

## PART - II

Q.2: The HTS Islamist rebels have toppled down Bashar-ul-Asad regime in Syria. Critically evaluate the reasons and implications of the unprecedented change in Syria.

### INTRODUCTION:

The authoritarian crisis in Middle Eastern countries has been growing for a long time. It is hallmark of humanitarian crisis, autocratic system and monarchy i.e. anti-democracy. Syria also comes under these crisis from 1971, Hafez ul Asad's regime to Bashar ul Asad's - took power in 2000 - with an autocratic mind. During his regime Syria also faced such crisis. In 2011, the rise of Arab Spring, Bashar's regime became a proxy due to interference of Russia, Iran and Hezbollah - allied with Bashar, while USA ally with Syrian Democratic Force.

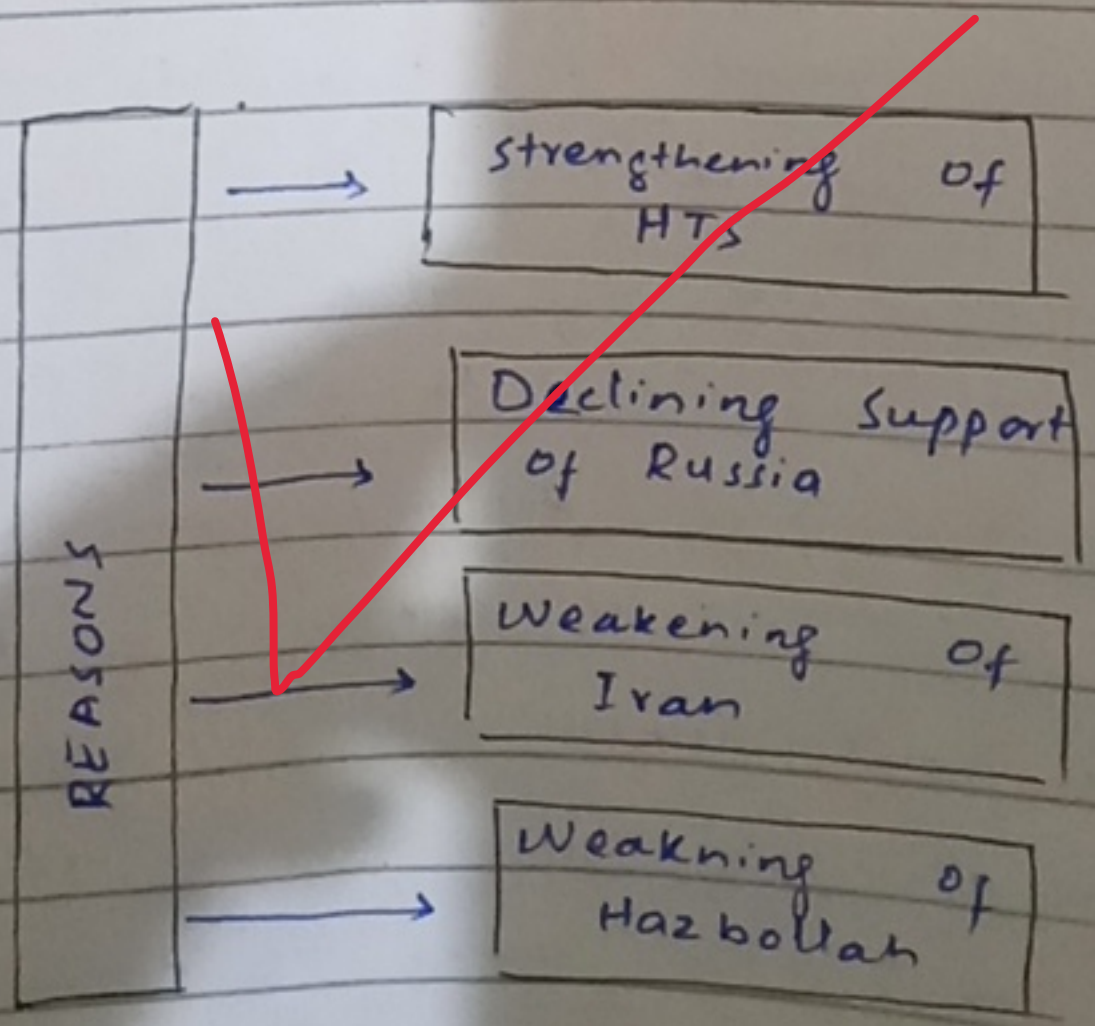
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## CURRENT SENARIO

