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The Year 2025 has remained a rollercoaster for socio-economic development of Pakistan. The betterment in governance and foreign policy had presented positive image of Pakistan in the world. This year, Pakistan came face-to-face with historical revival - India - again after 2019. The revival of PIA induced hopes of the lost reputation Pakistan enjoyed in 1960s. The institutions of Pakistan got more advanced in 2025. The current regime of Pakistan managed to balance relations with military allies which help Pakistan to experience long term political stability. However, with all these decisive occasions that helped Pakistan to grow more prosper, there are negative turning points for Pakistan too. To begin with, the devastating destruction of climate change like floods gives Pakistan economic shocks like in agriculture and infrastructure. The unpredictable long number of monsoon spells gives no time to the departments to make precautionary measures. Furthermore, emerging security threats within Pakistan like proxies and non-state actors created concerns regarding securing stability. Pakistan

faced both hopes and hurdles in Year 2025 for future success. The revival of PIA, inculcation of AI in traffic system, Emergence of strong diplomatic ties and retaliation against India's retaliation proved way for Pakistan to be a strong player in coming years. However, over-population, Internal security, climate change and Pak-Afghan War raises concerns.

To start with, Pakistan International Airline has stepped in global arena once again and is ready to compete. PIA, that was once remained global role model for international airlines during General Ayub's Era faced setbacks one after other due to ~~gross~~ public sector problems and lack of government attention. It tried to stand on its feet more than once during last few decades but failed due to political instability and economical crisis. In 2025, International Monetary Fund (IMF) gave loan to Pakistan with conditions. One of them was to privatize those government organization which are not successful in remaining profitable. In June, ~~B~~ United Kingdom entered PIA in its safe travel list. In Dec, 2025, PIA was auctioned

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for privatization and ultimately became an organization that focuses on profit. On 16 June 2025, PIA entered United Kingdom safe travel list. In December 2025, after a long awaiting period, PIA ~~was~~ was finally privatized. PIA has touched new heights in 2025 and is bound to touch new skies.

On the other hand, Pakistan government took initiative to end years long problem of traffic violations by integrating artificial intelligence that can take multiple pictures through cameras and reduces traffic violations. During the last quarter of 2025, federal and then some provincial governments started to inculcate artificial intelligence in cameras that take pictures of traffic violations and send E-Challan to violators. In Karachi, implementation of AI in traffic cameras reduces violations and increases selling of helmets. In Lahore and Rawalpindi, strict rules and regulations were implemented. Almost 2 crore revenue were collected through E-challan in Karachi because of traffic violations. In Punjab, Challan of 2000 PKR were implemented on not wearing helmets by motorcyclists. The social segments shows frustration on these laws but they were

convinced as all measures were taken for welfare of public. The incubation of AI in traffic cameras ends the core problem of accidents that cost lives and property. This initiative change the image of Pakistan and promoted civic sense in public.

Furthermore, Pakistan unprecedented reply to India's aggression is the biggest achievement of Pakistan in 2025. On ~~22~~ 22 April, 2025, ~~in~~ a terrorist attack in ~~phalgam~~ in India tensed the relation between two countries when India suspended Indus water treaty 1960s. This led to a war between two countries in may which could ~~go~~ grow in no time. Pakistan retaliated India's attacks on Pakistan during 96 hour war starting from 7 May 2025. Pakistan closed its airline for India in a tit for tat response. Pakistan attack multiple military weapons that targetted inside Pakistan. According to ~~an~~ french company that made rafale jet fighter acknowledge that Pakistan JF-17 dropped their rafale jet that was operated by India. Pakistan damaged India's revenue of \$1 billion per year by closing its airspace in response to closer of India's air space for Pakistan.

Pakistan won this war according to local and international writers but India refused to accept defeat. Pakistan redefined air supremacy by dropping India's jets and proved to be a strong military ~~emphat~~ power.

Moreover, Pakistan gained new diplomatic ties around the globe. In year 2025, Pakistan civil and military partnership moves waves in enemies heart by gaining trust of multiple countries by ~~the~~ Pakistan's ability to handle aggression and experienced military. Pakistan developed brotherly relation with ~~Bangl~~ Bangladesh despite ~~to~~ bad relations and bad events in the past. Pakistan appeared to be a moon among the stars in South Asia in eyes of ~~the~~ United States of America. In 2025, Pakistan and ~~Bangl~~ Bangladesh signed and agreed on economic and military cooperation. Pakistan officials visited multiple times to ~~the~~ Washington DC, USA, and respectable gestures were shown by both states. In Sep, 2025, when Israel on Qatar, ~~Gulf~~ region including Saudi Arabia signed defense pact with Pakistan and came under Pakistan's nuclear Umbrella. Pakistan also opened its border with Afghanistan to pass humanitarian aid.

inside Afghanistan to reduce tension. Pakistan diplomatic relations gained new heights in 2025 and gave direction for future collaboration.

