

INDIAN ROLE IN AFGHANISTAN AND ITS INTIMIDATIONS FOR THE CONCEPT OF UMMAH

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Global powers' military Stationing at the land of Afghanistan is a territorial, regional and emerging powers' watch minaret game. Previously shortest voyage for the hot water-stunned it was brought accelerated changes into strategic game in order to attain economic and political gains under the monopole strategic enforcement. India, being an emerging regional power has also been seeking its role in Afghanistan to assist one or the other super power to attain multi-purpose benefits. This paper is an attempt to find out that how Indian tried to get an economic chance through global trade activities and to isolate Pakistan by limiting its role in Afghanistan. In addition to this, India tried to contain armed freedom struggle in Kashmir which on most of the occasions, successfully attained its support through Afghanistan. Its constant support for the Northern Alliance against the Taliban forces constantly created a rift not only in Afghanistan but among the other regional Islamic countries including Iran and Saudi Arabia casing a shatter for the Muslim unity.

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Introduction

Presently it is scholarly admitted that both Al-Qaeda and Osama Bin Ladin under the slogan "Jihad" were the American favorites during the Afghan-Russian war. American arms, weapons and war-tools manufactured under new technology as well as Soviet counterbalance influence training were the war reinforcements from America against Russia to *mujahideen*;¹ and

after the Russian collapse both were named terrorist by America and its alliances powers. During this Afghan-Russian war 1979-88 all war activities were named *Jihad* by global special western powers but after winning this war *jihad* were named “terrorism”. During this war all Muslim world was close friend of America and American dollar’s beneficiary; and then after ending the war Muslim world became the American point of hate because American policies always have double face. According to Malkasian,

*The values of Islam and resistance to occupation were sacred in Afghan identity and the bare presence of Americans in Afghanistan opposed that identity. The foreign occupation in Afghanistan went against their national identity and Islam simply inspired them to fight, it was not Islam itself that incited violence.*²

After that all affections inclined to Russian ally India. With the passage of time Pak-American relations had been passing through ups and downs, even Indian power and next after 9/11 incident America came back with new offers in the reward of to help to invading Afghanistan forcibly. 9/11 incident was a misunderstanding between Muslim weak power Afghanistan and America but according to some scholars it was a well planned conspiracy. America got a good chance from this incident to invade Afghanistan but a faithful and strongest helper was necessary to get achievements from this great military adventure. So, some silent Islamic powers special Pakistan, openly was selected for this. A wise man easily can guess a so-called unknown terrorist group attacked the American world trade center on September 11th 2001 but a special man Usama Bin Ladin was targeted while to search a man (Usama Bin Ladin) whole country “Afghanistan” was peeled off for their own special purposes’ achievements. All national borders between Pakistan and Afghanistan were made the heaven of terrorists by America and NATO. It is not blame. It is reality because before the arrival of America at Afghanistan there was nothing but with the arrival of America and its alliances terrorism started and whole FATA and PATA along with related to national border between Pakistan and Afghanistan was attacked by American Drowns (unpiloted military fighter planes) and thousands Pakistani natives died and injured as well as became homeless. But with the counter manufacturing the *Berq* and *Buraq* (Pakistani unpiloted military fighter planes) American drowns attacks abruptly ended but territorial terrorism remained continue. Pakistani citizens were being killed by bomb blasting and Pakistan was blamed as terroristic heaven. What was that?; And with the American withdrawal from Afghanistan all terroristic activities all over the Pakistan ended. What is this? Was Pakistan a heaven of terrorists or America was the guardian of terrorists? Actually there were no terrorists in Pakistan but America herself established this terrorist’s heaven to upset the regional peace to fix her claws into Muslims economic progress and to establish military stations around and in her required choke points at land and in marine channels to keep eye on regional powers’ any kind of positive

and negative activities through land or marine. Actually grand or super global powers in their different ways want to damage the Pakistani nuclear programme as well as to change the Kashmir issue direction.³

Super powers' military stationing at Afghanistan, why?

