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The Year 2025 — Turning Point for Pakistan

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A) Improved international image of Pakistan

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History is evident of the fact that the fate of states can change in no time. The discovery of oil in the middle east countries changed their future forever. Similarly, the fall of Soviet in 1991 made the US the only superpower. It is imperative to note that the year 2025 has not been less than a blessing in changing the fate of Pakistan. From internal progress to international successes, Pakistan has emerged as a victorious states, dominating international politics. For example, its improved global image, strategic partnership with US and ~~after~~ growing influence in middle east make it a dominant and emerging power. Moreover, Pakistan's success stories are not only limited to international domain but also to internal progress. For instance, economic stabilization, reforming of

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economic and judicial institutions, and progressive civil-military relations are signs of internal stabilization. However, these changes raises certain questions in a rational mind: can Pakistan manage to maintain these progressive changes in long run? Are not these international successes short-term smokecreens? Although skeptics deny the year 2025 as a turning point for Pakistan due to its political and economic challenges, substantial evidence, such as progress in political, economic, social and international domains, prove that the year 2025 was a turning point for Pakistan.

The skeptics are not convinced with notion that the year 2025 was a turning point for Pakistan. They argue that worsening political polarization and political instability make it hard for Pakistan to make any

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significant progress in any domain. The country is divided, politically weak and unstable. For instance, democratic institutions are in decline, political opponents are silenced and media houses are censored. Moreover, there is no room left for constructive criticism of government and its policies. Hence, political decline in the country is a barrier in its progress.

Additionally, they claim that poor economic growth is another evidence that ~~the~~ exposes the myth of economic stability in the country. For example, several multilateral companies stopped their operations in Pakistan due to various reasons. Moreover, the report of Labour Survey of Pakistan states that the percent of unemployment has increased to 71% in 2025.

Other than this, low foreign investment is another blow to the economy. Therefore, there can be no progress unless there

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is economic stability.

Despite the viewpoint of opponents, the greater picture depicts contrasting realities. Ample evidence shows that the year 2025 was a turning point in its history. To begin with, Pakistan's improved international image tops the list. In the year 2025, Pakistan joined UN Security Council as a non-permanent member. This role present Pakistan with an opportunity to present its case as a victim of terrorism. For instance, Pakistan successfully busted the myth and exposed Indian version of presenting Pakistan as a safe heaven for terrorists. Moreover, Pakistan has also spoken as a voice of entire muslim world in general, and for the Palestineans in particular. Apart from these Pakistan also joined several committee operating under UNSC to present its concerns effectively. Hence, Pakistan succeeded

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in acting as a dominant global power.

In the same vein, improved strategic and economic relationship with the US is another achievement for Pakistan. Throughout history, the relations between Pakistan and US has been tensed with slight improvements in between. The relationship reached the peak of unrest when Trump accused Pakistan of playing double role during his first term. However, 2025 marked a significant change in relationships; from client-based to partnership. For example, the US signed a mineral deal with Pakistan in mid 2025. Additionally, US based companies signed contracts with Pakistan to extract rare Earth minerals. Moreover, Trump also acted as peacemaker to prevent Pakistan and India going into a nuclear war. Hence, rebuilding relationships with the US is a diplomatic victory for Pakistan.

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Similarly, as a muslim nuclear state, Pakistan has emerged as a progressive and dominant player in the middle east. Pakistan paid a heavy price of economic and strategic isolation ~~as~~ when it refused to provide military support to Saudi Arabia in Yemen.

The vacuum was filled by India. As a result, Pakistan economic ties with KSA declined and India became a major trading and strategic partner of UAE and KSA. However, things changed in 2025, when Pakistan played a significant role in Gaza Peace Deal. Pakistan role in ~~becoming~~ ^{the} voice ~~as~~ against Israeli aggression not only improved its ties with middle east states but also gave it a dominant role in global politics. Hence, Pakistan role in middle is beneficial for its economic and strategic growth.

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In the same vein, the Defence Pact between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan changed the geopolitics of the region. KSA with enormous economic potential and Pakistan with modern military equipments came close to protect each other's ~~interests~~ interests. KSA has long been a close ally of Pakistan, but this pact brought the relations to next level. Although the details are shared officially, ~~but it~~ it is said that an attack on one state would be considered an attack on another. Moreover, the pact is not only limited to security cooperation but also to technological and economic cooperation. Therefore, Pakistan's improved relations with KSA changed the power dynamics of the region.

