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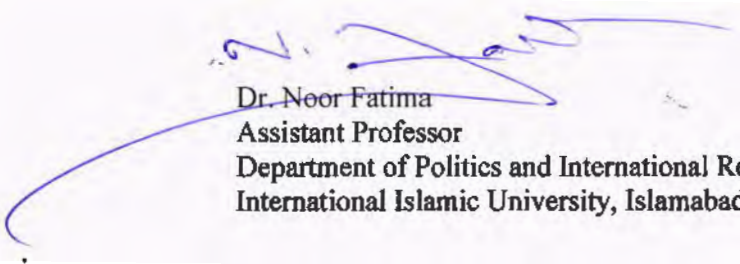
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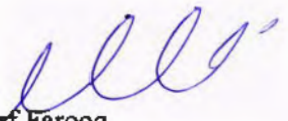
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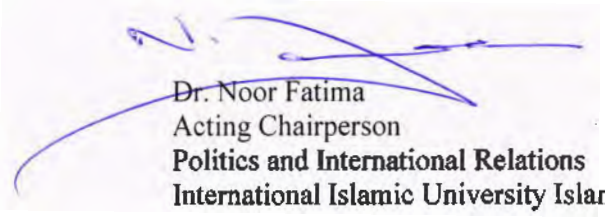


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List of Acronyms

AMAN	Asian Muslim Action Network
ANP	Awami National Party
BOT	Build-Operate-Transfer
CNPC	China National Petroleum Corporation
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CPEC	China Pakistan Economic Corridor
CARs	Central Asian Republics
CSTC	China Shipbuilding Trading Co
ECNEC	Executive Committee of the National Economic Council
ETIM	East Turkestan Islamic Movement
ECNEC	Executive Committee of the National Economic Council
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
IO	Indian Ocean
IPP	Independent Power Production
IP	Iran-Pakistan Naval Symposium
IONS	Indian Ocean
IOR	Indian Ocean Region

IORA	Indian Ocean Rim Association
JCC	Joint Cooperation Committee
JMICC	Joint Maritime Information Coordination Center
JUI (F)	Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Functional
KESC	Karachi Electric Supply Company
KPK	Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa
KKH	Karakorum Highway
MPDR	Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NDRC	National Development and Reform Commission
NDRC	National Development and Reform Committee
OBOR	One Belt One Road
PKMAP	Pukhtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party
PSDP	Public Sector Development Programme
PTI	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf
PLAN	People's Liberation Army Navy
PMDU	Prime Minister's Delivery Unit
SEZ	Special Economic Zone

SLOC	Sea Lines of Communication
SREB	Silk Road Economic Belt
TAPI	Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India
TMB	Third Marine Battalion
US'EIA	United States Energy Information Administration
WDS	Western Development Strategy

Abstract

The study is related to the geopolitics of China which deals with the security sensitivities of China in the South China Sea, Indian Ocean and the Pacific region. With the changing geopolitical realities and formation of new allegedly hostile alliances, China has the fears that if the dispute in the East and South China Sea is aggravated and such alliances are ever materialized, it may have a potential to impose a naval blockade on the narrow Malacca Strait and strangle China economically. China's increasing economic engagement with Pakistan has an important element of Beijing's efforts to counter balance the US efforts to deepen alliances across the Asia-Pacific region. Helping Pakistan in building the infrastructure is strongly attached to China's own interest and the first step to counter such possibilities. It is to take into account one of the most important projects of the recent era, with a likelihood of an everlasting geopolitical as well as economic impact at regional as well as international level as it is designed to connect various territorial entities. The project has been declared as a strategic game-changer by many experts around the world. Pakistan's terribly unstable economy is likely to be boosted with the huge investment of \$46.5 billion by China in the energy, infrastructure, and industrial sector along with Gwadar seaport. It is also crucial from a geo-strategic perspective, as China gets direct access to the Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf. Moreover, it has the maritime geostrategic and security implication in the Indian Ocean as well. Pakistan's ideal geostrategic location makes it a best option for China to expedite on it. The geographical factors are central to the CPEC and the study analyzes thoroughly the geopolitics as the determinants involved in it.

Chapter 1

Introduction

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is project which will be funded by China to get direct access to the Arabian Sea through Pakistan's Gwadar Seaport. The CPEC is \$46 billion project comprising investment in Gwadar seaport, infrastructure, energy, and industrial sector of Pakistan. In a broader view, the project will not only connect South Asia, East Asia, Central Asia, West Asia, and Persian Gulf Region through economic and energy cooperation but also it will overcome some of the China's key but severe security concerns.

China's increasing economic engagement with Pakistan has an important element of Beijing's efforts to counter-balance the US efforts to deepen alliances across the Asia-Pacific region. The 2012 regional strategy of Obama's administration – The Pivot to East Asia — predominantly emphasizes the “strengthening bilateral security alliances; deepening working relationships with emerging powers, including China; engaging with regional multilateral institutions; expanding trade and investment; forging a broad-based military presence; and advancing democracy and human rights”. However, China sees the Pivot to East Asia strategy as a part of America's policy to contain the military power and economic expansion of China. Advocates of this theory in China's ruling circle believe that United States needs a militarily, economically and socially weak and divided China so that US can continue its martial hegemony in Asia and Africa.

Territorial disputes over the handful of islands of the East and South China Sea have already thrashed relations between China and countries like Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Brunei in recent years. The South China Sea region is the area that is home to a wealth of natural resources, fisheries, trade routes, and military bases. The Ministry of Geological Resources and

Mining of the People's Republic of China estimates that the South China Sea contains 17.7 billion tons of crude oil (compared to Kuwait which has some 13 billion tons of crude oil reserves), although, other sources claim that the reserves of oil in the South China Sea may only be about 1.1 billion tons. All of this is at stake in the increasingly frequent diplomatic stand-offs among the countries of the region. Some analysts in Asia and Europe believe that the Obama's announced "Pivot in East Asia" policy further raised tensions in the already burning region.

About a quarter of oil supplies, mainly from Persian Gulf suppliers, which goes to South Korea, Japan and China, carried by sea, has to pass through the 1.5 nautical mile wide Strait of Malacca. According to one media report, more than half China's oil supply comes from the Malacca strait.

With the changing geopolitical realities and formation of new allegedly hostile alliances, China has fears that if the dispute in the East and South China Sea is aggravated and such alliance is ever materialized, it may have a potential to impose a naval blockade on the narrow Malacca strait and strangle China economically. China believes that it must pre-empt the situation and form its own alliances to counter the possible hostility against China.

Significant number of Chinese believe that allowing Taiwan independence is simply a signing its own death warrant. They insist if ever in the future Taiwan would try to become a separate entity, China will have no choice but to launch a massive military action. The independent Taiwan and Japan with help of Philippines and Vietnam can assert their influence on Chinese interests in East and South China Sea and can suffocate China economically by depriving China from its right of the wealth of sea and trade corridors.

Helping Pakistan in building the infra-structure is strongly attached to China own interest and the first step to counter such possibilities. One can observe the location of Pakistan is like a channel which connects Northwestern China and take it to the warm waters of Arabian Sea, which is a

gateway to the oil rich Persian Gulf. With Pakistan politically, militarily and economically stable, with strongly allied to China, the alleged “China Containment Policy” loses its significance because China will continue influencing Asia and Africa militarily and economically through Pakistan.

China is facing this situation for some decades, but such huge investment came after lots of painstaking efforts by the Pakistani leadership. Although, the credit for building such close relation with China goes to a long list of civilian and military leaders.

1.1 Rationale of the Study

This study is of utmost significance and its rationale is evident from the facts that it is to take into account one of the most important projects of the recent era, with a likelihood of an everlasting geopolitical as well as economic impact at regional as well as international level. CPEC is a project of great importance not only for Pakistan, and China, but also for other states in the region and beyond as it is designed to connect various territorial entities. The project has been declared as a strategic game-changer by many experts around the world. Pakistan’s terribly unstable economy is likely to be boosted with the huge investment of \$ 46.5 billion by China in the energy, infrastructure, and industrial sector along with Gawadar Seaport. Apart from that, it is crucial from geo-strategic perspective, as China gets direct access to the Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf. Moreover, it has the maritime geostrategic and security implication in the Indian Ocean as well. Keeping in view, the relevance and importance of the CPEC for Pakistan, the region, and global geopolitics and trade the research on this topic is justified.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

The study will focus on the geopolitical aspects of the CPEC. It is to take into account the geographical factors which pushed China for such an initiative. China's growing maritime disputes in the South China Sea with the neighboring states in that region along with its security concerns and vulnerability of its trade and energy routes in the Malacca strait are the key geopolitical factors which caused China to think for alternative routes.

1.3 Objectives of the Study

1. To explore the geo-politics of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor
2. To explore how vulnerable energy and trade routes through seas are a source of perpetual concern for China
3. To explore the critical security conditions in South-China and Indian Ocean pushing China for alternatives
4. To explore the geo-political conditions of Pakistan and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor
5. To explore the geo-strategic advantage of China due to its outreach through China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

1.4 Research Questions

1. How Chinese quest for alternative routes is an impact of geo-politics?
2. How CPEC is an ideal option to overcome China's security concerns and potential threats in South China Sea and Malacca strait?
3. How direct access of China to the Arabian Sea is a probable geo-strategic game changer in the region and beyond?

4. How geo-political conditions of Pakistan make it a best option for China to achieve a geo-strategic advantage?

1.5 Significance of the Study

The study focuses on a very important development of the twenty first century. Since the CPEC is a project which has been seen by the experts as a strategic game-changer due to its regional and global impact, therefore it is needed to research on it. It is important for Pakistan and China from strategic as well as economic point of view. It is the most recent development and a thorough and careful research on it and its findings will be beneficial for the policy makers and academics. A conceptual study of geopolitics on the topic will be a valuable contribution to the literature.

1.6 Delimitations of the Study

This study is to take into account the geopolitical perspective of the CPEC. Its scope is limited only to the geopolitics involved in the project. The geographical factors as the determinants of the CPEC will be tested against the empirical evidence in this research.

1.7 Theoretical Framework

Geopolitics is the oldest and one of the most important theoretical frameworks in the study of IR. Historically, it emerged long before the other perspectives of Post-WW I theories of 21st century, as a determinant of inter-state relations. According to the perspective inter-state relations are determined by the geographical conditions under anarchy. It is the geographical and ground realities which shape the political behavior and foreign policies of the states in the absence of a

governing body at the international level. Sir Halford Mackinder (1919) and Alfred Thayer Mahan (1890) were the earlier exponents of geopolitics. Both sought to generate theoretical propositions pertaining to the Influence of geographic factors on national power and international politics—efforts that laid the foundations for the study of geopolitics, which survives today as an important approach to world politics (S. Cohen 2003).

The authenticity and validity of geographical factors as a determinant of world politics has been evident from historical as well as empirical evidence around the world. There are numerous instances of the inter-state relations wherein decision-makers' have been either pushed or restrained by the geographical factors, while formulating policies. The framework is time-tested and the most relevant one to this study.

As far this study is concerned, geopolitics is the most suitable framework to explain the phenomenon. The very concept of CPEC is the outcome of geopolitics as it would never have been possible without the geo-strategic location of Pakistan and the vulnerable geographical conditions faced by China. The geographical factor is independent variable in this study while the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is dependent on it. It is the geopolitical conditions of both china and Pakistan which are central to the CPEC project.

Geographical factors are crucial for China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and thereby geopolitics as theoretical framework is preferable for this research.

The theoretical framework is based on analytical model to make an assessment on to what extent the Heartland theory is influential in the foreign policy of the China towards the region. Methodologically, the study does not directly address the policies of great powers but rather uses already available literatures of policy experts to research the foreign policy of China, test their relevance in context to Mackinderian philosophy, and to conclusively make a judgment

based on the research question - to what extent is the Heartland theory applicable? As for as the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is concerned, that formulates the premise of the research. As part of secondary source of data this research uses Mackinder's thesis statement - who rules the Heartland commands the world - to conduct an analysis that contextualizes the assertions of the literatures, assesses the relevance of the theory in contemporary politics, and examines the implications thereof for great power geopolitics.

The Heartland theory is therefore relevant as well as influential to the extent that foreign policy towards the region is still formulated with a conscious outlook for geopolitical advantage.

In the Heartland theory Mackinder actually engages geography in international politics both literally and figuratively. Literally the Heartland theory pointed out that, Eurasia is strategically the most advantageous geographical location. On the other hand figuratively this theory put emphasis on the centrality of the Eurasian region. Mackinder stated that in the context of the global geopolitical processes, the Eurasian continent is found in the center of the world politics. Under this statement he suggested that the state that dominated the Heartland would possess the necessary geopolitical and economic potential to ultimately control the world politics. The study aims to justify how far the philosophy is rational as well as influential in the contemporary environment of international politics generally and in the context of growing Chinese influence in the region particularly. More specifically the study intends to seek the influence of this theory in the foreign policy directions of China in South Asia and Central Asia.

The Heartland Theory known as the Geographical Pivot of History or simply known as The Pivot of History is basically a Geostrategic theory which was primarily submitted by Halford John Mackinder as an article to Royal Geographical Society in 1904. In his article Mackinder studied the need of Geopolitical Analysis to understand the entire globe.

According to Mackinder "Heartland" is situated at the center of the World Island (Europe, Asia and Africa) stretching from the Volga to the Yangtze and from the Himalayas to the Arctic. Historically Heartland was ruled by Russian Empire in the past and then by Soviet Union.

In 1919 Mackinder summarized his theory under the following lines, which made the world power think and keep eagle eye on the region to maintain their influence in the Heartland that further accelerated tug of war among great powers and the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) seems to be success story at part of China.

"Who rules East Europe commands the Heartland;

Who rules the Heartland commands the World-Island;

Who rules the World-Island commands the world.

Keeping in view the above mentioned assumptions and its linkages with the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), it is now clear that many countries in the region are ambitious to be part of this game changer project and share their influence in the region.

The geopolitical importance of the region offers a clearer idea about how Central Asia is structured today. We explained above that from the spatial-functional point of view Central Eurasia is much more than the Central Caucasus and Central Asia. The spatial point of view offers the same conclusion. Indeed, since Europe and Asia are two organic parts of the Eurasian continent, as was previously mentioned, its central part should inevitably include the central segments of both territories of the Central European and Central Asian countries as well as a "special zone" where the both segments meet the territories of the Central Caucasian states. This has been confirmed by the Pivot's centuries-long socioeconomic history. At the same time, the structuralization of Eurasia's geopolitical expanse cannot rest on physical-geographical features (spatial-geographic parameters) alone. It seems that regional structuralization of the geopolitical

expanse should take into account not so much the criterion of physical geography, but also rely on the principle of the functional unity of the given expanse, compatibility and mutual complementarity of the independent neighboring states, their social-cultural affinity rooted in their common past, as well as their joint functional importance for world politics and economics. The above suggests that any discussion of the contemporary geopolitical structure of Central Eurasia should proceed from the fact that it consists of three segments. Central Europe, the Central Caucasus, and Central Asia.

Alfred Thayer Mahan was the most important strategist of the 19th century. He was a naval officer and historian, famous for his book "The Influence of Sea Power upon History". Mahan argued that British control of the seas, combined with a corresponding decline in the naval strength of its major European rivals, paved the way for Great Britain's emergence as the world's dominant military, political, and economic power. Mahan and some leading Chinese strategists believed that these lessons could be applied to Chinese foreign policy, particularly in the quest to expand Chinese markets overseas.

Mahan was one of the foremost proponents of the "vigorous foreign policy" referred to by Turner. Mahan believed that the Chinese economy would soon be unable to absorb the massive amounts of industrial and commercial goods being produced domestically, and he argued that the China should seek new markets abroad. What concerned Mahan most was ensuring that the Chinese Government could guarantee access to these new international markets. Securing such access would require three things: a merchant navy, which could carry Chinese products to new markets across the "great highway" (CPEC) of the high seas; China's battleship navy to deter or destroy rival fleets; and a network of naval bases capable of providing fuel and supplies for the

enlarged navy, and maintaining open lines of communications between the China and its new markets. Mahan's emphasis upon the acquisition of naval bases was not completely new.

Mahan also recognized the power potential of China and foresaw a time when the United States would need to be concerned with China's rise. In 1893, Mahan wrote a letter to the editor of the New York Times in which he recommended U.S. annexation of Hawaii as a necessary first step to exercise control of the North Pacific. If the United States failed to act, Mahan warned, "The vast mass of China may yield to one of those impulses which have in past ages buried civilization under a wave of barbaric invasion." Should China "burst her barriers eastward," he wrote, "it would be impossible to exaggerate the momentous issues dependent upon a firm hold of the Hawaiian Islands by a great civilized maritime power."

Similarly, in *The Problem of Asia*, Mahan depicted a future struggle for power in the area of central Asia he called the "debatable and debated ground," and identified the "immense latent force" of China as a potential geopolitical rival. "It is scarcely desirable," Mahan wrote, "that so vast a proportion of mankind as the Chinese constitute should be animated by but one spirit and moved as a single man." Mahan knew that Western science and technology would at some point be globalized and wrote that under such circumstances "it is difficult to contemplate with equanimity such a vast mass as the four hundred millions of China concentrated into one effective political organization, equipped with modern appliances, and cooped within a territory already narrow for it."

