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Introduction :-

Pakistan has a geo-strategic location, surrounded by countries with weak relations and growing tension with the race of time. Pakistan and Afghanistan both have similar ideological, cultural and strategic relationships since ancient time. The Afghan Taliban and their support for TTP is the main root of tension between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The mediation with the help of China has no significant value and increasing the tensions related to TTP insurgencies in different regions of Pakistan.

1- Pak-Afghan relations in ancient time.

Pakistan has been a strong supporter of Afghanistan since the rise of Taliban government in 1997. Pakistan was the

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first country to recognize Afghan Taliban government and support it. They have good economic, strategic, and political relationships. Then, Pakistan choose the US to fight against Terrorism in Afghanistan after 9/11 incident.

2- Increased Pak-Afghan tensions in the region:-

The insurgence of TTP groups on the Afghan soil becomes the bone of tension between two countries. The spill over of Talibans through the Porous Durand Line increased the Pak-Afghan tensions.

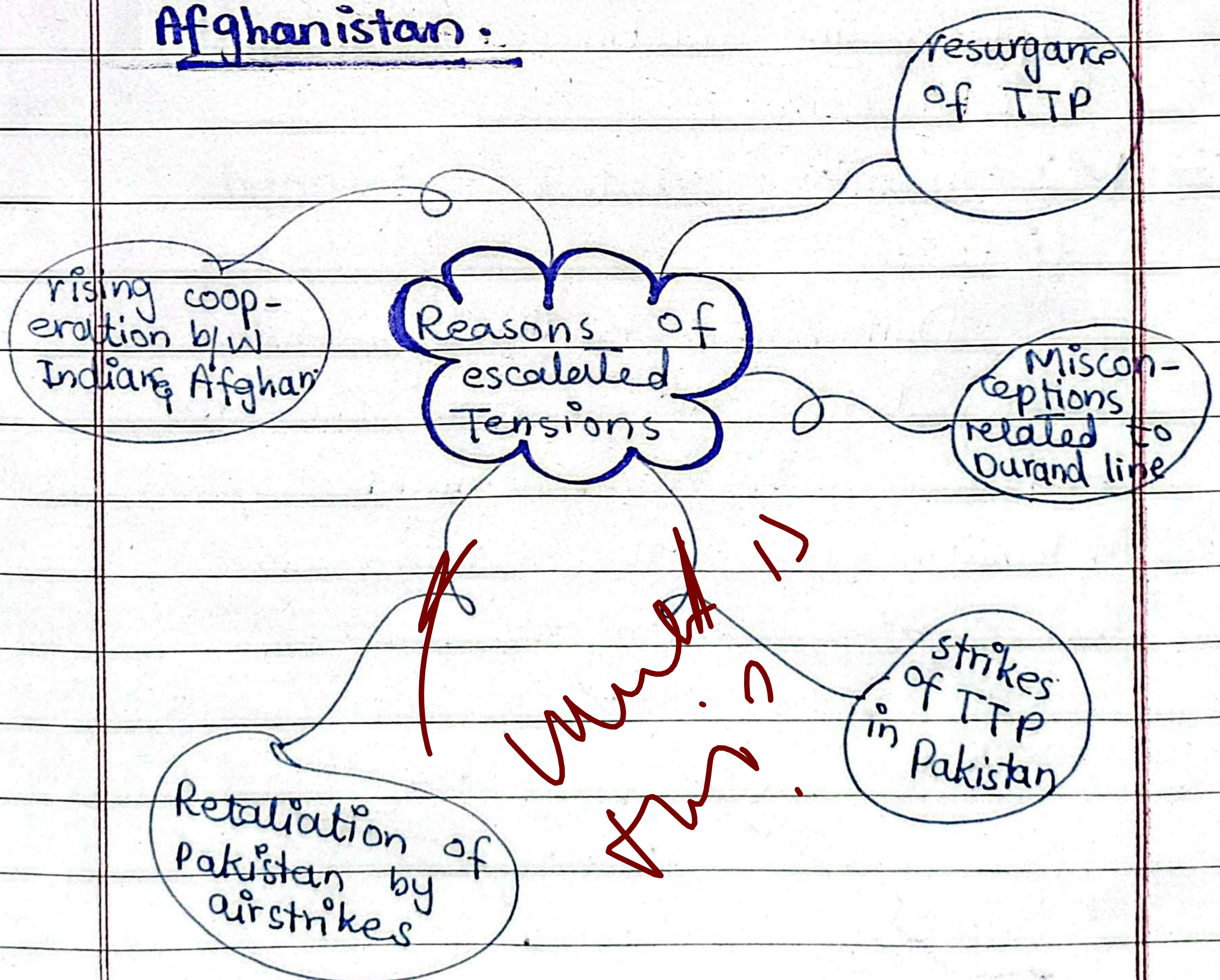
3- Mediation by China and Strategic Partnership in CPEC:-

China always remains a mediator in every tension, and ready to resolve issues through strategic partnerships with other countries. The tensions were resolved with the help of China in trilateral meeting between China, Pakistan and

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Afghanistan being a part of **CPEC**.
in **May 2025**. The relations shifted
from working to "strategic development
relations" and appoint ambassadors.
in country by both China and
Pakistan. on **1 June, 2025**.

