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Revival of militancy
in KP and Balochistan. Reasons and
recommendations

Introduction:

Year 2024-25 has marked a new era of terrorism and militancy in Pakistan. The militant organizations in Pakistan have gained power and continuously attacking the stability of state. KP and Balochistan are the most targeted provinces of the militant attacks. Despite recurrent warnings militant groups in Pakistan have been attacking the civilians in KP and Balochistan. The heart wrenching incident of Jaffar express haunts the people of Balochistan. These militant organizations in KP and Balochistan are backed by India and Afghanistan. The

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rise of militancy in Pakistan become evident and unignorable after the withdrawal of U.S troops from Afghanistan. The reasons are geo-strategic and geo-political behind the revival of militancy in Pakistan. Before exploring the multifaceted reasons behind revival of militancy in Pakistan let's (explore) take a snapshot of rising militancy in KP and Balochistan.

Revival of militancy in KP and Balochistan

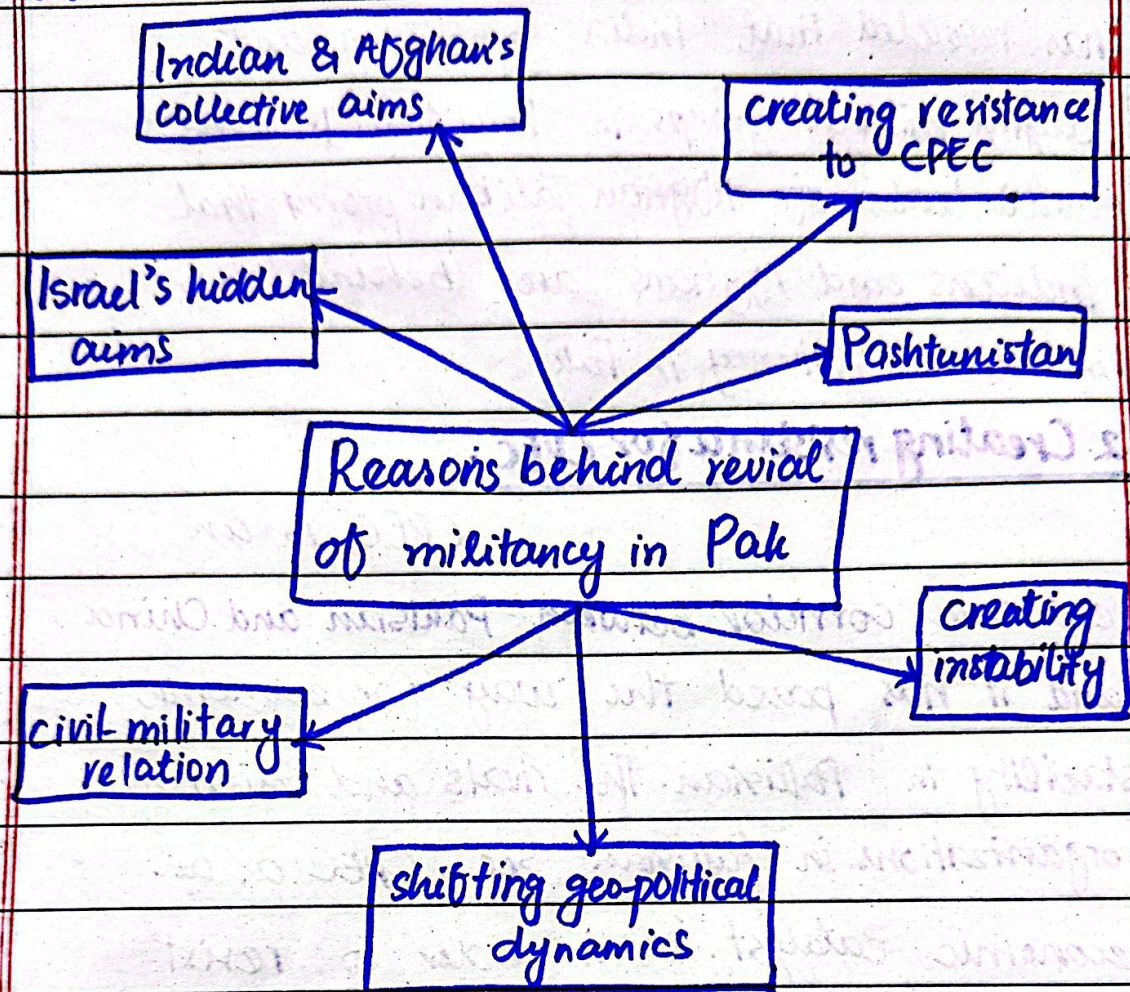
Pakistan as a geo-strategic country has been witnessing rigorous terrorist attacks and instability in KP and Balochistan since post withdrawal of U.S troops from Afghanistan.

