

Is peace in Balochistan possible?

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2.2- Security measures

2.2.1- Special task forces to reduce terrorists activities

Case in point: CPEC special force, CCD Elite and Dolphin forces in Punjab

2.2.2- Strict surveillance at social places

Case in point: AI based cameras in mosques, churches and security offices

2.2.3- Targeted operations to curb BLA and TTP

Case in point: Zarbe-Azab and Redul-Fasad

2.2.4- Secured borders

Case in point: vigilant security officers at India and Afghanistan borders

2.3-Educational measures

2.3.1-Awareness campaigns to curb militancy at local levels

Case in point: like polio and anti drug campaigns

2.3.2-Youth festivals to foster nationalism

Case in point: Cultural festivals at Punjab and agricultural universities represent whole country.

2.3.3-Opportunities of modern education for poor students

Case in point: Mostly Indian IT experts are from middle class

2.3.4-Exchange programs with other provinces of the country

Case in point: Quota for GIB and AJK students in universities of Punjab

2.3.5-Construction of advance educational institutions in Balochistan to reduce disparity among provinces

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The Essay

Muslims are like a body and when one part of body gets hurt then whole body feels pain. (Al-Hadees) Similarly, Pakistan is like a body and it cannot grow with any fragile province. Instability in Balochistan affects whole country. Balochistan always remains at hit list of local militants and international terrorists organisations such as BLA and TIP. In balochistan, there are many causes of distress such as terrorists attacks, target killings, unequal distribution of resources,

missing persons, weak governance and leadership crisis as well. Moreover India is also interested in destabilising Balochistan. India provides aid to BLA to attack innocent citizens and to disturb peace of Pakistan. Actually India wants to suppress neighbour economically as well as strategically. But now peace in Balochistan has become fundamental element in prosperity of the Pakistan. Pakistan has to deal with restlessness of Balochistan with iron hands. This essay will discuss that, ~~how~~ peace in Balochistan is possible with help of some important political measures, security measures and educational measures which will bring highest flight of Balochistan.

There are some political measures which will bring peace in Balochistan.

Firstly, with help of peace talks with local tribes; peace is possible in Balochistan. Peace talks are basically done between state officials and a specific party or group. Pakistani government officials should consider this option seriously because peace talks settle things in a peaceful way. Peace talks save resources and time. For instance, in past Pakistan has done peace talks with Afghan Taliban and TTP. These talks were negotiated by ISI chief, Islamic scholars and foreign minister Ishaq ~~Dar~~ Dar as well. These peace talks resulted in peace to an extent and assurances from Taliban. Similarly, such peace talks are also done among opposite parties in police stations which are hosted by a police officer. Resultantly, through peace talks enemies become friends. So, peace talks with local tribes can bring peace in ~~Afghanistan~~ Balochistan.

Secondly, peace is possible in Balochistan due to presence of local folk in decision making process. Before any final decision, opinion of local public should be respected. Because only local folk has ground level knowledge which plays an important role in decision making. For example in Bosnia public participates in decision making. Similarly, public in Romania also participates in important matters to make legitimate and effective decisions. Through this mechanism local folk gets opportunity to make best choices for themselves. Public participation in decision making also enhances public trust on ~~trust~~ state institutions. So, due to involvement of local public in decision making, peace is possible in Balochistan.

Thirdly, an enhanced local governance structure is crucial for peace in Balochistan. Local governance structure ensures equal distribution of the resources at grass root level.

Representatives of the local governments are directly accountable to public as well. For instance India has a strengthened local governance structure which is known as Panchayat. Sarpanch is head of Panchayat at village or local level. Many educational and health workers work under supervision of sarpanch to ensure an effective public service delivery. Moreover, local governance structures reduce burden on federal government. So with strong local governments, peace is possible in the Balochistan by ensuring equal distribution of resources.

In a nutshell, peace is possible in Balochistan with help of political, security and educational measures. Firstly, political measures include peace talks, public participation in decision making, strong local governments, soft power and economic and social uplift.

Secondly, security measures include special task forces, strict surveillance, targeted operations to curb BLA and TTP and secured borders. Last

but not least, education measures include awareness campaigns, youth cultural festivals, modern education, exchange programs and advanced education institutions to reduce disparity among provinces.