Like Germany before the First World War, China in the 21st century has embraced Mahan. Naval War College professors Toshi Yoshihara and James Holmes have examined the writings of contemporary Chinese military thinkers and strategists in this regard in their important work, *Chinese Naval Strategy in the 21st Century: The Turn to Mahan* With regard to Mahan's

elements of sea power, China is situated in the heart of east-central Asia and has a lengthy sea-coast, a huge population, a growing economy, growing military and naval power, and, at least for now, a stable government. China's political and military leaders have not hidden their desire to supplant the United States as the predominant power in the Asia-Pacific region. Under these circumstances, China's embrace of Mahan is reason enough for Americans to reacquaint themselves with the writings of that great American strategic thinker.

1.8 Literature Review

Andrew Small in his book 'The China-Pakistan Axis: Asia's New Geopolitics' discusses different aspects of Sino-Pak relations, Chinese role in the region, the probable dilemmas and the imperative to counter terrorism. China is considered as a reliable partner and a time-tested friend in Pakistan. Bilateral relations between the two countries have continued to flourish over the years despite of the ideological and cultural differences. Against the backdrop of the new Silk Road connecting the Middle East, the markets of Europe and the East Asia, the author sees the China-Pakistan alliance very optimistically. The Chinese led 'Silk Road Economic Belt', the 'Maritime Silk Route' (both are termed collectively as the One Belt One Road – OBOR) and the 'Vision for 21st Century Eurasian Connectivity' aims at creating strategic channels, trade and industrial hubs. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is also a part of OBOR. The CPEC would link Gwadar to China's Western city of Kashgar, enhancing China's access to the markets of South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East. Seen from Pakistan's perspective, the Economic Corridor would give an impetus to Pakistan's struggling economy, the country battling terrorists for over a decade will receive foreign investment, and Islamabad's regional standing would be strengthened. In view of the Belt and Road initiative, China is likely to

emerge as an active player in the region. For the regional states, in particular Pakistan, the Economic Corridor is an opportunity to integrate with the Chinese economy. The author discusses the importance of CPEC for China and Pakistan but the question of China's security sensitivities and geopolitics in the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean Strait of Malacca are not taken into account. The author does not address the geopolitical factors satisfactorily.

In *Asia's Cauldron*, Robert D. Kaplan draws a brilliant picture of the nation's adjacent to the South China Sea, the conflicts developing in the region at the dawn of the twenty-first century, and their implications for global peace and stability. Kaplan views US interests in Asian region in the context of an increasingly assertive China. He clarifies how the region's distinctive geography promotes the growth of navies but also hinders aggression.

To understand the future of conflict in East Asia, Kaplan argues, one must understand the goals and motivations of its leaders and its people. Part travelogue, part geopolitical primer, *Asia's Cauldron* takes us on a journey through the region's boom cities and ramshackle slums: from Vietnam, where the super fueled capitalism of the erstwhile colonial capital, Saigon, inspires the geostrategic pretensions of the official seat of government in Hanoi, to Malaysia, where a unique mix of authoritarian Islam and Western-style consumerism creates quite possibly the ultimate postmodern society; and from Singapore, whose "benevolent autocracy" helped foster an economic miracle, to the Philippines, where a different brand of authoritarianism under Ferdinand Marcos led not to economic growth but to decades of corruption and crime.

At a time when every day's news seems to contain some new story—large or small—that directly relates to conflicts over the South China Sea, *Asia's Cauldron* is an indispensable guide to a corner of the globe that will affect all of our lives for years to come.

Kaplan considers the geopolitics of the South China Sea and makes a compelling argument that the strategically important body of water is likely to become the flashpoint for future regional power struggles with serious international consequences. There are several reasons for this: a broad shift away from land wars in favor of less overt maritime territorial claims, China's patient but unrelenting military buildup, the sheer volume of tonnage passing through the South China Sea, and diminishing American budgets and appetite for global naval hegemony. Kaplan pays particular attention to Vietnam (the region's emergent power), Malaysia (its success story), the Philippines (its failed state), and Taiwan (its "Berlin"). China's rise has upset the global balance of power, and the first place to feel the strain is Beijing's back yard: the South China Sea. For decades tensions have smoldered in the region, but today the threat of a direct confrontation among superpowers grows ever more likely. This important book is the first to make clear sense of the South China Sea disputes. The author discusses the geopolitics of the region in detail and also gave detailed account of the possible threats in the future. The point here provides a rationale for alternative and safe routes such as CPEC.

Bill Hayton the author of *The South China Sea: The Struggle for Power in Asia* concludes through lively stories of individuals who have shaped current conflicts—businessmen, scientists, shippers, archaeologists, soldiers, diplomats makes understandable the complex history and contemporary reality of the South China Sea. He underscores its crucial importance as the passage for half of the world's merchant shipping and one-third of its oil and gas. Whoever controls these waters controls the access between Europe, the Middle East, South Asia, and the Pacific. The author critiques various claims and positions (that China has historic claim to the Sea, for example), overturns conventional wisdoms (such as America's overblown fears of China's nationalism and military resurgence), and outlines what the future may hold for this

dangerous region of international competition. The author examines the high stakes involved for rival nations that include Vietnam, India, Taiwan, the Philippines, and China, as well as the United States, Russia, and others.

The most sensitive issue today in Sino-US relations is the South China Sea, which is the passage of 40% of world trade. China's claim of 'indisputable sovereignty' over it annoys other states bordering the waters. The US has also begun to challenge the Chinese claim. In The South China Sea, the author explains the whole phenomenon and points to the rising threats of miscalculation by the stakeholders and the resulting escalation.

In his book "Monsoon," Robert D. Kaplan argues that we need fresh ways of seeing the world, and especially these parts of it that, despite being split in two by the old projections, are actually integral elements in a single coherent whole.

Kaplan's goal is to provide his countrymen with just such a map, one centered on what he calls "the Greater Indian Ocean." This is a region that stretches "eastward from the Horn of Africa past the Arabian Peninsula, the Iranian plateau and the Indian subcontinent, all the way to the Indonesian archipelago and beyond." Thanks to monsoon winds that shift direction at regular six-month intervals the waters connecting these far-flung shores have long been readily navigable, even by relatively primitive sailing vessels. Linked first by Muslim merchants, the Greater Indian Ocean was later dominated by Portugal, then by the British and most recently by the United States.

Although it became something of a strategic backwater during the cold war, this maritime domain is emerging as the global system's center of gravity. Through it pass huge tankers carrying a large fraction of the world's energy most important of all, it is in the Indian Ocean that the interests and influence of China, India, and the United States are beginning to overlap and

intersect. It is here, Kaplan says, that the 21st century's "global power dynamics will be unleashed.

Kaplan best describes the "New Great Game" that is now unfolding across the Indian Ocean. According to him, it is China that is primarily responsible for setting this game in motion. Since the turn of this century, that country's explosive economic growth has propelled it outward in search of markets, materials and, above all, energy. Thirsty for oil, Chinese tankers now ply the waters from the western Pacific, down through the narrow Strait of Malacca off Indonesia, across the Indian Ocean to the Persian Gulf.

The above mentioned literature is related to the geopolitics of China which deals with the security sensitivities of China in the South China Sea, Indian Ocean, and the Pacific region. It misses the China's OBOR strategy and the CPEC as an implication of the geopolitical and strategic sensitivities of China. The existing literature only deals with the threats and dangers faced by China and its geopolitical vulnerability but it gives no account of the geopolitical alternatives to cope with the risks. On the other hand, the existed literature on CPEC is only concerned with the prospects and challenges of the project while there is nothing available about the determinants of it. Since this study is aimed at the determinants of the CPEC therefore it will be a valuable addition to the already available literature and will fill the gaps.

1.9 Methodology

The methodology for this study is as follows:

1.9.1 Research Design:

The research is mainly qualitative wherein both primary and secondary sources will be taken into account.

Chapter 2

Historical Background of CPEC and its Strategic Significance

CPEC is essential and commonly valuable project that satisfies the interests and objectives of both the nations and is likewise anticipated that would upgrade economic and financial collaboration between different territorial actors for development. President Xi Jinping said, while explaining the importance of CPEC “The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is a focal point of our joint efforts to achieve common development, and we should use this economic corridor to drive our practical cooperation with focus on Gwadar Port, energy, infrastructure development, and industrial cooperation.” (Butt & Butt, 2015)

Other than its significance for Pakistan and China, this goal-oriented project will associate other financial operators on the regional scene; and consequently, is being viewed as an essential fixing in understanding the planned of provincial network and enhancing trade with the regions like the Central Asia, and Africa and Middle East. As CPEC is made out of routes, offshoots and roads, in this way, it would in the long run have tremendous effect on all neighboring states coming into the association. President Jinping while showing his interests to expand the benefits of CPEC said, “The planning and layout of the Economic Corridor should cover other parts of Pakistan as well so that the fruits of its development will reach both all the people in Pakistan and the people of other countries in our region.”(Butt & Butt, 2015)

CPEC is a geostrategic plan which can turn into a financial gift for the entire area; yet some regional and extra-regional actors are troubling and may see this project as perilous for their political and strategic interests.

The China Pakistan Economic Corridor is a combination of numerous advancements in the worldwide, bilateral, regional and domestic settings. A definitive target is peace, thriving and prosperity of the general population of the two nations, the territory and the world. The worldwide financial scene has changed significantly. The primary drivers of this change have been advances in communication and transportation infrastructure, free capital movements, trade liberalization, technology and creation of cross border supply chains. The focal point of gravity of the world economy has moved toward the east with the rising economies developing at a much quicker pace than the created economies. Their share of GDP multiplied in the most recent 50 years or somewhere in the vicinity. In the most recent decade 70 percent of worldwide development is credited to the rising economies. These movements reflect changes in worldwide administration. The coordination of the worldwide economy has concealed all regions of service, trade and development of capital. Agreements of regional cooperation have multiplied and fortified lately to catch this change particularly in the worldwide financial scene. Pakistan's success is no more a long voyage as the present administration is working tirelessly on such activities whose results would be unmistakable and splendid in a brief timeframe.

As of late, both the Pakistan and China Governments have attempted to concentrate on growing the monetary measurement of the relationship and convey it adequate with the fabulous collaboration between the two nations at the strategic and political level. This catalyst towards improving trade and financial collaboration has picked up quality since the close synchronous change of initiative in China and Pakistan. The new Governments in both nations have flagged their dedication to reinforcing Pakistan-China relations right off the bat in their terms of office.

CPEC Pakistan's Vision 2025 tries to position itself from a lower middle wage nation to high middle income nation by accomplishing the objective per capita GDP of \$4200.

For both states China-Pakistan corridor is a win-win. Through this uber project Pakistan will turn into the center point of trade and business in Asia and Western China will enter into Asian and European markets. It will oblige the necessities of all unifying units of Pakistan through legitimate roads and rail organize and different projects on energy inside the following three years.

The present administration is making the correct move by reinforcing its financial ties with China and this is a standout amongst the hugest assertions marked amongst Pakistan and China till now, and it would extend the profundity of their respective strategic relations.

This project is not a game-changer but rather a fate-changer for Pakistan and for the thriving of three billion individuals of the territory. The Chinese President in his upcoming visit to Pakistan would give a guide about how China would pump \$50 billion up to 2017 into host of agreements that would at last produce billions of dollars other than making various openings for work. The economic corridor won't just interface Pakistan and China, yet will demonstrate helpful in association Pakistan with its neighboring states in the Western border range. Working of the corridor will open new vista of advancement thriving thus of which the national economy will develop fast, prompt to formation of new openings for work, poverty reduction, and improvement of transportation segment and lift mechanical development. CPEC is an exhaustive bundle of agreeable activities and tasks, which covers key regions including connectivity, information network infrastructure, energy collaboration, businesses and industrial parks,

agricultural advancement, poverty reduction, tourism, economic participation and in addition education, municipal infrastructure, general wellbeing and people to people correspondence.

With the experience to be picked up during the time spent project development and change of security conditions and local economy, CPEC won't just profit the whole Pakistan yet will likewise add to regional peace and prosperity, and stability as well. It is evaluated that 3 billion individuals from China, South Asia and Central Asia, would be profited from this economic corridor. It can possibly empower portion of the total populace living in Asia, by creating exceptional trade routes amongst Pakistan and China. Economic Corridor is the most imperative agreement signed ever amongst Pakistan and China till now.

Both the governments are quick to help with arranging and giving an empowering situation yet the genuine achievement of this Corridor will happen when individuals of China and additionally Pakistan possess the improvement procedure identifying with the Corridor and work with each other for opening up all the cooperation fields .

PM Nawaz Sharif visited China soon after taking his position where the memorable MoU for CPEC was signed in the presence of the prime ministers of both countries on 5th July 2013. This MoU kick-began a progression of monetary exercises which can turn out to be a game-changer for the whole region and inspire the lives of around 3 billion individuals crosswise over China, Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East.

The corridor will connect Kashgar in Western China with the deep sea Port in Gwadar, Pakistan through a work of correspondence systems involving a world-class seaport, commercial sea lines, railways, highways, airports, oil and gas pipelines and fiber optic cables as well. For

China, CPEC is a part of a more extensive 'One Belt, One Road' technique to build up its western area and connecting the Silk Route Economic Belt to the 21st Century Maritime Silk Route. During his meeting with President of Pakistan Mamnoon Hussain on 19 Feb, 2014, Chinese President Xi Jinping likewise proposed a China-Pakistan people group of Shared Destiny. For Pakistan, it is the acknowledgment of one of seven pillars of development identifying with regional connectivity of the strategy of its development Vision 2025, that means to make the nation the following Asian Tiger. Today, an urgent section ever extend stands to be inked with the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Pakistan. The historical backdrop of China and Pakistan's profound 'all-weather' fellowship in view of historical and political alliance is spread over eras, however this corridor denote another stage in this relationship by putting monetary participation and connectivity squarely at the focal point of the two-sided plan. It is a key economic partnership that will change Pakistan into a Geo-economic center point connecting China, South Asia, the Middle East and Central Asia offering extraordinary opportunities for investors from everywhere throughout the world.

The aim of the July 2013 MoU was to empower the two Governments to collaborate in the planning and development of CPEC and strengthen economic activity along the Corridor. For this, the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform (MPD&R) was pronounced the central Ministry, which has framed a Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) with its partner in China, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). The long term plan for CPEC characterizes the general direction, ideas and objectives of collaboration from present to 2030, which will unfurl in a progression of short, medium to long term objectives inferred on the premise of research, plausibility contemplates and due perseverance. Separate Joint Working Groups in the fields of Gwadar, infrastructure development, energy and long term planning

comprising of pertinent specialists from both sides have been detailed. The joint cooperation committee and working groups have been meeting occasionally in the course of recent years. Because of the diligent work of authority, representatives and authorities of both nations, an arrangement of \$45 billion to be attempted under CPEC has been endorsed in record time.

CPEC will cater to the necessities of all federating units through broad roads and rails networks and various tasks in energy division. The project includes modern highway and railway transportation framework; connecting Kashgar in West China, to Khunjrab in the north and onwards to Karachi and Gwadar in the south of Pakistan through different courses. Energy sector has been appointed top need to help Pakistan defeat energy deficiencies keeping in mind the end goal to accomplish higher development rates for expedient advancement. The project at first conceive \$34 billion interest in energy sector and around \$11 billion in development of infrastructure. Both have concluded plans to include 10,400 MWs of power capacity through early harvest projects of energy generation spread all over the nation to be finished by the year 2017/18, and another 6,645 MWs of tasks for energy on the effectively advanced rundown. All energy related projects will be on commercial premise in speculation mode. Subsequent to finishing all the imperative administrative and other assistance necessities the two sides are nearing monetary close for 200 MW wind power projects, 5,580 MWs of coal based power generation projects, 1,590 MW hydro power project, 1,000 MW solar project and 3.8 MTPA coal mining project which will be propelled amid President Xi Jinping's visit. Rests of the projects are in pipeline and will be endless supply of strategies.

Gwadar Port Project is the centerpiece of Pak-China Strategic Partnership with its key area and potential for turning into the future energy and economic hub. The bunch of activities under

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor will change it into one of the world's driving port urban communities having top-class business and tourist facility, investment opportunities and infrastructure. This will make Gwadar an impetus for advancement of Makran Coast and Baluchistan specifically, and Pakistan in general.

CPEC is not the name of a single route or arrangement, rather it is a complete bundle of helpful activities and tasks incorporating regional connectivity, energy cooperation, information network infrastructure, industries and modern parks, agricultural advancement and destitution easing, tourism, economic cooperation and in addition improving livelihood including metropolitan framework, education, people to people contact and public health which will bring about a large number of new pursuits and a great many employments all over the country.

Furthermore, CPEC will profit all regions and bring peace, harmony, economic development and cooperation in the whole country. The capitals of provinces Quetta, Peshawar, Karachi, and Lahore are all significant hubs of the project, whilst less-developed districts of the nation including FATA, KPK, AJK, Gilgit-Baltistan, South Punjab, Thar in inside Sindh and Gwadar in Baluchistan, will be brought into the folds of dynamic improvement. Outfitting the abundance of heretofore undiscovered coal reserves throughout the previous 67 years in drought ridden Thar will change it into an energy capital of the world.