Super powers always considered Afghanistan a watching tower to keep eye on regional as well as any other power(s)' all kind of positive and negative activities; and Pakistan is always considered its gate way and next to central Asian states. Actually central Asian states are rich with precious minerals with lowest population and weak economy and politics; and are newly born states in the result of Russian collapse. So, to achieve its special purposes every power wants to establish relations with them but the actual reason is that former USSR has contiguous with neighbors states including former Central Asian States (CARs) with long borders; while during Afghan-Russian war 1979-88 had been anti-Russian power. Due to its collapse by America and NATO with other silent alliance powers Russia considers the long presence of America with NATO in Afghanistan as expected serious threat against its as well as regional powers' economic and political interests. Due to its for-sighting and far-sighting several times, Russia has also warned the regional powers against political, economic and administrative risks in the result of U.S.A. military sudden and hasty exit from Afghanistan because American withdrawal from any victim by it always proved economic, political and administrated stabilization as well as she always that are after creating the unsecure regional governing. That is why due to its policies Russia feels the fragile political situation in Central Asian states, which is dangerous for Russian economic and political survival.⁴ That is why, due to lack of security America always avoided from stationing at CARs. Instead it she always select Afghanistan for that purpose and Pakistani land is considered easy access route to Central Asian States through Afghanistan to enhance military as well as economic activities for all weak and super powers through land and marine routes.

Powers' tension stress and strain for stationing encircling Afghan geography:

A weak power Possessed the best geographical location with best strategic position and rich with minerals always remains the under the global powers' foreign policies' central point/main point and always come under the influence of an evil eye. Same as Afghanistan, due to its an easy access geography to CARs since ancient special after 18th century had been bone of contention among great powers like France, England, Russia and United States of America. Due to its natural barriers this patch of land had been a focal point, to resist invasion from any one power on other as a buffer state between USSR and British India since 1830 till 1947. Even to resist the Russian ragging storm, in 1893 Durand line border agreement was concluded between Afghan Government and Indian British government under *Taj* supervision.

After concluding the Durand line agreement, this patch of land, with the passage of time had been playing a vital role to change the great game's political direction between Indian British imperial policies and Russian territorial aggrandizement policies.⁵

During the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) annual summit in 2014, American President Baraq Hussain Obama stated to business leaders group:- "Foreign policy of America about Asian politics has no flexibility. Its agreements with Asian powers are final to determine to stable the national stability...The United States here in Asia believes to share the future policies for Asian fate."⁶

Vietnam War's mistakes revision at Afghanistan caused the U.S.A. government territorial hegemonic policies' failure badly in the result of military withdrawal from Afghanistan:

To keep maintain the relations with a nation which has a different code of life, style of life, religious point of view, political values, and social values, economic values, and even domestic values and way of thought, it is necessary to understand her school of thought under which that nation collectively is leading her social life. Although American remained at Afghanistan for twenty years (2001-21) but even during this long period they could not understand the Afghan's social, economic, and political dynamics. Instead of that, due to misinformation U.S. officials consistently carried on operations without care the human rights and constantly trampled tread the human rights' rules under their feet throughout political, educational, social, cultural and economic brutal culmination forcibly⁷ ;The U.S. government continuously struggled to implement the coherent strategy to achieve foe what they were expecting and were hoping for that civilian agencies needed the necessary permanent resources and flexibilities to lead the subordinates' practically not just paper work. These poor and weak strategies caused the American withdrawal from Afghanistan; American with NATO alliances deploy at Afghanistan for a long period pretending to rebuild Afghanistan created unrealistic timelines and expectations those were being prioritized spending quickly increased the financial corruption and mismanagement to lead the American military by the American military officials as well as political authorities and caused to reduce the managed and planned effective programs which led the American power at Afghanistan to demise such as Trump's Afghan strategy for American survival at Afghanistan proved fatal ⁸; as well as Many unsustainable American institutions and infrastructure projects are responsible for this American territorial decline at Afghanistan; Moreover personnel Counterproductive civilian and military policies and practices had been thwarting the U.S. Governmental efforts because right people for the right jobs at the right time were not appointed which caused the weak Monitoring and Evaluation system by the U.S. government agencies. So, resultantly classification started which shocked the strong American

policies. In this way lack of knowledge about local institutions even positive projects also created misunderstanding between invaders and natives and resultantly American withdrawal from Afghanistan occurred.⁹

According to Ryan Crocker observed, American should have to attend to their work before need it¹⁰. According to a Department of Defense (DOD) official, to rebuild a country it is required to improve the skills economically, politically, educationally, socially and technologically those should be improved before the need time. In the regard of Military improvement technology about war equipments, skills and anti-war counteraction and retaliation is knowledge with great conscious is necessary and is basic thing for military achievements at any place and any time for any military ¹¹. According to Charles T. Cleveland & Daniel Eagle, due to its wrong decisions and foreign policies America always had to face failure to achieve strategic objectives in every military campaign since its strict and bitter failure at Vietnam.¹²

Western Boredom from Islam saving her own national finance stability:

Against Islamic States such as Afghanistan as well as Arab states and ecumenically and politically littoral African states, America at any cost of human killing from both sides and financial destruction, wants to achieve her targets.¹³ Actually America wants to achieve all kind of purposes Such as degrade or delete Islamic values; to get monopoly over important sea and oceanic traffic channels as well as important land and marine choke points so that she could save her land and sea trade routes; to check the influence of emerging trade powers in 21st century from both sides through land and marine routes; to maintain her world order for a long time to get national finance stability; to keep away the emerging powers' influence from her borders; to save her interests all over the world.

