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## Alone Atomic Islamic State Pakistan's Significant Geo-Political Location For Super Powers Monopole Strategies Cultivation

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### Abstract

Pakistan located in South Asia has specific important geo-political location among other seven regional countries. It is spread over all kinds of rich land features; Such as green fields, perennial flowing rivers with best irrigation system, mountains rich with glaciers and minerals' wealth, deserts with medical herbs' wealth, important land and marine trade routes, precious forests. Geographically it is surrounded by East Asia, Central Asia, Gulf States as well as Middle East and Indian Ocean along with Arabian Sea; and is near to Africa Continent. It is contagious to two atomic powers India and China and third near to Russian atomic power and itself is also single first Islamic atomic power and is called the "castle of Islam" and due to the possessed of aeasy access trade routes called the "fulcrum of Asia". Keeping in view all global monopole strategies and policies, this research paper is an attempt to highlight the super powers' interest in Pakistan's geography as well as topography keenly.

**Keywords:** super powers, interests, economic challenges, geo-political game, geo-strategic monopoles strategies, New Great Game.

### Introduction

Geographical significance or location influences the states' relations immensely. Once Napoleon said, "Geography determines the foreign policy of a state". Resembling Napoleons' statement in June 1906, H.J. Muchinar, during speech of a session at London, said, "The world history is influenced by geography remarkably". Entire environment around human race which direct or indirect influences the human being life determine the nations' destiny and destination. Under the geographical factors' umbrella geo-politics springs up. Geo-politics influences the states' relations, foreign policies and politics regionally as well as globally. Location of a state consists of sea or ocean, topography, minerals, size of area, day light, number of islands, distance from the trade powers, standard of education, standard of health, standard of security, method of governance, political conditions, relations with neighboring states, global trade or marketing chances, land features and population is considered the base of standard of geo-politics (Azam, 2008.P.537).

As it is observed that significant geopolitical features play important roles in the regard of close relations' or ties' strength for states' survival. By virtue of its geo-political and geo-strategic importance Pakistan has been the arena of trade super powers' monopole struggles. Among these powers USA, Russia, China and India are prominent. Pakistan is important geographical as well as topographical countries of the South Asia but due to major powers' conflicting interests; sometime to keep maintain the balance among the powers' relations adjustment for national and regional interests it has to face some complications. With the end of cold war communism ideology diminished and global war turned into global peace with western "new world order" but this was not also the solution of international tensions or regional conflicts because it was "one man law". Under this law along with two concerns increased, first American concern to secure economic and defense interests under the monopole strategies, second Islam phobia. Both have scattered the American "world hegemonic" dreams all over the world special in Asia. In American "world hegemonic" dreams loosing Pakistan has contributed a lot of part because American policies about South Asia special for Pakistan were based on double face policy and American alliance with Islamic world special with Pakistan always had been timely, temporary and so-called those made hollow the strong American strategies. In this way America itself dig its own grave for it. Moreover in 21<sup>st</sup> century America is going to face a lot of geopolitical issues under those she has framed a lot of economic, political, geopolitical, social and cultural strategies for its survival. With the start of 21<sup>st</sup> century geo-political and geo-strategic values globally are changing rapidly. World with new

ideologies has accepted the multi-polar system. All atomic powers as well as global size trade powers have expended their hegemonic but positive role to extend the trade circle with increasing allies circle.

### **Geo-strategic and Geo-political Realities of South Asian Region**

Recently world has introduced global changes in the shape of bipolarity and multi-polarity; and is affecting the regional geo-strategic strategies, politics and economy. In the shape of war pretending local restoration and human welfare in the Gulf States, Middle East and Afghanistan as well as influencing the Central, South and Eastern Asian geopolitics, USA has brought new policy dimensions, persuading global dominance. Developing Indo-US nexus are viewed the India's hegemonic design and desires to become the policeman of the region, more to complicate the rising regional as well as global issues for South Asian states existing. Improving the relations among Pakistan, Iran and Turkey had been playing important role to achieve the ECO or Developing Eight (D8) objectives. To pursue its national as well as international aims, objectives and desires Pakistan had been trying to maintain the balance linking with Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) or Developing Eight (D8), Specific region, Middle East, Gulf States, India and other contagious to Indian Ocean as well as Arabian Sea states. These Pakistan's measures will create regional as well as Muslim unity and will bring regional peace and prosperity (Singh, 1997).