Investment in different CPEC projects which are to be acknowledged in 2015 has sent positive signals over the globe, and Modi's evaluating of Pakistan has enhanced from stable to promising. International media is additionally highlighting the hugeness of the project. CPEC will demonstrate approach to speculators from different parts of world to put resources into Pakistan, which is a 200 million market with awesome location advantage, rich assets and to a great degree

gifted individuals. Making any debates and summoning lost biases at a noteworthy time like this when the nation has the opportunity to improve its destiny would be an incredible damage to the nation. We can take in extraordinary lessons from the experience of China, whose improvement from a war-torn and peaceful nation to the world's second biggest economy occurred on the standards of political stability and social solidarity. In the meantime these standards have stayed slippery in Pakistan, whose advancement conspire got derailed and again by common military tussle and irregularities in approaches, pushing us into the rundown of slightest created nations. Chinese Leader Deng Xiao Ping confined a dream in 1979 for China to end up distinctly a middle income nation by 2049, and China accomplished the objectives much before by taking after an orderly and well-ordered approach in view of congruity of strategies. Pakistan's own Vision reports of the past regardless, today we have a key improvement structure as Vision 2025 which has been lauded by President Xi Jinping amid the APEC Summit, that expects to place Pakistan on the world's top 25 economies by 2025 – and the CPEC can make this blessing from heaven.

History has offered another opportunity today. Forging a balance between solidness, change and delivery holds key to any nation's prosperity. Shakespeare stated, “There is a tide in the affairs of man, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; quitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat, and we must take the currents when it serves, or lose our ventures.” We can't bear to miss this tide. At this notable point how about we make plans to stand together as a country in warmly respecting our Chinese partners and making an empowering domain for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor to satisfy our aspiration of making it one of 21st Century's most transformational ventures.

Since ancient times, global trade has been considered a backbone for earnings. Long-distance trade of goods and services through sea and other channels had been common around the world even during the deficiency of monetary or economic structure. In order to enable trade and commercial activities between them, states employ some policies and tools which could lead to grow their commercial relations. In present world, the growth of economic corridors is considered very important to facilitate trade as well as for expanding economic relations and regional integration. Economic corridors are defined as the culture of trade agreements and treaties, status, delegated legislation, and customs that govern and guide trade relations, institutions and structures, or movement of products, services and information in a geographic vicinity among people in and across borders.

The Corridor provides links between different financial actors along an unequivocal geography. The central point of building economic corridors is to quicken business exercises in the locale and to make new open doors for the local advancement. While an economic corridor is intended to fulfill monetary needs, it additionally involves political, strategic, and even social ramifications for the locale. As this exchange has turned into a spine of provincial improvement, Pakistan and China are building financial relations on more solid grounds by starting CPEC. The beginning and endeavors of rapid execution of CPEC are impression of enduring congeniality between the two countries. The vision of building up CPEC was glided amid President Musharraf's administration, which was later taken further by the former President Zardari. The project got a boost when in February 2013, President Zardari signed the agreement of operation of Gwadar port to China after the agreement was exchanged from the Port of Singapore Authority to a Chinese organization. Gwadar port that is the end point of CPEC is situated in Arabian Sea and involves a key position between South Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East

and lies near the Strait of Hormuz – passage for around 20% of the world's oil. The present government has adopted on a rapid strategy in regards to this venture. During the visit of Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in May 2013, he underlined the development of CPEC. The project was formally declared in August 2013, wherein CPEC Secretariat was introduced in Islamabad for advancing the associations. In this way putting the vision into reality, a few significant state visits between Pakistan and China during the previous year's additionally molded the entire thought of the economic corridor.

In February 2014, President of Pakistan, Mamnoon Hussain, went to China and talked about arrangements for the economic corridor in Pakistan with the President and Premier of China. After two months, PM Nawaz Sharif met with Premier Li in China to chat further and solidify plans for CPEC. At that point in the notable month of April 2015, Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Pakistan made a massive push in such manner. PM Nawaz Sharif and President Xi played out the earth shattering of five noteworthy energy projects and consented to 51 agreements and (MOUs) worth US \$46 billion – the biggest project by China in any country. CPEC is accepted to be a truly necessary venturing stone in improving solid financial and exchange relations between Pakistan and China.

CPEC is of gigantic significance as: It should gone through a standout amongst the most fundamental geostrategic areas in South Asia. It might essentially go about as an exchange connect between China, the Middle East, and Europe through Pakistan and will create thousands of jobs and income worth billions for both nations.(Khan, 2015)

The corridor will associate Kashgar, China's Northwestern self-sufficient area of Xinjiang, to Pakistan's Southern port of Gwadar in Baluchistan by a mismatched system of railroads, roadways, airports, and energy pipelines for exchange and tourism purposes. This will be the

longest land passage, which will run around 2,500/3,000 km from Kashgar to Gwadar, anticipated that would be finished by 2030.

Ambassador Masood Khalid described CPEC as “a catalyst of regional economic integration and a vital bridge at the confluence of the Road and the Belt, being located at the crossroads of Central Asia, the Middle East, and South Asia.”

This very noteworthy mega projects joins two projects, a land route in Eurasia and a maritime route in South East Asia; and therefore, it is a focal board of China’s “One Belt, One Road” (OBOR) idea that means to associate sixty countries to improve economic coordination between Asia, Europe and Africa, which would bring uncommon financial outcomes(Butt & Butt, 2015).Hence, CPEC is the “crown jewel” project to present another economic paradigm in the region, which can possibly not only further the solid bond between the two countries yet the entire region in the years to come. The terms of CPEC between the interlinked areas can expand exchange and support economic engine in geo-strategic regions by drawing in speculation from regional and additional territorial states.

2.1 The One Belt One Road Concept

The idea of “One Belt One Road” has got global strategic importance. The OBOR concept covers countries and regions with a population of about 4.4 billion and a total monetary amount of 21 trillion US dollars, 63%andthe World's aggregate of 29% respectively. As per the appraisal of the Economic Corridor, the project is comprises of creating the structure for regional collaboration, boosting economy, trade expansions, transportation development, mining and energy sectors and making political adaptability. It is a dream with world-evolving implications, an unfurling plan that would weave a lot of Asia, Europe, Africa, Oceania and the Middle East

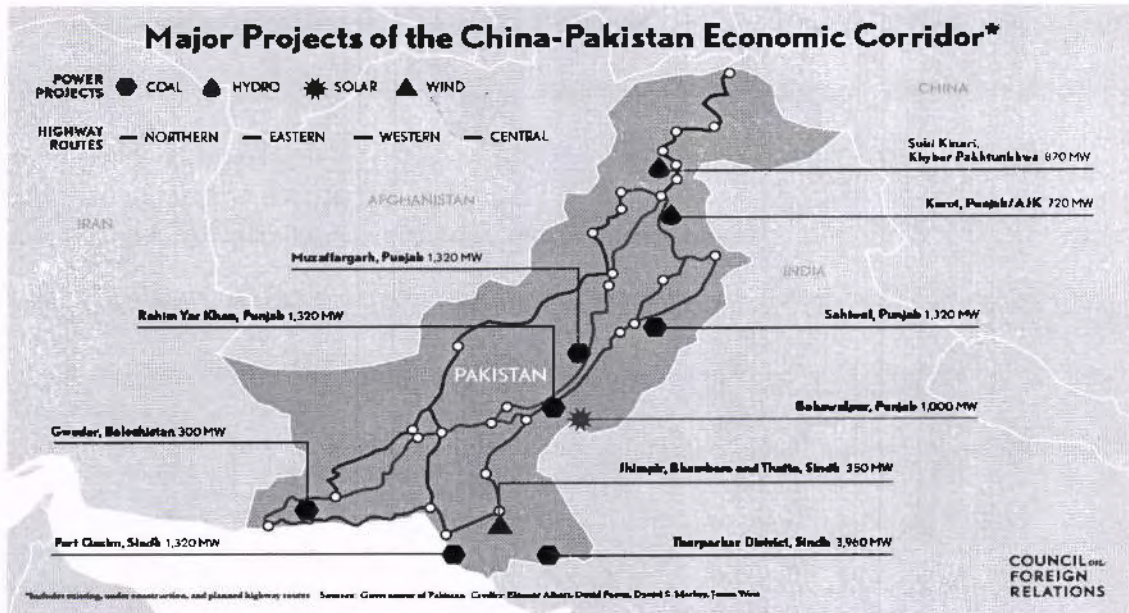
considerably more firmly together through an interwoven of diplomacy, new framework and free trade zones. The "One Belt one Road" Project comprises of three routes, southern, focal and northern route. The southern passage starts from Guangzhou, which is the third biggest city of China in South Central China. This route moves towards western parts of China and interfaces Kashgar with Pakistan at Kunjarab – a point from where China needs to connect to Gwadar port in the Arabian Sea. It is the shortest and the most possible alternative for China. The second Chinese choice is the Central Corridor that begins from Shanghai and connects the country to Tashkent, Tehran and onwards to Bandar Imam Khomeini Port of Iran on the Persian Gulf. One of its branches goes up towards Europe. This is the more drawn out route yet could be an alternative, if Pakistan does not convey on the timelines of finishing its road network to wind up distinctly a recipient of the New Silk Road Economic Belt. The third Chinese alternative is the Northern Corridor that begins from Beijing, goes through Russia, and connects it to the European cities (Fallon, 2015).

Chapter 3

CPEC and Its Economic and Strategic Significance for Pakistan

In South Asia Pakistan has acquired a huge role. Economic, commercial and geostrategic environment as well will intensify in Pakistan after the accomplishment of CPEC. It will be really helpful for Pakistan in handling the problems of destitution, variances of undeveloped territories and inflation. President Mamnoon Hussain during his meeting with President Xi Jinping said that the CPEC will be a game-changer at the end in the region by creating large amount of trade and economic activity and beginning of new aspects of advancements and developing of the citizens of both the countries and almost about 3 billion people of the region. From all the aspects CPEC will denote a game changer and in Pakistan's stability and security, it will make China a true partner. For both the countries, it is a win-win situation.

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The scope for the sustainable and steady improvement of China's financial growth will be tremendously increased. Pakistan's \$274 billion GDP will be supported by China's investment by more than 15%. China's support will help Pakistan in getting rid of the years old names of 'epicenter of terrorism', 'most dangerous country' and a 'failing state' as well as development and success in Pakistan. Pakistan value a further great financial situations in variation with India by decreasing its expenditure deficiency to 4.7% of GDP in 2014 and Pakistan is both focused and cheap as an emerging business sector (Ishaq, Ping, & Ahmed, 2017). Military and economic assistance of China will help Pakistan an awesome deal in limiting its steadily expanding crevice in economic-military-nuclear sector with India and in improving its defense prospective. While discussing the corridor, Ambassador of China to Pakistan Sun Weidong said that the disposing of energy, transport, infrastructure and industrial projects under CPEC will yield each province of Pakistan. He said that the CPEC was not restricted to only a road but also it will associate the country with many motorways and infrastructure projects. He further explained that infrastructure projects included Gwadar port, the second phase of the overhauling task of KKH, motorway project between Karachi and Lahore, Thakot-Havelian motorway, Gwadar port expressway, Gwadar international airport and Karachi Sukkur motorway, including further that the project will produce coordinated effort in areas of energy, finance, commerce, banking, business and education (Ahmar, 2015).

Some of the benefits which Pakistan will take after the completion of CPEC are as follow.

3.1.1 Energy

For any country, energy is depicted as a life line of the economy. It is most important tool of socioeconomic development of a country. There have been serious energy crises in Pakistan

because of increase in population and industrial requirement. The political instability and the exponentially mounting interest for power and lack of productivity is the main cause for Pakistan's poor power generation. As power supply is one of the essential requirements in this era of present day innovation, no serious response for the subject has however been found and it keeps on upsetting the citizens. In each area of Pakistan particularly the significant cities, control power outages and load shedding are normal. KESC and Wapda have failed to handle the issue that uncovered the collapse of the system of the country (Ritzinger, 2015).

CPEC is the perfect project that will free Pakistan of the energy crises. Energy accessibility will restore present industries, for example, textile to full production and add an expected 2% GDP growth of Pakistan. Shahbaz Sharif, the Chief Minister Punjab said that China is stretching out awesome economic collaboration to Pakistan and that the government is endeavoring for settling the energy crisis and various schemes with Chinese collaboration would begin generating electricity (Ritzinger, 2015).

Minister of Planning Development and Reforms Ahsan Iqbal, said that the CPEC will cover four noteworthy parts and energy sector is one of them. Project totaling 10,400 megawatts had been incorporated into the early harvest program in the energy sector which could be finished by 2018. Taking all things together, under an investment policy that was accessible to all investors; Chinese companies will set up \$35 to \$37 billion in the foreign direct investment for independent power production (IPP)(Hashmey, 2016).The projects would be founded coal, wind, solar and hydropower generation of 16,400 MW and the communication framework as well and would be situated in every province and Azad Kashmir. He additionally said China would set up 10 projects of 6,600MW in the Thar Desert that would change this distant and underdeveloped area into Pakistan's energy capital and will open up financial opportunities for the general population.

3.1.2 Infrastructure Development

Development of infrastructure includes the roads, ports and highways which is another essential part of China Pakistan Economic Corridor. This will fundamentally enhance infrastructure of Pakistan connecting with all the sub regions in Asia, between Europe Asia and Africa well-ordered and will evacuate all speculation and trade difficulties for the making of a peaceful business environment inside the area and in all associated countries Pakistan will get to be modernize after the Project is completed, and afterward by spreading out commercial zones for manufactured goods.

The territories adjoining the corridor would get to be distinctly alluring regions for manufacturing, agricultural and services industries, small and medium endeavors would be exceptional beneficiaries, the territories adjoining the corridor would get to be distinctly alluring areas for manufacturing, agricultural and services industries. Financial development and employment grow essentially. It will similarly pull in the whole world for economic and trade helps under which the Karakoram Highway had been recognized for the first phase and Khunjerab-Havelian Islamabad segment of the road was required to be completed in 3 years, in addition, CPEC route would be used for the formation of monetary and industrial free zones, and a new economic zone operational group would be made soon to connect all the four provinces, AJK, Fata and Gilgit-Baltistan to grow benefits of the capability over the country development. Harmony and prosperity can be consummated with economic development (Esteban, 2016). This project will go after regional domains to understand tremendous changes not exclusively to the state economies of the benefiting states but moreover to the monetary problems of the citizens at the grassroots level.

3.1.3 Balanced Environment in South Asia

China Pakistan Economic Corridor is the crown gem in the new Pakistan economic worldview in light of the fact that Pakistan has the chance to act freely of the western impact particularly the US as it has proven recently, a worsening figure. This project will give a chance to Pakistan for normalization of ties with India, Iran and Afghanistan, reinforce scenarios of harmony and improve socio-economic position of the citizens of the region (Butt & Butt, 2015).

3.1.4 Poverty Eradication

China Pakistan Economic Corridor is a game changer that will kick a huge number of Pakistanis out of destitution and wretchedness. The project holds the progress of industrial park projects, textile, dams development, the establishment of nuclear reactors and making systems of roads, railways that will produce business and individuals will be able to take possession for these projects. In undeveloped regions, fully equipped hospitals, technical and vocational training institutes, water supply and appropriation will likewise enhance the personal satisfaction of individuals.

3.1.5 Peace and Prosperity

CPEC is a multi-dollars mega project which will acquire peace and prosperity in all the regions of Pakistan. Dostain Khan Jamaldini, the Chairman of the Gwadar port, said that the CPEC would profit Balochistan as well as demonstrate helpful for the country's three provinces. Dr. Shahid Hassan, the Economist said CPEC would get more progress and unemployment will be reduced in the country. Once the Gwadar port gets started, it will bring an economic change and commercial exercises will get a truly essential help (Abid & Ashfaq, 2015).

3.1.6 Economic Development

CPEC will make a noteworthy opportunity for Pakistan to resuscitate its business and propel its financial interests will boost a vigorous and steady economy in Pakistan. It will likewise help in beating the hindrances to flows of foreign investment from different sources. More than 150 private equity funds, foreign and domestic, are dynamic in India in spite of its prohibitive financial system. Just three or four such funds are devoted to investing government, with the support of the private sector; to empower foreign direct investment in Pakistan is essential.

China has dependably been a dear companion of Pakistan since 1950s. The cooperation between the two countries has incorporated trade, defense, strategic, and geopolitical moving. With China being one of the best economic and political powers in the world, Pakistan's interests lies in improving its officially vigorous ties with China. CPEC would go about as a Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of remarkable size for Pakistan given Pakistan's appalling investment profile in the post-9/11 situation. It tumbled from \$5.4 billion in 2007-08 to \$1.6 billion in 2013-14 (Rizvi, 2015). Pakistan is a net shipper of oil and gas. In the wake of expanding demands of oil and gas, it would be to Pakistan's greatest advantage to help up its entrance to energy assets.

