

THE EFFECTS OF INTERNATIONAL MILITANCY ON PAKISTAN'S BORDER SECURITY

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ABSTRACT

Border security in Pakistan has been hugely impacted by the emergence of globalized militancy. It discusses various dimensions of this impact focusing on the motivations, trends and implications of the border militancy in Pakistan. It examines the historical background, geographic and international aspects which have added to the current security issues. By assessing the active roles of leading militant outfits along with state and non-state actors, as well as geo-political interests in the region, this study tries to develop a comprehensive picture regarding the potential security challenges at Pakistan's borders and insights into strategies for their management.

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INTRODUCTION:

Globalized militancy is one of the unique aspects of a new kind of world security dynamic, mostly in parts of the world characterized by subverted political system and high border permeabilizes. Terrorist organizations are international in our connected age, and use the global networks to achieve their goals. This has severe impacts on national security starting in Pakistan. The transnational character of violence has been greatly influenced by the geopolitical interest of Pakistan that is strategic and complex in nature. The paper unfolds the intricate network of local, regional and international dynamics affecting the impact of globalized militancy on Pakistan's border security. During the 1980s, Pakistan was in a lot of environmental and military pressure because it was brought to the forefront during the watershed phenomenon in human history, the Soviet-Afghan War (S. Khan, 2022). This boosted the number of foreigners joining as fighters and also helped create a myriad of militances, the lion's share of which were foreign funded. It was also a period when both al-Qaeda and the Taliban were gaining ground and continue to impact regional security even to this day. The most significant elements are Pakistan's internal dynamics that have the greatest influence on the security of Pakistan's borders (Nahida Ali, Dr. Safi Ullah Khan maintainer and Malik, 2023).

Political unrest and economic shortcomings along with ethnic conflicts in the country have provided opportunities for militants to operate, especially the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) which has been merged with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and is marred with difficult terrain and governance. Militant organizations have exploited these zones to create secure bases and to undertake cross-border attacks. Pakistan has launched some military operations in these areas to counter extremists. But this is hampered by porous borders, especially with Afghanistan. To escape military activities, insurgents frequently escape across the line and come back when everything becomes quiet (Z. U. A. Malik et al., 2019). Securing such difficult-to-manage and monitor border, as the cat and mouse play highlights.

The situation in Afghanistan is one aspect that juiced up militancy in Pakistan. The invasion of Afghanistan, led by the U.S., in 2001, and the war against the Taliban or Al-Qaeda in that country, have significantly affected Pakistan

(Aslam, 2020). Third, a major, tough, and contentious border line – the Durand Line – between Pakistan and Afghanistan. That has immensely helped in the right of movement of prerogative by the terrorist organizations between the two countries. Adding to the complexion of the situation has been the return of the Taliban and the planned withdrawal of military personnel from Afghanistan in 2021 by the USA. Although the Taliban have assured not to permit any international terrorism from their territory, Pakistan is cautious about their relation with organizations like Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). The increasing activity of the TTP in Pakistan also has exacerbated attacks on civilian and security personnel, further burdening border state security. Globalized militancy has been characterized by the dependence militancy factions upon each other globally. Al-Qaeda and ISIS have already built up a sophisticated transnational network of operation, service exchange and selling of global ideology.

Pakistan enjoys a key position in the international networks. Adding to the complexity of the interaction between local, regional and global factors the role of foreign actors (state and nonstate) is intertwined. Foreign fighters have also imparted information and assistance to local militancy groups. Social media and modern technology have also enabled the extremists to radicalize and recruit people who are spread across the globe including Pakistan (Binetti, 2015). This Universality of Militancy requires an international approach towards counter-terrorism. The Pakistan counter terrorism stance is comprehensive in nature, both military action and socio-political and economic steps are incorporated into it. These are all part of the overall measures being taken to curb terrorism and extremism under the comprehensive action plan of THE National Action Plan (NAP) introduced in 2014.

Another important tenet of the NAP is dismantling terrorist networks, controlling madrassas and preventing funds to engage in terrorism (Ajani & van der Geest, 2021). Despite these efforts, a number of challenges remain. This universal nature of militancy and regional factors makes Pakistan under-utilize its home-grown data and other relevant data from open sources. In order to make a counterterrorism effort to be productively successful there is a need for coordination among other countries of the region with a special focus on Afghanistan. Furthermore, it is imperative that police measures are taken to address the genesis of militancy, poverty, illiteracy and political disenfranchisement (where applicable) in order to ensure the longer-term stability.

SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR: CAUSES OF MILITANCY IN PAKISTAN

Soviet invasion of Afghanistan (1979-1989) remains a defining event in the history of South Asia and has long ago ramifications that are evident today. One of the most significant impacts of this battle was the emergence of Pakistan as a hotspot of militancy, which in a span of decades has morphed in more advanced forms such as extremism and terrorism. To understand the background of the contemporary militancy, study of Cold War era geopolitics with special consideration on strategic role of world powers and Sociopolitical atmosphere of Pakistan in late 20th century (M. K. Khan & Wei, 2016), is important.

THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AND THE SOVIET INVASION

Soviet invasion of Afghanistan began December 24, 1979, when some thousands of Soviet armies poured into Kabul to save the embattled communist regime there. This intervention was resisted by the radical Afghan rebel forces, who are called ("Mujahideen"). The United States chose to back the Mujahideen for reasons that it saw the Soviets' invasion as a threat to its interests in the length and breadth of the region and an escalation of the Cold War. Therefore, due to their long and slightly sealed border (Koseli et al., 2021), the state of Pakistan has now become an absolutely important front-line state in this proxy war.

PAKISTAN'S PART IN THE INCREASING INSURGENCY

During General Zia ul Haq's era Pakistan acknowledged its significance as a key ally in the struggle against the Soviets. The United States and Saudi Arabia airlifted billions of dollars in military aid, arms, and training to the Mujahideen through Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). It was this influx of money and establishment of training camps in the tribal areas of Pakistan (and near the Afghan border) that set the stage for extremist groups to grow in the years ahead. Immediately, the evil task of the Islamization of Pakistan's army and populace was set in motion by the dictator Gen. Zia both politically and ideologically. The notion of jihad became increasingly popular and the war waged as a religious duty. In fact, it was an era when you could secure many young Pakistanis to your side, simply by providing the slogan to fight godless Soviets. The creation of hundreds and thousands of 'madrassas' (religious Islamic schools) with foreign monetary support indoctrinated students with radical ideologies (Teiner, 2020).

THE CONSEQUENCES

The Results of This, Between the Soviet Union However, the pullout of the Soviet Union from Afghanistan and Pakistan marked only the beginning of the country's problems, as these countries have found out to their detriment. The lack of any government in Afghanistan, then followed a bloody civil war between the warring tribes of the

Mujahideen. These fighters were battle-tested and impelled by ideology to return home or fight in the battle which spilled across the border. Building the networks and infrastructure used by the Mujahideen to defeat the Soviet Army in Afghanistan were not erased overnight in Pakistan either. Instead, they evolved resulting in another set of militant organization with other set of targets. Others such as the Taliban wanted to set-up an Islamic rule in Afghanistan. Others were bold in their quest and opted to organize insurgencies against the Indian Army in this instance Kashmir. However, there were others who were guided by sectarian and anti-government ideology and target their attack on the very existence of the Pakistani state (A. Khan & Wazir, 2021).

DEVELOPMENT OF TERRORISM AND EXTREMISM

A major increase in the number of militants was observed from 1990s till early 2000s in Pakistan. Extremist nests in Afghanistan provided a haven for many exile programs hosting a broad spectrum of exiles after the Taliban came to power in the district in 1996. Sectarian violence, especially between Sunni and Shia groups became more violent. (see “2006–2008 Iraqi sectarian violence”). The situation was complicated by the infiltration of foreigners who were Jihadists, especially after 9/11 and the invasion of Afghanistan by the USA. There the state of Pakistan, which had till now been paying benefits to these militant groups for geopolitical reasons, found itself in a conflict. Disturbing was the indiscriminate-attack model of those extremists when it comes to public figures, military installations and attacks in public places when they are crowded. The course of time, the Pakistani Taliban Tehrik-e Taliban Pk (TT) not only became strong but also started challenging the legitimacy of the government and imposed the application of Sharia law by force (Hasan, 2020).

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001: ITS IMPACT ON GLOBAL SECURITY AND PAKISTAN'S ROLE IN THE WAR AGAINST TERROR

The attacks of September 11, 2001 (the 9/11 attacks or the attacks on the World Trade Centre) of world history and for the recent history of security in international, recent history, have constituted a paradigm shift. Approximately 3,000 died as a result of the ignored, psychological oppressor attacks by Al-Qaeda, seeking a re-look at the world at relations and security. One of the reasons for it is the commencement of US led war on terror by their allies. This fight against terrorism had far-reaching impacts with Pakistan being brought to the leading edge of this new battlefield (Z. U. A. Malik et al., 2020).