In December 2024, the Hayat Tahrir ul Shams (HTS) Islamist rebels toppled down Bashar's regime in Syria. Bashar's regime fell down due to strengthening of HTS and declining support of alliances who are stuck in their own internal issues.

## REASONS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE UNPRECEDENTED CHANGE IN SYRIA :



## 1. STRENGTHENING OF

HTS :

Hayat Tahir ul Shams  
(HTS) worked on own

organizational skills and

force. Due to strengthening

of HTS, Bashar's regime

could not succeed to

remain in power. HTS

took control over Aleppo,

Hama and Damascus easily.

In Dec 2024, HTS

took control over whole

Syria. Turkey is also

supposed to help HTS because

Turkey has not declared

HTS as terrorist group.

## 2. DECLINING SUPPORT OF RUSSIA :

Russia was the  
key player in Bashar's

regime from 2014 to

2018. Russia support Bashar's

regime by fighting against

rebels and ISIS. But currently  
Russia is stuck in its  
own internal issues. 200,000  
troops of Russia are fighting  
in Russia - Ukraine War. In  
addition to this Russia  
is also facing economic  
sanction. Resultantly, Russia  
becomes unavailable to  
Bashar to maintain control.

### 3. WEAKENING OF IRAN :

Iran was also  
a key player in  
Bashar's regime from 2011  
to 2018. Iran sent  
troops, Revolutionary guards  
and weapons to Bashar's  
regime to fight against  
rebels. But currently, Iran  
is stuck in Iran. Israel  
proxies. And resultantly  
it also become unavailable  
to help Bashar's regime  
to maintain power.

#### 4. WEAKENING OF

#### HAZBOLLAH :

Hazbollah was the major key player in Bashar's regime to maintain power. But now, its own key player died due to Israeli attacks. Resultantly, it becomes fail to help Bashar's regime.

#### CONCLUSION :

In a nutshell, Asad's regime toppled down by HTS Islamist rebels. The main reason behind the downfall of Asad's regime is a weakening of its allied countries and strengthening of HTS in the region.

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Q.6

Islamabad-Kabul tension  
lingers on due to TTP  
using Afghan land as  
a launching pad for  
terrorist attacks in  
Pakistan. Critically evaluate  
the situation. Give  
possible recommendations.

INTRODUCTION :