Pakistan utilizes natural gas to satisfy around 49% of its energy needs. After Brazil and Argentina, it is the third country that depends incredibly on natural gas for energizing engine motors. In wake of its steadily falling domestic gas assets, Pakistan watches out to the outside world for gas imports. Iran-Pakistan (IP) gas pipeline has been postponed for a long while. The development of pipelines inside Pakistan would be a basic portion of CPEC. Other than IP pipeline, Pakistan additionally tries to import gas from Turkmenistan through TAPI gas pipeline (Rizvi, 2015).

Through CPEC, Pakistan would likewise have the capacity to go about as a move for energy assets of land-locked Central Asian Republics (CARs). Associating CARs with the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf would be an extraordinary stride towards multi-nodal coordination between South Asia and Central Asia. Pakistan considers CPEC to be a passage towards accomplishing more noteworthy regional strength by joining forces with neighbors, for example, India, Afghanistan and Iran through consequent systems of economic corridors. This project would turn out to be a noteworthy certainty building measure for territorial collaboration in South Asia.

3.2 Significance and Proposed Opportunities of CPEC

The most encouraging prize for creating Economic Corridor for China with Pakistan is a significant lessening out there of China from Persian Gulf. China was having the issue of long travel of 12,900 KM from Beijing to Persian Gulf prior to the development of Economic Corridor with Pakistan. China Pakistan Economic Corridor is relied upon to lessen this distance to 2,500 KM only. Travel time will be lessened from 45 days to 10 days as it were. As per CPEC China's less developed western part Kashgar will be joined to warm water of Arabian seas by the way for Gwadar as per CPEC.

Kashgar is to be developed by China to a Special Economic Zone, which is essential for development of western China. In interfacing China to Europe through Central Asia by Silk Road Economic Belt (SREB), China Pakistan Economic Corridor is assuming a vital part. China can spare around \$6 Million every day for meeting half of its present level of oil importing, by receiving the Kashgar-Gwadar Route rather than Maritime Silk Route, in this way contributing almost \$2 Billion yearly. An oil pipeline of 2,500 KM from Gwadar to Kashgar is foreseen in future alongside the development of the railway and road. This project can put China and

Pakistan in a superior strategic position with the Arabian Sea. China has effectively included in ports of Hambantota in Sri-Lanka, Sittwe in Myanmar and Chittagong in Bangladesh (Talwar, 2015). Exports of Pakistan can be expanded to China particularly gemstones by delivering at full limit and by receiving the route of China Pakistan Economic Corridor. Though Pakistan which has a fare limit of 800,000 carats of Ruby, 875,000 carats of Emerald and 5 Million carats of Peridot, China is being the biggest buyer market for gemstones. Pakistan is not producing gemstones at its full limit currently. GDP of Pakistan is relied upon to outreach 6% accordingly of CPEC because of an expansion of 2.1% in the development rate of GDP. Business communities of both, China and Pakistan are of the conviction that because of China Pakistan Economic Corridor, agriculture sector won't stay unblessed of the common collaboration by exchange of technology. Security is needed for fruitful culmination of the Projects of CPEC. A special force of 10,000 constabulary force made out of 6,000 new work force in addition to 4,000 reserve police staffs is arranged with an aggregate cost of Rs.5.2 Billion by Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) to guarantee peace in Balochistan (Talwar, 2015).

The two routes Eastern and Western are intended for associating Gwadar to Kashgar, till Abbottabad both stay same, the distinction lies after Abbottabad. Eastern route is Kashgar-Aliabad-Gilgit-Muzaffarabad-Abbottabad-Islamabad-Rawalpindi-Lahore-Faisalabad-Multan-RahimYarKhan-Sukkur-Khuzdar-Turbat-Gwadar. Western Route after Abbottabad is Peshawer-Kohat-Dera Ismail Khan-Zhob-Quetta-Kalat-Turbat-Gwadar. Experts contend that government needs to experience the ill effects of KPK and Baloch administration for not receiving western route for China Pakistan Economic Corridor. It might make a feeling of being denied of advantages and chances of China Pakistan Economic Corridor between authorities and citizen for underdeveloped territories of KPK and Baluchistan. Opposition Leaders condemn CPEC route

by stressing the rejection of Pashtun-Baloch territories in senate. Government declares that the eastern route should be developed first.

Receiving eastern route is of great importance as the eastern route is more secure and relatively more developed. As per information given by Pakistan Institute to Peace Studies, the number of terrorist attacks, numbers of individuals harmed and executed are portrayed in bar charts for urban areas related to CPEC. It is obvious that the eastern route is less inclined to terrorism activities in Pakistan among all these outlines. Chinese companies are moreover embracing Project Financing on the premise of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) and are not willing to put resources into western route. These arrangements of huge projects will make a huge number of openings. Pakistan's Government manages no reason in timely consummation of CPEC (Rafi, 2016).

Senator Mushahid Hussain commented that Parliamentary Committee of CPEC ought to guarantee that less developed areas of Baluchistan and KPK must appreciate the advantages of western route of CPEC. Pakistan's geostrategic significance is upgraded by including in CPEC and by giving a route to China; Pakistan can assume the part of a scaffold between Asian and African, Asian and European areas. World Bank has expected increment of 15.4% of GDP in Investment of Pakistan till the year 2017 accordingly of CPEC activities execution according to the Pakistan Daily Times. In Pakistan, Chinese interest in a few undertakings has noteworthy positive effect on the economy. Energy, power generation, Steel and Cement sectors should get a significant level of change.

3.3 Economic Stability of Pakistan

CPEC can turn out to be a trump card which will give a major chance to balance out its economy for a state like Pakistan which faces extreme political and economic difficulties while bettering relations with its neighbor countries and by making Gwadar an economic hub of the area. The corridor will offer a solution to its issues and will open new prospects of growth by improving socio-economic conditions of the citizens and by inspiring their quality of life for a temperamental economy of Pakistan. In Punjab, Gilgit-Baltistan, KPK, Baluchistan, and Sindh, numerous Special Economic Zones are imagined to be built up. In the long run this will carry opulence with the investment from the international investors and will help Pakistan to drive its financial development.

3.4 Enhancement of Security Cooperation

An extra advantage of CPEC will be upgraded security cooperation between China and Pakistan which is of essential significance for both nations. Since the War on Terror, Pakistan is tormented by terrorist activities and correspondingly China is additionally worried over the circumstance of Xinjiang where secessionist movement of Muslim Uighurs and rising terrorist activities by East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM) are making an unsafe circumstance. This is the place CPEC comes in as wide based security collaboration between two sides is expected to settle the circumstance in Xinjiang and the contiguous region. Both of the nations are joined in the battle against the evils of terrorism, fanaticism, and separatism, which are ruining progress on both sides. The change in security condition accordingly of CPEC participation would add to the peace and stability of the entire region.

3.5 Augmenting Naval Partnership

Pakistan and China would likewise get a chance to increase their maritime participation in fields, as shared activities and preparing against counter piracy at high seas through CPEC. The unsuitable situation for both Pakistan and China is that the US is seeking India with the proclaimed reason for doling out the lead part in the Indian Ocean. India's in fact cozying up to powers that China is doubtful of, urges Pakistan and China to fortify their coalition further. Focused on Gwadar, Pakistan-China strategic naval partnership will abandon the Indo-US desire of overwhelming the Indian Ocean. To deal with the Gwadar Port China's ideal has strong military potentials for the country as it gives China a path into Gulf states and in the future open a door to think about setting up as a naval base on the Arabian Sea. Subsequently of CPEC collaboration, the change in Pakistan-China naval partnership would add to the balance of power in the entire region.

3.6 Promotion of People-to-People Contact

Another vital prospect of CPEC for both nations will improve people to people contacts and expanding social collaboration among the people from both sides which is of premier significance to strengthen this project and to assemble a concordant neighborhood.

President Xi Jinping expressed that: It is the people who advance progress of nations and history. The support of our peoples is an inexhaustible source of force fostering China-Pakistan all-weather friendship and all-round cooperation. We should use the platforms of sister cities, cultural centers and media organizations to conduct diverse events of celebration. China and Pakistan should continue to send 100-member youth groups to visit each other's country and encourage more contacts and exchanges between young Chinese and Pakistanis. In the next five

years, China will provide 2,000 training opportunities for Pakistan and train 1,000 Chinese language teachers for Pakistan.

3.7 Regional Connectivity; Future Prospects

By taking part in more prominent economic activity, the territorial nations can expand their common goals and construct a supportive and positive environment, particularly trade collaboration. Situated at the intersection of resource rich Central and West Asia, the Persian Gulf and the oil rich Middle East, Pakistan holds a key position. Pakistan's economy has stayed shy of utilizing its maximum capacity yet because of the elements like unpredictable geopolitics, deficient transportation frameworks and lack of energy. Pakistan will have the capacity to improve its strategic significance with the execution of CPEC. It would interface South Asia, Central Asia, North Africa and Gulf states with economic and energy collaboration ties.

Masood Khalid, Pakistan's Ambassador to China said: "The territory of Pakistan is like a corridor which connects China and Arabian Sea and Pakistan is a bridge between China and the world."

Situated at the Arabian Sea, the Gwadar Port has the limit of taking care of up to 19 million tons of crude oil every year, in the wake of setting up the required framework.(Khetran, 2015) China is occupied with building up a direct crude oil pipeline from Gwadar to Xinjiang through the development of CPEC (Khetran, 2015).

All trades to and from Central Asian Republics (CARs) will receive the briefest accessible routes by means of Gwadar and the exchange advantages to Pakistan are relied upon to duplicate with the development of Gwadar Port. Pakistan could turn into a noteworthy world network for petro-

chemical exchange and extraordinarily invigorate its monetary development (Esteban, 2016). Further, Balochistan will get to be distinctly huge for territorial integration (Amir, 2016).

It is predictable that this Corridor will interface with Afghanistan and India(Iqbal, 2015).India has been doubtful about the Belt and Road activity, as India does not wish to see China grow its impact in South Asia, which could be a risk to its economy, nor the arrangement of a second extreme of impact in South Asia(Amir, 2016). India has raised up protests to the Corridor planned for going through Gilgit-Baltistan (Iqbal, 2015). India has likewise declared to invest US \$ 160 million in the development of Iranian Chabahar port to counter Chinese moves, which they believe will be a way to achieve Central Asia and Afghanistan without relying on Pakistan (Rafi, 2016).

3.8 CPEC as a Source of Cooperation in South Asia

Indian economy has demonstrated significant development during the most recent decade. This development can spread out to new levels if India and Pakistan advance an agreeable association as to development of region-wide transport and economic corridor. This would energize networks all through South Asia, upgrade region's economic integration and increment territorial and worldwide exchange (Jamil, 2016). Before, regional and interstate participation in South Asia has not lived up to its actual potential. Pakistan and China have both demonstrated enthusiasm for fusing India into the insignia of CPEC through a synergized organize. This approach will make CPEC a source of tremendously required participation in the region particularly between Pakistan and India in South Asia.

However, India has generally remained a major factor behind the advancement of Sino-Pak key ties, India may not stay such a driving force with the transformational affect achieved by CPEC.

In the post 2008 Mumbai assaults 'situation, China seeks after the strategy of bridging gap between India and Pakistan to advance economic and security collaboration for regional development. China's approach towards relations with India has enormously moved toward economic cooperation and regional stability (Jamil, 2016). With such an approach, joining of CPEC by India would be in light of a legitimate concern for China.

3.9 CPEC as a Source of Competition in South Asia

On the off chance that India demands cutting out its own route through Iran to Afghanistan and Central Asia to address its needs autonomous of China and Pakistan (through the port of Chabahar in Iran), then the CPEC will be viewed as a source of competition between China and India as well as India and Pakistan in South Asia. Then again, China goes for appending other regional countries with CPEC keeping in mind the end goal to solidify its endeavors at improving and synergizing regional trade and its political influence in the region. India's reservations versus CPEC and conflict of its interests with those of Pakistan and, especially, China can turn this mega project a source of competition in the region.

3.10 Impact on Regional and Extra-Regional Actors

CPEC, the super land-sea project, in the coming years will fundamentally change the general geo-political and strategic setting of Asia and can possibly redesign the economic viewpoint of the territorial states. It is normal that a large number of individuals of the territory will profit by this Corridor as the project has the ability to help financial exercises, increment exchange links, upgrade practical participation, create new economic opportunities, and enhance socio-cultural availability among individuals in the area. The execution of this comprehensive project would bring economic transformation that can change the destiny of the regional states decidedly.

Thus CPEC has a more noteworthy regional and economic incentive as it would give chance to every regional actor to make South Asia a consistent coordinated region. In spite of the fact that there exist many favorable circumstances for upgrading economic joint effort and building up regional interconnection, to put the possibility of CPEC into the truth is as yet confronting a few difficulties. The unique and clashing interests of some territorial and additional regional actors are danger to the development and accomplishment of CPEC. Since the decree of CPEC, the territorial situation has as of now changed the same number of countries have started to see the project with basic eyes and as a string to their advantage, that can ruin the serene finish of this venture.

3.11 Afghanistan

CPEC is of essential significance in geo-strategic sense for a country like Afghanistan, which is landlocked. The country can turn into a noteworthy recipient of this project with the expansion of CPEC to Afghanistan, as in future the Corridor will add to the economic advancement of this weak country by improving economic exercises in the range, which can take the delicate economy of Afghanistan back to commonality.

So as to connection up Afghanistan with CPEC, Islamabad swore to grow 265 km long Peshawar to Kabul motorway. This connotation will join Afghanistan with different districts and moreover permit her to begin commercial exercises through Indian Ocean (Butt & Butt, 2015).

The western arrangement of the Corridor, which starts from Gwadar and goes through Khuzdar, Zhob lastly achieves Islamabad by means of D.I. Khan, will have a further network to connection through Chaman to Afghanistan. To reach to the sea port of Gwadar, it will give a simple and short access to Afghanistan which is very nearly 600 km shorter than the existing travel route

being utilized by the dealers and individuals of Afghanistan. In like manner, the eastern arrangement of the corridor which will go through the motorways beginning from Karachi to Lahore and forward to Islamabad and Abbottabad, will likewise enhance road network between both countries. So both arrangements will additionally interface Pakistan and Afghanistan through improved motorways and roads. It won't just inspire and energize trade and will tremendously assist in lessening separation and travelling time between the two neighbors once the system of motorways is completed. Afghanistan will be in position to profit by the rising financial open doors subsequently of improvement of the corridor along these lines.

3.12 Central Asian Republics (CARs)

In the heart of Eurasia the Central Asian States are arranged, which presents selective advantage as key transport section. All territorial and worldwide states – including China and Pakistan – are covetous to get into nearer collaboration with these states due to their essential geo-strategic location and their extravagance in oil and natural gas assets with significant repositories in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan. For CARs, the greater parts of the five landlocked nations wish to access the sea and expansion of energy network which CPEC venture can satisfy. The corridor can likewise help in bringing colossal openings for the CARs in the financial fields. CARs can be encouraged with transit trade and pipeline routes by Pakistan and their merchandise can be easily traded to Middle East and European states by means of Gwadar Port for the transportation of their regular energy resources. These energy rich states of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan, moreover have a fine opportunity to turn out from Russian control and export their natural resources through CPEC (Javaid & Javaid, 2016). Further Central Asian nations, particularly Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, append awesome significance to the transport infrastructure, the absence of which remains a main obstacle for their moderate participation with

the global markets; nonetheless, CPEC will generally defeat the issue. Tajikistan could access to the Indian Ocean directly through interfacing with it on the off chance that the Pakistan-China railway is completed.

Ambassador Sherali S. Jononov said, “The Central Asian States fully support CPEC project... It will narrow down the distance among the regional countries through road and rail links for their socio-economic uplift. This project is of our common benefit.”

To become part of CPEC project and has offered for an option get to route to the sea; the Kazakh administration has additionally demonstrated its profound enthusiasm while, Pakistan has effectively proposed to be associated with Central Asia through Termez – the southern city of Uzbekistan. The landlocked CARs can significantly profit from an access route to the world market through CPEC, once the project is finished.

3.13 Iran

India started its —Connect Central Asia policy (2012), which was trailed by India-Central Asia strategic talks, high level state visits, and various partnerships agreements concerning the development of energy and natural resources. Presently, India is doing exchange operations with Afghanistan by means of Pakistan's Karachi port. Be that as it may, given its eccentric and unfriendly relations with Pakistan, India is keen on paying special mind to substitute alternatives to get associated with Afghanistan and Cars. An under-development Chabahar port in Iran close Pakistan-Iran fringe can give India a chance to get to Afghanistan and CARs regionally bypassing Pakistan. This will encourage India in guaranteeing energy security and broadening energy sources. The corridor challenged confrontation from Iran who saw it to be an opposition and is working with India to build up its port of Chabahar at first. Iran has considered choices of

support in CPEC, as of late in September 2015, the point being to improve accessibility through railway and road systems to spread the range of exchange and transportation. China and Pakistan will build the liquid natural gas terminal at Gwadar which is a good news for Iran is that as a feature of CPEC, and the 700 km long pipelines to import LNG from China which can turn into the Iran-Pakistan pipeline too. All that Pakistan needs to do now is to interface Gwadar with the Iranian outskirt, which is a separation at someplace in the range of 80 kms. The Iran-Pakistan proposed gas pipeline will run from Asaluyehin Iran to the Gwadar port of Pakistan, the operational hub of CPEC and from that point ahead to Nawabshah in Sindh toward the north of Karachi. For an Iranian mega gas pipeline prompting to China, Pakistan can turn into the transit nation. It would also be the shorter route linking China with Iran's enormous gas fields (Arif, 2016). At present, the trilateral of Iran-China-Pakistan in the district is improving which is a positive sign for CPEC as it guarantees immense advantages in inter-regional trade.