Pretending to save democracy or save human rights American military development at instable political countries as well as all over world's oceans is nothing but global economic and trade hegemony. Same as American Military invasion or military deploy at Afghanistan was nothing but boredom from Islam as well as to achieve financial, economic and trade advantages at Afghanistan as well as from regional states' geography.¹⁴ According to human psychology every person who forcibly, strictly or extremely stood by weapons against American interests called Taliban, Al-Qaeda, terrorist, rogue and cruel; as well as those states which start to oppose the America interests at anywhere or any time are banned financially, sactionally and politically globally and blamed the heaven of terrorists such as Pakistan, Sudan, Libya, Syria, Egypt, Iran, Afghanistan, North Korea some African States and some south American States. America herself is a rogue state of which terroristic activities at every state of the world in every field of life special economy, politics and security can be observed oe studies with immensely proofs. All

her claims to save human rights and to do work for best democracy, make a noise at terrorism at any place all over the world (America does not make a noise at any terroristic activity but blames at any her anti group or nation or state while she herself is not only a terrorist power/state but is also controller of terrorists all over the world. She always blames but never bears a blame), are nothing but mirage.¹⁵ To degrade, to humiliate and to abase the whole Muslim nation socially, educationally, economically, religiously, administratively and politically all over the world, American power has got responsibility, duty and obligation.¹⁶

According to Richard Haass, *during twenty-years 2001-21 the financially \$2 trillion, about near to 2,500 American lives, over 1,100 lives of its coalition partners, as well as up to 70,000 Afghan military casualties and nearly 50,000 civilian deaths, ¹⁷ is the result of American welfare global size projects, planning and grants for Afghanistan's development educationally, economically, socially, politically and administratively and in the return American national welfare and security. It is the inner nature of super Gurdian power of the helpless masses all over the world.*

Regional Dynamics after American Strategic Failure at Afghan land:

With the American emergency with drawl from Afghanistan August 2021 regional dynamics started to get a new turn. Viz.

Pakistan:

Contagious to Afghanistan's Eastern border, Pakistan is an Islamic country which directly impressed every change at Afghanistan administratively, economically, socially, and politically and such as several others. With the American emergency withdrawl from Afghanistan, Pakistani power immediately visiting Afghanistan and ensured to cooperate her every help to develop and support its economy as well as to stable political dynamics without any lurch.¹⁸

Iran:

Contagious to Afghanistan's western border, Iran is Islamic country. In the regard of economic and political stability at Afghanistan, Iran's policies are not more different from Pakistan. Although three of countries have different policies to tackle global affairs but regionally three of them have resembling national or regional religious, political, social, and economic and security policies. In this prospectus three of them are reciprocal for each others to tackle domestic affairs and external issues and three of them are the member of Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) as well as other Islamic organizations and have signed several mutual agreements. But on the other side among the regional powers India is one of them which never liked and accepted Pak-Iran-Afghan unity and always interferes into their internal affairs.

Central Asia:

Contiguous to Afghanistan's northern border Central Asian states (Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) and next to Kergezistan and Qaziqistan are the Muslim States which always had been the arena of super powers since ancient like Afghanistan. But in 21st century with the new awareness creating by the new emerging super and developing powers they also impressing economically and politically. Now they are, instead of kneeling in front of any super power they mutually are framing their policies independently.¹⁹

China/Russia:

In 21st century emerging as an economic super power China has created great influence and has started related to economic activities without concerning changing Afghan governments. China, Investing economic a lot of in different discipline of life is playing vital role to develop the Afghan economy at Afghanistan land concluding different kinds of developmental projects with the Afghan government. In the result of these development projects the production of Afghan minerals and other resources has increased as well as other major projects are coming to fruition due to Islamic political stability; and national infrastructure is also developing. According to AtalAhmadzai, initially China is signaling to support the Taliban but is not formally recognizing the groups, and is hesitating to pursue close relations due to concern about Islamist terrorist group sat Afghanistan.²⁰ In my views, American power due to her loose, instable and wrong as well as strict inhuman policies has failed bitterly to get their purposes not only at Afghanistan but all over the world and now like a feared cat is threatening and frightening and terrifying the powers those are advancing or want to establish relations with Afghan Islamic government. But these powers such as China, Russia, Turkey, Pakistan and several others are not attending to any American threat.