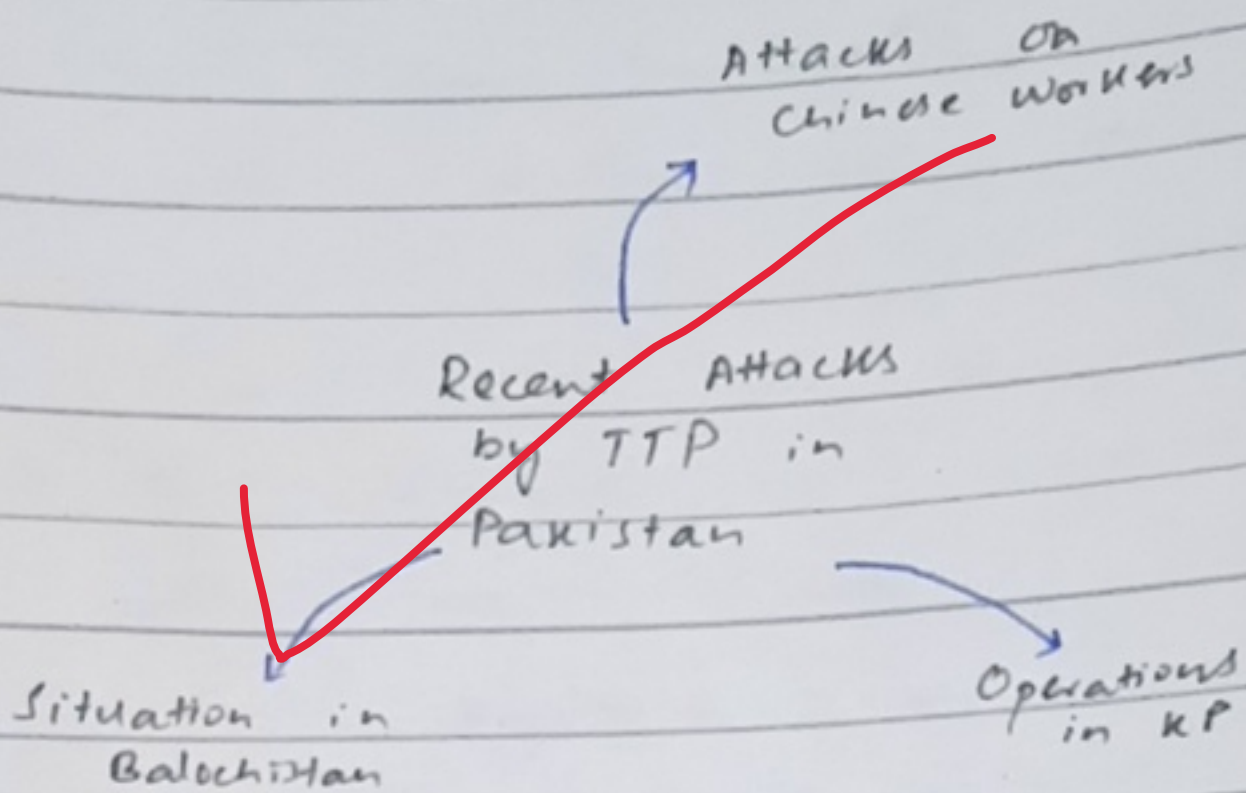
Pakistan and Afghanistan  
both are Islamic countries  
Both countries are facing  
issues of repeatedly terrorist  
attacks. Last year, both  
countries exchanged border attacks,  
aiming to kill terrorists.  
Tehrik Taliban Pakistan (TTP)  
is using Afghan land as a  
launching attacks on Pakistan  
i.e: attacks on Chinese workers  
and in Balochistan. Both countries  
should peacefully settle the  
issue by negotiating peaceful  
talks with TTP and raising  
problem on global level.

### CURRENT SITUATION:

Islamabad and Kabul tensions are growing day by day due to resurgence of TTP and terrorism in Pakistan. On Dec 30, 2024, 15,000 Taliban troops were deployed to the Pak-Afghan border in response to the ongoing skirmishes.

### AFGHANISTAN: LAUNCHING PAD FOR TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PAKISTAN:

TTP is using Afghan land as a launching pad for terrorist attacks in Pakistan. Recently TTP launched many attacks on Pakistan which includes repeatedly attacks on Chinese workers, in Balochistan and KP.