3.14 United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Another country that appears to be troubled with the possibility of CPEC is UAE. Ports assume principle part in economy of UAE; and once Gwadar port turns out to be completely operational it will specifically influence Dubai port, which can lose nearly 70% of its business. Besides, as of late the relations between Pakistan and the UAE have been influenced by the former's refusal to send forces to battle along UAE and Saudi Arabia with Houthi revolts in Yemen. These components incited UAE to scan for new strategic accomplices to conflict with Pakistan – India is by all accounts an evident choice.

However, UAE should understand the ground realities which indicate that the drawback of CPEC and Gwadar for UAE are not for longer period. In future, if UAE makes investment in real

estate and construction in Gwadar, it can generate huge profit for UAE but lining up with India to pause the construction of CPEC will cut UAE's relations with Pakistan.

3.15 India

India has as of now officially communicated its worries over CPEC's entry. India's worries, which seem, by all accounts, to be established in geostrategic implications of Chinese nearness in the Indian Ocean, are outlined beneath. India is particularly inspired by building energy and trade relations with Iran and the Central Asian Republics (CARs). Hence, India has put resources into creating Iranian port of Chabahar situated close Iran-Pakistan outskirts keeping in mind the end goal to get to CARs by means of Iran and Afghanistan. The arranged CPEC route goes through Gilgit-Baltistan which India trusts exists in the disputed region of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir. India has openly communicated its worries in this regard. For some years, there has been a marvelous ascent in India's utilization of energy.

CPEC which is still a two-sided activity amongst Pakistan and China has expanded Indian lunacy, making some power attentiveness toward India as the corridor can counter its hegemonic outlines in the Indian Ocean, Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea. CPEC will moreover have an immediate land route access to the CARs with Afghanistan and Iran that India does not have. In addition, while China is one of India's biggest trading accomplices, India may have long term security issues about Chinese control of the Pakistani seaport of Gwadar.

CPEC, for China implies that China should have the high ground in the Arabian Sea, as it will through Gwadar's seaport have finish control over the Strait of Hormuz. Those will probably affect India's trade route. CPEC is a noteworthy sympathy toward India – the transcendent power of South Asia, thus the expanding strategic relationship between the two nations as, which is

unmistakably upset with the arrangement of China Pakistan Economic Corridor and has unequivocally voiced its opposition. During his visit to China, Indian PM Modi attempted to propose the Chinese President to drop the arrangement of the project as India found the general concept unacceptable; in any case, China is resolved to advance with the project.

This incited India to find new strategic accomplices around and not to linger behind to adjust its political competition with both. First one in this respect is Indo-Iranian Nexus. Taken by India to diminish the estimation of CPEC route, it is a vital activity which is to assemble Chabahar port in Iran, located 72 km west of Gwadar port. The collaboration amongst Iran and India has noticeably expanded, as the worldwide sanctions against Iran are over. Both nations have marked MoU for expanding respective exchange to \$30 billion and an air-services agreement was inked to build the quantity of flights between the two countries and permitting each other's aircrafts to fly to extra goals. Arrangements are occurring for more prominent maritime participation, and Iran has officially joined the yearly Indian Ocean Naval Symposium, to draw in each other, it gives a gathering to the naval forces of the Indian Ocean littoral states. In building up the deliberately critical Chabahar port in Iran, the Modi government has chosen to put \$85.21 million, permitting India to go around Pakistan and open up a route to landlocked Afghanistan where it has grown close security ties and monetary interests (Wagner, 2016).

To build up this seaport, India has subsidized and developed link roads which hold monstrous key hugeness for India as its presence in Chabahar will offset the presence of China in Gwadar, and likewise through this port it will access landlocked CARs. China's expanding part in Afghanistan as it is subsidizing a scope of projects for recreation in the nation is another improvement which made India fluctuates. India is energetic to assume a key part in Afghanistan and has put resources there, is now embracing political and unusual strategies to crash the

advancement of the economic corridor. CPEC can yet open up exchange entryways for both Afghanistan and India. The geographical position of Pakistan makes it expensive for both Afghanistan and India to take up different routes for bilateral trade. The substitute network for Afghanistan-India travel exchange can be helped out through Iranian Chabahar Port; in any case, through Pakistan the land-sea route would not be financially savvy much when contrasted with the land-based way.(Amir, 2016)

Therefore, because of this land impulse, at present India needs to mellow its inflexibility and to give Afghanistan has a chance to get the advantages of CPEC. In its endeavors to counter CPEC, India has additionally swung to the UAE which seems to wind up distinctly its new vital accomplice in the locale. India and the UAE could set up an infrastructure development subsidize, with the point of achieving the objective of \$75 billion, to bolster interests in the quick development of next generation framework in India, particularly railway, ports, airports, roads, industrial corridors and parks. Likewise, they consented to encourage the Indian organizations cooperation in framework improvement in the UAE and advance strategic partnership in the energy division. India moreover does not appear to be satisfied with the giving over of Gwadar Port to China because of its security concerns; consequently, there is probability that India-UAE nexus can make hindrances in the method for investigation exercises in the resource rich area of Baluchistan by fuelling uprising in the same and will endeavor to fall flat the Gwadar Port development project.

3.16 The United States:

Dissimilar to the normally held observation, the greatest compelling force to be reckoned with, the US has not contradicted CPEC in this way; rather US State Department has put forth

most surely understood and freedom Baluch pioneers have upbraided the negative effect they trust CPEC will have in Baluchistan and some have even cautioned China 'to avoid Gwadar'. Beijing's concerns on this issue made the Pakistani experts report, during Xi Jinping's visit to Islamabad in April 2015, the production of a 12,000-in number constrain committed to ensuring Chinese interests and nationals in Pakistan. This new Special Security Division is supported by Pakistan, albeit certain very much educated sources have proposed that China will give some equipment. Additionally, 45 billion rupees is required to be spent in fiscal year 2016 on raising the security unit and on Operation Zarb-e-Azb. This is a key issue, since Beijing has turned out to be touchier over the previous years to assaults against Chinese nationals on foreign land.

The CPEC's security is moreover almost interlinked with regional geopolitics, particularly with India's position on the action and on the change of Afghanistan. Many voices have raised concerns about the CPEC in India, and even the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, reproached the project as "unacceptable" during his visit to Beijing in June 2015. Indian reservations are mostly related to certain CPEC transport projects crossing Gilgit-Baltistan which is part of the disputed region of Jammu and Kashmir, and the repercussions of China's less complex access to the Indian Ocean and how can they impact on India's security and strategic settings. Distinctive quarters in Pakistan assume that these fears have even incited to coordinated effort between Indian security offices and Pakistani activists, especially taking after the catch in Baluchistan in March 2016 of an affirmed officer of the Research and Analysis Wing.

Since the corridor could urge Indian access to Central Asia, this is not to deny that the CPEC can offer inspirations for India to improve its relations with Pakistan. The China Pakistan Economic Corridor in that capacity is not quite recently undermined by the security conditions inside and outside Pakistan, yet can moreover add to improving them. Regarding Afghanistan, the potential

duty of the CPEC to regional stability is clearer at present. The important part for the accomplishment of the CPEC is the peace in Afghanistan and the diminishing of the worldwide backing for the East Turkestan Independent Movement activists. To revive the peace in Afghanistan, these are the reasons of Chinese decision to share in a joint effort with the organizations of the US, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Before moving the One Belt, One Road activity, this prompt Chinese consideration in search for a political settlement to the war in Afghanistan shows up distinctively in connection to Beijing's declared strategy of non-interference.

In common economic cooperation another trouble is the absence of involvement, since Pakistani-Chinese relations have been obliged to political and military segments. This inadequate financial correspondence is appeared by profession and theory figures. The estimation of individual trade was underneath US\$1 billion until 2001 and China situated among the three key remote monetary authorities in Pakistan in the midst of only a solitary financial year (2006/07) in the previous decade. Consequently, it can be fought that the CPEC joins a money related segment to this long and consolidated two-sided relationship and both sides are presently making sense of how to collaborate in this field (Esteban, 2016).

One of the experts of political party of China forewarned that security threats, political precariousness, absence of managerial machinery and ability level of Pakistan's workforce are impediments for viable fulfillment and CPEC agreements operationalization. In the past, Gwadar to Ratodero (M-8) has been subject to put off, as a result of ominous security situation in some sensitive areas of Baluchistan. In Pakistan, flawed points of view about decision of longer route are found. Punjab Province is considered rather than less created urban communities of territory of Baluchistan and KPK which is battled by confinement parties.

At the International Department of the Central Committee Communist Party of China, the Vice Director General of Policy Research Office, Dr. Luan Jianzhang is of the view that political tumult, security situation and administrative matters are a segment of serious troubles in the strategy for powerful completion of the economic corridor. Pakistan has gone up against the position of economic pivot for the whole region is subjected to the improvement of the corridor that has been described by various as a crucial moment with the ultimate objective. For the adversaries of Pakistan both inside and outside, this paradigm shift in conditions is an explanation behind extraordinary worry US, Israel and India; all the three states are hopeless.

CPEC is a thistle in its paw for India. To obstruct the project move forward, they have assembled their heads to work out on new techniques. In Delhi Raw has opened a special office that has been allocated \$300 million to disturb CPEC. One can see officially, in the demonstrations of dread, a sudden upsurge in the three fretful locales and initiation of specific NGOs and research organizations, all trying to air qualms and make fear psychosis. Some regional political parties in Pakistan like PkMAP, Baloch patriots and ANP have raised protests against the expansion of CPEC. Even PTI and JUI (F) indicated viewpoints to rise the temporary fad of aggression to the strengths of CPEC. Protests were being raised in spite of confirmations that this project will provide chances to all the provinces to rise. For Pakistan there are various inside and outside difficulties over One Belt One Road Project. Some of the intense difficulties have been stated here.

3.18 China Pakistan Economic Corridor and the Baluchistan Factor

An astonishing area, one of the world's incredible trade routes, connecting the deep water port of Gwadar to the city of Kashgar, Baluchistan is a one of the most important regions of Pakistan.

For over 10 years, this province has been persistent by a grisly separatist insurgency. Baloch extremists have exploded various gas pipelines and have assaulted Chinese engineers who contradict Baluchistan uncommon improvement of Gwadar. Unless it gets to be distinctly autonomous, they would not prefer to see Baluchistan to make it as an economic and trade hub. They are of the view that outsiders would move in if Gwadar port turns into a flourishing port. Against the Baloch, that could measure the territory's statistic adjust considerably. Another essential reason for rebellion in Baluchistan is Ethno-sectarian; discussion over CPEC has added more fuel to the blast as though this was not enough for keeping Baluchistan tense. The CPEC is probably going to end up distinctly progressively hostile, passing by the historical backdrop of the prior Baluchistan related projects.

In his article 'A few questions answered' Muhammad Ali Talpur wrote: "The CPEC is the center of interest for Pakistan, China and, naturally the world, as all perceive it according to the strategic and economic advantages and disadvantages it holds for them, whatever importance it may hold for others, it is extremely important for the Baloch whose lives will be destroyed in the name of development."

Baluchistan's several separatist leaders are against the CPEC. Brahamdagh Bugti, the leader of the forbidden Baloch Republican Party, in such regard, condemned the Gwadar port projects CPEC and to decide its future, called for an UN sponsored referendum in Balochistan. Obtained by Pakistan from the US and other western countries for combating terrorists and extremist groups were also being used against the democratic and political struggle of the Baloch people, he alleged the military equipment and funds. In Baluchistan, occasional kidnappings and killings of Chinese workers have been there. Tankers carrying fuel to a Chinese company working on a mining project were attacked by Baloch separatists. A particular target is Gwadar port which was

recently put under the management of a Chinese state-owned company. Radicals do not want to see it established. Editor of the Balochistan Express newspaper Siddiq Baloch, said the rebels want to scare off investors and developers such as Chinese who are working with the government of Pakistan. He further said that there is the view that by doing this, they want to disrupt the administration and challenge the administration in the area and wants to disrupt the working of the economy. Concerns of Baluchistan are addressed sensibly is the high time. The nation cannot afford to fall in the trap of spoilers for a project as big as the CPEC, which is potentially a game-changer for the economy of all the provinces (Abid & Ashfaq, 2015).

Vice Director General of Policy Research Office at the International Department of the Central Committee Communist Party of China Dr. Luan Jianzhang said that in the way of successful completion of CPEC, the security situation in Pakistan, political turmoil, regulatory issues, and the ability-level of the Pakistani workforce working on the project are some of the major challenges in its front. In Pakistan the security circumstances would remain a noteworthy issue in the method for understanding the maximum capacity of the CPEC. Security of the CPEC should be a need on the off chance that any exchange will happen amongst Pakistan and China or amongst China and whatever remains of the world through Pakistan. The motorway from Gwadar to Ratodero (the M-8) is especially precarious as far as the security of the CPEC connectivity infrastructure is concerned. In light of the awful security circumstance in the fretful regions of Baluchistan, work on the project has paused a couple times in the past.

Amongst Gwadar and Ratodero that goes through a huge inadequately populated domain of Baluchistan encountering a dynamic rebellion, the trickiest leg of the CPEC road network as for security is the connection. From 2007 to July 2014, 1,040 fear terrorist assaults that is 23% of the aggregate detailed from Baluchistan happened in Awaran, Gwadar, Kech, Khuzdar, Lasbela, and

Panjgur areas, which are on the course of the CPEC, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) Pakistan's top venture authorizing specialist, taking comprehension of the extra safety efforts required for the CPEC in Baluchistan, affirmed Rs.5.2 billion for enrolling 6,000 new work force, will's identity joined by 4,000 save police staff to make a 10,000 in number constabulary force for assurance of the CPEC in Baluchistan. Fierce occurrences reported from different provinces of Pakistan, which will be home to the CPEC are not high in number. Maintaining a strategic distance from the moderately shorter direction of connecting Gwadar with the KKH by means of the Indus Highway that goes KPK, the organizers of the CPEC have really picked a more extended arrangement of the road arrange, due to security concerns.

Few analysts have voiced their conclusions against bypassing the shorter route of CPEC. It would deny these minimized ranges of KPK and Baluchistan from greatly required monetary improvement they contend. In June 2014, in the Senate, there was likewise a verbal confrontation about the CPEC in which certain senators reprimanded the bypassing of the "Pashtun and Baloch territories" regarding the CPEC. A pioneer of a regional political party from KPK as of late declared in an open rally that his party would rampage if the under developed regions of Baluchistan and KPK were overlooked for the CPEC. There is a genuine requirement for enhancing the peace circumstance in the nation by and large, regardless of whether staying away from the underestimated zones of the nation due to security issues is the correct decision or not. Plus, at some point or another the shorter and more temperate direction should be joined into the CPEC. In spite of the fact that in Pakistan there is a political accord with regards to China-Pakistan relations, political instability can and has influenced the smooth cruising of the CPEC. Having assumed responsibility from another justly chose government

through a smooth and quiet move of force that there would be a genuine political turmoil in the country in about a year's time; some would have speculated the beginning of the present parliament and government. However, under the CPEC, there was a political emergency in the country with genuine results for a portion of the projects.

The cancellation of the scheduled visit of Chinese president to Islamabad (aimed for signing several agreements) during the political turmoil in the capital is an extremely conspicuous case of how it affected the China-Pakistan relations. There is a genuine requirement for political dependability, and a progression of strategy and planning, particularly regarding foreign relations with long term arrangements like the Vision 2025 set up. Creating utilization of the current physical and institutional foundation is not the same as building it up. Amongst Pakistan and whatever other territorial nations so far as that is concerned, Pakistan has not been making great utilization of the land-based route amongst Pakistan and China.

The land based exchange amongst Pakistan and China is just a small amount of the aggregate exchange between the two nations in spite of a global road transport agreement amongst Pakistan and China in 1993 that got to be distinctly operational in 2006. Its exchange with despite everything stays miniscule, essentially, while Pakistan has travel, transport, and correspondence with a large group of regional nations. They neglect to change the disillusioning reality while an assortment of reasons is given by authorities of Pakistan for the under-usage of the current institutional system for intra-regional trade. As for China too, Pakistani authorities indicate certain regulatory systems utilized by the Chinese experts, for example, the prerequisite for truckers of Pakistan to offload at Tashkurgan rather than Kashgar according to the assertion, delays because of the issuance of visas to the drivers and additionally leeway of travelers at Tashkurgan, and overwhelming isolate charges and so on (Abid & Ashfaq, 2015).