Pakistan's geo-graphical and geo-strategically important location has changed the global geo-political position and is creating economic and political complications for super powers stationing at South Asia as well as oceanic hegemonic. Due to the gate way of central Asia, in the search of warm water with new relations' policy Russia has turned to Pakistan because land routes through Pakistan for global trade with Gulf States and African continent both Russian and China has preferred. Because rapidly growing human population oil, gas and minerals crisis also increasing; for those super powers' foreign policies changing are a dilemma for all global trade powers which could not be ignored as a real monopoly threat special by maritime routs' monopoly politics. So, significance of maritime politics is never ignored even teachings of Islam stressed to attend the framing as well as reframing the maritime policies according to the passage of time fulfilling the requisites of geopolitics as it was done practically by the Islamic conquerors during their oceanic expeditions.

### **Significance of Maritime politics in Islam and its global impacts**

It is observed and researched that in ancient time all settlements were settled along with the rivers. So that all kinds of tasks related to survival and life security could be managed easily because rivers full with water are the guarantor of survival and life security against human or natural calamities and disasters. With the circle of time requisites, needs and priorities have been changing. Founder of Islam last prophet of Allah Hazrat Muhammad (SAW), under the Quranic teachings, a long time before predicted and informed about the significance of maritime power. Marine significance is the deep topic of Quran. Quran is authentic divine book. It is free from a slightest doubt. Hadees is the explanation of Quran. By Quran and Hadees every event points of happening in future are described authentically.

It is narrated by Hazrat Abdullah bin Ammer bin Aas Razzi Allah o anho, Hazrat Muhammad said, "a person who did not perform *Hajj* (pilgrimage), (if) he performs Hajj, it is better than the to attend or to join ten holy wars; and the person who has performed Hajj and then join a holy war, it is better than to join ten times Hajj; and to join a maritime holy war is the time better than a land holy war; and the person who crossed a sea as if he crossed all valleys; and a maritime fighter giddyng fall into sea (and died) is same as a blood-stained martyred on land. (Sheb-ul-eman, chapter fil-jihad, raqqam 4221, jild 4, p.11).

Above mentioned Hadees' meaning is to protect your marine assets although you have to fight a marine war against enemy; and is being alarmed the whole Muslim nation predicatively that in future your enemies will focus on marine and land assets through maritime channels; even will fight strictly against you marine wars. Alarm! Never deny a marine war. It will save you from the enemies brutalities; and will promote your power not only defensibly but economically.

Soviet Navy Admiral Gorshkov writes: "*Our seas, oceans and inland waterways are of huge importance in terms of resources, the environment and conservation, trade and industry, marine sciences and leisure activity.*" (S.G. Gorshkov, 1979, p.2).

Significance of seas or oceans remained always authentic for centuries in both fields trade and invades. Even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century significance of maritime relevancies has increased. In future, global policies are being managed according to the maritime location. The countries those have monopoly over heavy trade through maritime channels called super, global or leading powers or nations. Seeing this trend several kinds of industries are being shifted to the sea shores or islands. Impacting the trends of maritime trade will help the shore-states to build the global maritime industry. As we see The United Kingdom's global thought leader is bringing up a dynamic and innovative maritime industry.

Naval defence policies are also changing. Naval security is being preferred. With the passage of time naval traffic is increasing. Naval war threats are also increasing. Now land wars also depend on naval location. International corridors are constructing for the seas or oceans links; so that for trade or invade time and cost could be save.

Today we see these global or leading powers are occupying the maritime choke points under agreements as well as occupying Sea Islands. Some of these powers are under the pretending of piracy occupying the maritime sea channels. While Muslim countries are acting upon the UN's rules and regulations and the agreements concluded between them and the powers. Prevaricating in the shape of concluded agreements these powers are penetrating and burgling our land and marine assets.