THE KEY CHANGE IN SECURITY DYNAMICS AROUND THE WORLD

One immediate effect of the September 11 attacks was the dramatic shift of views on security in the world. America waged a war in Afghanistan inspired by a Bush and his administration's belief that the answer was to "degrade" Al Qaeda and its Taliban allies. The object of the invasion was: to destroy the terrorist organizations, to stop Afghanistan from turning into a haven for terrorist organizations. This initiated the War on Terror, a global military campaign to combat terrorism using military force, intelligence measures and international cooperation. The nations around the world reworked their defense strategies, particularly in regard to nations that had nationalistic significance in the regions under extremism of anarchism. The rising threat of terrorism triggered new connections and enhanced old ones. Proper checks were introduced for immigration; security measures were strengthened and anti-terror laws established were a matter of routine. Organizations like the United Nations, which coordinated international efforts in combating terrorism has helped a lot for this as well (De Silva, 2020).

THE STRATEGIC GEOPOLITICAL POSITION AND IMPENDING CHALLENGES OF PAKISTAN:

With Afghan border and an elaborate socio-political scenario, Pakistan is the nexus of War on Terror. With its close ties to its neighbor Afghanistan and a large Muslim community, Pakistan was placed in an uncomfortable situation. Pakistan-bashing was a big lampoon affair politically and militarily for the Western coalition, yes there was a helluva of a storm as anything that is going against USA & NATO was irrefutable against Pakistan was its partner in the war on terror. The War on Terror had its direct impact on PAKISTAN, foreign fighters were inducted from other countries side via a porous border to bolster the activities of PAKISTAN's militants in the tribal regions and even in urban PASHTUN areas of PAKISTAN. The porous Pak-Afghan borders facilitated insurgents & refugees' movement, again threatening the security environment. The areas of FATA and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) were filled with militancy and different extremist outfits established their bases in these areas (I. Khan, 2012).

TALIBAN AND RESURGENT MILITANT ACTIVISM

The battle between the Afghan government and the Taliban was having a direct impact on Pakistan. NATO and US troops oust Taliban from Afghani cities – many Taliban find refuge in tribal areas of Pakistan. Such attacks also

increased in Pakistan due to the migration of these militants, where there was a growing internal militancy movement. They were thus forced to call the Pakistan army and law enforcers for carrying out a mega counter insurgency operation in those areas to re-establish Pak forces control and to dismantle the terrorist networks. To complicate the entire situation, when the whole world was purged, Al-Qaeda and other foreign fighters were screened and fled in the inhospitable wilderness of Pakistan. These groups not only conducted strikes in Pakistan, but also conducted strikes in Afghanistan and other regions. The pressure of the Pakistani government over these organizations was also brought by international pressure, especially from the United States, (M. K. Khan & Wei, 2016; Shad, 2019).

DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL CONSEQUENCES

The engagement of Pakistan in the War on Terror had ramifications at home and outside the country. Terrorism returned with a vengeance on the home front and bombings, assassinations and armed incursions and the disturbing of the fabric of the nation became common. Much of this violence was against civilians, resulting in considerable loss of life and fear being instilled in the general population. The most significant of these were the two Operation conducted by the Pakistan army against terrorism to ensure peace and stability named Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad and Operation Zarb-e-Azb. In addition, Pakistan has been involved in the War on Terror, meaning that it has a very complicated history with other nations, like the United States, that are similarly involved. Even though the USA's direct contribution to the fighting was not important in Pakistan's favour, however, the U.S. military and financial relief was substantial, and the repeated charge that Pakistan was giving these terrorist groups a certain safe haven was leveled against them as was the fact that it could not effectively check the activities of the extremist groups. With the arrest of Osama bin Laden in 2011 in Abbottabad, US-Pakistan relations were again tested and cast doubt upon Pakistan's sincerity in the region of war on terror (WOT) (Teiner, 2020).

ISIS AND AL-QAEDA'S EXISTENCE: IMPLICATIONS FOR PAKISTAN BORDER PROTECTION

With the rise of ISIS and the authenticity of Al-Qaida, Pakistan on the security front felt immense pressure which gave birth to the contradiction in the region for maintaining stability. Over the years these groups have been very successful in exploiting a situation of political vacuum and regional crises and they are having a significant presence particularly in the tribal areas of Pakistan. The porous nature of the Afghan-Pakistan border, which has facilitated the flow across the border of terrorists, weaponry and contraband (Binetti, 2015), has exacerbated security challenges.

