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Recent Blast at Gadani vis-à-vis Operationalization of CPEC Route

Chain of Recent Events amid Indian Infiltration & Diplomatic Isolation Narratives

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On November 1st, 2016, a deadly explosion took place in the world's third largest ship-breaking yard located at Gadani, Balochistan. The incident claimed more than sixteen lives and injured more than fifty. One day before that, the first Chinese

shipment en-route for Gwadar port entered Pakistan through Sost dry port. About 100 Chinese trucks were a part of this first Chinese shipment, and they will drive across Pakistan on the path of CPEC, making it operational. Also, the unprovoked Indian firing at LoC continues constantly claiming more and more lives every day. A week before these events, the first Chinese ships arrived at the port of Gwadar making it officially operational for CPEC. A few months earlier, a retired Indian Naval Officer was caught by Pakistani security agencies with documented evidence which proved that he was an operative of the Indian Research and Analysis Wing, commonly referred as RAW.

Table 1) Highlights of the few recent Indian activities against Pakistan

Area	Nature	Details
Baluchistan	Covert Activities	Terror activities in the Province to disrupt CPEC & Gwadar Kulbushan's Confession. Involvement in Baluchistan Liberation Movement
Karachi	Infiltration	Subversive activities and criminal backing in the city causing unrest.
Jalalabad	Covert Activities	Using the Afghan Soil for activities against Pakistan with the support of Indian Intelligence Agencies.

FATA	Covert Activities	Financial backing of several terror groups such as TTP
Songdo, South Korea	Diplomatic	Failed diplomatic attempt to block \$39 million grant for Pakistan used to deal with climate change devastations.
Indian Occupied Kashmir	Propaganda State Terror	Failed media propaganda to conduct fake surgical strikes across LoC. Regular killings of innocent citizen across LoC by firing and shelling.
Goa	Diplomatic	Failed attempts to turn world leaders against Pakistan at BRICS
New Delhi	Diplomatic	Harassing and Detaining Pakistani Diplomat against the Vienna Convention Laws of 1961

The Indian Narrative against Pakistan has been building up stronger and more aggressive with each passing day and the chain of recent events prove this fact. The CPEC will have many positive implications for millions of people purely in economic and social perspectives. The project is being perceived by India as a dire threat because it will prove to be revolutionary for the economic development of Pakistan. Indian Narrative has been quite clear since the first day against CPEC as the Indian PM clearly stated that CPEC is unacceptable. The diplomatic efforts of India against Pakistan are reaching their peak as the country is making failed attempts to isolate Pakistan from the international community.

Pakistan has always enjoyed healthy bilateral relations with all members of the international community despite the continuous Indian sabotage efforts. The fundamental question that arises while analyzing these events is that why India wants to isolate Pakistan? The answer is quite simple. Several major reasons are the primary motivational factors behind the recent Indian behavior. Only a few of the activities are being reported while many are being carried out by the network of Indian intelligence agencies.

Primarily, the Indian oppression in the occupied Kashmir has reached its peak, and the brutalities of Indian forces against the innocent Kashmiris are witnessed by the entire world. Pakistan has maintained a solid stance on Kashmir issue and the speeches by Pakistani leadership at the UN General Assembly, and other international diplomatic forums have caused a major criticism against India in the international political arena. Therefore, these events are not only the reaction of their recent brutalities but also a part of their pressure building tactics to make Pakistan retreat from its firm stand on Kashmir.



Another major reason behind the aggressive Indian narrative against Pakistan is CPEC. Indian spy agencies and their Jalalabad Consulate has been operating against Pakistan for quite a while now. Pakistan has repeatedly presented documented evidence against the Indian involvement in Baluchistan at the international diplomatic forums. All the events taking place in Baluchistan have been backed by India with one primary objective, i.e. sabotaging CPEC. The prospects of CPEC are no secret and more regional countries have shown interest in becoming a part of CPEC. Afghanistan, Iran and Central Asian Republics have expressed keen interest in this multi-billion dollar project. For Pakistan, CPEC is not just a trade route, but a cluster of development projects in the energy, infrastructure, and socio-economic development sectors. Indian narrative is clear as the country cannot stand seeing Pakistan's economic progression at such a large scale.

