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TENSIONS IN

PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS

Key Points:-

Major Reasons:-

- Cross Border Terrorism
- Taliban's Historical Delusion
- Involvement of India
- Ungratefulness of Taliban

Recommendation:- (For Improvements)

- Diplomatic Pressure
- Engaging India
- Dialogue with Taliban

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Afghanistan and Pakistan are brotherly Islamic neighbouring countries sharing strong people to people bonds. However, on diplomatic level relations have seen different kind of situation. Especially after, US withdrawal in 2021, it was hoped that there will be peace in the region but all calculations went wrong. Taliban continue to violate Doha agreement and by doing so they not only hurt Pakistan but also remain alone diplomatically in the world. There are different reasons behind strained relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Some are discussed here:-

CROSS BORDER TERRORISM:-

Pakistan has faced terrorism just because of instability in Afghanistan. Even now, the backbone of rising militancy in Pakistan is safe heavens provided

by Afghanistan to terrorist organizations especially TTP. UN security council report on IS and Al-Qaeda reveals that TTP and IS-K continue to operate in Afghanistan with relative freedom. Pakistan has used all available options to convince Taliban to stop backing terrorism in Pakistan but failed. Recently, due to this both countries saw heavy borderly clashes as well. Therefore, one of the key reasons behind frozen relations between the two states is Taliban's policy on terrorism in Pakistan.

TALIBAN'S HISTORICAL DELUSION:-

Historically, Afghanistan has remained a battle ground for various powers. From this fact, Taliban percieve that they remained undefeated throughout the history.

Also, during recent clashes, Taliban's Foreign Minister Ameer Khan Mulaqi said that Pakistan should learn a lesson from United States of America and Soviet Union. While the reality is different. ~~Historically~~ ~~Talibans~~ ~~were~~ ~~defeated~~ This madressah developed rigid mindset also keeps Afghan Taliban reluctant to follow modern principles of diplomacy to improve relations with Pakistan especially.

INVOLVEMENT OF INDIA:-

India is also actively involved in this game to make sure that Pakistan should remain diplomatically alone. Recently, the way India welcomed Afghanistan's Foreign Minister shows India's interest in securing a Indian backed Taliban Foreign Policy in the region. Similarly, Afghanistan has become a ground

where hostile agencies move and operate independently. especially. Therefore, India is investing in this filthy game to hurt stability of Pakistan.

Ungrateful Taliban:-

Taliban's view about Pakistan is very hostile because of Pakistan's involvement in A US War on terror. On the other side, Pakistan has Afghanistan in multiple ways. For example, despite its own shattered economy Pakistan hosted approximately 30m Afghan refugees. But now, when their time of repatriation has arrived, Taliban criticize this decision. Therefore, such ungrateful behaviour of Taliban is another reason behind such relations between the two countries.

Recommendations:-

However, there is always some ways to for improvement. Some recommendation are given here:-

Diplomatic Pressure:-

Pakistan must ^{continue to} mount diplomatic pressure on Taliban through friendly countries like China, Saudi Arabia, Qatar etc. to stop TTP's backing by Afghanistan.

Engaging India:-

India is the largest stakeholder of Pakistan's instability in the region. Pakistan must continue to try its best to bring India to dialogue so that India stops investing in terrorism in Pakistan.

Dialogue with Taliban:-

Pakistan

must try to hold fruitful dialogue with Afghan Taliban. Recently, due to Turkiye and Qatar, dialogue helped to stop the ongoing clashes between Afghanistan and Pakistan. With the help of these countries, Pakistan should convince Taliban to stop backing TTP.

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Pak - Saudi Defense Pact

Key Points:-

Causes:-

- Israel's increasing battleground
- Shaking confidence in US security
- Reliable Historical Relations

and Pakistan's expertise

Implications:-

- Nuclear Umbrella for Saudi Arabia
- Pakistan as Security Provider
- Strong message to Israel and India
- Saudi Arabia's help to revive Pakistan's Economy

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia signed a mutual defense pact to strengthen their defense relations.

It was a NATO styled pact that says "Attack on one will be considered on other". It comes on a very crucial time when world is seeing increasing conflicts.

Some key causes behind this signing of pact are discussed

Israel's Increasing Battleground:-

This pact was signed at a very crucial time when Israel's war mongering was effecting middle east. Israel launched air strikes into Qatar which hosts the largest US military airbase in region. Arab countries are very strong economically but they lack when it comes to defense capabilities. This made Saudi Arabia to find a reliable security partner to increase deterrence against any such attack.

SHAKING CONFIDENCE IN US:-

Historically, US has provided security to Gulf states in return to dollarized oil trade. Gulf countries depend heavily on US for their defence. But Israel's

attack on Qatar proved that US security was reliable against Iran but not against Israel. So, there was a need a reliable security provider for Saudi Arabia. This is a key reason behind this pact.

Historical Relations:-

Pakistan's and KSA share very strong brotherly historic relation. Both countries used to help each other in different ways. Pakistan has sent its army multiple times in Saudi Arabia to secure sacred lands of Makkah and Madina. Similarly, KSA helped Pakistan multiple times through loans, oil on ~~not~~ (deferred) deferred payments etc. So, both countries already shared a very strong bond which led them to make it formal as a security pact.

Selective Expertise:-

Pakistan

has shown its expertise in defense to world multiple times. Recently, due Operation Buryan-Um-Marsoos, Pakistan emerged as a key defense player not only in the region but also globally. Similarly, KSA holds a very strong economy. KSA is investing in multiple countries to vary its income sources. However, Pakistan lacks a strong economic footing and need foreign investment. On the other side, Saudi Arabia lacks defence expertise and depend on others. So, it also made an ideal condition for both countries to jump into such a strong partnership.

Implications:-

Time ended