Authorities of China battle that Pakistan is not singled out for such isolate checks. Trucks moving inside China from a few parts of the country to the other are additionally subjected to such measures and they keep that up. They concur, in any case, that these techniques should be assessed and that the circumstance could enhance for transporters later on. Albeit countless dollars are wanted to be spent on restoration of the Karachi-Peshawar rail interface as far as railways are concerned, there is an unavoidable issue stamp on the limit of Pakistan Railways for using the foundation it as of no. Change of a railway lines does not appear to be the main prerequisite of Pakistan Railways with 94% of traveler movement and 97% of products transported by roads inside Pakistan.

There are some serious limiting matters that should also be tended. For example, for the overhauling of the track, the continuous plausibility study would just survey the framework prerequisites. Keeping in view the horrifying condition of execution of the foundation, it is advantageous to know how much esteem would be added to the products transport in the nation after the restructure is finished. The Chairman of the Gwadar Port Authority, Dostain Khan Jamaldini told the Senate Standing Committee on Ports and Shipping that deferral in different tasks identified with Gwadar had expanded their expenses from Rs8 billion (around \$79 million) to Rs100 billion (around \$992 million) in 6 years, in spite of the fact that the undertakings identified with the Gwadar Port have been given need by the administration,

He particularly said absence of advance on the development of an energy network, to obtain arrive for the railway lines, the disappointment of Pakistan Railways, and to get arrive for interfacing roads for the airport, the disappointment of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Another real test is the troublesome geography of northern areas Pakistan that interfaces it with China. A portion of the geographical snags are being overcome; for example, the bypassing of

Pakistan while centering itself on the innovative side; Pakistan would get mechanical speculation from China as joint ventures with ensured purchase back plans. Aside from the RuYi-Masood Textile Industrial Park, the forms of which is not yet clear either nothing of the sort is on the table in the CPEC right now.

Hasan Askari Rizvi calls for connecting West Asia, Central Asia and South Asia. For which, notwithstanding, he appropriately calls attention to that Pakistan won't just need to deal with its household financial and security circumstance, however it will likewise need to standardize monetary and political relations with India. This is an exceptionally reasonable method for taking a gander at the capability of the CPEC for regional connectivity, and territorial network by and large as articulated in the Vision 2025. Coordinate exchange with India and Afghanistan should be enhanced for understanding the objective of local network under the system of Vision 2025.

3.19 Chinese Dependence on CPEC: An Alternative to Other Trade Routes

3.19.1 Project Goals

The inspiration driving China's guaranteed interests in Pakistan are essentially three-overlap, all together of worldwide pertinence; giving financial support to a long-lasting partner and strategic fence, encouraging exchange and building linkages toward the west by which China can grow its impact. China's most parochial inspiration for the CPEC is to give financial support to hailing partner battling with political precariousness. Pakistan and China, as said have verifiably seen each different as equalizations versus their mutual adversary, India. Presently, with the United States expressly turning its consideration towards India to counter Chinese regional impact, and with India's economy prepared to develop, it is coherent that Beijing would look to apply an

imposing stabilizer. China's second enthusiasm for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the developing Insurgency in both the nations.

China has a genuine cause to be worried about Pakistan's defenselessness to terrorism and revolt. Components of China's own Muslim Uyghur Insurgency in its western most Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous area are allegedly fixing to fanatic systems in Pakistan and utilize the Country's untamed western regions as a base for operation. Beijing trusts that a gigantic monetary imp'antation will advance financial development and dependability both at home and abroad while reinforcing its battling partner. China's third enthusiasm for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is its capability to expand energy trade routes from and to the Middle-East. The endeavor of China to create to the energy rich central Asian states as an approach to lessen its reliance on imports through the South-China Sea and Indian Ocean regions, where a powerful naval US nearness could take into account barricades at choke points, for example, the Strait of Malacca, in case of showdown between the two forces.

The CPEC plans to make full utilization of the Chinese built and worked Gwadar port, arranged along the Strait of Hormuz in Pakistan's western Baluchistan area. These reasons alone, nonetheless, don't legitimize such a huge interest in a solitary nation confronting the same number of difficulties as Pakistan. China's geopolitical objectives are progressively worldwide extending past its quick neighbor and the choice to report its huge interest in the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is an unmistakable sign that Beijing sees Pakistan as a critical accomplice in meeting its driven financial and political objectives. China sees its interest in Pakistan especially its objective of a rail corridor between the two nations as a leading project of its OBOR Initiative. This activity tries to connect china's financial accomplices in South-East

Asia to Europe by method for overland and maritime trade routes, including Key Middle-East energy assets and developing African markets.

Pakistan by temperance of its status as a long term partner and its geographic position, connecting western China to Sea routes through the Middle-East, Africa and above all Europe, could fill in as central cross-roads for Beijing growing its worldwide aspirations. The potential for Gwadar to be utilized as a part of support of future Chinese maritime operations is additionally genuine, in spite of the fact that the way of this use is the wellspring of continuous level headed discussion. In any case, when seen with regards to China's more extensive strategic points, obviously the aspirations behind the CPEC go a long ways past fortifying two-sided ties. It's much correlated to state that China's genuine concentration is on Middle-East instead of Pakistan. It doesn't infer that Pakistan is contemptuous or not dear to china but rather the question is whether Pakistan would make its position politically and diplomatically strong as opposed to being a bridge state as it were.

From a key perspective, the corridor will convey boundless advantages to China; as after the completion, it will grow the quantity of exchange routes amongst China and other regional states. 60% of China's oil is imported from the Middle East and 80% of that is transported through the long to China is costly, and perilous piracy rife maritime Malacca Strait through the South China, East China, and Yellow Seas. At present, through the Strait of Malacca energy transportation takes around 45 days, which could be effortlessly condensed by means of Gwadar port to under 10 days if done as it gives the most ideal land and sea routes for this reason. In this manner Gwadar-Xingjian course can fill in as another option to the Malacca straits for energy transportation which will be time and savvy. It will likewise empower China to import energy and find new markets for its items in Middle East, Central Asia and Africa.

3.20 Development of Xinjiang

The last part of the CPEC is situated at the Gwadar port which won't just give China an entry point into Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf additionally fill in as a pathway to the Strait of Hormuz. This would be possibly a noteworthy key accomplishment for China over the long run. By getting to Indian Ocean through an unimportant separation of 2,500 km, China will have the capacity to check the gathered Indo-US imposing business model over the Indian Ocean. A standing Chinese Navy only a couple of hundred kilometers far from Indian maritime bases at Mumbai and Gujarat may give colossal vital influence to China. By getting to Indian Ocean through Gwadar, China will lay its most esteemed key pearl' into its pearl necklace and may even fill in as an offset to American line of army installations along the Gulf of Aden (Zhang & Shi, 2016). The CPEC will diminish China's exchange remove from the Middle East rapidly from a mammoth 12,900 km to a minor 2,500 km (but from western China). China's sea exchange course through the Strait of Malacca and Andaman Sea (under Indian impact) provides food for 80% of its oil imports. An evaded course through Pakistan and Gwadar port will be greatly useful for Chinese energy security.

CPEC will give intends to monetary upliftment of China's scantily populated and financially weak region of Xinjiang flanking Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia. A bilateral relation with Pakistan holds an excellent essentialness for China on many checks. Firstly, it, alongside Afghanistan, outskirts China's ethno-religiously aggravated locale of Xinjiang where Pakistan's collaboration is basic for China to keep things stable. Furthermore, Pakistan can give geostrategic influence to China over the US and India in the Indian Ocean. Thirdly, China's interests in the advancement of Central Asia can be further defended if Pakistan additionally contributes. Finally, Pakistan can assume imperative part in acquiring peace Afghanistan and the

district to awesome enthusiasm of China. Subsequently, CPEC will additionally bond China's relations with Pakistan for its own advantages (Zhang & Shi, 2016).

As of now, China's first interior test is the east-west development gap between its created eastern area and western district of Xinjiang. In late 1990s, China composed a noteworthy inspire technique for its western area, which is imperative for enduring improvement of different areas of China. This procedure was expected to help this disregarded region to set up the industrialized regions. After CPEC will be operational, it will start more financial exercises in the North-western Xingjian territory and will help China in the execution of its Western Development Strategy (WDS). The physical vicinity of Xinjiang with Pakistan takes this less-grew some portion of China to the warm waters of Arabian Sea; in this manner, along these lines CPEC would likewise empower China to expand its energy security by lessening dependence on the Malacca strait, as it is as of now a conceivable limit of barricade by the US or Indian naval force in times of real antagonistic vibe in East and South China Sea.

3.21 Sino-US Strategic Rivalry

CPEC will likewise help China to counter US impact in Asia. In perspective of President Obama's 2012 regional strategy, "Pivot to East Asia strategy", which forces on "strengthening bilateral security alliances; deepening working relationships with emerging powers, including China; engaging with regional multilateral institutions; expanding trade and investment; forging a broad-based military presence; and advancing democracy" Chinese policy makers are pretty conscious and consider it as a part of US policy to contain and confine the military power and economic expansion of China. "Proponents of this theory in China's decision circle trust that United States needs a militarily, economically, and socially weak and divided China with the

goal that US can proceed with its military dominion in Asia and Africa." Thus in the perspective of prior, the corridor connotes an endeavor by China to keep the US from growing its impact in Southeast Asia and in this way bears colossal ramifications in the viewpoint of Sino-US vital contention in Southeast Asia.

Chapter4

Maritime Security of Pak-China in the Indian Ocean

Indian Ocean is the third biggest sea with a territory of 73 million square kilometers covering around 20 percent of the world's water. By East African Coast, it is limited in the west in the northwest by Arabian Peninsula and on its northern outskirts lies Indian subcontinent and toward the east Thailand, the Malay Peninsula, Indonesia, and Australia. IO incorporates oceans and bays in the surroundings, for example, situated in the west of the Pacific Ocean, Andaman Sea, Laccadive Sea, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Gulfs of Aden and Oman,. There are a few clarifications and explanations behind the expanding rivalry, as of late, amongst territorial and additional territorial forces for strength over the IOR. These are the reasons which are related to geostrategic and geo-economics component. The world is confronting another and exceptional example of financial development and move of universal market premiums to Africa and Asia. The China is probably going to rule market move in the decades to come and has brought on more stream of products inside IOR and through it to whatever is left of the world. The expanding energy needs of nations like Japan, India and China are additionally an essential variable that has raised the geo-economic and geo-strategic significance of the IO since real exporters and shippers of oil are situated on the fringe of the IO. As indicated by Robert Kaplan, IO edge arrives from Middle East to the Pacific records for 70 percent of the petroleum results of the world (Putten, Wetzling, & Kamerling, 2014).

Kaplan likewise evaluates that by 2030 world's energy request will ascend by 50 percent and half of which will originate from China and India. The total of the oil and gas saves controlled by IOR states as a rate of the whole world's demonstrated stores are noteworthy: More than 58

percent of known world's oil have been stored and 46% of world's natural gas reservoirs. Indian Ocean's mainland racks are mineral rich which incorporate manganese, cobalt, nickel, gold and enormous copper saves. For Pakistan it is additionally urgent to keep up a critical maritime energy to keep her ocean paths open as more than 90 percent of her exchange happens through ocean. Losing control of these vital routes may prompt to monetary strangulation of the nation. Afghanistan, aside from this, being landlocked, through Pakistani ports exchanges larger part of its products, apparently has a 1-5 trillion dollar worth of lithium stores. Afghanistan additionally has bottomless stores of —iron metal, gold, cobalt, copper, and potash, among numerous other important minerals. Marine life maybe offers the same amount of, if not more, monetary incentive than the mineral assets in IOR. IO states represent an impressive rate of world fisheries. Just the East Indian Ocean produces 7 million tons of fish yearly which is very nearly 8 percent of aggregate world generation. In IO some real gag focuses exist which have a firm potential to deal with the stream of the sea movement in IO. Suez Canal, Strait of Hormuz, and Bab el-Mandeb are in the north west of the IO. Mozambique Channel which is in the south west gives opening to South African littoral states to the IO and Strait of Lombok, Sunda, and Malacca opens from the south east. Through a few pipelines situated in the region, oil and gas is likewise exchanged. Strait of Hormuz is situated amongst Oman and Iran which interfaces Persian Gulf with Arabian Sea and Gulf of Oman. It is the world's most vital stifle point since 17 million barrels of oil for every day (bbl/d) streams out through it that makes 30 percent of all seaborne exchanged oil. Through this strait to Asian states like China, India and Japan, about 85 percent of unrefined petroleum is traded. Strait of Malacca is situated between Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore associates Pacific Ocean and South China Sea with the IO (Amin, Chandio, & Abbass, 2015).

To nations like China, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Australia, this is the most limited route for oil travel from Strait of Hormuz. In 2013, the EIA assessed that 15.2 million bbl/d went through this strait. More than 60,000 vessels go through the strait every year. China has likewise assembled a pipeline through Myanmar which was finished in 2014 and got to be operation in January, 2015. The pipeline is laid in order to sidestep the Strait of Malacca and will guarantee a more secure contrasting option to China for indispensable oil supplies. An expected 440,000 bbl/d of oil is coursing through this pipeline. Going through Strait of Malacca, this Pipeline will likewise decrease time and cost as well taken by oil tankers. The China-Myanmar characteristic gas pipeline is likewise prone to lift gas supply to China in future.

China started bringing in gas from Myanmar when the pipeline got to be distinctly operational in mid-2013, and by 2014, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) imported 116 Bcf. Bab el-Mandeb is the world's fourth-urgent chokepoint. According to the US'EIA actualities 4.7 million bbl/d is exchanged to Europe, Asia, and the US through this strait. Red Sea is a section for exchange as well as a source from where Red Sea littoral states trade oil through both Suez Canal and Bab el-Mandeb. Because of the natural requirements, oil pipe lines are likewise inherent the district. A 200 mile Summed pipeline since a long time ago which goes through Egypt interfacing Suez Canal with Mediterranean Sea has the limit of transporting 2.34 million bbl/d. Given the presence of these key gag focuses, IO is thought to be the merging purpose of all the major sea oil supply routes.

4.1 CPEC and Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean

China's enthusiasm for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor is to broaden its sea energy trade routes from and to the Middle East. Additionally China has occupied its concentration to vitality

rich Central Asian States to limit its reliance on sources that will undoubtedly transport oil through the IO and South China Sea: presence of regions with chokepoints like Strait of Malacca and presence of the US strengths can obstruct the sea activity. The China Pakistan Economic Corridor goes for ideal usage of Gwadar Port, arranged along the Strait of Hormuz. Besides, China Pakistan Economic Corridor is to offer help to monetarily delicate partner full of inner insecurity. China and Pakistan see each other as balancers versus their shared opponent, to counter Chinese provincial impact India is currently in key organization with the US. China is a clearer about this element for Pakistan's choice to buy eight submarines from. With Beijing's undeniably worldwide geo-political targets, it sees Pakistan as a vital partner in fulfilling its aspiring financial and political objectives. China trusts that the hall between the two nations as a leader venture of its more prominent One Belt One Road 'activity. This activity tends to join China with Southeast Asia, to Africa, Europe and asset rich Middle East by both overland and oceanic routes. Pakistan's land area places it at the focal junction for China's long haul worldwide targets. Elements of IO political improvement its vital surroundings are additionally evolving. IO is like never before mobilized today.

Given India-Pakistan threatening vibe which goes back to parcel, the India's drive modernization, particularly of its maritime powers has postured difficulties to Pakistan. The essential vital SLOCs which bolster Pakistan's seaborne exchange are Bab el-Mandeb and Strait of Hormuz. Any movement that incorporate maritime barricade or isolate or any such kind of interruption of the ports of Pakistan can genuinely hamper the war capability, trade and economy of Pakistan. Given the instability of the circumstance, Pakistan is additionally fortifying its seaside safeguard and adding to its maritime resources (Abbasi, 2015).

The ocean courses have dependably been a noteworthy wellspring of worldwide monetary movement conjoined with the political interests of the states. They have stayed basic in the mission for power and furthermore assume a fundamental part in keeping up the power harmony among the battling states. This is the reason the nations which are landlocked are thought to be less blessed and incapacitated regarding seeking after their financial and political interests when contrasted with the littoral ones. However keeping in mind the end goal to completely use the oceanic favorable circumstances, it is basic that a successful strategy concentrating on the security and well-being of the ocean paths and water bodies; including both the household and universal waters is contrived and streamlined on the general premise.

Gwadar port guarantees to offer gigantic profits not simply to Pakistan and China but rather can possibly achieve benefits past the quick region. Subsequently the sea security is an imperative yet less went to zone that requests genuine consideration by the strategy producers. Any consultation on CPEC must assess and highlight the area's common and developing sea challenges. While the remote ocean Gwadar port will put China and Pakistan in a greatly invaluable vital position, it will likewise achieve a pattern of extreme rivalry among the fighting states. For example India views itself as the greatest partner in OBOR activity of China. Its aspirations to transform the Indian Ocean into India's Ocean are seen to be under incredible risk by China-Pakistan vital collaboration as CPEC (Putten, Wetzling, & Kamerling, 2014).