4- Major factors that escalate Tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan:



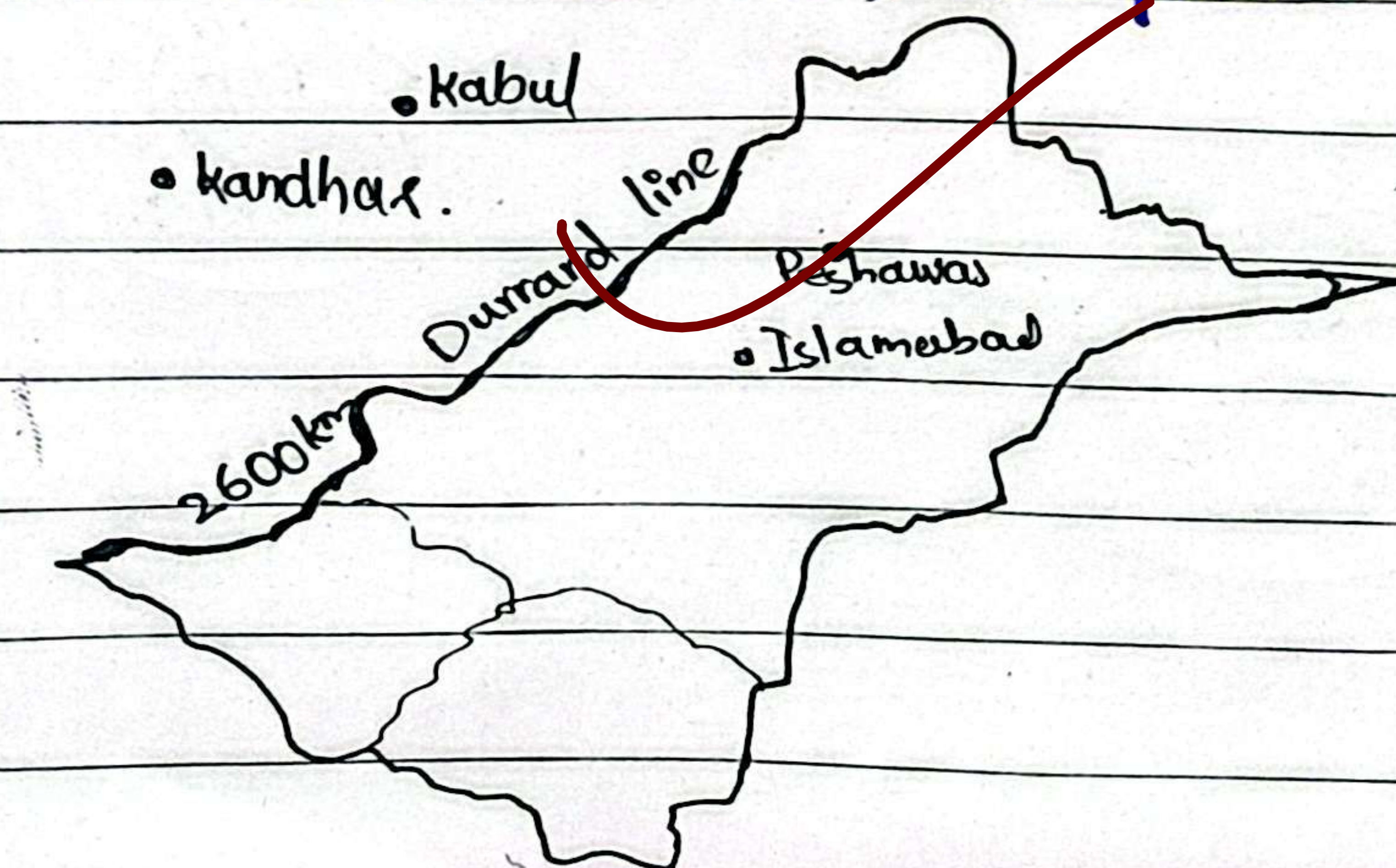
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(i) Resurgence of TTP ~ rising Tensions :-

TTP has remained a major factor of rising tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The insurgencies of TTP from the Afghan soil increased the tensions about to **47% in Previous months**. The recent attacks of TTP in Bannu martyred the Captain and Lieutenant Generals of Pakistan army.