We find that the trade trends influencing the future trade requisites or values have increased the volume of ships goods transportation and demand for associated maritime services are growing steadily; With the changing shape of world population is also affecting maritime values; Global trade powers are seeing the greatest growth shifting trading pattern and demanding for import and export; Global economy is shifting to the eastwards and new markets are emerging. Significantly it is impacting the maritime sector; and Emerging and changing the maritime sector is accepting new disruptive technology and more it is needed to develop it sharply.

### **Pakistan a game changer state in the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

A game changer state is the state which with its attractive technical and non-technical sources changes the global as well as regional powers' attention and direction of policies. Pakistan is one of them. This patch of land is a diamond in mine. So, every super or trade power wants to get access to it so that could use it according to its geopolitics or monopoly purposes. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century geopolitical game is very interesting and every wants to win it at any price. In this way Pakistan has become the arena of global powers. In the past some powers have been ignoring the Pakistan's location but now they want compensation of their ignorance but time has passed. Regional and foreign policies and geopolitical directions with priorities have changed. Every power is trying to find its right course of success. Even small powers are trying to break the global powers' web. In this regard Pakistan has got a lot of success geopolitically. Now powers are considering Pakistan a game changer. Having a best strategic location securing the sea-lanes in Arabian Sea Pakistan is attracting the interests of trade regional as well as global powers. Naturally, Pakistan is playing a key role on Asia's rapidly changing geopolitical stage. The geostrategic as well as geopolitical importance of Pakistan; global super trade powers expansion towards South Asian states' geography, emerging geopolitical challenges, changes and threats against regional security are described as well as this research article is an attempt to review the geopolitical role, geo-strategic interest and intervention of the super powers in the South Asia's geopolitics. Best Topographical factors are also tools to get specific status for a state; landlocked states, islands possessed states and the states those are the possessed of land and sea belts had been and are pursuing own desired strategies for national defense and economy.

Same as some terrestrial features bestow to a state an attractive location. This location decides its ranks among the leading powers. Second, minerals of a state give him a special status among the global marketing powers. Third, national unity gives a strong policy of defense to state. Anti powers try their best to break this unity. Similarly size of a country with good features attracts the mercantile powers and causes to add the foreign exchange to develop the national GDP and leads the nation to prosperity. Shape with best topography causes to attract for trade and investment. Infrastructure of a country is also a factor for foreign traders' satisfaction. So, it is necessary for national authorities to maintain the infrastructure. Physical features as rivers, lakes, mountains, deserts, passes, coastal belts etc are a source to develop a state as a game changer state. Distance forms strong defensive and economic policies. Climate changes the direction of priorities for commercial and economic activities. Amount of daylight is also a main factor to develop the industry and business. Natural environmental changes have profound geopolitical implications. Type of soil has a key role to invite the ally and anti powers for any purpose. It is the type of soil which is a great barrier in the way of disaster by any invasion. Vegetation produces the products of corn, livestock, dairy forming, agriculture and gardening which are a source of prosperity and social evils' eradication. Modern educated skilled population density is another important geographical consideration in global ranking. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century every country is trying to adopt these features for leading ranking. But some states are possessed of these features naturally. Pakistan is one of them.

### **Regional positioning in Global Perspective:**

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, defeating the challenges against its eternity, Pakistan is restoring its geopolitical rank among the trade-hub powers. No powers' plan is standing in front him and he is advancing to reshape its new geopolitical position. In this way new allies are joining him and its GDP scale is increasing day by day that is a good omen for its bright future. Some silent powers are also trying their best to degrade Pakistan geographically as well as geopolitically but Pakistan never ignored its foreign policies' renewal or revival.

### **Emerging Regional Powers**

China, Russia, India, Iran and Pakistan as emerging regional powers have great stakes in new great game of energy sources politics in the Central Asian Republics because all these powers has closest geography to CARs. The fact is that all these are being considered big threats to the United States of America regional status make their influences in the regional significant. Else the energy sources threats and facts all these powers have multiple interests in the region politically as well as strategically. In this game Pakistan is a gate way to central Asia, the arena of New Great Game and this country is going to play a vital and main role to change the regional as well as global different directions of economy and politics those are becoming big threats for global peace and prosperity as well as survival.

