therefore, Pak and China need to take collective steps so that it will overcome these obstacles.

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line
 - (c) High ~~drug~~ drug Smuggling from
Afghanistan
 - (d) Refugee Crises
 - (e) Security Issue
- (iv) Recommendation for a ~~p.~~ fraternal
reunion:

- (a) Pakistan needs to assist Taliban
government financially amid the
International Sanction
- (b) Offer humanitarian assistance
- (c) involve china and Russia
to influence Taliban 2.0
- (d) Ensure a strict border Surveillance

(v) Conclusion:

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(i) Introduction:

Since ~~controlling~~ taking the control of government, Afghan Taliban Government (2.0) is providing a safe heaven ~~for the~~ to TTP. Consequently, its terrorist activities in Pakistan has been increased. Although, Pakistan supported them on the term that Afghanistan soil would not use against the Pakistani Sovereignty. However, Pakistan, no longer, can influence the Taliban Government. As a result, the ~~resurgence~~ resurgence of terrorism in Pakistan made an intense conditions between Pak-Afghan relation. Therefore, Pakistan needs to adopt some strategic measures to form fraternal relation with Kabul.

(ii) Understanding the facts that why Islamabad can not influence Taliban Government to bridle TTP

At the beginning, Pakistan was important for Taliban government. However, due to change in the geopolitical environment, ~~Pakistan~~ Afghan Taliban found several important allies in the global region. For example, Russia extended ~~un-~~unofficial fraternal friendship a hand. Similarly, China in 2022 deployed high profile diplomats. Furthermore, ~~the~~ the Sweet well of India attract Taliban government. Founding influential friends in the global political landscape, Pakistan is no longer important for Taliban. Therefore, Taliban does not budge TTP as they don't need Pakistan.

(iii) Understanding the intense Situation

Critically:

The Situation between Pak - Afghan become more intense. It is reflected from the current Situation

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(a) water dispute B/w Pak. Afghan:

Taliban

with the help of India is constructing small small ~~power~~ hydropower projects on the Kabul and Hari Vev. Pakistan is realising the 1923 Afghan - British water pact. But their official stance is that Pakistan is not heir of British. if these projects are completed, it will negative impact the Khyber Pakhtun Khwa agricultural land.

(b)

(b) Stance of Taliban on Durand line:

~~Pakistan~~

- ~~Afghan Taliban~~ Before taking the government, Afghan Taliban ensured that Taliban would recognise Durand line as ~~or~~ ~~val~~ legitimate. However, recently the spokesperson of Defense Secretary told media that Durand line is of the Afghan nation issue, not only the Taliban. Therefore, ~~TTP~~ is targeting state machineries in Ex-FATA.

© High drug Smuggling

Afghanistan is at the heart of gold crescent, and almost 80% opium harvestes in the four provinces that are attached with Pakistan border. Taliban government does not control it influx toward Pakistan as a result, it does not only impact Pakistan so domestically, but it ~~also~~ does ~~eye~~ ~~the~~ harm to Pakistan reputation internationally as it usually export ~~p~~ through Arabian Sea.

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furthermore, the glimpse of intense relation has been observed since the Pakistan airstrike in Panjsher and the Taliban relations. it is due to presence of TTP and IS-KP. They ~~can~~ ~~are~~ continuously using Afghan soil to ~~a~~ against the sovereignty of Pakistan.

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(iv) Recommendation for establishment of a fraternal relationship:

Under the consideration of the current scenario, there are some practical steps that need to be adopted.

(a) Financial Support to Afghan Taliban :-

First, financial assist to Taliban will influence them as they are passing through the economic crunch. For example, Afghan Taliban is seeking friends to take financial assistance. Therefore, financial assistance will ~~it~~ be influence them.

(b) Offer humanitarian assistance:

Pakistan need to offer humanitarian assistance to their people. They should offer education, health, and socio-economic

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reverse to their ~~Public~~ it will
creat ~~a soft image~~ release them
its own importance.

• (C) involve china and Russia
to influence Taliban Government:

Furthermore,

Pakistan needs to involve china
and Russia to influence Taliban.

~~It~~ As these two are his close
allies, it will ~~enforce~~ them to
take a fraternal steps toward Pakistan.

(d) Ensure a strict border
Surveillance:

Furthermore, Another
way. to counter, TTP, Pakistan should
tight its ~~border~~ porous borders, if
for TTP takes dictations and assistance
from Taliban ~~Government~~. Therefore,
it will cut down their prevalent
relationship.

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Conclusion :

Since taking Government,
Taliba TTP has been involved in
Cross border terrorism. However
~~they do~~ They violate all the terms
and conditions which has made
with Pakistan before the Government.
Therefore, Pakistan need to
take some Strategic steps &
So that it will influence Taliban.