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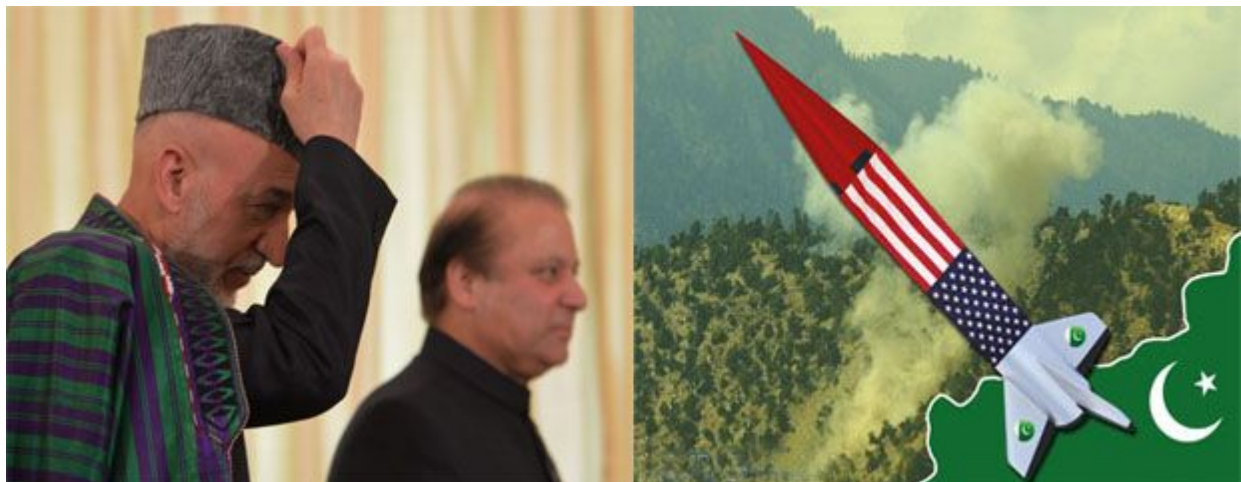
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## Preface

The weekly analysis in this volume of the Center for Strategic and Regional Studies, read the analysis of the board about recent activities of Pakistan in the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan and the reaction of Afghan Government against it. It also discusses the recent increase of security issues in the country, and the recent declarations of the interior and foreign affairs ministers about it.

- \* Recently Pakistan started digging in the so-called Durand line between Afghanistan and Pakistan, which caused an extreme reaction of Afghan Government against it. In addition to that, the Pakistani missile strikes on the eastern parts of Afghanistan increased lately and caused casualty. Due to the mentioned activities, the Afghan Government summoned the officials of Pakistani Embassy in Kabul, and at the last stage the Afghan Government want to fill complaint against Pakistan to the United Nations Security Council. Since last few years Afghan Government is not able to counteract Pakistan. What is the reason behind the weakness of Afghan Government?
- \* Meanwhile, the recent increased insecurity in the country caused many questions to Afghan Nation. Due to the mentioned reason, both of the houses of Afghan Parliament asked the ministers of interior affairs, national defense, and the deputy director of NDS to respond to their questions. But according to their responses, they were seemed to be so weak and so hopeless. The officials counted the current year as the worst of the last thirteen years, and told that the bloodshed and casualty of Afghans reached its highest level recently. They also declared huge and massive attacks of the Afghan Government opponents. The weekly analysis will mainly discuss the future of Afghan Forces, the cooperation and operations of ISAF, and the casualty of the involved parties.

## Undeclared war of Pakistan



In addition to other issues, Pakistan and Afghanistan has started negotiation about the ongoing issue of digging in the so-called Durand Border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, and the missile strikes of Pakistan on the eastern parts of Afghanistan. In which status Afghanistan is located due to the mentioned ongoing activities of Pakistan? And what are the reasons behind the weaknesses of Afghan government for not taking any reaction against Pakistan?

### **The reaction of existing foreign forces in Afghanistan:**

With the existence of foreign forces in Kunar Province, the missile strikes of Pakistan on the eastern parts of Afghanistan started about two and a half years ago. After a long time of silence, the chief of foreign forces declared that they were not aware of the missile strikes on Afghan territory.

The silence of foreign forces toward the missile strikes of Pakistan on Afghanistan caused the relationship of Hamid Karzai and Barak Obama to enter to a darken stage. It also created the question in the minds of Afghan nation that why Afghan National Army does not show any reaction toward the missile strikes of Pakistan on the Afghan territory? The answer for the question was unpleasant: the Afghan National Army does not have access to long-range weapons to show any reaction against it.