### **Indian Threat to the Pakistan's Geopolitics**

India is stationing in Kashmir near to The Wakhan corridor (Afghanistan). This stationing is nearest place to the central Asia but Pakistan is a buffer state between India and Central Asia. In this way India has to back to its own sea ports and travelling and passing through India Ocean than Arabian Sea had to reach Iranian Sea ports and travelling through Iran and Afghanistan enters into central Asia. Kneeling in front of its inner nature and religious power pressure India did not and does not compromise geopolitically with Pakistan but is happy in difficulties. Similarly other anti-Pakistan powers used to change their policies and priorities. In 21<sup>st</sup> century in the regard of international marketing powers have adopted new trends of geopolitics and Pakistan also have managed to balance its weight among the regional and global powers. In the mean while powers are also trying to play some secret games but Pakistan is aware of all gamers' thoughts and activities and always continues to build its castle wall against the storm.

### **Pakistan as a Buffer state among the Global Geopolitical Game partners**

The rivalry series between two superpowers Russian and England under old Great Game and then next between Russia and America under the New Great Game along with cold war remained continue till a third power china with new global trade vision of One Belt One Road entered into this arena. To achieve her objectives china inclined to Pakistan because Pakistan,

a rich strategic position state among all South Asian states is the possessed of strategic importance for both parties china and Pakistan. Moreover In the regard of warm water game it attracts the Russian attention. Super powers' this geo-strategic game has created a fear competition for dominancy over this patch of land strategically as well as geopolitically. In 21<sup>st</sup> century Pakistan has become the apparent competition arena for the regional as well as global powers because Pakistan has changed its foreign policies directions. New relations under new requisites are being established because new world trend has entered into new arena of global economic game. In this task every power wants to contribute a big part or want to play a vital role to change the claimed economic-game. Moreover in 21<sup>st</sup> century all global powers are trying to break the Pak-china ties so that could occupy the important strategic location from Gulf to Pacific Ocean maritime channels. In this attempt USA is leading all other alliances.

### **Geo-strategic Importance of Pakistan among the South Asian States**

Due to its important and best location Pakistan is geo-strategically most attractive developing state among other South Asian States even than India. More, Pakistan has become a bridge among Southern Asia, South Western Asia and Central Asian Republics. All ECO member states or D8 are rich with mineral sources, energy sources and natural resources while other both regional big trade powers Indian power and China power are energy consumers along with that both have the lack of best geographical location than Pakistan. That is why for the success of "One Belt One Road" vision completion, instead of super or global big trade or economic power China had to kneel down in front of Pakistan along with it India is needy for all that but is stubborn on its ego and does not accept Pakistan's positive offers. Pakistan is providing direct easy access land routes to Iran, to Central Asian Republics, to Afghanistan and to China for global trade. Both Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas pipe line and The Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA), 2010, are the authentic evidences of Pakistan's geo strategic importance. Pakistan is providing a cheaper route than other routes for Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipe line project as well as Indian-Iran trade to India; and same as for Indo-Afghan trade like a bridge (Rogers, 1994).

Seeing the advantages of geostrategic location of Pakistan some powers tried their best, creating issues and complications for Pakistan, to degrade or devalue it but Pakistan never surrendered in front of difficulties. Such as cold war and Afghan-Russian war (1979-88) during which, trampling strategic location of Pakistan Russia tried its best to reach the warm water of Arabian Sea. Else it several other silent powers had been framing policies against its survival or to occupy it. United States always used several times the Pakistan's important geo-strategic location as front line state to get advantages globally or regionally in proxy wars against its anti-powers activities such as Global War of Terrorism (GWOT); for which Pakistan had to pay heavy cost.

