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The year 2025 -- Turning point
for Pakistan

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Introduction:-

For world 2025 was an year filled with conflict, deteriorating environment and democratic backsliding, but for Pakistan 2025 marked a year with strategic deterrence, Green revolution and strengthened democratic process. Pakistan saw multiple changes internally and externally and it responded to all challenges in effective manner. 2025, for world, might have been year of endless/forever wars but for Pakistan a bright future is visible ahead due to 2025.

Internal Changes and adaptation:-

From Political, social, economic and environmental issues that are of global concern Pakistan dealt with them with effective management and planning. It adapted new policies where it could have and continued old ones where it should have.

DURBAN:-

Pakistan on 31st december 2024 made it's new year pledge that it will fly. This was new year's pledged. Pakistan decided that next year will be different. It will work on it's human development, environment, entrepreneurship, education and

energy sectors. Upon a surface level analysis it is safe to say Pakistan did a lot of work on itself. If it continues to do so it will have a bright future ahead of it.

2) Solar boom : a bright future:-

Pakistan is in dire need of energy and is environmentally vulnerable. So, Pakistan found a solution in solar energy. In 2025 Pakistan installed more than 35 GW of solar panels. This was more than entire solar energy capacity of France or entire continent of Africa. This solar boom means cheaper electricity for state and consumer. The zero carbon emission is just cherry on top. Pakistan is 7th largest green energy producer. This is essential for Pakistan's industrial and developmental needs.

3) Mining : a critical need:-

In April 2025 Pakistan held mineral forum, which was intended to attract foreign investors. The new craze in 2025 was critical minerals and Pakistan has a lot of them. Pakistan needs technological assistance to take these minerals out of ground and turn them into chips. The

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AI Frontier is calling and whoever will have more grip on market will be victor for ages. Maybe these rare minerals will provide a better future for Pakistan.

Counterterrorism by a hard state

In 2025 Pakistan took off its gloves and established a new policy on internal front. Every terror act will be met with swift response. The terrorists will be brought to justice. It is worth noting that this policy has given fruitful results but its effectiveness is questionable in long run.

Technology for safety:-

Pakistan learned from other states and incorporated technology to improve public safety. The introduction of safe city cameras as well as use of drones to rescue flood victims shows the Pakistan's changed mindset to accept and incorporate technology in every day life. The state's incentive to increase digitalization of economy means a secure and corruption free monetary exchange. It will be terrible for Non-State Actors and money launderers but secure for

everyone else.

6) Industrial reforms and SOEs:-

We needed a lot of reforms in industrial sector as well as in state owned enterprises. The Pakistan lived upto its pledge and privatized its white elephants such as PIA and QESCO and others. This was coupled with industrial reforms and incentives such as decreased interest rates and reduction in US imposed tariffs. The state's non interference in market translated well for industrial and business sector. The foreign companies such as BYD and Chengan entered Pakistan's market and announced new factories in Pakistan.

7) Agricultural reforms:-

Agriculture sector has always been important for Pakistan. It was/is Pakistan's economic backbone. Pakistan suffered multiple challenges such as suspension of Indus waters treaty. The climate challenges such as floods of 2025 that caused billions of dollars worth of damages. The government wanted to build new canals but public anger meant they couldn't. The

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Pakistani farmers increased the food production. Pakistan saw an increase in fruit, fish and meat production. The reduced tax (but also subsidies) might give Pakistan it's much needed food security. Pakistan's agricultural subsidies for long time were not producing any fruitful results. Under IMF pressure Pakistan not only introduced new tax system e.g. from 29% - 46% depending on type of farm and land. It also removed subsidies that were in effective.

8) Constitutional amendment:-

2025 was a year of demo-cratic backsliding globally. Critics would argue it was same for Pakistan and it's "Hybrid Regime" but Pakistan saw a strengthened parliament that using it's powers introduced anew constitutional amendment. This amendment presented a lot of reforms in military and judiciary. The introduction of federal constitutional court will reduce backlog of cases. The CDF will provide better communication b/w all armed forces. The life time immunity to President and Field heroes of nation

will mean prestige for nation's champions.

