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Kashmir Conflict

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Introduction: The Kashmir Conflict is a territorial conflict over the Kashmir region, primarily between India and Pakistan, with China playing a third party role.

Origination: The Conflict started after the partition of India in 1947 as both India and Pakistan claimed the entirety of the former princely state of Jammu and Kashmir. With Pakistan recognizing Chinese sovereignty over Trans-Karakoram Tract and Aksai Chin since 1963.

Territorial Control: India controls approximately 55% of the land area of the region that includes Jammu, the Kashmir Valley, most of Ladakh, the Siachen Glacier, and seventy percent of its population. Pakistan controls approximately 30% of the land area that includes Azad Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan while China controls the remaining 15% of the land area that includes the Aksai Chin region, the mostly uninhabited Trans-Karakoram Tract, and part of the Demchok sector.

My Views:-

First of all I would talk about the human right abuses committed by Indian forces. Militants have also committed crimes - Crimes by state forces are done inside Kashmir Valley which is the location of the present conflict. Indian security forces claim they are fighting to protect Kashmiris from militants and Islamic extremists, while militants claim they are fighting for Kashmiris independence and to depend Muslim Kashmiris from an abusive Indian Army. In reality both sides have committed widespread and numerous human rights abuses and violation of International Humanitarian Law (or the laws of - war)

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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND ISLAM:

The prevailing idea of a woman's place in Islam is that women are deprived of freedom and equality. This is the result of either ignorance about Islam or the biased propaganda of anti-Islamic ideology and a prejudiced media. The fact is just the opposite. Provisions for empowerment of women in the Islamic system of life.

1) Freedom:

- Girls are as free to receive education as boys are. "It is obligatory for every man and woman to receive education"

- A girl cannot be married off to anybody without her consent.

- As man has liberty to divorce; a woman is also allowed to take "Khula" (Divorce) if she dislikes her husband who is cruel, unjust or impotent

- A widow or a divorcee is allowed to remarry if she wishes.
- In Islam it is preferred that a woman remain at home to look after the family and train children.
- If no male guardian lives with her or if he is ill or his income is insufficient she may go out to earn but in hijab.

2) EQUALITY:

There is no gender disparity in Islam. "And whoever does righteous good deeds - male or female - and is a true believer in the Oneness of Allah, such will enter Paradise and not the least injustice, even to the size of a Nagira (speck on the back of date-stone) will be done to them."

(Quran 4:124). Man is the head of a family. Critics of Islam quote this out of context. The position of a man

is to safeguard and strengthen the institutions of the family. It is the responsibility of man to provide food, shelter and other needs to all family members. Women are equal to men in all civil and criminal acts of judiciary.

3) Security :

The Security of women in Islam is very important. She is not inferior to a male. "The person to whom a daughter is born and he does not mete out preferential treatment to boys, Allah will reward him with heaven" (Hadith i.e. sayings of the Prophet). Parents are motivated to nurture girls. When she travels a long distance, a male guardian must accompany her to facilitate her journey. Islam restricted the number of wives to four. Divorce, though permissible, is not encouraged.

4) Economic Empowerment:

Women receive money in the form of bride price (mahr). She gets bread and meat from either father or husband. She has a lawful share in property. For men in a share of what the parents and close relatives receive, and for women is a share of what the parents and close relatives leave, be it little or much - a legal share." (Quran, 4:7)

5) Dignity:

An contrast to the Christian idea that women is the source of evil and she opened the door to Satan, Islam believes that Satan simultaneously seduced both Adam and Eve. The mother's place is higher than the father's. Heaven lies under the mothers feet. Woman is the ruler of her husband's establishment.

Thus Islam gives dignity, respect, protection, and an appropriate place to women.

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DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN.

Democracy is the basis on which Pakistan came into being in 1947. Pakistan is considered as the world largest among Islamic Democracies in the Muslim World. The most special thing about democracy is people choose their leader and have active involvement in the Government decision. The fluctuation in Pakistan's democracy has been observed from the start, whether it is military or civilian government due to the instability of Pakistan. There are many countries all over the world that follows democracy but Pakistan follows its own different ways.

The reason behind this is the less knowledge of Pakistani people regarding how actual democracy works but in Pakistan it will effect Pakistanis future badly. Moreover, flawed political culture and legal pluralism is another unsafe picture of future.

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Democratic party transfers
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change is also caused
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Decisions - The current Government
has given the biggest
hopes to Pakistanis but
the current economic situation
does not show a good
sign for at least coming
five years -

muslim faith - People regard Zia as one of the 'Good Leaders and President of Pakistan. Unfortunately in Zia's rule Pakistan was hit by Three earth quakes in 1977, 1978 and 1988 and the number of people effected were 1,022,000, 2,246,000, 1,000,000 respectively which shows that natural Disasters played a critical role in damaging the overall economic performance of Zia rule. The second military dictatorship in Pakistan ended in 1988 when Gen-Zia-Ul-Haq died in a plane crash. Observations are as follows:

- a) → Under the rule of Zia-Ul-Haq for the period of ten years the GDP of Pakistan was on the increasing trend.
- b) → Electricity Production increased for 200%.
- c) → The Data of Inflation shows in this ten year rule average inflation rate was 7% while in these 10 years a negative growth of 13% can be seen.
- d) → The unemployment rate also decreased by 27 percent in the ten years of Gen-Zia-Ul-Haq.

PERIOD OF A DICTATOR IN PAKISTAN:

It has been 64 years since the creation of Pakistan and in this huge time span Pakistan has seen three military dictatorships -

1977 - 1988 Zia-ul-Haq's Era:

This period starting from 1977 - 1988 is regarded as the second dictatorship era in the history of Pakistan. As the first one was Ayub Khan's Era, it is also called the era of Islamization. Gen. Ziaulhaq took over as the President of Pakistan in 1977 after getting Bhutto hanged till death. His period of power is also regarded as the era of Islamization because immediately after getting hold of the Presidency of Pakistan he introduced strict Islamic laws such as creation of Majlis Shauva and exclusion of Ahmadi's from the