EXPLOITING POLITICAL VACUUMS AND REGIONAL CONFLICTS:

Al-Qaeda and ISIS have exploited the current unrest in Afghanistan and its region in order to boost their power. Since the American invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, Al-Qaeda operatives and the Afghan Taliban have escaped into neighboring Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). The mountainous region is filled with harsh landscapes and weak administrations — in other words, the ideal area to regroup and plan. Adverse political situation in these areas has enabled the establishment of terrorist training camps and safe havens directly threatening internal security of Pakistan. ISIS showed up as a new layering in the security context. ISIS had a mode of operation and ideology of local relevance, among some of the now-divided global jihadists local to Pakistan some groups identified with aspects of ISIS' ideology. The group's efforts to join other members via social media and propaganda worsened the security situation in Pakistan. There has been a surge of violence and rivalries among terrorist groups as a result of the emergence of ISI related groups (Muzaffar et al., 2016).

PERMEABLE BORDER: AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

The Durand Line between Afghanistan and Pakistan is known to be a very difficult border to secure, being 2640 kilometers long. The rugged terrain and lax border control have enabled jihadists to cross the border surprisingly easily from one nation to the other. Accessible boundary fuels arms and drug trade and has enabled fund transfer to the militancy with resources smuggling. Extremists crossing the border have had a huge impact on security in Pakistan. The armed attack against a nation's borders and frontiers is increasingly having occurred by bombs. The Further destabilized the region, as far but foreign fighters are infiltrating into Pakistan due to this inability monitoring and managing this border (I. Khan, 2012; Z. ul A. Malik, 2021; Usman & Khan, 2013).

AFFECT ON THE SECURITY STRUCTURE OF PAKISTAN

Pakistan has had to beef up its security operations significantly as a result of the success of Al-Qaeda and ISIS. The government has undertaken a number of offensives in the tribal areas to destroy insurgent sanctuaries. The operations Zarb-e-Azb and Radd-ul-Fasaad were initiated with primarily such objectives in view – to uproot terrorist networks and to re-establish state control in the areas where the terrorists existed. The fact that these operations have been

carried out and have achieved some success, at the same time resulting in human disasters and mass movement of populations, illustrates the fragility of the security situation. The security scenario with which security agencies of Pakistan are confronting is quite different. More successful in counter terrorist activities are also improved intelligence sharing and coordination among military and civilian agencies. Despite this, the on-going threat of terrorists does show the necessity for careful monitoring and surveillance at the borders (Khan et al. 2025).

REGIONAL AND GLOBAL CONSEQUENCES

In Pakistan the emergence of Al-Qaeda and ISI brings some major repercussions in the region and globally. South Asian and beyond security go hand-in-hand with Pakistan stability. They also pose threats to the countries in the near region, as well as to international security, with the potential to launch cross-border strikes. International cooperation is required to fend off terrorist groups. Pakistan has contributed its share in improving the security at borders and counter terrorism operations with different Domestic and International partners. Groups like the Quadrilateral Coordination Group (QCG) involving the US, China, Pakistan and Afghanistan are looking for peace and stability in the region. However, for long term security regular efforts and trust from one party (Lia 2005)) is required.

ONE OF PAKISTAN'S BIGGEST SECURITY PROBLEMS: THE TALIBAN

Taliban, who have been able to operate in Afghanistan with an ease that is unmatched in Pakistan, have been on the upper hand in Pakistan's border areas a long time ago. It didn't only affect the geopolitical balance of the region but often challenged the security of the Afghan borders along with Pakistan. More complicated are the knotted ties between the Afghan Taliban and Pakistan's own Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which have only made more difficult a complex security mosaic from cross-border operations that are taking place alongside a haven for the Afghan Taliban in Pakistani territory (Rasool et al. 2024). The Taliban first emerged in Afghanistan during the early 1990s among Afghan refugees, whose homes had been abandoned after the Soviet withdrawal and civil war in Afghanistan. Many of the Taliban fighters were Pashtuns, closely tied to many of the people inhabiting areas on Pakistan's border regions but originated from madrassas in both Nepal and Afghanistan. Many in the war-plagued area were attracted by its strict views on sharia law and its pledge for stability. Inevitably, with the Taliban making strides in Afghanistan so too was their reach extending into Pakistan — most notably in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and what was then the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). Its topography and porous boundaries of these regions created an ideal landscape for the Taliban to establish bases, from which they could re-enter Afghanistan (A. U. Khan et al., 2020; I. Khan, 2012; M. K. Khan & Wei, 2016).

