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Before the year 2025, the neighbouring India - arch rival of Pakistan - hailed the diplomatic isolation and degrading international standing of Pakistan. However, Pakistan's geopolitical and regional prominence has resurged after a series of events. In the year, 2025, Pakistan fought a short war with India in which it secured a staggering win after displaying its credible defense capabilities. This was followed by a series of diplomatic wins which again rose Pakistan as a significant geopolitical and regional partner. Moreover, the year, 2025 was marked by a series of diplomatic wins for Pakistan. The country also gained military victory over a very large adversary which has affirmed its international recognitions for its strength. Pakistan's

bilateral relationship ^{with the US} has also reconciled after a period of misconceptions and suspicions. This has also elevated Pakistan's geopolitical and regional stature in the world. In addition, the year is marked by Pakistan's strengthening of bilateral and multilateral relations. Overall, the country's international image has improved due to deft diplomacy amid regional and international turmoil. However, besides all of the gains on international stage, ~~for~~ the year 2025 was also a turning point in terms of Pakistan's security challenges, socio-economic issues and political instability. Above all, the year 2025 was, in many ways, ~~the~~ a foundation for the country moving in the right direction which

opened the way for many opportunities.

Moreover, the year 2025 was a turning point for Pakistan, as it enhanced the country's international posture. It was a ~~big~~ year of diplomatic wins, military wins, improved geopolitical and regional ~~stat~~ significance. It also enhanced Pakistan's international relevance, and image and has also led to a reconciliation in Pak-US relation and Pak-Bangladesh relations.

Counting on the significance of 2025 for Pakistan, the country had a short period of war with India and secured a swift victory. After the Pohalgam incident, India blamed Pakistan for the terror attack—as usual. Pakistan denied the accusation and called for international

inquiring on the matter with its full support. However, India denounced Pakistan's fair response and launched an offensive on Pakistan in May. After a short ^{period of} confrontation, ~~Pak~~ Pakistan was ~~co~~ able to down ^{several} Indian jets and inflicted severe harm on Indian military. As the matter soured, the US president Donald Trump mediated a cease fire between both the nuclear powers. Although ^{India} deny the US mediation. But, Pakistan has acknowledged the US role on many international platforms. This was a turning for Pakistan in 2025 and a year of demotion for India on many aspects as well — as Ashley J Tellys noted in his essay: India's Great Power Delusion!

Following a swift victory over India, Pakistan

was also able to secure diplomatic win as well. After the war, Pakistan's international standing again rose to the prominence. Its military capability and geopolitical significance was reassured through deft diplomacy. For example, following the war, Pakistan acknowledged the US president Donald Trump's peace mediation and even announced its support for Trump as candidate for Noble peace prize. Moreover, Pakistan also played a crucial role through diplomatic measures in stopping Gaza war and other regional conflicts amid its presidency of United Nation Security Council in 2025. These diplomatic wins opened the way for many opportunities to Pakistan to establish itself as a key player in international politics. In addition to military

and diplomatic wins, the year 2015 was a turning point for Pakistan, as the country's geopolitical significance enhanced. The country was internationally isolated and, particularly, after the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, it had lost its geopolitical significance. But, after the war with India and diplomatic manoeuvring, Pakistan is again influencing global geopolitics. For example, according to Prof. J. Mearschmiere, the US might need Pakistan's help in mediating with Iran. Moreover, the US president and En General recognized ~~as~~ ^{signi} Pakistan as a significant counter terrorism partner in the region. These events marked the resurgence of Pakistan's geopolitical stature in global politics.

Besides resurgence of geopolitical significance, Pakistan was elevated to status of regional security guarantor in the year 2015. This was a turning point as regional countries were looking forward to obtain an agreement with Pakistan for security guarantees. For example, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia signed Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement. Moreover, the Arab News noted that other Gulf countries might as well secure such agreement with Pakistan amid the ~~US~~ suspicion of US security guarantees. Moreover, Iran and other regional countries as well welcomed Pak Saudi agreement. They regarded Pakistan as the shield of Islamic world due to its strength which Pakistan displayed in ^{its} war with India.