### **Rumor of an alliance between U.S. and Pakistan:**

While the U.S. decided to attack the Taliban and Al-Qaida in Afghanistan in 2001, the two neighboring countries of Afghanistan, namely Pakistan and Iran, gave hands of friendship to U.S. in the war. There is not reliable information about the demands of Iran from U.S. in return

of assisting it in the war, but there are rumors about the three main demands of Pakistan from U.S. in assisting it in the removal of the Taliban's regime from Afghanistan:

1. The activities and rule of India must be limited in the future of Afghanistan.
2. There should not be dams made on the rivers that go toward Pakistan.
3. The Afghan Security Forces must be equipped to struggle only against domestic challenges.

If we see the international community aids in last thirteen years from various perspective, it seems that the rumor is true. U.S. tried to keep the relationship of Afghanistan and India within limits to keep Pakistan convinced. Even, while Afghanistan asked India for long-range weapons, India rejected it in a peaceful manner.

In last thirteen years no foundational project is implemented in Afghanistan, spatially dams, and the Afghan Security Forces are also not equipped with long-range weapons, up to the extent that last year President Karzai ordered that the old damaged weapons with the Afghan National Army should be fixed for usage in war.

### **Afghan Air Force:**

Air force of a country is one of the most significant parts of the overall forces. And it is clear that the army of a country without the support of air force is useless.

But, U.S. not only did not equip the air force of Afghanistan, but also the one of Iraq. Before the Gulf War, the Iraqi air force was extremely equipped, which a part of it was destroyed by U.S. during the Gulf War, and the remaining part was sent to other countries, by Saddam Hussain, to be kept during the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, but those countries seized the mentioned equipment.

Though, during the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, Afghanistan lacked combat aircrafts, but the first step of U.S. invasion of Afghanistan started from Kabul International Airport, as the result of which some of Ariana Afghan Airways' passengers' planes were destroyed. The helicopters that were hidden by the Taliban, before the U.S. invasion, were also pointed and destroyed by U.S.

By the time, the Taliban activated a radar device in Bibi Mahro Hill, but in the earliest hours of the attack it was destroyed, which was also a part of the U.S. plans for the future of Afghanistan.

Earlier it was told that U.S. will equip the Afghan Air Force with the latest air force equipment, but after thirteen years it is clear that the U.S. did not have such a decision about the Afghan Air Force. Iraq, which is financially richer compared to Afghanistan, had the ability to purchase some second hand aircrafts from Russia, which they did lately, but U.S. provided some old and damaged “Babary” aircrafts to Afghanistan that most of them are out of order, and purchased a few helicopters from Russia.

### **The inability of the retort:**

The Afghan Government repeatedly threatened that if Pakistan attacks Afghanistan, the Afghan Armed Forces will retort. But in a recent meeting of the minister of interior from the Upper House of the country, the minister declared something strange that the president twice ordered attacks against the Pakistani counter-attacks, but it will not work. Why it will not work he did not know about it, the minister of interior said.

### **Complaint to the U.N. Security Council:**

It is said that as the last resort, the Afghan Government have to submit a complaint against Pakistan to the United Nation Security Council. But it does not seem to be influential, because the permanent members of the U.N.S.C. have military existence in Afghanistan and up to date they even did not argue with Pakistan about the issue. So how can Afghanistan expect a solution for the issue from the United Nation Security Council?!

## **This year has been the harshest year for Afghans**



After the speech of the ministers of interior affairs and foreign affairs in the parliament that were about the increase of bloodshed in last six months, Afghans are concerned about the future of Afghan war.

The security officials said that the current year is the worst year, in terms of bloodshed of Afghan Security Forces, since 2001. And it was clearly expressed in their speeches that Afghan Security Forces have faced extreme challenges about the current and upcoming issues.

### **Casualty of the involved parties and civilians:**

In response to the parliament's questions, the Minister of Interior Omar Davodzai said that since 2001 up to date, this year was the most dangerous and bloody year for the Afghan Security forces. According to him, in the first six months of the current year 2212 Afghan National and Local Police are killed, and 2506 Afghan Local Police are injured. So, if we calculate it up to one year, it is a huge lost for the Afghan National and Local Police.

President Karzai, in his speech on the martyr's week, pointed to it and said that due to the reports everyday there are 50 Afghans killed. One of the high-ranking officials of the ministry of defense also told German News Agency that the graph of casualty of Afghan increased, and said that every week there are 100 Afghan Security Forces killed.