In the case of Baluchistan, India has been trying to repeat its old patterns of 1971. However, the case of Baluchistan is entirely different, and India is already facing the failure of its plots and schemes in the province. This Pakistan-centric narrative is not only being observed by their government, but the Indian media is also playing an active part in propaganda. With each incident taking place due to the security lapse inside India, Pakistan is immediately blamed within minutes without any preliminary investigation. The domestic security situation inside India has reached dangerous heights. Each major Indian city harbors a network of several terrorists and religious extremist groups which New Delhi is constantly trying to cover up. Instead of countering home-grown terror, India has found a simpler way of dealing with the security lapse situations by blaming Pakistan.

Table 2) Few of the terror-harboring cities inside India and their details

Area	Nature	Threat Level	Impact
Chhattishgarh & Andhra Pradesh	Insurgency	Extreme	Naxalist/Maoists controlling 92,000 sq. km. of Indian Territory called 'Red Corridor.'
Pune	Safe Haven	Extreme	Haven for ULFA, Maoists, and IM terror groups. Logistic support for terror.
Belagum	Safe Haven	Moderate	Safe Haven for terror groups facilitating interstate terror in India
Indore	Training Camps	Extreme	Naxalite arms training camps. Weapon stockpiles recovered.
Ahmedabad	Safe Haven	Moderate	Explosive production and safe haven for Godhra and Gujarat incident terrorists.
Aurangabad	Safe Haven Terror Camp	Extreme	Dumping of a large stockpile of RDX explosive and weapons.
Mumbai	Safe Haven	Extreme	The base of Several Terror Groups and Hindu Militancy.

	Crime Militancy		Shiv Sena' s Training Camp. The base of attacks launched against minorities.
Bangalore	Insurgency	Moderate	Rising Sikh and Maoist Insurgencies
Kashmir	State Terror Insurgency	Extreme	Worst form of State Terrorism carried out by the Indian Military since 1948
Azamgarh	Insurgency	Moderate	Banned SIMI or Students Islamic Movement of India on the rise. Hindu Extremist Group RSS and Abhinav Bharat on the rise in the city
Kasargod	Crime Black Market	Extreme	Smuggling of Black Money, Gold, illegal international money transfer, funding of terror groups done from the city.
Hyderabad	Safe Haven	Moderate	Hindu Extremist Group Abhinav Bharat & Influence of Bangladeshi Intelligence (DGFI)
Bangladesh Border	Crime	Extreme	Safe Haven for most wanted Indian and Bengali criminals. The base of state backed terrorists.



Conclusion

With the increased aggression in narrative against Pakistan through the political agents, diplomatic corp, media and other covert channels, India is harming its global image. By covering up a large number of terribly vulnerable home-grown terror groups, insurgencies, and uprisings, India is putting the blame for its security failures on Pakistan. All the strategies adopted are backfiring on India itself as the country is isolating itself. China as a credible regional power has been backing Pakistan and has realized the role of Pakistan in the security and economic development of the region. That is the reason China is spending more than \$46 billion on CPEC alone along with many other projects in Pakistan. Other countries of the world have also shown faith in Pakistan as China and despite many Indian diplomatic attempts, USA, UK and even Russia which was the traditional ally of India

have refused to declare Pakistan as a terrorist state. India itself has been harboring and backing some of the most dangerous terror and criminal groups in the world that are not only involved in many dangerous activities across India including the targeting of minorities such as Sikhs, Muslims, and Christians. Backing out from SAARC has also damaged India's credibility in the South Asian region. The diplomatic attempts to block \$39 million grant of Pakistan at GCF summit also caused a huge embarrassment to the Indian diplomats present at the conference. The documented evidence of Indian links and backing with TTP, the most dangerous terror group in Pakistan that is now based in Afghanistan are also no secret. China is also keeping a keen eye on the activities of India that are becoming a major hurdle in the economic development as well as the regional security of South Asia. In a nutshell, India has been hiding its terror image from the world and has repeatedly been violating international laws such as Vienna Convention, Geneva Convention, Indus Water Treaty, UN Resolutions as well as several other laws and treaties.