Moreover, the year 2025 was a turning point as Pakistan's relations with the US was reconciled after a period of 'suspicion and misconceptions'. Pakistan, through its deft diplomacy, utilized the aftermath of war with India and global trade and tariff war and secured the reestablishment of its relations with the US. Both the countries have signed defense and rare earth agreements and renewed strategic partnership. For example, Pakistan's foreign minister said to the CNN, "Our bilateral relationship is built on the foundation of shared interests, including regional stability, security and economic partnership". Moreover, securing the US partnership was an important turning point for Pakistan's

defense, economy and global prominence.

In addition to the strengthening of bilateral relationship with the US, Pakistan also secured strategic and economic partnership with Bangladesh. Both the countries had remained isolated from each other ^{since} from a long time but after the ouster of Sheikh Hasina as prime minister, the interim government reestablished its ties with Pakistan. For examples both the countries signed the strengthening of strategic partnership, defense and economic cooperation, according to the Dawn. The relations of Pakistan with Bangladesh is crucial. It gives a strategic depth to Pakistan over India and also manage to keep India diplomatically isolated by

engaging Bangladesh in defense cooperation

Apart from the significance of 2025 for Pakistan on international frontiers, at home, it was year of security challenges, political instability and socio-economic issues.

The year 2025 was a turning point for Pakistan's security challenges. The country loomed through the resurgence of terrorism and had to confront ^{with} two hostile neighbours on its Eastern and Western front. For example, the ISPR told in a ^{press briefing} about 75000 more than 75000 intelligence based operations alone in Balochistan. Moreover, in May and in September, India and Afghanistan attacked Pakistan. These events

made the year challenging for the country's security apparatus and deteriorated the country's peace and stability. For instance, according to the Global Terrorism Index, Pakistan was 2nd on the scale. Thus, 2015 was a turning point for Pakistan's security.

Apart from security, 2015 was also a year of political instability for Pakistan. The year was marked by civil military imbalance and a rift between the opposition and treasury benches. For instance, expressing his concerns on the hybrid democracy in Pakistan, Justice Athar Minallah said, "No institution or government officer should engage in political engineering. Public representatives

must come through free and fair election. Unfortunately that has only remained our dream. Moreover, the political instability has caused harm to Pakistan's economy and foreign Direct Investment, as multinational corporation have departed from Pakistan in record numbers. These situations mark a grim reality of 2025 for the national level engagement.

In addition to the security issues and political instability, the year 2025 was also concerning for Pakistan's socio-economic situations. The year was marked by deteriorated rule of law, unemployment, human rights and has ^{accounted} ~~led~~ for an increase in poverty. For example, Pakistan ranked

129th on the global Rule of law index. Unemployment was at a record high with 5.9 million youth unemployed as per Samaa news. According to Human rights commission of Pakistan, 700 women were killed in the first half of the year 2025. Looking at these numbers, it is evident that the year was a disaster from the point of view of many socio-economic indicators.

However, above all, the year was a stepping stone in the right direction for Pakistan in many ways. The country opted a zero tolerance policy against corruption and smuggling. In this relation, many officers were suspended by the FIA, Customs and NCCIA, as corruption and smuggling was fueling

institutioned decay and
terror sponsoring. Moreover,
the country also established
the Special Investment Facilitation
Council for enhancing business.

It commenced a successfully
Pakistan Mineral Investment
forum, 2025 to explore the
country's mineral wealth.

In addition, Pakistan promulgated
its first Artificial Intelligence
policy, crypto policy and has
also enacted five year
industrial policy. Besides this,
Pakistan secured strategic,
economic and defense cooperation
internationally. For example,
Pakistan signed a 800 million
dollar rare earth minerals
with the US ~~accord~~ and
secured 19% US tariffs on
its imports which are relatively
very low relative to those
imposed on other strategic
US allies such as 80% on
India.

In conclusion, the year 2025 was turning point for Pakistan both positively and negatively. On the positive side, the year was ^{significant} ^{in terms of} strategic, diplomatic and geopolitical and military successes. It opened many opportunities for Pakistan to further its interest. Although, it was also a year of many challenges for Pakistan, such as socio-economic, political and security issues which caused vulnerabilities for the state. However, the year marked the beginning of many right decisions for the country which would lead to further corrective and prosperous measures when continued.