There were 5503 of the Afghan Government Enemies killed, during this year, and 2370 of them were injured, according to the minister.

But the accurate statistics of the casualty of the Afghan Government Enemies (AGE) is neither declared earlier, nor is there accurate information available about it. But, as the government

want to accuse the AGE for the casualty of the Afghan Security Forces, so they announce the casualty of the Afghan National Police much more than the reality.

According to the minister of interior, at the first half of the year there were 955 civilians killed and 2395 more were injured. But the statistics about the civilian's casualty is given much more than the reality. Because, a report provided by UNAMA says that there were 1560 civilians killed, in the first six month of 2014, and 3280 more were injured.

### **Operations of Foreign Forces:**

Though the Afghan Security Forces (ASF) claims that they operated, in 2014, without the support of foreign forces, but in reality most of the areas were controlled with the air force support of foreign forces. And while the foreign forces stopped their air force assistance in an area, that area is lost from the control of ASF.

If the ASF are not supported by foreign air forces, how could be tens of civilians killed by the airstrikes of foreign forces? Though the control of all the country is in the hands of ASF.

Recently there were 14 children and women killed and 13 more were injured by the ISAF airstrikes in Kunar Province, which were called to cooperate the ASF. The incident was condemned by the Amnesty International Organization and the UN envoy for Afghanistan, Jan Kubis.

From the beginning there are many Afghan civilians killed and still being killed by the ISAF drones, either intentionally, or by wrong information provided for them. But they pretend that the drones point only the armed enemies.

Some of the recent drone attacks are: killing of 41 civilians in Nooristan Province, killing of 4 women and children in Shindand District of Heart Province, killing of 4 civilians, including children, in Logar Province, killing of 3 civilians in Khakrez District of Kandahar, and airstrikes on a police checkpoint in Parwan Province that caused killing of 3 police.

In earlier years, such attacks caused the retort by ASF, which the last incident was the one recently in Herat Province, in which an Afghan Police killed 3 U.S. Army officers in a face-to-face firing. And by killing the Afghan Police, they protected the remaining U.S. Army officer existing there.

Meanwhile, the suicide attack in Kabul, in which there were 8 foreign forces killed, showed that even the activities of the foreign forces has declined in the country, still they are targeted by



the AGE. And even with the Afghanization of the war from the foreign forces, they are still not able to end their own casualties.

### **Promises of equipping the Afghan Security Forces:**

While the U.S. president finalized his decision about the U.S. government in the Afghanistan's war; they agreed that in 5 stages the security responsibilities would be transferred to Afghan Security Forces.

The first stage of the transition was completed in August of 2008, which was the transition of security of Kabul City. Later on, in 2010 NATO declared that the last stage will be completed in 2014.

During the conference of NATO in Chicago, held on May of 2012, the request was approved by the members, and due to the plan, all the security authority of Afghanistan was submitted to the Afghan Forces: but, in addition to the transition of security authority of Afghanistan, the promises that were done with the Afghan Security Forces are still not implemented.

U.S. and NATO promised on that time that they will train Afghan Security Forces and will equip them with modern weapons and equipment; but against their promises, the ASF still do not have enough light weapons, and while leaving Afghanistan the foreign forces were destroying the weapons and equipment that they could not take back with them. And they did not hand those weapons and equipment for the ASF.

About the empowerment of ASF, in every conference, as the last one of London, there are promises done, but they either do not implement them in a proper way, do not even implement, or due to the internal issue of the Afghan Government they are not implemented in a proper way. And billions of USD foreign aid and other types of opportunities are wasted.

On the other hand, the attacks of AGE have increased and in rural areas of the country the ASF are being surrounded by the AGE, and they are supplied by air; within all the mentioned issues the Afghan Security officials tell the nation that they are strong enough to struggle against the AGE.

Though the Afghan Security Officials on one hand reports about the neutralization of thousands of AGE attacks; on the other hand, they accept that many districts are under the control of AGE since many years. With the increase of the AGE attacks, in 2014, two districts are lost by the ASF, and some more are at the risk of being lost.

Though the Afghan Governmental Officials claim that there was no support of the foreign forces with the ASF during the current year, but in reality there was the support of the foreign forces with them. As up to the end of the 2014 the mission of the foreign forces will end and they will leave Afghanistan alone, so there would be no assistance of foreign forces with the ASF, and they are not fully equipped, the casualty of the ASF will increase, and they may lose many parts of the country and those parts would be controlled by the AGE.

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