External revival of Pakistan:-

2025 did not just mint new policies and pledges inside Pakistan. Pakistan created a new image on external front. In trade, technology, counter terrorism, and diplomacy Pakistan was the highlight of the world.

1) Renewed deterrence on Eastern front:-

Pakistan shares its eastern border with India, a state that is 7 times larger in terms of territory, 5 times in military spending and 2 times in military personnel. India has always been hostile towards Pakistan. Both countries have accused each other of financing cross border terrorism. In May 2025, both countries had a fiery conflict. Pakistan reestablished conventional deterrence with India. This meant added respect for Pakistan and strategic value in Pakistani stock on external front. The Pakistan has shifted its policy that any attack on Pakistani soil will cause an equal and surgical response on Indian soil. Pakistan's response to Pehlgam and Jhan do operation

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Sindoor was praised globally.

2) New doctrine on western front.

Pakistan has suffered from terrorism more than any other regional country except Afghanistan. In 2025 there were 2000+ deaths due to terror attacks inside Pakistan. These attacks were sponsored by India backed terrorists. The Pakistan's strikes deep in Afghanistan meant that no more verbal condemnations. The soil that harbors threat for Pakistan will be struck and those that harbor terrorists will pay price of it. This shift in Pakistan's policy saw Afghan government denounce terrorism and terrorist organizations such as TTP.

3) Reforged SMDA:-

The Pakistan Saudi relations saw a major development when both states signed a Strategic mutual defence Agreement. This meant that "an act of aggression against one, will be an act of aggression against other". The decline in American power and increase in Pakistan's conventional military power saw a shift in Pakistan's external perception as

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a security provider. This perception along with effective results of domestic weapons means a shift in global preference for Pakistani weapons.

4) A Weapons exporter:-

In 2025 Pakistan signed multiple weapons deals with multiple states. Inspired by Turkish model of defense industrialization Pakistan's domestic weapons have become new market favorite. Pakistan did many notable deals such as.

- 4.2 billion \$ deal with Azerbaijan
- 6 billion \$ deal with Indonesia
- Multi billion dollar deal with Libya
- Weapons deal with Turkey.
- Pact with USA
- 4 billion \$ weapons deal with Sudan.

These deals means over 10 billion USD worth of exports for Pakistan. This will result in not only decreased trade deficit. The data obtained from these weapons

5) Peace keeper:-

Pakistan's commitment to global peace was astonishing in

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2025. We not only achieved peace in our eastern front. We played a significant role in global peace mediation. US, Qatar, Thailand and Cambodia, Azerbaijan and Armenia as well as KSA and Iran. Their negotiations were facilitated by Pakistan.

Pakistan also wants to play a role in ensuring peace for Palestinians. The Pakistan's presence in Sheikh Al-Sheikh was evident of that. Similarly, Pakistani troops were present under UN banner across the globe.

Major Victories:-

Pakistan saw major victories on diplomatic front such as tariff negotiations with USA or trade deals with upper saharan african states. Improved ties with Bangladesh were a major victory for Pakistan. The successful judgement from ~~Intt~~ world bank on IWT also showed turn in Pakistan's perception.

Forever Problems for Pakistan:-

Even though Pakistan saw aturn in economic policies the IMF problem still looms over us. The deference doesn't mean

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peace on eastern or western front.
The EV and solar technologies reduced
AQI but ~~the~~ Pakistan continues
to be under severe environmental
vulnerable conditions. And most
importantly short term wins
must be backed by long
time effort to ensure steady
growth.

Conclusion:-

2025 had it's ups and
downs but brave people of
Pakistan regained their honor
through hard work. They must
continue to do so if they
want economic, social and political
security domestically and global
trade, relevance and recognition on
international level.

