

QUESTION NO: 1

Pak-Afghan relation continue to remain tense even after mediation of China. what do you think are the major factor and how could it improve.

: ANSWER:

A tri-Lateral meeting between foreign minister of Pakistan, China, and Afghanistan was held in August (20-21), which was hosted

in Afghanistan. China put a huge amount of effort to diffuse the tension between two

Countries and bring peace in the region. But

number of factor including porous border, immigrant influx, cross-border terrorism, smuggling through border

are a few notable reason why tension

between countries arise anew.

: Major - Factors:

: History of Factors:

Pakistan and Afghanistan share a long border of around 2456 km, known as Durand Line

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This border was drawn between two countries before the birth of Pakistan by Britishers to mark the land under control. After the formation of Pakistan, Afghanistan rejected the border by claiming that parts of KPK, Gilgit-Baltistan and Balochistan belong to Afghanistan. FATA

This prolong issue was the reason the between Pakistan and Afghanistan, which hope to get solved after Taliban government in 2021 but alas! Both countries are still facing the same issue.

There are number factors due which are the result of this border conflict, which are giving fire to the conflict.

1- CROSS BORDER TERRORISM:-

Due to high mountains and ^{maintainance of} lawains, the border security between two countries is a challenge which resultantly increase the number of attack in the areas of KPK and Balochistan. Continuous, attack on Civilians like Peshawar mosque attack

attack on Nadra office in Deva-Ismail Khan
and bad situation in Bannu, Kulachi and
Waziristan are the examples - while of government-
officials are also not spared of this evil.

Assistant Commissioner (AC) of Nawangi, in
District Bannu was killed along with
many others. Similarly the recent cases
of abduction in Bannu has been increased
all these ~~reason~~ ^{cause} are a clear sign of tension
that is existing between two neighbouring
countries.

* IMMIGRANT INFLUX:

Another reason of this restrain is huge
number of immigrant influx, more than 1.8M
Afghanis according to the governments estimate
has migrated in Pakistan, and ^{among them are} 60,000 are who
migrated after 2021. This huge no of migration
has effected the Pakistan economy very
bad. Since all these immigrants are not
register they do use countries resources
but don't contribute in countries taxes
which worsen the economic situation.

porous border; resulted in Smuggling::

Due to the ~~por~~ porous border between two countries the number of smuggling cases has also been increased.

∴ Way Forward::

There are indeed a few serious problem which result in the continuous clashes between two countries, but every problem comes with its own solution, by carefully studying all the situation and some wise decision as they lay ^{up} to solve this catastrophic situation-

through talks between two countries and an efforts to improve

their bilateral relation is indeed important
but both countries, at first need to
take measure to improve condition on
their own and via collaboration with
each other.

∴ Responsibility of Pakistan ∴

Pakistan on its behalf
can take following measure

∴ Strengthen border security ∴

(i) Border's area like Chaman
Tawalham and Gulam Khan are prone to
the worsen situation, while introduction of
bio-metric system around these area
to verify the people who are crossing
and for what purpose could be
a great achievement in slowing down
its catastrophic saturation ∴

(ii) Border should be properly
fenced and heavily armed around
the porous area

∴ Responsibility of Afghanistan ∴

In this following situation Afghanistan can play a very crucial role.

-: Fight against Extremist terror groups.

Afghanistan is already facing backlash many countries as it not recognized a safe country by many other, fight against the following

problem can help Afghanistan to restore its image in internationally. where 1st -step should

be stop supporting and given a heaven place to the extremist group like (TTP),

(I S - K) Thresh-e-Taliban Pakistan and Islamic-state of Khorasan.

• Steps to be taken Bilaterally:

1) Control influx of immigrants & Deportations.

Pakistan and Afghanistan both can work together to reduce the influx of immigrants and deport the illegal immigrants. Pakistan is also holding a huge mass of immigrants from Pakistan. These illegal immigrants through

are not citizen of Pakistan but hold
ALL and POR cards, which help them
not get arrested immediately and provide
access to facilities.

Conclusion:

There are number of more factors
that caused damage to the relation between
two countries. ~~any and every~~ more

But it is the responsibility of government
to stop and work together for the sake
of their people and region.