(ii) Misconceptions related to Durand Line :-

Durand line is the bone of tension between two countries since its independence. The foreign minister of Afghanistan claimed that Durand Line **has created tension, not peace.**



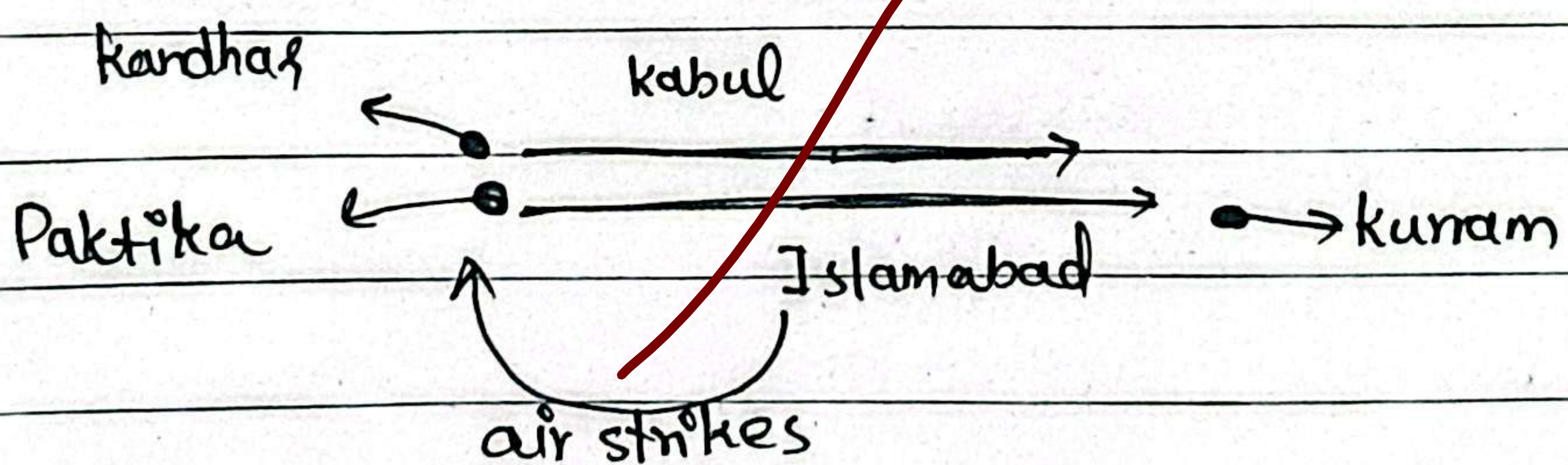
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(iii) Strikes of TTP escalate the Tensions :-

The recent strikes launched by TTP across the borders of Pakistan increased the tensions on **9 Oct, 2025**. These strikes killed about 20 armed forces and caused the retaliation by Pakistan in response.

(iv) Retaliation of airstrikes by Pakistan in Kabul, Kandhar :-

Pakistan launched airstrikes in retaliation in response in various regions of Afghanistan. The military strikes on military airbase in Kabul, Paktika and Kandhar killed the **Noor Wali Massood** on **10 Oct, 2025**.



(v) Rising cooperation between India and Afghanistan is major factor of Tension :-

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The delegation of Afghan ministers visited India for a week on **10 Oct, 2025**. The increased cooperation between India and Afghanistan plays a key role in tensions. The foreign minister of India said, "**Close Friend**" to the Afghanistan.

(vi) Pak's military taking step to escalate tensions:-

Pakistan's military retaliate against the TTP's strike further increasing the tension due to the Pak-US strategic partnership and backing support of US.

5- Mediation by other countries to improve relations b/w Pakistan and Afghanistan:-

The increasing tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan put a strategic and diplomatic setbacks for all the world. Different countries especially Qatar and Turkey took step forward to

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resolve the tension through Peace talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The first Peace talk session placed in Doha on 18 Oct, 2025. After that the next round of Pak-Afghan Peace talk in Istanbul on 9 Nov, 2025 end without any signed agreement between two countries.

6- Pakistan's stance related to resolve tensions:-

Pakistan wants to resolve tension by ensuring that Afghan Taliban would share intelligence related to any step taken by TTP on Afghan soil. The government of Taliban make sure the protection of Pakistan from border strike from TTP.

7- Afghanistan's stance to resolve tensions:-

Afghanistan launched airstrikes on Pakistan's border which triggered Pakistan to action back and damage the infrastructure in Kabul. The government

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of Taliban claimed the death of more than 25 civilians across the borders.

8- Improvement in relation by fencing of Durand line :-

The Durand line of about 2600 km is the big tension that enables the terrorists to spill over through porous border between two countries. Pakistan wanted to resolve tension by fencing the Durand line with the collaboration of both countries.

Conclusion :-

The relations between two neighboring countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan is due to the porous Durand line and insurgencies of TTP from Afghan soil. These rising tensions b/w two countries affected economic, political and diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan. These tensions can be resolved with mediation of other countries and the fencing of Pak-Afghan border.