American interests in the South Asian region for territorial hegemony under trade enhancement, rising global trade power of China applying the new global trade vision of One Belt One Road (OBOR), to stop or to check the Iranian nuclear ambitions, developing India as a counterweight to China and to get benefits from the huge Indian consumer market, developing maritime interests of global trade powers in Indian Ocean as well as Arabian Sea and Gulf, all these activities' completion is seeing to Pakistan's best geo-strategic and Geo-political important location along with national and foreign policies. Every power special USA, using Pakistan's geo-strategic best location wants to remove all hindrances against its trade expansion at this region (Tennakoon, 2012).

America, using the Pakistan's best strategic location wants to achieve its economic purposes in the whole Middle East and Central Asia as well as contagious to Pakistan's states. America has keen interest in Pakistan's geostrategic as well as geopolitics. Even to keep maintain the balance against Iran; Saudi Arabia is also considering Pakistan strategically a best defence point. In the regard of Pakistan's geo-strategic and geo-political importance, both America and Saudi Arabia has resembling policies and interest. In the regard of global trade or trade expansion landlocked central Asian States are also so much needy for Pakistan's best geo-strategic and geo-political location under close relationship with Pakistan. In a way Pakistan is providing easy access, with best location trade routes to all states at entire Asia for all kinds of positive purposes. Regionally, to enhance the economic areas both Pakistan and China are concluding the agreements with each other in economic areas. In this regard Saindak and Goadar sea Port projects are prominent; seeing that anti-powers are pressurizing Pakistan heavily because under this Pak-China close relationship China has entered into Indian Ocean and has become a great threat against global powers' special American oceanic as well as territorial hegemonic strategies (Tennakoon, 2012).

### **Pakistan as an Asian fulcrum**

Supporting the Asian economy, Pakistan is bridging among the South Asian, Central Asian and the West Asian regions working as an Asian fulcrum to develop the regional stability. Pakistan's significant location among these three regions has the most importance to gain the internal integrations and the connections to each other. Moreover beyond to the other regions: European continent, Asian continent and African continent. These are the basic premises and promises of the concept of "geo-economics" Government of Pakistan's propagation (Munir Akram, 2021.P.7). South Asian Regional Security complex, under the super powers' interpolating is a big source for regional changing dynamics as it was practiced during the cold war period. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century every powers is trying to frame the policies those would be helpful to overcome the economic and social issues. In this regard Pakistan is also energetic but some powers surrounded in their own economic and social issues want to check Pakistan's progressive activities and its pilots projects concluded with regional or global developing or developed states. In this regard Pak-china pilot projects One Belt One Road and China Pakistan Economic Corridor practical vision is one of them to which India considered a great hindrance against its economic or social enhancement or progress and is trying to solve regional issues under threat policies and has become a great hindrance against the regional peace and prosperity. According to some researchers Pakistan's peaceful and progressive relations under the economic and defense concluded agreements with powers are great against Indian stability and survival (Hudson et al,



2016). But there is no authentic reality because Pakistan is practically global peace torch bearer, of which United Nations is witness itself.

### Conclusion:

Recently in the regard of geo-strategic and geo-politics, national policies and strategies play a vital role. Location of a state and its economic sources are national power. Natural environment of a state is the base of its internal and external policies. Keeping in view these things states' ranks are compared with each other. Geographic and strategic values are used to get national advantages. So, In the South Asian hegemonic process, policy and strategy India has been framing policies but all his attempts ended in smoke because she always preferred its territorial aggrandizement policy than regional economic and social welfare policy or compromise. We observe that Pakistan emerged on a great geostrategic location. With the passage of time this location changed the geopolitical policies globally. At the time of Indian princely states annexation when anti-Pakistan powers created a lot of twisted problems for the survival of Pakistan, then Pakistan getting a best chance from its location ended in smoke all powers' plans and compelled them to create harmony with it. So, after that all powers changed their policies and adopted a new trend of relationship with Pakistan. Now in 21<sup>st</sup> century Pakistan has become an important power among the global leading powers' clusters. So, seeing Pakistan to getting a Significant Geo-strategic and geo-political importance, almost all global trade super powers' monopole strategies are concerning for future relation's direction and inclination.

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