Not exclusively will China have the capacity to station its vessels at the Gwadar port, securing perpetual place for itself in the Arabian Sea however will likewise undermine the quite fancied Indian administration in the Indian Ocean while in the meantime fortifying security for Pakistan's toward the ocean shores. The US additionally feels troubled of China's claimed outlines with respect to occupying India's consideration from Asia Pacific, at last killing US' endeavors to

detach/contain China. Thus the three noteworthy states India, US and China are nearly investigating and re-assessing their choices around the Indian Ocean. Besides the Chahbahar port in Iran, not just gives a channel to India to a simple access into Afghanistan additionally indicates the expanding nearness of India in Iran and Afghanistan. While the Eastern border of Pakistan is always harried attributable to the unfriendly neighbor, the Western outskirts will likewise go under direct security dangers radiating from Indian upheld and financed exercises in Iran and Afghanistan. Thus Pakistan needs to remember the contending interests of the state and define implementable strategies to address these rising difficulties.

However as of late Iran itself has communicated enthusiasm for joining the CPEC, which acquires trust that the normal "port competition" amongst Iran and Pakistan won't not be started all things considered. Additionally the landing and docking procedure of Chinese ship has as of now turned into a reality with the first Chinese cargo ship Zhen Xing Sung achieving the port in mid-October. Consequently it turns into all the more vital to take preemptive measures to guarantee security of Gwadar port. A portion of alternate difficulties towards the ocean exercises incorporate robbery, human trafficking, sneaking and so forth. Despite the fact that Pakistan has the capacity to defend CPEC, it requires more engaged research, assessment and devoted funds to detail more powerful and up and coming offshore security strategies. Pakistan Navy is constantly rendering its administrations to guarantee the security at three fundamental levels: the port security, vessel security and the security of the ocean paths.

400 marines of Pakistan Navy's Third Marine Battalion (TMB) are giving security to the Gwadar port round the clock. The starting function of second oceanic patrol ship BASOL was held at Liuzhou city, China in August. The nearness of sea security collaboration focuses to the way that both the states are working towards drafting an extensive instrument to guarantee security of

Gwadar and encompassing region. This improved security collaboration between two nations will twist drill well for the whole sea locale of intrigue. In June 2015, another critical improvement in such manner is that the Ministry of Defense Production under PSDP program marked an agreement with China's M/s CSTC for development of 4 x 600 Tons and 2 x 1500 Tons Maritime Patrol Ships. According to the agreement, 4 boats are built in China and rest of 3 boats are to be built at Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works. The Fast Attack Craft 3 of Pakistan Navy was held in September the inaugural function. This again is the result of China-Pakistan cooperation which affirms that the naval forces of both Pakistan and China are completely dedicated to giving a protected and secure sea environment vital to the achievement of CPEC. To be sure Pakistan-China coordinated effort can possibly confront the difficulties and further improve collaboration for indigenous ship development industry.

However in spite of having palatable measures set up, one can't stand to go remiss in regards to the ceaselessly developing difficulties to the sea security from customary and nontraditional dangers. Right now Pakistan is building up its sea principle. This beyond any doubt is the genuinely necessary right move in the correct heading, which is gone for creating rationality among Pakistan's Navy, Air Force and Army. Alongside that Pakistan ought to likewise upgrade its endeavors to secure guaranteed second strike ability (Safdar, 2016).

In the event that the CPEC encourages the OBOR activity it is a game changer for Pakistan. It has the inbuilt potential to change Pakistan into a territorial center point of exchange, business and assembling. Furthermore, that clearly has a tendency to incite its adversaries, especially India, into undermining the security of the corridor as it navigate through Pakistan and past into the Indian Ocean. For a really long time, Indian researchers have been delving further into antiquated India's sea history to substantiate two critical politico-military teachings: in the first

place, whoever controls the Indian Ocean controls Asia; and second, additional territorial forces ought to remain out of what they might want to call the 'India's Ocean'. Such an outlook with respect to India is in fact a test for both Pakistan and China to guarantee sea security and wellbeing of sea paths from and to the Gwadar seaport. Properly then the Pakistan Navy is setting up satisfactory courses of action, and more are under dynamic thought.

Pakistan Navy has received, what its representative says 'a multipronged way to deal with manage the overarching difficulties, for example, amplifying security of Gwadar Port, leading security watches and waterfront works out, upgrading Maritime Domain Awareness and connecting with other law-upholding offices'. Since over some time, sea movement to and from Gwadar is relied upon to expand complex the sea security is viewed as fundamental for general achievement of the CPEC, and along these lines protected and secure sea environment in the Indian Ocean. And after that there are likewise the difficulties of theft, human trafficking and carrying. Pakistan Navy is in this way working at three fundamental levels: the port security, vessel security and security of ocean paths. Indeed, given the vital measurement loaned to secure and effective working of the CPEC, Pakistan is relied upon to build up its own sea security regulation (Amin, Chandio, & Abbass, 2015).

India is the only nation, which restricted the Pak-China joint undertaking to form Gwadar into a profound seaport. Not exclusively does it think of it as an attack against its hegemonic outlook, it additionally regards it as a risk to its contending enthusiasm to connect with Afghanistan and Central Asian states through the Iranian port of Chabahar. Chabahar port gives India a channel to a simple access to Iran and Afghanistan, favorable position it would surely utilize to instigate inconvenience in Pakistan's connecting regions. Some all-around well informed circles do trust that suicide-bomb assault at a hallowed place close Khuzdar on the eve of operationalizing the

Gwadar port and lethal assault on individuals from legitimate organization in Quetta in August are obviously suggestive of Indian antagonistic vibe to the CPEC. Obviously, recently India has brought down its against CPEC risk - because of its change of mind given China's pledge that its 'One Belt, One Road' activity is basically unopinionated having no military targets at all yet who knows for to what extent. Since China will station its vessels at the Gwadar port and subsequently secure a lasting spot for itself in the Arabian Sea, it's not past India's local goals to raise the intruder of additional provincial powers in the Indian Ocean. Also, as it would do as such the one nation which would immediately loan its support is the United States. The United States is absolutely uncertain of China's nearness in the Indian Ocean since it would have a tendency to occupy India's consideration far from Asia Pacific, undermining its endeavors to contain China. Undoubtedly securing Gwadar port and its ocean paths over the Indian Ocean is a gigantic sea security challenge for the Pakistan Navy. For this to emerge it requires more patrol ships and quick assault interceptor create. Also, to this there is no option - whatever the cost (Azad, 2016).

4.2 The Indian Ocean Perspective

There are many purposes behind the Indian Ocean's key significance; yet the most convincing is its centrality to worldwide exchange. The Indian Ocean associates East Africa and East Asia and Middle East with Europe and the Americas. This sea has worldwide sea activity that incorporates half of the world's containerized cargo, 33% of its mass load and 66% of its oil shipments. Its waters convey extensive volumes of petroleum and related items from the oilfields of the Persian Gulf and Indonesia, and contain an expected 40 for every penny of the world's offshore oil generation. The Indian Ocean contains 80% of the world's demonstrated oil stores and 17% of natural gas. Forty percent of worldwide seaborne exchange moves over the sea, one-fifth

contains oil and gas. More than 25 million barrels of oil travels every day to the Strait of Hormuz to key shippers like the United States, China, India, France and Japan. Since times immemorial, the Indian Ocean locale had been a desert garden of peace and flourishing due to an obvious and shared reliance on exchange. At the beginning of sixteenth century, frontier powers, for example, the Portuguese, Dutch, French and the British, changed it into a field for securing their exchange advantages and picking up impact over the area (Safdar, 2016).

The vital significance of the area increased further footing with the revelation of oil in Iran in 1908. In the wake of World War II, when regional occupation got to be distinctly unsustainable for Britain, it passed the cudgel on to a trustworthy accomplice, the United States. Amid the Cold War, vital sea theaters fixated to a great extent on the Atlantic and Pacific seas and, in that capacity, the Indian Ocean was not viewed as a noteworthy theater for potential superpower encounter. Be that as it may, it stayed indispensable for securing the fares of raw petroleum from the Persian Gulf in the midst of real interstate clash amongst Iran and Iraq amid the 1980s. Today, in any case, the photo has adjusted essentially. The financial development of two home developed Asian forces, China and India, combined with their asset and vitality necessities, and their energy battle for provincial territory has recalibrated the Indian Ocean's worldwide vital significance. While worldwide vitality request from 2000 to 2010 developed by 26%, it is gauge to develop by 45% in 2035. Half of the development popular will originate from China and India. China's interest for unrefined petroleum multiplied in the vicinity of 1995 and 2005 and will twofold again in the coming 15 years or somewhere in the vicinity. More than 85% of the oil and oil items headed for China travel the Indian Ocean and Malacca Strait. After the United States, China, and Japan, India will turn into the world's fourth biggest energy buyer in the coming decade.

While India is subject to oil for about 33% of its vitality needs, 65% is foreign and 90% of its oil imports travel the Persian Gulf. As both states are dependent on energy imports, they are contending to keep up and create exchange wellsprings of energy. Keeping in context this energy rivalry and the way that business shipping must cross similar maritime courses to achieve Indian and Chinese ports, common feelings of trepidation continue that the waterways extending from the Persian Gulf toward the South China Sea could be held prisoner in case of emergency or struggle. In addition, the United States' rebalance to the Pacific is likewise a contributing element lifting Chinese worry over Indian Ocean security. Combined with late financial advance and expanding Indian certainty, New Delhi has begun framing its evaluation of India's sea surroundings in geopolitical terms. In 2004, India distributed its first sea teaching. While much the same as whatever other sea principle, it portrayed India's sea technique as an element of monetary improvement and success, and the clarification of topographical forms is significant. India's political, guard and exchange discourse with Vietnam, Myanmar, Iran, Qatar, Maldives, Seychelles, South Africa and Australia mirror its growing advantages. India is extending its naval force in a similar soul. With its 155 warships, the Indian Navy is as of now one of the world's biggest, and arrangements to include three atomic fueled submarines and three plane carrying warships to its armada.

4.3 Pakistan-China Relations: Enhancing Indian Ocean Maritime Security

Between Pakistan and China relations, CPEC plays a vital role. The corridor, while managing an open door for China and Pakistan to enhance their cooperation with Central Asia, the Middle East and West Asia, will similarly add to the financial improvement of different nations that turn out to be a piece of these plans. It in this way can be contended that the reconciliation of provincial economies is probably going to make shared interests among these states. Besides, the

idea of wellbeing and security of these common premiums would give the premise to sea participation in the Indian Ocean. In the bigger setting of shared monetary premiums, Pakistan and China additionally bolster the late arrangement amongst Iran and India wherein India is contributing US\$500 million to create Chahbahar Port. It is trusted that cooperating; both ports can connect the economies of Central Asian district with Indian Ocean. For Pakistan, Gwadar remains as its nodal point for CPEC. Toward the ocean security of the port and related ocean paths particularly against non-customary dangers is viewed as a noteworthy weakness.

The range is tormented with occurrences of theft, drugs trafficking, weapon running and sea fear based oppression. These illicit exercises not just decipher in the state of expanded hazard and protection charges but on the other hand are immediate dangers to seafarers. Understanding the significance of a group and collective approach towards oceanic security, the Pakistan Navy is a dynamic accomplice in universal maritime coalitions and different activities. In addition, it has additionally built up its own drives, for example, the AMAN arrangement of biennial multinational maritime activities, the yearly International Maritime Conference, standardization of Coastal Command and the Joint Maritime Information Coordination Center (JMICC). Be that as it may, the expanded financial and business stakes in the area will require extra sea security endeavors outstandingly from the Pakistan Navy and the PLAN. The AMAN arrangement of activities is gone before by the International Maritime Conference, and are focused on data sharing, distinguishing territories of normal enthusiasm for taking part naval forces and a common comprehension on sea security operations, counter-fear mongering operations, and helpful help and calamity alleviation operations. Up to this point four activities have been held, with 33 nations taking an interest in the 2013 work out (Safdar, 2016).

The peacetime part of Coastal Command is to guarantee sea security in Pakistan's ports and harbors; containing units of marines, unique powers, and maritime bases, along the Makran drift and rivulets. The JMICC was made by the Pakistan Navy in 2008 to enhance sea circumstance mindfulness for the powerful direct of operations against identifiable dangers in the more extensive Indian Ocean region. It facilitates the endeavors of different government services and different offices to secure Pakistan's national sea interests in beach front waters, select monetary zones, and past. Understanding the significance of sea security for the general achievement of CPEC, the Pakistan government is focused on upgrading the operational limit of both the Pakistan Navy and related Maritime Security Agency. In this unique situation; aside from finishing up an abnormal state submarine development extend with China; in 2015, both nations likewise marked an agreement for the joint development of six corvettes for the Maritime Security Agency.

While four of these corvettes will be implicit China, two corvettes will be simultaneously inherent Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works in Pakistan. Accessibility of these all-weather offshore patrol vessels will expand the continuous sea security endeavors being attempted by the Pakistan Navy. The Pakistan Navy and PLAN have since a long time ago associated at the two-sided level. This collaboration traverses a scope of exercises, for example, works out, port calls, preparing visits, courses, sea security exchanges and joint shipbuilding ventures. In 2003, the Pakistan Navy turned into the primary outside naval force to lead a maritime practice with the PLAN. From that point forward, reciprocal maritime activities have dependably remained a changeless element of their individual maritime logbooks. Understanding the significance of "multilateralism" in a worldwide sea organization; in 2007, Pakistan extended its two-sided joint

effort to the multilateral level and welcomed the PLAN to take an interest in Exercise AMAN 2007.

This can be set apart as the main support of PLAN warships in any multinational maritime movement. At present, the PLAN partakes in other multinational activities, for example, RIMPAC and working together through universal activities, for example, Shared Awareness and De-confliction against robbery off the Gulf of Aden. In addition, China's investment as a spectator and exchange accomplice in IONS and IORA separately are additionally characteristic of China's helpful part in sea security of Indian Ocean. Most of the share of worldwide sea security activities and maritime coalitions in the Indian Ocean has been set up by additional regional nations, which are real clients of the Indian Ocean. The reception of these activities and coalitions by regional and additional regional nations alike not just exhibits their ability to secure the worldwide corridor additionally portrays the adequacy and in the nick of time prerequisite of such activities. For the expanded prerequisites of sea security; while every one of the activities identified with the insurance of delivery and its freight will probably be embraced as seems to be, different activities can likewise fill in as a system for future advancement of sea security exercises.

The CPEC could give critical advantages to Pakistan's economy on the off chance that productive. For political stability, financial development is fundamental and the project along these lines ought to be viewed as an appreciated advancement and supported by the United States. So, the activity will likewise raise concerns, particularly from India and different neighbors stressed over developing Chinese decisiveness. Indian examiners address the ramifications of Chinese speculations and stress over Beijing's desire in South Asia. Gwadar Port is seen in India as less inclined to end up distinctly a lively financial center point than to fill in as

a maritime base for China's extended blue water armada and operations all through the Indian Ocean. Also, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and different authorities have held up objections with Beijing, dissenting current and proposed projects since they gone through region asserted by India. To lessen the probability that Chinese exercises in Pakistan compound territorial pressures, Washington could bring the issue up in two-sided exchanges with New Delhi and Beijing, or even play host to a trilateral discourse. As it speaks to the main edge of China's growing access to, the United States will likewise have its own long haul worries about the CPEC, and likely impact inside, Eurasia. As Pakistan develops nearer to China, there might be allurements in Washington to seek impact in Islamabad. This opposition is best maintained a strategic distance from, as it would be exorbitant, unwinnable, and more likely than not counterproductive to different U.S. objectives in Pakistan and the district. Pakistanis will achieve their own decisions about how best to seek after relations with Beijing and Washington, and are probably going to seek after particular ties with both sides. U.S. authorities ought to grab the open door gave by Pakistan's exceptional concentrate on the CPEC to propel its own particular arrangement of politically practical objectives in Pakistan, giving careful consideration to U.S. worries about the war in Afghanistan terrorism and nuclear proliferation (Putten, Wetzling, & Kamerling, 2014).

However authorities of Pakistan and China are careful about U.S. suggestions, the corridor ought to be acknowledged as an opportunity for trilateral collaboration. The United States could divert a bit of current nonmilitary personnel help reserves into projects that are adjusted to CPEC objectives, for example, specialized enhancements to Pakistan's national power matrix to help make employments, goad financial development, and give motivating forces to extra outside speculation. U.S. help can and ought to keep on playing a valuable part in Pakistan, and if

orchestrated with Chinese endeavors could improve the viability of both. This would require opening another, meticulous exchange with both Pakistani and Chinese authorities. Also, U.S. authorities, including from the State Department and Export-Import Bank, ought to utilize their discussions with Pakistani partners to guarantee that CPEC-style insurances for Chinese enterprises and speculators are likewise connected to U.S. firms. The CPEC will have the most obvious opportunity with regards to changing Pakistan's monetary standpoint in the event that it likewise starts a rush of foreign investment from different nations, including the United States.