The Biden Administration initially is framing to defend the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and is preparing to confront other secret tasks those are strategically very important as well as challenges those are posing by Russian and Chinese powers.²¹ According to deep research America wants to delete her humiliation at any price but never thinks to do right with any nation or power. She only loves her interests all over the world ignoring all favor and kindness from or by any alliance power at any time at anywhere because for example at Afghanistan. According to Joe Biden ".....Afghan conflict, is a 'forever defeat'".²² Due to their own wrongs American power has admitted her defeat at Afghanistan while is blaming the Taliban and threatening the regional or emerging as economic super powers against American World Order's more survival in 21st century.

Turkey:

According to Turkish President Tayyip Urdogan

*"Afghanistan's problems are our problems and their success is our success."*²³

More Turkey's foreign policy towards Afghanistan is based on four objectives: 1) to maintain political stability for national unity, 2) to strength the political structure as well as institutions, 3) to support the security environmental stability, 4) and to restore peace and prosperity as well as to eliminate terrorism and to degrade extremism. In November 2020, According to Abdullah Abdullah, the Chairman of High Council for National Reconciliation states that between Pakistan and Afghanistan, Turkey is playing vital role to improve the relations because Mostly Afghan political leadership considers Pakistan as a strong supporter of Taliban, as the key to any lasting peace settlement and hopes for Turkey to use its leverage accordingly to Pakistan. Abdul Rashid Dostum stated that Turkish power, visiting Afghanistan and creating conciliation among different afghan groups is also reframing its foreign policies to extend its different kinds of influence in Afghan nation through political relations for peace and prosperity.²⁴

Indian policy and Afghanistan

With the start of 21st century according to new vision of super powers Indian active and functional socio-economic, security and infrastructural developmental projects at Afghanistan changed and accelerated of which some are the following,

1. Largest Indian humanitarian assistance for Afghan national progress;
2. billions US \$ investment for different socio-economic developmental projects for Afghan national development;
3. Air, roads' links and power plants' reconstruction and rebuilding's' participation;
4. Extension of health collaboration, capacity building of institutions, communication, educational development and feminism empowerment;
5. aids for Afghan civil servants, diplomats and police training;
6. Indian-Afghan cooperative companies are busy to exploring oil, gas and natural minerals at Afghanistan.²⁵

In the regard of geopolitical game Indian foreign policies always remain in circulation of changing against her every anti power such as all her neighbors and regional states because among all them India is lonely a "Hindu Country". The actual reason is that Indian leadership believes in evil spirits and never gives up spiritual and superstitions. Even she founded her independence 1947 on superstitions believes. Pakistan is an Islamic country of which both national and international/foreign policies are always based on social welfare, peace, prosperity, progress, social justice, equity, integrity, brotherhood and good relations and global unity efforts. Pakistan's national

and international to check the national, regional and international efforts are its guarantor for torch-bearer of global peace and prosperity against cruelty and brutality while world is aware of the Indian policies for the establishment of relations with regional powers. Her strict policies are a great hindrance against not only her own but regional peace, progress and prosperity. Reality is not blame. To achieve her objectives against regional powers she always deploys her intelligence under political power at Afghanistan pretending to extend bilaterally socio-economic activities. For this India often acts as a soft regional companion for national Afghan progress.²⁶

During her visit to India always American powers gave guarantee in the regard of reconciliation with Taliban. Such as according to Trump's message to Modi "India need not worry" ²⁷ but in this regard both parties Washington and Delhi have so-called agreements those never be fruitful for political stability between both of them.²⁸ According to Indian policy makers, the deal is "entirely one-sided" clearly because that argument goes to a withdrawal agreement leaving Afghanistan at the mercy of both the Taliban and Pakistan (SuhasiniHaidar, 2020).²⁹

The fact is that U.S. legislators' secret deal, Doha agreement under Trump administration was basically to hand over Afghanistan to the Taliban. So, Indian officials believe that this deal was nothing but a sellout (David E. Sanger, 2020).³⁰ At that deal Indian power is unsatisfied at the American inclination towards India because Indian power's regional geopolitical wills were ignored. So, after American withdrawal from Afghanistan, India, extending her economic policies under developmental projects and programmes for Afghanistan's peace and progress is reframing her regional politics and policies. These Indian so-called human welfare polices are against the Muslim unity, peace, progress and prosperity.