Multiple blasts in Kasur, Peshawar and instability in Balochistan has become a part of daily news in Pakistan. A report shows in year 2024, 2500 deaths were reported as a result of militant attacks and the year 2025 till October has surpassed 2500 deaths as a result of militant attacks. 2024 has been known as deadliest year for Pakistan in terms of terrorist attacks but

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2025 has proven more vulnerable to militant attacks.



1. Indo-Afghan collective aims

India has been a historic rival of Pakistan. Post-Peshawar attack India is behaving as an aggressive actor. Recently, the world has witnessed Indo-Afghan growing ties when Afghan federal minister was seen visiting India. These two allies have anti-Pakistan sentiments. Moreover, it is on the

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has been hiring militant groups to create instability in Pakistan. A former CIA officer has revealed that India is backing and paying militant groups in Pakistan. Moreover, audio leaks of Afghan Taliban proved that Indians and Afghans are behind this increased militancy in Pak.

2. Creating resistance for CPEC:

CPEC is an economic corridor between Pakistan and China and it has paved the way for economic stability in Pakistan. The rivals and militant organizations in Pakistan see CPEC as an economic catalyst. So in order to resist economic growth of Pakistan these militant organizations like TTP and BLA target the workers of CPEC including Chinese workers as well to ignite instability and to hinder the progression of CPEC. As Balochistan is the center of gravity for CPEC that is why the revival of militancy is being witnessed in Balochistan. These militant organization not only hinder CPEC but also erodes international picture of Pakistan by attacking Chinese national workers.

3. Hidden aims of Israel:

Pakistan is a resource rich country with abundance of critical minerals and fossil fuels. Due to its resource richness Pakistan succeeds in attracting foreign direct investments. The Israel is following an expansionist foreign policy but as it is a well-known fact that Pakistan does not recognize state of Israel so some analysts have predicted that Israel is fueling and assisting militants in KP and Balochistan to create instability. With the help of these militants, Israel can secure its accessibility to critical minerals of Pakistan and can coerce its power in South Asia as well.

4. Civil-military imbalance:

The militant organizations are well aware of the rough civil-military relations in Pakistan. By attacking the armed forces and bombing civil localities, they fuel the mistrust b/w civilians and military. The relationship gap secure their survival and accomodation in KP and Balochistan.

5. Mission Pashtunistan:

KP being a Pashtun province of Pakistan is falsely claimed by Afghan government. As Afghanistan is also a Pashtun country so they aim to combine and annex KP with Afghanistan. Due to this they back militant organization to threaten survival of Pashtuns in Pakistan.

6. Lack of communication b/w government & militants

There is a huge conversation gap between militant organizations and government of Pakistan. The militant organization aim to achieve recognition and semi-autonomous government but the rise of militancy and instability has resisted government to accept their demands.

Recommendations to limit militancy in Pakistan

1. Organizing effective table talks:

The communication gap between government and militant organization can be filled by effective and successful table talks. War is not the solution. Government needs to initiate talks with militants and persuade them to limit militancy and terrorism.

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2 Providing high profile security to CPEC

Economically crucial foreign projects like CPEC and BRI being operated in Pakistan requires high profile security to maintain the social fabric in Pakistan. Extra security to protect workers of CPEC specially for the safe and peaceful existence of Chinese workers is the need of hour.

3 Stricter policies for immigrants

Illegal crossing of border of border through Afghanistan borders is the significant reason for revival of militancy in Pakistan. Pakistan needs to impose stricter policies for immigrants to ensure state security.

Conclusion:

The arrival of militancy in Pakistan is not new but the over the recent month the sudden rise of militancy in KP and Balochistan, creating social unrest and instability in Pakistan is quite alarming. Pakistan needs to adopt stricter security and immigrant policies to limit the rising militancy and to ensure the state's sovereignty.