OPERATIONS ACROSS BORDERS AND SECURITY

Taliban also operate across the border with Pakistan as the Durand Line is porous. This is done in the tribal land of Pashtuns where there is important trans-border connectivity between the people and during the colonial rule of the British. Those ties - both racial and tribal - have been used by the Taliban to secure sanctuary and logistic support on both sides of the border. Sanctuary (in Pakistani area) is a controversial point. Robust and well-sourced estimates indicate that there has been tacit support from within Pakistan's security establishment for the actual Afghan Taliban. Zerdad, who is head of Jamiat's branch in Paktia province, told RFE/RL in an interview that Kuchi and others like him see the Taliban as leverage against India for influence on Afghanistan. This has resulted in the claims of two standards being followed for Pakistan such as the bases for US-led War on Terror are being allowed while ties with the Taliban (Zeb, 2015) remained intact.

THE DIFFICULTY OF TTP RELATIONSHIP

Furthermore, the involvement of TTP along with Afghan Taliban will make this security issue even worse. The TTP was formed in 2007 and is comprised of a number of militant groups mainly working in the tribal areas of Pakistan. Both ideologically close, the TTP and the Afghan Taliban share their leading goal of bringing down the Pakistani government and setting up an Islamic state in Pakistan. TTP continues to retain its unity with Afghan Taliban. The Taliban has always been known to offer support and safe haven to the TTP, conceding the sanctum sanctorum of Pakistan to them, which they use to train, arm and hide them in Afghanistan. In the case of Pakistan due to such collaboration, a number of attacks have been carried out on its soil, which have become a burden for the whole country in terms of internal security (Baloch & Hakro, n.d.).

BARRIERS TO BORDER SECURITY

Taliban have done great damage to Pakistan as it has become a threat to border security. The challenges encountered are:

- **Militants' infiltration:** The porous frontier of the region lends a helping hand to the militants, weapons and supplies getting across from Afghanistan to Pakistan and vice versa – making it difficult to secure the area.
- **Terrorism and Insurgency:** The TTP has carried out many high-profile attacks in Pakistan targeted against military or the civilian population — promoting insurgency and terrorism following the appearance of Taliban.
- **Refugee Crisis:** Following the fighting, there has been a large influx of Afghan refugees into Pakistan and now; this is causing some burden on Pakistani resources and at times used as camouflage in carrying out terrorist activities.
- **International Relations:** The convenient paths in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan had made Pakistan as a favorable destination for the Taliban (Aslam, 2020; Avdan & Omelicheva, 2021).

APPROACHES AND RESOLUTIONS

A holistic approach must be adopted in facing challenges of the Taliban:

- **Opening Statement Border Management:** It is essential to implement improved border measures and controls, including fencing and monitoring, to prevent cross-border migration.
- **Counterterrorism Operations:** To reach out deep into the first link of TTP and Afghan Taliban snarl inside Pakistan, it requires consistent counter terrorism operations on ground.
- **Regional Cooperation:** More cooperation between Afghanistan and Pakistan, bolstered by appropriate third-party assistance could also help resolve root causes of insurgency and move toward stability.
- **Political quest:** Politically engaging with the Taliban, as has been done in several recent efforts to seek peace, could help provide political answers to reduce militancy and violence (Binetti, 2015).

HOW THE INDIA-PAKISTAN RIVALRY TRANSFORM INTO CROSS-BORDER MILITANCY?

This geopolitical environment in the region has been largely influenced by rivalry between its nuclear armed neighbors, India and Pakistan. The neighbors have fought several wars, mostly over the contested region of Kashmir, since gaining independence from 150 years of British rule in 1947. This bitter rivalry, with a host of war and skirmishes along the shared borders, has had a significant impact on the level of militant activity. Delay in addressing the border security situation in Pakistan has complicated due to Pakistan's both sides alleging that each other is providing safe haven to terrorist groups for their military and geo-political agenda (Azim et al., 2016).

Historical Background

The enmity between India and Pakistan began when India lost its political unity, which resulted in the formation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of India. The division was characterized by entrenched animosity, rampant violence and displacement of people. The reason for the first Indo-Pak War (1947-1948) happened because the major part of the princely state was Muslim. Later on, wars in 1965, in 1971 and Kargil war in 1999 further raised the red lines of mistrust between the two countries (Nawaz, 2018).

Armed Conflicts and Mediation

This rivalry between Pakistan and India has gone on for years, and is partly because of their differing claims to the area of Kashmir. New Delhi has long suspected Pakistan's support for terrorist groups in Kashmir and other parts of India. These entities have waged numerous attacks including that on India's Parliament on 2001 and the Mumbai attacks on 2008 and are often referred to as "non-state actors. In the mean-time, Pakistan accuses India of supporting insurgency and separatism within Pakistani territory, in particular of Balochistan and Federally-associated Tribal Areas (Zarif, 2010; Campbell, 2013).