Conclusion

To win the political game and to maintain the influence at Afghanistan was main agenda of all regional and global game players but Afghan parties had not an open agenda like as to the conflict because it could turn the country into proxy war theatre. Since in the regard of agriculture, poor land features are the cause of poor agrarian national policies so, due to economically weak Afghan leadership has to maintain power balance among the regional as well as global super relationships for national progress. In this situation some Afghan groups for getting economic and logistical benefits from their external sponsors incline to them but instead of all that they never compromise their national identities except a little group which get ready to compromise its legitimacies nationally as well as internationally. In the concern of geography and security all global powers have their economic benefits deploying and stationing military at this region under the national economic stability and stable political circumstances along with regional same

as peaceful atmosphere. Actually Afghanistan is the arena of all regional as well as global trade powers due to possessed precious minerals as well as the easy access trade routes for all powers for Central Asian States and next to Eastern Europe with saving cost, short distance, time and immensely trade and economic benefits. That is why several powers have invested billions dollars for Afghanistan's national progress. Since after Russian collapse America gave up all international related to Islamic world issues in this this region so, now she had no need any adventure more because she had removed great hindrance from its Arabian as well as Indian Ocean's maritime traffic channels. But with the passage of time American world order started to decline that was started to make a big concern for American global super status maintenance among the new emerging trade powers in 21st century. For this purpose achievement, all internal and external actors were needed to work out to ensure bright future for American power under the free of terrorism and extremism Afghanistan but U.S.A., due to mismanagement and misinformation failed to tackle all these complications. In the result of American withdrawal from Afghanistan August 30, 2021 regional powers such as Pakistan, Iran Turkey, Middle East countries, Gulf States, Central, South and South East States even Russia are reframing their economic and political policies to establish relations with each other for the enter into Afghanistan's administration and management socially, educationally, economically, defensibly and politically pretending for the rehabilitation and bright future of Afghanistan. To achieve their goals at here some anti powers are feeling concern so much about each other in the regard of relations' establishment with new Afghan Islamic government. This thing is leading the belligerent nations to proxy wars by using the Afghanistan land. Such as, India always follows the primitive Kautilian's philosophy against its neighboring powers for encirclement around their every kind of advantage, progress and development regionally as well as globally. Same as every power has its own different kind of school of thought philosophically, politically, economically, socially, educationally and religiously as well as to tackle several other discipline of life.

In the context of regional issues, Pakistan and India never sat on one table to settle their domestic issues. Both Pakistan and India, in the regard of regional relations' establishment have different thoughts to tackle the regional issues. India wants to establish relations according to only pure political and secular rules while Pakistan prefers religious, ethical and human love point of view instead of only political and secular rules. That is why both are concerned with Indo-Afghan and Pak-Afghan strategic friendship policies because antonym schools of thought are challenging the both countries policies bitterly. Same as in the context of relation with Afghanistan politically and economically, regional as well as global powers have different ideologies. Every power, rejecting others ideologies want to get monopoly at every field of life at Afghanistan. So, due to mismanagement and misunderstanding

every power is facing great challenges after the U.S.A. withdrawal from Afghanistan because no one power is ready to understand or accept the Afghan political, economical and religious ideology completely; other reasons of that upset are great game between England And USSR (1830-1947), Afghan poor economy, border conflicts due to historical misunderstandings created by anti-Pakistan's powers, weak political system, Afghan-Russian war (1979-89), after 9/11 American invasion at Afghanistan and American forces deploy for a long period (2001-21). So, first of all every power will have to understand the Afghan ideology and then relations will be stable without any discrimination of neighbor, regional, super, weak, powerful, Islamic and non-Islamic or secular power status. Although in the strategic and geopolitical game Pakistan is key player of this game but Pakistan also has to adopt or understand its ideological values.

Although underground anti-Pakistan powers want to minimize Pakistan's political influence on that ground but Pakistan always tries to revive Afghan as well as Islamic Ideologies without any regional as well as global economic or political pressure. That is why Pakistan always wins game on this chess board instead of anti-regional politics. In this game due to some strategic as well as geopolitical advantages from Pakistan China always inclines to Pakistan while the American with its alliances as well as Indian power does not want it positively because Indian power considers the Muslim Unity against its survival and eternity.



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