## 1. ATTACKS ON CHINESE WORKERS :

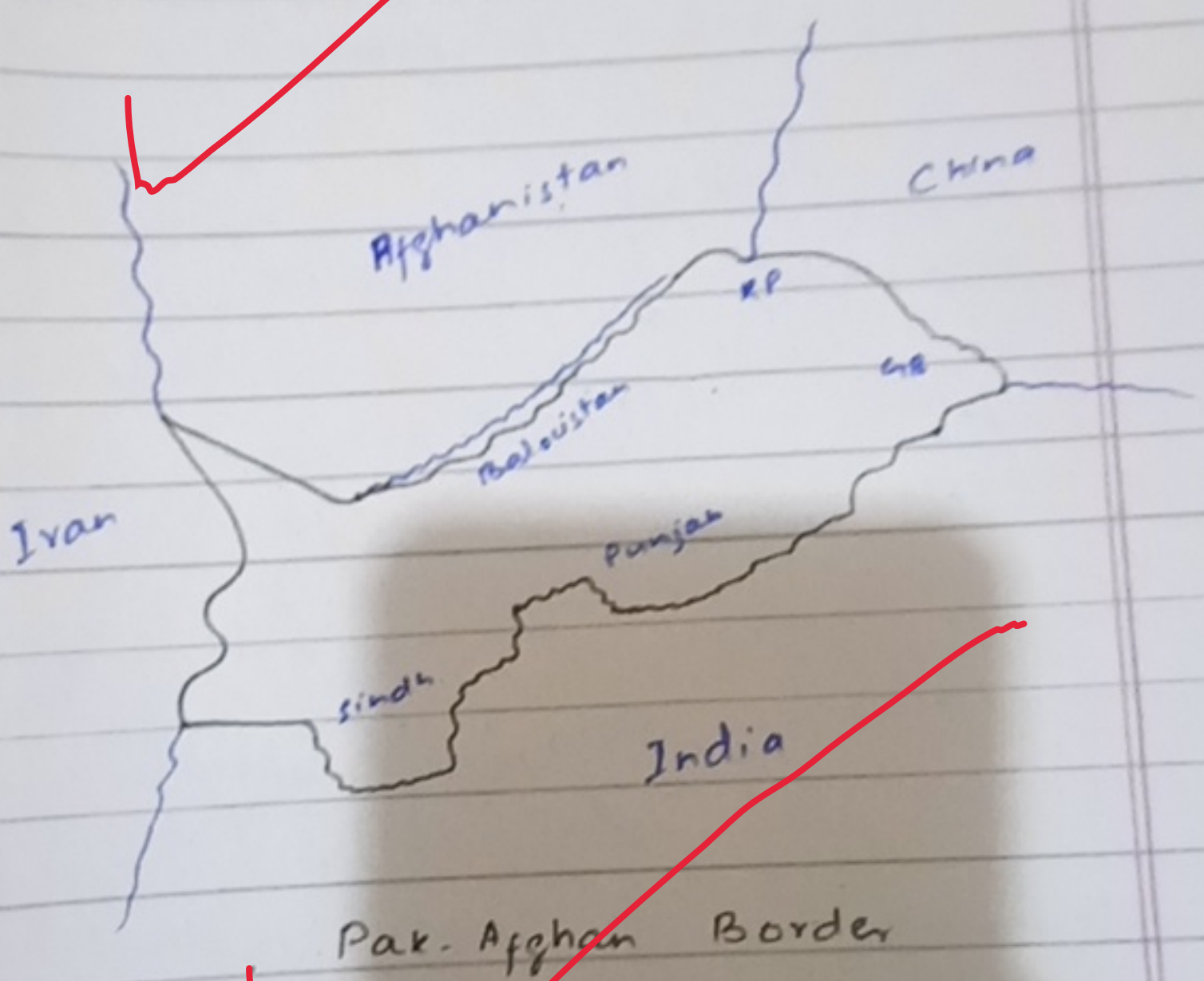
Last year TTP repeatedly attacked on Chinese workers. These terrorist attacks caused trouble in CPEC progress and Pakistan-China relations. Chinese officials asked for security to Pakistan.

## 2. SITUATION IN BALUCHISTAN

Balochistan is situated at Pak-Afghan borders therefore the



situation in Balochistan  
always become severe due  
to exchange of strikes  
between two countries and  
growing number of TTP  
in Balochistan.



