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## PAKISTAN. -AFGHANISTAN CLASHES, ISLAMABAD NEEDS TO INTROSPECT WHY IT IS A BAD NEIGHBOUR

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The recent high-voltage clashes between Afghan-Taliban and Pakistani forces have brought into open role of Pakistan as country Pakistan as a country that cannot live in peace with its neighbours, be it India or Afghanistan . Its relations with Iran are already sour The two countries have gone in or tit-for tat airstrikes in the recent months .

Tensions along the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan have escalated after Pakistan launched air strikes in Kabul market, killing several civilians , to which Afghan Taliban reacted with fire and fury. It launched a counter-strike , killing several of Pakistani soldiers . The Taliban claimed that Pakistan had lost at least 58 soldiers . Pakistan launched yet another offensive inflicting losses on the Afghanistan side .

Tensions along the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan surged on Sunday after a deadly overnight clash between the countries' militaries, with both sides exchanging heavy fire in one of the sharpest escalations of violence between the neighbors in years.

Afghanistan government also claimed that its security forces had targeted Pakistani military posts in retaliation to Pakistan's audacity to target Afghan people . Pakistan's Inter Services Public Relations admitted that Pakistan had lost 23 soldiers were killed and 29 others injured.

This is a very serious situation as it threatens to escalate into bigger conflict . That will impair already fragile peace in the region .

This should lead Pakistan to introspect that where is it headed ? The country that claims to be the second most victim of terrorism, should wake up the reality whether terrorism and export of terrorism will deliver dividends to the land and people living on borrowings and charity from other countries . It had experienced more than 1,000 terror incidents and ranked second most impacted country after Burkina Faso., according to global terror index report of 2025 produced by the institute for Economics and Peace, Sydney .

Pakistan needs to look inwards to find out why the country's relations with neighbours are souring , and that too on the issue of terrorism . There is definitely something wrong with the country and its ecosystem in politics, religious education and polity that is making its neighbours to view it as a threat to peace .



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It is indeed surprising that why should its relations with Taliban-ruled Afghanistan be so bad that its borderlands are witnessing deadly clashes daily, in which dozens of soldiers have died on both sides . Who is at fault ?

Afghanistan Taliban after it returned to power in August 2021 when the American forces left the country in a haste , Pakistan thought that its western neighbour was up for grabs. It believed that since its army had been in the frontline along with Taliban to regain Afghanistan from Americans should make Afghans to stay obliged to Pakistan . Islamabad wanted free pass into the Afghan territory and its political and economic set up . There were instances when it started negotiating Afghanistan's resources with China , without realizing that Afghans had seen through the games being played on them. Their sovereignty was on stake . To teach Taliban a lesson , Pakistan started accusing the Taliban government of allowing its soil to be used by Tehreek-e-Taliban, Pakistan ( TTP ) and Balochistan Liberation Army ( BLA) and other groups for attacks in Pakistan , in which scores of soldiers and civilians were killed . It indicted the Taliban government of the cross-border crimes.

In respect of Afghanistan , Pakistan has been a key factor since 1970s after the Russian invasion of the territory. Pakistan mobilized , militants or Mujhadeen from across the Islamic world , to fight jihad against the Soviet troops .This was one at the behest of the United States of America . Later , it again became a proxy of the US when it became part of the war on terror post-9/11 era , though only after Washington delivered a stern threat that either it should help neutralizing the terrorists in Afghanistan or be ready to get bombarded.

That's history , but it has not been allowed to become a history .

Afghans have seen through the games that Pakistan played to marginalize them over the decades . Enough is enough , Afghanistan has delivered this message and Pakistan should be wise enough to grasp it.