Strategic Pursuits and Militant Backing

Pakistan's backing of the Kashmir militants is the one means to balance the Indian conventional military power and to ensure Pakistan's influence on Kashmir. In this way, which is called 'proxy warfare' Pakistan could pressure India but not go to war with India. Arms and intelligence assistance is said to include the likes of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). India, in turn, has condemned Pakistan as a state sponsor and patron of terrorists. This purported need to deal with these alleged threats is said to have informed India's counter-insurgency actions in Kashmir and try to diplomatically cut Pakistan off at the knees worldwide. Balakot airstrike 2019 and surgical strikes 2016 were Indian actions in the form of retaliation against specific crossborder terrorist activities chalked out from Pakistani based terrorist organizations (Aslam, 2020; Binetti, 2015; Fatima et al., 2020).

Security of Pakistan's Borders

Uncontrolled cross-border activities involving militant groups have made Pakistan's internal security situation more complex. Such militant groups and insurgency in Balochistan is exerting pressure on the military and law enforcement of Pakistan. Furthermore, the repercussions of the Afghan conflict have only complicated the situation like the rise of

armed organizations like Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) on the Pakistani border (Anam et al., 2022; J. Khan et al., 2021; Sultan, 2021).

Global Repercussions

Militant groups are indeed Pakistan's proxy in its fight with India; the world community has learnt this particularly from the United States and other western powers. Now Pakistan is facing a tremendous pressure for its involvement in the global war on terror and by terrorists who abandoned the backdrop. In response, international scrutiny Pakistan had to adopt a more sophisticated approach to put terror concerns at rest globally (Limoncelli, 2009).

United States & International Actor

Since the end of WWII, the world's international political, economic and security system has been influenced by the world's dominant power, the United States. Its economic strength, military forces and cultural influence assure its international status. For the purpose of demystification, in this essay, a range of U.S.A.'s complicated role in international affairs shall be examined, such as economic policies, security plan, global governance and cultural diplomacy (Azim et al., 2016; Pasha et al., 2022).

International Governance

Due to its participation in a multitude of international forums and its role as leader of the UN, the United States is an important factor in global governance. The United Nations (UN) has been formed since its inception the policies and objectives of this organization were much influenced by the role of the USA. The clearest role of American influence in the UN Security Council; is a more or less permanent seat occupied by America. The US could veto any resolutions which it thinks is in its own, or not in the interest of the economic stability of the world. In addition, US has significant power at stake in other bodies such as the World Bank, WTO and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), aside from the United Nations. These institutions play a key role in the global governance of economic regimes and vast parameters for what international development will look like over time, often molded by American economic interests and national interests (Romaniuk, 2014).

Financial Strategies

Oversized Voice of America in World Economy as America is the home of the world's largest economy, and the US Government has a disproportionately large influence on the world's economy through its trade, investment and monetary policy decisions. The U.S. dollar is supported by the global international trading and finances, as the major world's reserve currency. Specifically, US monetary and fiscal policies – however they are undertaken – can influence world economic conditions. The U.S. economy is, to a large extent, a force that impacts economies in some of the world. Under the government — Since the U.S.-of-America has the largest economy in the world, whatever it says or does with respect to trade and investment, or monetary policy can impact all of us. The US dollar is the main currency of international trade and financial transactions around the world. Hence, the world economy subsystem (Subramanian & Felman, 2019) can be affected by American monetary and fiscal policies (e.g., Federal Reserve policies).

Security Approaches

These military presence and strategies are some of the important indications that generally mark the US as an influential force on securing safety around the world. The answer is the massive defense spending and the US military presence across the globe from which it sends its force/s to the world. It assists its foreign policy goals, and also keeps global security. NATO is an acronym for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which is a vital component of the American security policy. The United States is a major member of NATO and has a crucial role in crisis management and collective defense (Rasool et al. 2023). The United States has bilateral security agreements with many countries, in addition to those related to NATO, that provide military assistance and promote regional stability.

Also, the U.S. security role in the twenty-first century has been affected by counterterrorism actions. In the wake of 9/11, the U.S. carried out military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq that were intended to eradicate terrorists' groups and spread democracy. These aggressive actions although controversial, shows the United States' intentions of protecting its national interests and warring against international terrorism (Tariq et al., 2023).