### 3. OPERATIONS IN KP :

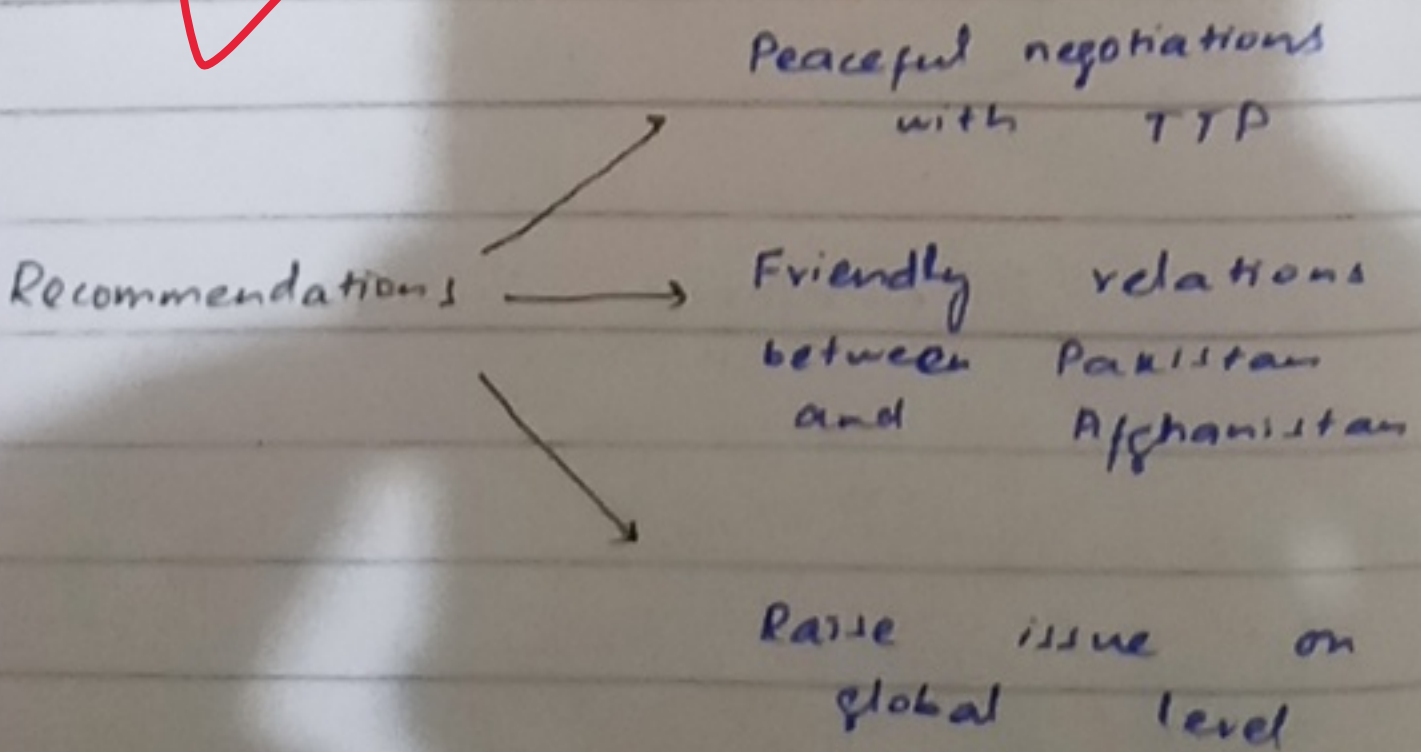
Due to resurgence  
of TTP in KP and  
northern areas of Pakistan,  
the situation is becoming

severe damage by damage so,  
operations in KP are  
also in protecting to  
attack on TTP.

Where is critical  
evaluation????

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECREASING INFLUENCE OF TTP IN REGION:

There are some  
recommendations which can  
be used to decrease  
the influence of TTP  
in region.



1. PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH TTP :

Islamabad should  
negotiate peacefully with  
TTP. Kabul should also  
help Islamabad in this  
case to decrease the  
influence of TTP in  
the region.