QUESTION NO: 2:

There is a dangerous revival of militancy in
KPK and Balochistan. Critically evaluate
the reason.

Background of the Situation:

Militance activities, in 2007 was on its
Peak. Pakistan army had launched
many ^{military} & operation like Zarb-Azab and Ra
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against TTP. These operation were the reason not
due to which situation in most of areas and

kpk like Swat, Bannu and Dera ^{D-I-Khan} in area that
of Balochistan like Balta became better, but
after 2001, when Taliban government took
control of Afghanistan situation started
getting worst.

∴ Reasons of Militancy activities:-

Porous border of
Afghanistan and Pakistan and presence of
many undetected Soviet union tunnel in the
area, which are used by terrorist, to
cross, without getting caught are indeed a
big factor to terrorism but this
spread is all due to lack of government
responsibility toward area and people.

∴ Exploitation of Minerals:-

one of the most prominent reason
of revival of militancy activities are exploitation
of basic rights of people of kpk and Balochistan
which infused a wave of anger
among the masses against the
government and become more
prone to the luring and flattery of extremist, The

Target those people who are already exploited
by governments' pet policies and get people

support, among these exploitation of resources
and not giving the rights to locals are the major reason

'Reko Dik and Sandik project in Balochistan.

as has ~~are~~ is a center of the issue,
while similar concern can be seen in KPK
Kohat.

∴ Weak Governance in tribal areas:

In tribal areas, the government's hold is not so
strong which create a gap to vacuum
and it ~~was~~ is filled by extremist ideologies.

In many tribal area basic food facilities,
education, protection of basic human rights and
health is not available - Job opportunities
are also very low, people have to

continuously migrate for better future.

and it is easy for the local to
to feel isolated, while any help of
enthusiastic approach from military is enough

to create empty. Most famous of

is we are fighting for our right, & due to high literacy rate it is easy to convince them.

-: Water dispute:-

In KPK, tension have arisen over local power generation and water usage, where KPK has constantly accused federal government of delaying payment under net hydro profits, which local see as exploitation of their rights and feed frustration. Extremist group use these excuses to strengthen their position.

-: Recommendations:-

This issue could be solve by taking measure in two promined way, A Long term plan that should focus on better governance in targeted area, and introduction of better policies which can tilt the future in promising way. and some Short term Plan

Should also be kept in mind i.e. Military operation and synergize with federal government and strengthening the border are the key way via this problem can be handled.

∴ Short - Term Policies:-

Following are the short term policies that govt should follow.

1- Military operation:-

Recently Pakistan army has launched military operation "Operation Sarbakaf" which is to ensure the removal of militance hold in ^{KPK,} Bajaur and Mahmand tribes. While operation Sar-Bakaf all-over the Pakistan, these operation are important, by analyzing the recent increasing attacks, Pakistan army previously ~~sees~~ also played a very important role in eradication of terrorism in previous years, which bring temporary peace in the region. Thus it shows ~~important~~ important these missions are but, ~~their~~ maintain of peace is again the

responsibility of government.

Strengthening Borders.

In the region of ^{Strengthening Borders} Taurham, Chaman is ^{Specialty} important to stop the further infiltration of militant groups. Similarly destruction of terrorist camps is also crucial.

∴ Long term policies:-

To control the further militant activities in around the border and it is important for government to focus on Long term policies.

1- Increase coordination between Provincial & Federal governments:-

To solve the differences between the governments a Joint Security Council and a Joint development Council shall be ^{solve} form to ~~enter~~ the

development and security related concerns. It will reduce border talk delay in and

Conflicting narratives between Center & Provinces

2- Central & Provincial Summit.

Some Summits on the regular basis shall be conducted between the government and Center to exchange talk and address needs of people.

3. Isolation of former bodies from political influence

A very crucial step should be, to isolate any action that has to be taken for political influence as it will polarize the state and will result in a stunted body rather than working one.

4- Ensure Basic Rights.

People should be given their basic rights, and Right like education, proper infrastructure, share of water and mineral resources etc should be properly implemented in order to maintain peace.

Conclusion

In the end it is important not only to recognize the root cause of increasing military activity in country, but proper measure should also be ensure and for this purpose it is important that all political parties and government shall unite because only where there is unity there is victory.