Diplomacy Across Cultures

American culture is an extremely effective soft power tool, but one that can only be accessed through the media, technology and education. Hollywood produces and exports not only television shows and films all over the world but music as well which is promoting American values and culture. This has a positive effect on the image of America, and, in general, promotes better foreign affairs between countries. An Educational Exchange Programme (e.g. Fulbright Programme) brings international students to the USA and gives USA students the opportunity of a trip abroad. The programs help to establish understanding and form ongoing relationships between emerging leaders. Furthermore, American institutions bring students from all around the world and therefore American academic and creative standards are disseminated internationally (Donelli, 2017).

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

China-Pakistan Relations are a sort of 'Strategic partnership' and 'reciprocal assistance' having been so for a long time. Thanks to its strategic relationships with Pakistan and greatly owing to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), China has drastically changed the picture of security along Pakistan's borders. Through the lens of coordinating anti-anarchist operations, this essay examines the extent of the growth in anti-anarchist cooperation as part of cooperation between China and Pakistan in the form of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

CPEC Origins and Strategic Significance

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure development project is China's flagship Belt and Road program to provide greater connectivity from Gwadar Port, Pakistan to the Xinjiang area of China. The corridor also has a third dimension of transportation, entailing a number of highways, railroads, pipelines and energy projects designed to boost trade and economic integration between the two nations (Rasool, Saeed & Shah, 2020). From a strategic perspective, China is looking for CPEC as it provides their trade and energy supplies a back door, avoiding maritime transport routes that could be affected if there is any geopolitical unrest. Will bring plenty of Job Opportunity, Infrastructure Development and Irreplaceable Economic Growth to Pakistan. The ambitious size of this project is another significant security situation issue which calls for multifaceted joint efforts of both countries to overcome (Nurmuhammedov, 2017).

CPEC Origins and Strategic Significance

Due to the magnitude and scale of CPEC, strong security measures need to be taken in order to focus on protecting the investments as well as safeguarding personnel. The corridor traverses many places with varying levels of insurgency and instability giving rise to the need for adopting holistic security plans. These actions include (not a comprehensive list): Pakistan has made significant improvement in the deployment of military and paramilitary personnel in the important regions of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) such as Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The deployment is designed to "frustrate and discourage future threats from an adversary state or insurgent group (s).

Special Security Divisions

In response to specific threats Pakistan has created special security divisions for the protection of Chinese citizens and facilities linked by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). These units work in coordination with the regional intelligence and law enforcement organizations.

Information Sharing

There will be more than this, too, as information sharing on potential threats will be enhanced through the China-Pakistan alliance. In both countries, real time information sharing systems to help anticipate and respond to insecurity multi-pair have been implemented. For instance, when it comes to physical protection, systems to monitor the security of the checkpoints and barriers used to prevent anyone from coming in to guard any sensitive installation (Ibrahim, 2016).

Strengthening Counter militancy efforts

The security issues arising from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) realization have engendered the increased cooperation between China and Pakistan in the field of counter-terrorism. This partnership manifests itself in a number of different ways: The joint anti-terrorism exercises between China and Pakistan are aimed to improve the operational readiness and coordination between the two countries as they gear up for common challenges. These activities encourage best practices sharing and enhance security ops effectiveness.

Training & Capacity Building

The security forces of Pakistan have been trained and developed by China, mainly in the field of counter terrorism mechanism and protection of critical infrastructure. But with this support, Pakistan is better equipped to meet security threats. Agreement on CPEC-related Security Policies: They coordinate and implement on security policies related with CPEC. Among these, coordination of measures against the threat of terrorism and dealing with social and economic issues that fuel unrest. And the regular strategic and diplomatic interaction between China-Pakistan ensures the handling security issues in a prompt manner. These conversations help prevent possible confrontations and assisting coordinating security measures (M. M. Khan & Kasi, 2017).

Challenges and Prospectives

Although the security has been increased which has made the CPEC work safe, challenges remain. Multiple insurgent groups continue to pose a threat, and the security in some places is still unproven. Furthermore, in the longer term, widespread use of the security forces could provoke confrontation with the local population and needs to be managed very carefully so as not to sow contempt in the region. Such efforts will be needed for the future cooperation between China and Pakistan to overcome these challenges. For the CPEC benefits to persist and for the project to fulfil its desired objective both nations must be flexible, respond to security aspects using their strategic partnership (Rasool & Saeed, 2026; Li & Wu, 2006).

CONCLUSION

This complexity of the impacts that globalized militancy has for Pakistan is related to the border security, regionally as well as globally. Pakistan has achieved important milestones in the battle against the terrorist strain but, the nature of militancy in the present world poses many challenges. The security issues are complex and multidimensional and therefore, need to be addressed in a comprehensive and coordinated manner, with the inclusion of foreign assistance and regional cooperation. Pakistan is confronted with a more difficult and complex security challenge on the border, because of the spread of “globalized militancy.”