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Pak-Saudi defense pact

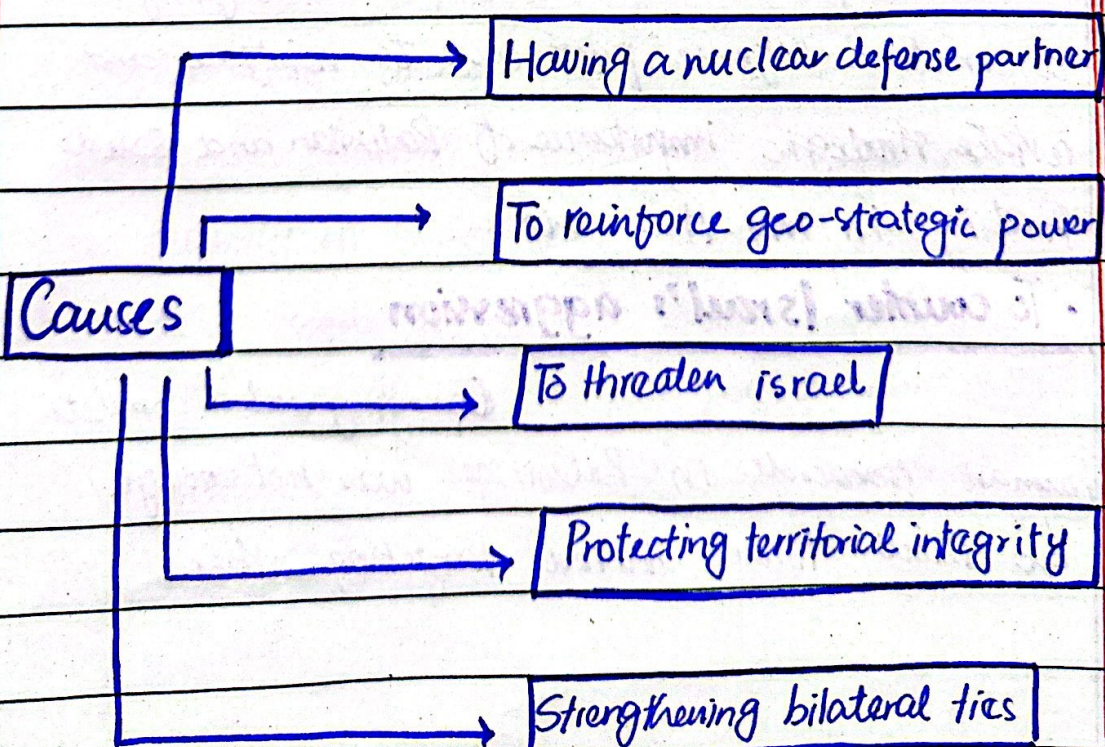
Introduction:

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia has signed a mutual defense act, indeed a major turn over in relationship of both countries. This defense pact has far reaching geo-political and geo-strategic implications. Muslim world has seen this pact as a successful defense agreement between a nuclear muslim country and an arab country. However, this pact could be an alarming situation for western world that was planning an expansionist policy in Arab world. Significantly, the rise in the acts of aggression by Israel in Arab world has persuaded Saudi Arabia to sign a defense pact with a nuclear state. The defense pact will surely increase the geo-strategic and security measures of both states.

Snapshot of Pak-saudi defense pact

A strategic mutual defense pact was signed between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on 17th September, 2025. The major highlight of the agreement was "Any act of aggression against Pakistan or Saudi Arabia will be consider as aggression against both states and both states will jointly retaliate against aggressor" This was indeed a great strategic success on the side of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Moreover this defense pact include economic deals between both states. Let's explore the causes and implications of this deal on international level.

Causes of Pak-Saudi defense pact:



• Having a nuclear state as a defense partner

To have a nuclear state as a mutual defense partner ensures sovereignty and security of state. Pakistan is the 1st Islamic state with nuclear power having nuclear energy of about 3500 MW. Saudi Arabia has signed a mutual defense pact with Pakistan which includes nuclear assistance to Saudi Arabia in case of any armed attack. This was indeed a smart move by Saudi Arabia to counter its rivalries.

• To reinforce geostrategic importance

Over the past few years Muslim world specifically the Arab countries have been facing atrocities and acts of aggression being carried out by the Western world. Another major cause that resulted in signing a mutual defense pact was to reinforce and restate strategic importance of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in the world.