As we have discussed positive turning points for Pakistan, the focus now be concentrated on some uncontrollable turning points for Pakistan that created concerns both for public and state.

First to fall, Pakistan had faced increasing threats to its security by proxies and non state actors. Although, Pakistan is facing security threat from its western border more seriously after emergence of new regime in Afghanistan of Taliban in 2021, the recent surge in terrorist attacks raise serious concerns and forced Pakistan to take big decision for future prosperity. Separatist organization BLA in Baluchistan did attack many military and public places by methods like suicide bombing and making public hostage. In Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa (KPK) experiences terrorist attacks by Jihadis organizations like TIP. An Attack on District Court in Islamabad shows intensifying terrorist operations. In 2025, BLA attack Jaffer express and killed innocent civilians. In G11, Islamabad, a suicide bomber

blows himself outside a district court resulting in 11 innocent deaths. These threats caused by TIP and BLA ~~are~~ have seen a rise in 2025. Proxies operated by India were verified in Afghanistan working against Pakistan. Non state actors also showed activeness against the well-being of Pakistan and the world which demands immediate policy making.

Secondly, floods during monsoon had done major economic and social destruction which have long lasting effects. After experiencing 2022 floods, Pakistan hadn't required fully, that in 20255, Pakistan faced more strong flooding in KPK, Punjab and Sindh. These flooding didn't just take hundred of lives but also destroyed people belongings and live stock. Damaging agriculture is another impact. In KPK, people faced catastrophic effect of flooding. In Punjab agricultural sector ruined due to monsoon. In Sindh, people were forced to be displaced leaving behind their livestock and belongings. In Buner, KPK a strong cloud burst took 100s of lives of the village including 22 members of a same family. In Punjab, an economic shock experienced by government and

farmers, when agricultural sector which contributes 24% to GDP of Pakistan faced damages by floods. In Sindh, people became poor after flood destroyed their houses. These effects of monsoon floods in 2025 made economic and burden on Pakistan.

Thirdly, Pakistan had faced Afghanistan in military ~~grounds~~^{grounds} despite efforts for diplomatic relations. Afghanistan prosperity is important for Pakistan as it is for Afghanistan itself because of neighbouring border of 2250km. Instability and lawlessness in Afghanistan directly affects Pakistan. The recent surge in terrorist attacks were reportedly operated from Afghanistan by India's Proxies. Afghanistan hold historical incidents that led to both countries tense relations. Many efforts for ceasefire between two countries took place and revealed no fruit. India plan to use Afghanistan for its national interest raises concerns for Pakistan. Pakistan and Afghanistan had a history of tense relation regards to Afghan claim of Pakistan and claiming Durand line as unjustified. Three phases of dialogue between Pakistan and Afghanistan happened in Turkey which resulted in deadlock. Recent attacks on Pakistan like weapons used

Taliban impress incident were reported to be US weapons left by US Army in Afghanistan. These events had tensified relations which have not reached downs.

Lastly, Pakistan faced serious issue of over-population which has reached 248 million in 2025. Generating resources for population exceeding multiple times the national treasure create serious social problems. 40% of population in Pakistan is below poverty line. This creates lawlessness, crime and conflicts over resources. In 2025, over population resulted in economic frustration, and social as well as ethnic conflicts. In Kasur, Punjab, a fruit seller killed two brothers over a conflict of just Rs 30. Similarly, in March, Sindh faced large protests over canal building in South Punjab. These protestes resulted in one ~~casual~~ casualty. These events premated hatred against ethnicities because of limited resources and over-populated social segments. Over-population has become a time bomb which can burst at any time. Events like mentioned that happened in 2025 revealed the frustration caused by uncontrolled population.

Pakistan has faced both positive and incidental turning points in 2025. The inclusion of AI in traffic system, Emergence of strong diplomatic relations, revival of PIA and retaliation against India's retaliation had positioned Pakistan in strong setting. However, issues in 2025 like climate change, Pak-Afghan war, International security still demand attention for proper and long lasting success of Pakistan. By improving disaster management capacity, dialogue with non-state actors, Pakistan can emerge as one of the leader of the world.