The interaction of national (and global as well) and local factors at the same time points towards the need for a comprehensive and coherent counterterrorism strategy. Some factors which are included in Pakistan's policy are to strengthen its borders security, cooperation with the neighboring countries and addressing the root causes of militancy. Pakistan too needs to get out of the old phenomenon of militancy, since this has become far more complexed now; the non-militancy methods used in fighting militancy during previous decade have become redundant; so, Pakistan needs to find a way out in new diplomatic maze where we have to have our strategic aims aligned to the global powers. Rise in militancy in Pakistan has been related to Soviet–Afghan War. Subsequent events, primarily driven by the geo-political considerations at the international-level, have dramatically shaped the internal security dynamics in Pakistan in the aftermath of the strategic paradigm shift during that time. But the Mujahideen with the backing of Pakistan and the USA came on to the scene and the beginning had been set for involvement of insurgent forces in the future.

However, this was not an easy task as the groups were carrying “new extremism and terrorism” with them threatening Pakistan not only in the matters of peace and security in the country, but in the region as well. It is the history which every politician and expert in human constructive or disengagement should know while finding a way through the problem of militancy in Pakistan. It calls for a multi-dimensional approach to the problem, which clearly cannot be restricted to security problem only and must extend to the social and economic and ideological aspects which caused the emergence of extremism. Only these pan-African solutions can end the vicious circle of instability and violence. The dynamics of international security vastly changed with the September 11 attacks, and the War on Terror, which graphically includes Pakistan in it. Spent those into particulars cut out major hurdles to the revival of the Taliban then input ground fighters in Pakistan with beside more complexity from entryway peculiar a regional sophistication subscribes socio-political structure.

Despite such hurdles, Pakistan went ahead with the global war on terror despite the criticism from outside of the country and domestic disturbances. Pakistan is not unique and has other experiences that will impact new measures in security and global cooperation to fight one of terror. Everyone is well aware that the rise of ISIS and that Al-Qaeda is neither dead nor gone; this has impacted the border security in Pakistan. Exploiting the political vacuums and tensions in the region, these groups powered themselves in Pakistan's tribal areas and created their regional strongholds. The porous border between the Afghanistan and Pakistan has added to the security quondam because weaponry, illicit product and terrorists walk across the border. The challenges call for the participation of sisters and brothers who join the picture by multi-faceted strategy, with necessary military operations to retreat from the clutches of radicalism gaining momentum in many nations; but organization and coordination will be between intelligence operations between countries and on international bodies starting with the UN. What the groups have asked for and, in a way, have been able to pursue for many years, is not only an endangering of Pakistan's stability, but of the regional interests as well. Spread across the border regions of Pakistan, the Taliban presence makes for a highly complex component of security threat in relation to historic, geopolitical and ethnic factors.

This situation is considered as precarious and explosive and needs various strategies for adaptation through a coordinated response considering the complex relationship between TTP and Afghan Taliban. However effective execution of the border security and counterterrorism framework, tailored to the needs of a region still struggling with war's legacies, will be crucial to stability and peace. A robust insurgent base on the borders of India and Pakistan has been encouraged undoubtedly because of the historical rivalry between these two states leading to a complex security scenario in this region. Amid the flood of accusations, one certainty has been how unequivocally both countries have blamed the other for supporting “terrorist” groups, revealing both the mistrust and calculation at work in both countries. Still, Pakistan has yet to face the enormous number of regional conflicts, the terrorism and pressures that govern Pakistan's foreign policy — let alone its own. The solution to saluting peace, tranquility and stability in Kashmir and other flashpoints is laying the legitimate concerns over an honest dialogue with confidence building measures by the way.

The US is an international actor due to its role in governance, economic and other policy actions, and security and cultural diplomacy. With a formidable military, powerful economic policies, managing departments in international organizations around the globe and its eminence throughout the pop culture, the United States is still affecting foreign

affairs. It is one of the focal points of the international world order in the 21st century with some of its actions in this regard being controversial. America will just continue to adjust its policies, to save energy and treat issues when they arise. In this respect, the China-Pakistan Economic corridor (CPEC) has been one of the cornerstones in the reshuffle of the border security with implications on enhanced border control and cooperation between China and Pakistan against terrorism. Security, one of the more serious challenges to some of the more significant part of CPEC, has been successfully managed through strategic cooperation between the two countries, and provides an example of how teamwork has managed major geopolitical challenges. Continuous collaboration and flexibility as a process of evolution of CPEC are going to be the key to success of the corridor and the area.

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