Moreover, the year 2025 showed the world the unprecedented military potentials of Pakistan to the world. During the war with India in May,

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Pakistan successfully defeated a state much larger and better equipped than itself. This was led to global acknowledgement of Pakistan's military capabilities. For instance, during the visit of Field Marshal in Libya in late december, the Libyan government agreed to purchase weapons of worth 4.5 billion dollars. Additionally, Qatar is also considering to sign a defence pact with Pakistan. Thus, the year 2025 made Pakistan military strength ~~exposed~~^{showcased} to the world.

Furthermore, apart from internal diplomatic victories, Pakistan also made achieved several milestones internally. To start with, stabilization of economy is a visible factor. During the year 2024 and early 2025, the economy of Pakistan was on ventilator - battling for survival. However, things have changed very much since then. The economy is ~~growing~~ growing slowly ~~but~~

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and gradually, foreign reserves are expanding and remittances are increasing. According to ex-FBR chairman Shabbir Zaidi, the economy of Pakistan improved much faster than imagined by economists. He further argues that with current phase of growth, Pakistan will soon get rid off IMF and other lenders. Hence, the economy of Pakistan is improving with significant growth.

Additionally, another achievement is of privatization and reforming of state-owned enterprises. No doubt, SOEs are the major cause of Pakistan's poor economic performance. Most of the SOEs, except a few, are in deep loss with no sign of improvement. Each year, the government has to pay billions to SOEs to keep them operational. However, their privatization has always been a major challenge for the state. The recent privatization of PIA is a welcomed move. Moreover,

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The government is planning to either reform or privatize all the major SOEs that are a burden on the state. Additionally, privatization will also improve the operational capacity and performance of these expensive entities. Thus, privatization is a major step towards improvement.

In addition, reforming the judicial institutions is another successful initiative of the state.

Unfortunately, judiciary has been accused of overstepping its constitutional boundaries and interfering in legislative and executive affairs. Keeping in view the backlash of pending cases and controlling judiciary, the government decided to reform judiciary and bring it to the standards of international level. As a result, through parliamentary moves, the government established separate Federal Constitutional Courts (FCC) to hear cases related to constitutional

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affairs. Hence, reforming judiciary is a positive step for the country.

In the same, balancing civil-military relations is a positive ~~an~~ step for the country. The civil and military have always been at odds with each other due to differences in managing the affairs of the country. For the first time in history, they are on the same page for the progressive of the country. For example, the appointment of Chief of Army Staff as Field Marshal and assigning the COAS to appoint the commander of National Strategic Command (NSC) manifest the unity in civil and military command. Moreover, army led initiatives like Green Initiative Pakistan to ~~another~~ revolutionize agriculture sector is another example. Hence, the civil-military relations are in peak of glory.

Similarly, the revival of China Pakistan Economic Corridor - CPEC phase-II marks a major achievement for Pakistan. With slow progress after completion of phase one, propagandas were spreaded to disrupt the relationship between Pakistan and China. However, the official initiation of phase-II of CPEC is major step for the economic success of Pakistan. The phase-II will primarily focus on industrialization, agriculture, technology, and socio-economic development. Under this, Special Economic Zones will be created to attract investors. Additionally, sustainable energy, regional connectivity, and digital infrastructure are to be improved. Thus, initiation of CPEC-II marks a significant step towards progress and innovation.

To conclude, it can be safely asserted that the year 2025 was a major turning point for Pakistan. It brought several regional and international

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achievements for Pakistan. From being called the sick man of South Asia to rising as a emerging power is not less than a miracle. Moreover, busting the propaganda and aggressive tone of India, emerging as a influential power in the middle east and getting closer to US, and managing equal relations with ^{rivals} US and China are signs of diplomatic victory. Additionally, improvements at home, such as a stabilized economy, institutional reforms and effective power sharing between the civil military rules, also manifest the achievements of Pakistan. Now it is upto the statesmen to effectively the future affairs for the glory of Pakistan.

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