2. FRIENDLY RELATIONS  
BETWEEN PAKISTAN  
AND AFGHANISTAN :

Islamabad and  
Kabul should maintain  
friendly relations with  
each other. If both  
countries will cooperate  
with each other on  
regional and global  
level and negotiate  
on misunderstanding between  
both countries. This will  
resultantly decrease the influence  
of TTP in the region.

### 3. RAISE ISSUE ON GLOBAL LEVEL :

Both Islamabad and  
Kabul should raise the  
issue of terrorism and  
TTP on global level.  
This will help both  
countries to fight against  
terrorism and decrease  
the influence of TTP  
in the region.

### CONCLUSION :

Islamabad-Kabul tension  
lingers on due to TTP  
using Afghan land as a  
launching pad for  
terrorist attacks in Pakistan.  
Both countries should keep  
peaceful relations with  
each other and become  
together in order to  
fight against TTP and  
terrorism.

Q.7

Critically evaluate the opportunities and challenges for neighbors in post Sheikh Haseena Bangladesh. Also analyze the opportunities for Pakistan and Islamabad approach towards Dhaka.

### INTRODUCTION:

In 2024, Sheikh Haseena's regime in Bangladesh fell down due to severe protests of students in the country for eliminating quota system. After the protests, Sheikh Haseena fled to India and Dr. Yousuf came into power. This regime change has opportunities and challenges for neighbours. However, there is opportunity for Islamabad to keep friendly relation with Dhaka and negotiate with Dhaka on trade, education and other facilities.

SITUATION IN BANGLADESH  
DURING PROTESTS AGAINST  
SHEIKH HASEENA:

Last year students started protests in Bangladesh against Sheikh Haseena's regime. The reason of protests was that Sheikh Haseena decided to eliminate the quota system, in civil service of Bangladesh, of students whose predecessors were killed during formation of Bangladesh. All these protests forced Sheikh Haseena to leave the country and she flew to India to save her life. After that Dr. M. Yunus took the power in Dhaka.

OPPORTUNITIES AND  
CHALLENGES FOR NEIGHBORS  
AFTER REGIME CHANGE  
IN DHAKA:

Sheikh Haseena, daughter of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman,

remained in power in Bangladesh,  
for consecutive three terms.  
She had an authoritarian  
rule in the country.

However, after her fall  
down, the situation in  
country become peaceful. The  
regime change in Dhaka  
has opportunities and  
challenges for neighbours.

There will be a great  
challenge for India because  
of giving place to Sheikh  
Haseena. India is also

assumed to be a player  
in current situation of Dhaka.  
Now Dhaka has opportunity  
to keep friendly relations  
with other Muslim countries.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ISLAMABAD IN DHAKA :

After fall of Sheikh  
Haseena's regime, ~~and~~ Dr. M.  
Younis took power. Prime  
Minister of Pakistan M. Shahbaz  
Sharif congratulated Dr. M. Younis,

to come into power, through  
Twitter (Now X). This can  
be proved as ~~maintain~~  
an opportunity for Dhaka  
and Islamabad to  
keep friendly relations and  
start trade.

## 1. FRIENDLY RELATION BETWEEN ISLAMABAD AND DHAKA:

Post Haseen's regime  
brings opportunities for  
Dhaka and Islamabad to  
keep friendly relations.

Both countries should forget  
past issues and step forward  
to be friends.

## 2. TRADE BETWEEN ISLAMABAD AND DHAKA:

Both countries should  
start trade with each  
other on different platforms  
such as agriculture,  
technology and facilities  
for students to come across  
the countries for education.



CONCLUSION: APPROACH OF ISLAMABAD  
TOWARDS DHAKA:

Islamabad should keep  
friendly approach towards  
Dhaka. Pakistan should  
help the Brother country  
in this time of  
crisis and both  
countries should forget  
the past hostile relations  
and now seek areas  
of cooperations with  
each other.