• To counter Israel's aggression

Carrying out a complete human genocide in Palestine was not enough so that Israel started targeting other

Countries as well. Other than Palestine, Israel carried out drone attacks in other middle eastern countries as well. A completely war like situation between Iran and Israel escalated due to Israel's drone attacks, Israel's air strikes in Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and Qatar made Saudi Arabia to limit Israel's aggression. To warn and threaten Israel before carrying out any strike in Saudi Arabia was the significant cause to sign a mutual defense pact between both countries.

• Protecting territorial integrity

Protecting territorial integrity is the most crucial feature of foreign policy of any state. Pakistan has territorial as well as security threats from India and Afghanistan while keeping in view Israel's aggression against Iran and Qatar, threaten the security of Saudi Arabia as well. Thus both states signed a mutual defense agreement signing a deal as defense partners and act of aggression against any of each will be considered aggression upon both.

Strengthening bilateral ties

To foster the bilateral relation of both states, promoting trade and tourism and financial investment was also a major cause to sign a defense pact.

Implications of the defense pact

The defense pact between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia was a smart geo-strategic move by both countries. The implications of this deal can be seen at national and global levels.

Such as;

- Rise of nationalism and patriotism among the people of both states
- A total win-win game for Pakistan and Saudi Arabia
- Rise of strong defense partners in muslim world.
- Increase in trade, investment and tourism between both states.
- A strong defensive unit against any aggressive state.

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Conclusion

In retrospect, signing a mutual defense deal is a total win-win game for Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. A deal that was initially signed to counter any act of aggression will eventually result in geo-economic and geo-political benefits. This deal will foster arab-muslim relations, creates religious unity, promotes trade and economy and will prevail peace, harmony and unity in the region. The deal will cohere the strategic and defense capability of both states in multipolar world structure. Most importantly this defense pact will limit acts of aggression from western states. This deal is indeed a great achievement of muslim world. As Allama Iqbal once wrote;

ایک یوں مسلم حرام کی پاسبانی کے لیے
نیل کے ساحل سے بے کرتا بجاں کا شاعر

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Pakistan balancing its relations with U.S and China

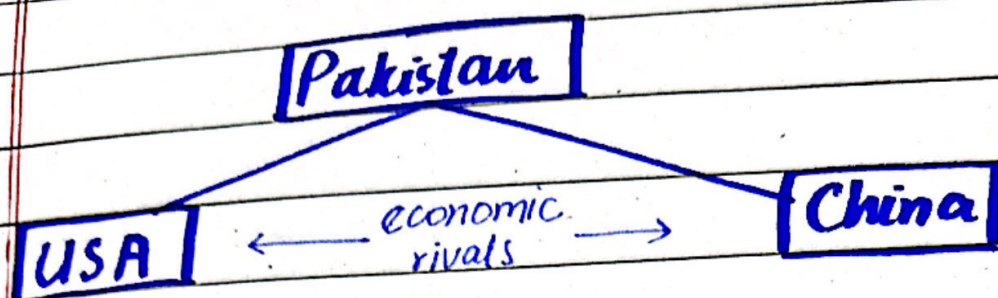
Introduction

In the present government of PM Shebaz Sharif and his federal ministers Pakistan is winning the diplomatic game. This diplomacy of Sharif government is resulting in Pakistan being praised at international level. Following the current events, Pakistan has strengthened its relationship with U.S. Pakistan's contribution in peace keeping, countering terrorism, mitigating climate change and condemning genocide in Gaza was praised by US president Mr. Donald Trump. He mediated and stopped the limited war happened between India and Pakistan during may. Pakistan's cooperation during ceasefire impressed the president resulting in decreasing sanction on Pakistan and putting higher tariffs on India. As US-Pak relation enters a new

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phase of cooperation, Pakistan truly understands to balance its friendship with China as well.



- Enters in new phase of cooperation

- Lowering sanctions on Pakistan

- Nominating US president for noble peace award

- Signing a critical mineral deal

- Providing modern weapons

- Old and historic friendship

- Important economic ally of Pakistan

- Significant trade partner

- Strong supporter of Pak in UN

The above figure shows how two international rivals are maintaining friendship with Pakistan and Pakistan is balancing its friendship with both countries.