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Q.8

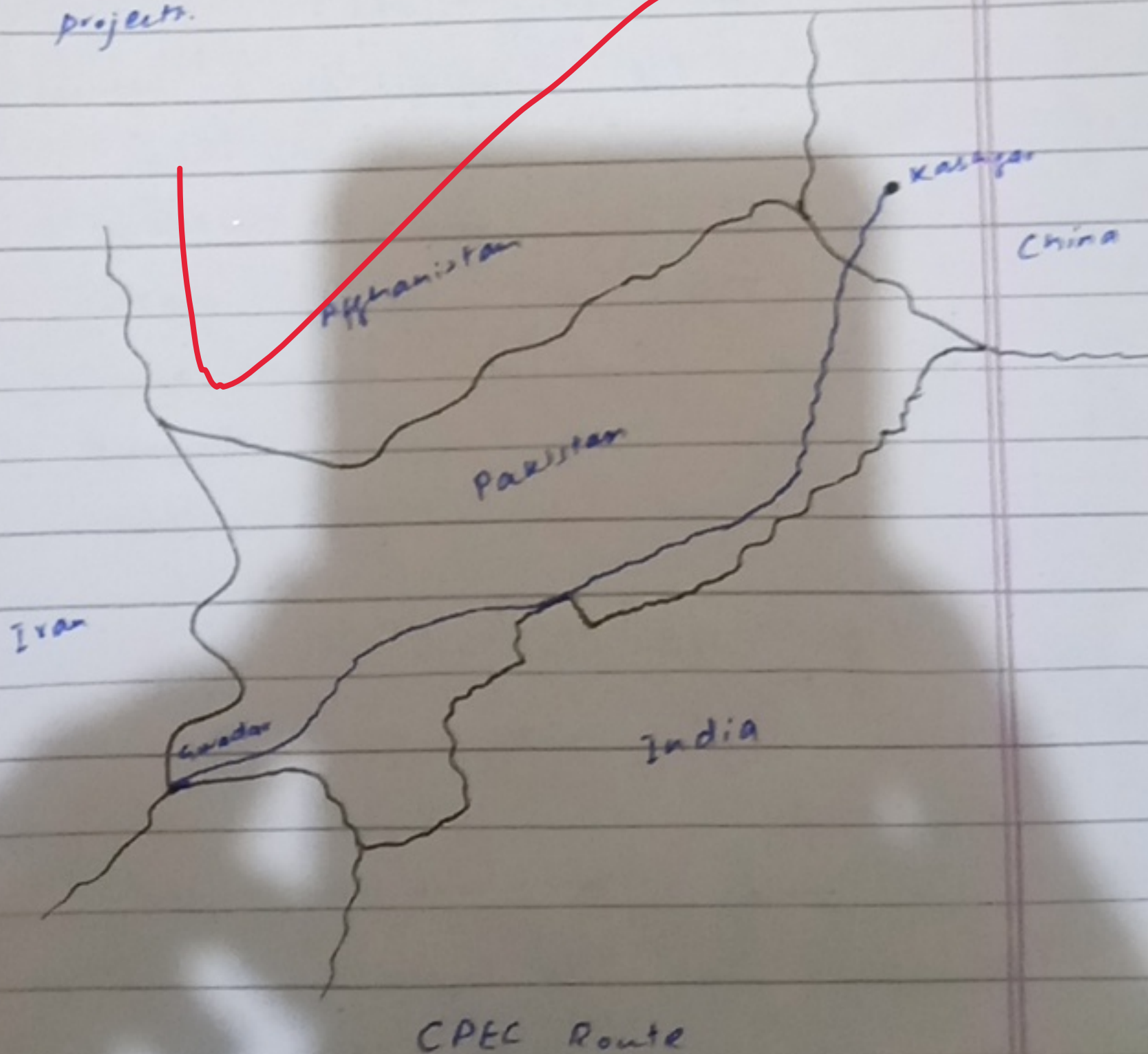
Critically evaluate the reasons for the slowing down of CPEC projects. What options would you recommend to Islamabad and Beijing to re-invigorate.

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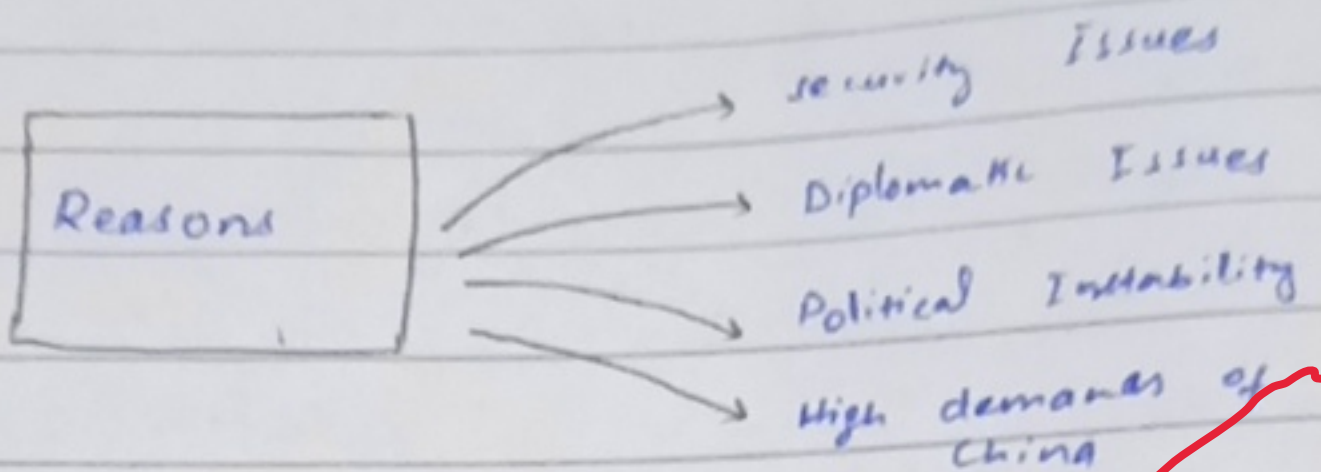
China and Pakistan are heading towards second phase of CPEC. Last years the speed of CPEC projects slows down due to some issues. The major reasons were security issues, of Chinese workers, diplomatic issues of Pakistan with other countries, political instability in Pakistan and increasing demands of China. However Islamabad and Beijing should re-invigorate the project by working on security measures, and see new areas of cooperation. And China should help Pakistan to mitigate economic crisis.

## CURRENT SITUATION:

Pakistan and China are heading towards second phase of CPEC. First phase comprised of infrastructure and other energy project. Second phase was formally started from 2020 which comprised of industrialization, agricultural production and other such projects.



## REASONS FOR SLOWING DOWN OF CPEC PROJECTS:



### 1. SECURITY ISSUES:

The major reason behind the slowing down of CPEC projects is repeatedly attacks of TTP on Chinese workers. Chinese officials talked about security issues with Islamabad and asked for security measures.

### 2. DIPLOMATIC ISSUES:

Diplomatic issues of Pakistan with US was also a concern. As Pakistan and China are in friendly relationship. While US think that China is dominating in the region.

due to help of Pakistan. This  
varied problem for Pakistan.

### 3. POLITICAL INSTABILITY:

Constant governments changing  
in Pakistan hinder the  
growth of CPEC. which proved  
as the major issue in  
previous years.

### 4. HIGH DEMANDS OF CHINA:

Another major reason  
behind slow down of CPEC  
was the high demands  
of China. China demands  
to first pay for previous  
project investment which is  
nearly \$1.98 billion. Pakistan  
is unable to pay this  
amount due to economic  
crisis.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
ISLAMABAD AND BEIJING  
TO RE-INVIGORATE:

General instructions for attaining good marks in current affairs

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- a- Content 60%
- References 15%
- Subject specific language 15%
- Graphs and charts 10%

Add 12-13 headings in each question

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Give examples from present events to justify answers

Give attractive introduction and Conclusion as well

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Good Luck

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by following important measures project can be re-invigorated.