Chapter 5

Geo political and Geo Strategic Analysis of CPEC

The CPEC is part improvement plot, part key gambit. In spite of the fact that Beijing and Islamabad have been close accomplices for quite a long time, the China Pakistan Economic Corridor is an impression of strengthened and extended respective participation during an era of rising Chinese geopolitical desire and determined worries about Pakistan's security and advancement. The China Pakistan Economic Corridor is planned to advance availability crosswise over Pakistan with a system of railways, pipelines, and highways joined by energy, mechanical, and other infrastructure improvement activities to address basic energy deficiencies expected to lift Pakistan's financial development. In the end, connecting the Chinese city of Kashgar to the Pakistani port of Gwadar, the China Pakistan Economic Corridor will likewise encourage exchange along an overland course that associates China to the Indian Ocean.

In April 2015, China and Pakistan formalized arrangements for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor when they consented to fifty-one agreements and MoU on Chinese projects, totaling \$46 billion throughout the following ten to fifteen years. Including highways and energy projects, a few tasks are as of now in progress, which is expected to be complete by the end of 2016.

The development of China Pakistan Economic Corridor is a part of a more stupendous Chinese motivation of regional economic network: the OBOR initiative which was illustrated in March 2015 by China's National Development and Reform Committee (NDRC). The profoundly aspiring arrangement calls for new state-coordinated interests in pipelines, ports, roads, railways

and data systems to extend availability crosswise and economic integration over Asia and into Africa and Europe.

Pakistan can possibly fill in as a nexus for the two routes, and Beijing portrays the China Pakistan Economic Corridor as a "flagship project, since One Belt One Road comprises of a mainland Eurasian "Silk Road Economic Belt" and a Southeast Asian "Maritime Silk Road,". Numerous reporters have noticed that as time goes on, an overland connection crosswise over Pakistan to the Arabian Sea could help mitigate the "Malacca dilemma," China's helplessness to the way that about 85 percent of its oil imports go through the single chokepoint of the Strait of Malacca, although Beijing rushes to make light of geo-strategic inspirations driving the CPEC.



(<http://www.cfr.org/pakistan/behind-chinas-gambit-pakistan/p37855>, n.d.)

For those who particularly originate from anxious western territory of Xinjiang, understanding the China Pakistan Economic Corridor requires a thankfulness for China's security concerns. Beijing has tried to clasp down on Xinjiang's ethnic Uighur people group and has met political brutality with push for financial improvement plans and an extended security presence. These endeavors ensnare Pakistan since Uighur aggressor bunches, similar to the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM), have looked for asylum in the Pakistan-Afghanistan border regions, where they have set up connections with Al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Focused on targeting on China and assaulting Chinese interests inside Pakistan, China sees the ETIM as a relentless risk.

The China Pakistan Economic corridor speaks to a universal expansion of China's push to provide security through financial improvement. Investments in Pakistan are expected to make job vacancies, lessen antistatic sentiments, and create public assets for extra upgrades in law and order. China would like to better secure its own particular region while handling the risk of jihadi associations in Pakistan. Security concerns will probably force restrains on the cross-border stream of individuals and products, at any rate in the short to medium term, subsequently while the CPEC is frequently depicted as a transportation corridor.

Pakistan's military leaders and ruling civilians likewise value the financial, political, and security openings that the China Pakistan Economic Corridor offers. Direct investment is needed in Pakistan to goad monetary development; however speculators have for the most part shied away over the previous decade. Since 2008 China's investment plan speaks to dramatically increase all foreign direct investment in Pakistan.

China's interests in energy sector are particularly welcome. National demand exceed supply by an average of 4,500 megawatts. Supply shortages and problems in distribution lead to regular

power outages and cost as much as 2 percent GDP development a year. As Pakistan's populace of about two hundred million grows at a rate of right around 2 percent every year, these inconveniences will exacerbate. The country's youth will need beneficial outlets for their energies without the formation of new job vacancies. The requirement for a developing economy goes up against uncommon hugeness in a state riven by partisan, ethnic, and political cleavages and populated by systems of radicalism and militancy. It will have a superior shot of winning national elections slated for 2018, Pakistan's government perceives by conveying a scope of "early harvest" projects. From a security point of view, Pakistan's military leaders trust that if Chinese investments can pivot the country's drooping financial fortunes, they will likewise fortify the state against challengers, both outside (India) and inside (antistatic insurgents).

In November 2015 a warm-water, deep sea port in Balochistan close to the Strait of Hormuz, operations at Gwadar, was given over to a Chinese state-possessed endeavor. With aggregate movement of just a large portion of a million tons in 2016, Gwadar remains a work in progress; however activity is relied upon to twofold in 2017. Planners gauge that in the end it will handle three hundred to four hundred million tons yearly and that the encompassing city will develop from eighty thousand to two million occupants.

The physical "corridor" of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor comprises of an interconnected roads, railways, and pipeline framework. The government of Pakistan divulged three interstate routes for the project: a western route through Baluchistan and KPK areas; an eastern route fundamentally through Sindh and Punjab territories; and a central route confounding the nation in May 2015. A northern expressway route associates with Kashgar, by means of the Karakoram Highway, itself a noteworthy image of China-Pakistan collaboration and their exclusive ground linkage. Other transportation ventures incorporate the development and change of existing

railways, including laying more than 1,200 kilometers of new track and redesigning another 3,100 kilometers.

The lion's share of China's investment generally \$35 billion is relied upon to go to energy projects, including coal, hydroelectric, solar, power transmission and condensed natural gas. On the off chance that all works out as expected, twenty-one new tasks will create almost 17,000 megawatts of energy and about twofold Pakistan's introduced limit. Of those twenty-one anticipates, Pakistan expects fourteen "early harvest" tasks to add 10,400 megawatts to the national network by 2018. To exploit new foundation and power limit, the government has distinguished more than forty destinations for new and updated modern parks and extraordinary financial zones, intended to lift jobs and support investment.

The projects of China Pakistan Economic Corridor are being consulted on a government to-government premise, with Chinese firms chose by Beijing. The undertakings are secured by low or zero-interest concessional loans that incorporate financing from China's Export-Import Bank and Silk Road Fund. Pakistan's more extensive public has had little access to the specifics of these game plans to date and the shut bidding processes makes it hard to evaluate whether contracts reflect equitable costs, representing Pakistan's troublesome security environment.

Chinese power plants will profit by securities against the "circular debt" crisis dissimilar to their Pakistani partners that have tormented Pakistan. Pakistani power buyers will be required to support a rotating account covering 22 percent of month to month expenses, and Pakistan's Ministry of Finance will back those assets with sovereign assurances to guarantee continuous installment. These game plans were extended from coal-fired power plants to all China Pakistan Economic Corridor projects in mid-2016.

Chapter 6

Conclusion & Recommendations

The predetermination of 21st century world is inseparably associated with the worldwide maritime lodge. The IO is developing as the focal point of worldwide and territorial geo-political and financial interests. It is additionally the field where rising forces are going after impact among themselves and against business as usual power, by extending their naval power and making new arrangements. The monetary ascent of Asia has changed the worldwide power elements to support its, which additionally has a military measurement which may confuse security circumstance in future. Any genuine clash in the IO can prompt to insecurity and conceivable interruption of sea movement. Pakistan is attempting to adjust the power condition by reinforcing its military and monetary relations with China and additionally Russian Federation, in a region with mounting challenges and contending stories, other than repairing its relations. Islamabad needs to secure strategic profundity in the IO for its extending sea interests, in the midst of these unmistakable difficulties and advancing awesome power competition in the IO. It is basic for effective CPEC that Pakistan and China together ought to have an impressive key prevention in the IO to stay away from any seizer.

Leadership of Pakistan portrays the CPEC as a game changer for Pakistan and for the area at large. However, the profits of CPEC will be acknowledged over a time of 10-15 years. It in this manner requires a proceeded with assurance on some portion of China and Pakistan to remain firm on the course.

It is vital to ensure that all MoUs and any new policy arrangements that might be consented to later on by China and Pakistan are executed in their actual soul immediately.

On various projects, a strict investigation of the execution and nature of work will be required. So against corruption, protection is required. In April 2015, to monitor the execution of the projects under the CPEC, the making of Prime Minister's Delivery Unit (PMDU) is a positive move.

Pakistan should give security to experts, engineers and labors that will take work at the corridor project. In April 2015, for giving security the Pakistan Army declared foundation of a special security division which was headed by a Major General. This special security division contains nine Army battalions and six wings of paramilitary powers (Rangers and Frontier Corps), numbering around 10,000 personnel.

The CPEC project will change Pakistan's geographic location into an advantage. The business group and private sector needs to approach, and assume their part in making CPEC a successful project.

CPEC will facilitate Pakistan's energy crisis while interfacing the nation's economy with its neighbors on three sides, the east, north and the west. India is the main missing connection in the Belt and Road extend. It raised protests to the arranged development of the Corridor through Gilgit-Baltistan.

China's engagement with Pakistan gives a chance to balance the Indian-US vital association. The counter state components contradicting development of the corridor may attempt to misinform the individuals of Baluchistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and KPK.

Extremist components could likewise be abused to damage development of CPEC. In the interim, in Xinjiang, the East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM) may likewise make issues. The administration needs to utilize a multi-dimensional methodology enveloping both soft and

hard power to counter these disappointed components and to frustrate the shrouded detestable motivation. A China-Pakistan joint counter terrorism mechanism is required.

In alleviating the negative observations and tensions over the CPEC, the part of media, think tanks and educational exchanges will likewise be helpful.

The CPEC gives a chance to reinvigorate Pakistan's financial structure, especially through the improvement of its energy sector and by cultivating a more noteworthy network. Tragically, the tremendous capability of the CPEC for advancing financial improvement in Pakistan has now and then prompted to over desires and to an uncritical way to deal with the project. The CPEC project is at an early stage and it is difficult to affirm at present its genuine effect. In this specific circumstance, this paper displayed distinctive situations of the inevitable effect of CPEC on Pakistan keeping in mind the end goal to advance an open deliberation on ways and intends to boost its advantages as far as success and soundness.

CPEC would turn into an advancement passage for the greater part of Pakistan. It would expand jobs, mitigate destitution, help to keep up peace by connecting with youth in business exercises and enhance the indicators and financial standpoint. Fortifying the powerless connections between Pakistan's domestic business and its fares should support both fares and investment, and encourage advancement in items and services. The greater part of this would essentially build the GDP of the country and have a multiplier impact on tax collection other than making space for expanded use on social divisions, for example, health, education and basic amenities. In this specific circumstance, the CPEC could even add to enhancing security in Pakistan, in a roundabout way through impetuses for territorial stability and better relations with India, and moreover directly opening the doors of development for KPK and Baluchistan.

Besides, considering that the CPEC is the most progressive part of the Belt and Road Initiative, it may be conceivable to gain a more profound comprehension of the New Silk Road by taking a gander at how the CPEC creates and impacts Pakistan and its neighboring states.

China Pakistan Economic Corridor is the game changer project which will fuse a 2,000 kilometer transport connect between Kashgar in northwestern China to the Gwadar port on the Arabian Sea close to the border with Iran. At the point when this passage will be finished, oil from the Middle East could be off stacked at Gwadar, which is found quite recently outside the mouth of the Gulf, and transported to China through Baluchistan and over the Karakoram Mountain. There are many difficulties for Pakistan in executing this project. Pakistan will have many advantages from this passage in the meantime.

The CPEC is a multidimensional project which is economically beautiful plan that can fill in as an extension to interface up the entire Asia together to make it incorporated and cooperative in the Asian Century. Notwithstanding, though CPEC has prompted to grow crisp roads for participation in which provincial on-screen characters can get the chances of promoting their monetary advantages through this uber extend, on the opposite side, it has likewise improved the probability of conflict between the interests of different territorial actors. Developing Indian bonhomie with the US, the growing US-Iran relations after the atomic arrangement, the rising Indo-Iranian association, and Indian influences in Afghanistan might be explanations behind sympathy toward both Pakistan and China. At present, it is clear that territorial coalitions are experiencing some quick changes; and with this evolving situation, both nations need to comprehend this circumstance and shape strategies appropriately to keep their house in order. Both should completely prepared to react to the developing geo-political flow of Asia and act in

understanding to what best serves their shared intrigue especially in the possibilities of this corridor.

CPEC can without much of a stretch be regarded a game-changer for the region, given the span of the investment and China, Pakistan and India's covering financial and energy security interests, and bunch geopolitical and geostrategic variables. Geostrategic location of Pakistan is with the end goal that it is situated at the intersection of South Asia, West Asia and Central Asia. In addition, the port of Gwadar lies near the Strait of Hormuz through which around 35% of world's sea bound oil exchange happens. China being second biggest oil shopper and a colossal net oil-importer from Middle East and North Africa considers the operationalization of Gwadar port and improvement of CPEC as tremendously vital for its energy security and trade. Owing to the common contentions amongst India and Pakistan, their disappointing record of financial participation, conflicting regional and strategic interests, CPEC can likewise turn into a wellspring of rivalry in South Asian area.

Pakistan and China's mutual vision brought an idea of an economic corridor that is not simply a road rather a combination of many projects like of railways, roads, power and energy sector and operationalization of Gwadar port. CPEC is putting forth high products of shared collaboration. Expanded GDP, gives a solution for energy crisis, moreover projects of infrastructure development and fiber optic cable are required to change the abhor of the nation. The best favorable position to China is the shorter route to Persian Gulf. China can spare 35 travel days from 45 to 10 just by associating Kashgar to Gwadar. Geostrategic significance of both the nations for shorter routes and territorial connectivity will be expanded in huge terms. 51 MoUs altogether are marked for a few tasks, among these Early Harvest Projects can assume to be a measure of assessment of these projects. However in Pakistan, a politically stable and secured

environment is required on need premise for effective consummation of CPEC tasks. Pakistan would confront difficulties of security and political precariousness during the execution and culmination of the tasks under CPEC.

The Vision 2025 report appropriately calls for territorial network, through the CPEC, as well as through other such courses of action with regional nations. President Xi's concept of a "China-Pakistan Community of Shared Destiny" for the quest for basic interests through commonly advantageous organizations has the capability of taking China-Pakistan relations to a much larger amount. While the CPEC really went before "China-Pakistan Community of Shared Destiny," the souls of the two, in any case, have been the same. For China, the CPEC interfaces up with its more eager Silk Road Economic Belt (SREB) extend, consequently adding to its hugeness, particularly in the background of the improvement of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Kashgar. Gwadar in addition is essential for China to interface its less created western part with Persian Gulf and past for exchange. In western China's exchange with Afghanistan, and even India, the CPEC could likewise be instrumental traveling through Pakistan. Pakistan would likewise profit by the travel of Chinese exchange merchandise through Pakistan.

The CPEC additionally builds the market potential for Pakistan's exports to China in the field of agriculture, textile, and minerals, other than adding a lift to tourism in the northern ranges. Creating on a solid establishment of amicable relations between the two, the multidimensional CPEC is getting the most abnormal amount of government enthusiasm for both the nations. With agreements as of now inked on roads, rail, and fiber-optic connections, the advancement of Gwadar port, and a large group of energy collaboration extends, the CPEC is especially on its way in understanding the objective of conveying shared thriving to the two nations. Under the CPEC, when one takes a gander at the advance on different framework extends, road projects

seem to have taken the most encouraging begin. The KKH is as of now restored up to Raikot and would be finished as far as possible up to Thakot by 2017.

The first leg of the Burhan-Mansehra Motorway up to Havelian would likewise be finished around the same time. Bypassing the Attabad Lake is probably going to be finished before that. Take a shot at the Lahore-Karachi Motorway connection is likewise on timetable. The main question that remaining parts unanswered is the significant realignment of KKH that would be required after the development of the Diamer Bhasha Dam; and furthermore the way that a generous measure of cash would be spent on a road that is probably going to be submerged by another project likewise joined into the CPEC. Most likely after the security circumstance would have enhanced in Baluchistan and KPK, at some later point the generally shorter route of the Indus Highway interfacing with KKH on the one end and Gwadar on the other, would should be made part of the China-Pakistan association. This would be pivotal in scattering the grievances of the general population of those zones for being ignored concerning this project. Now, notwithstanding, the security circumstance is directing the choices of the route, which is very reasonable.

Railway is one part of the CPEC where a considerable measure of good faith is fairly lost. The desires appear to be much swelled from the fantasies of bullet trains amongst Karachi and Peshawar to that of railway lines surpassing roads organize alternatives for trade. Given the predominant wastefulness in Pakistan Railways, it is hard to accept that even the pumping of a great many dollars into the overhauling of the Karachi-Peshawar association would bring any generous advantage for the CPEC unless some intense administrative choices are taken in the organization with respect to the change of its working. Moderate advance on the tasks has officially expanded their expenses by twelve circumstances, while the administration has offered

coalitions won't just stand well in its part, it can likewise be instrumental in acquainting the same with the plan.

Recommendations

- All political parties should express full support for the implementation of China Pakistan Economic Corridor.
- All political parties should be joined together and resolve their political issues and work for their mutual benefits.
- The government and all the provinces should work together for the business, financial and social advancement and for the promotion of peaceful environment in the country.
- The government should impart all points of interest of CPEC project to all the political parties of all the provinces.
- The government should talk about the advantages and difficulties of this multi-dollar project with all the provinces.
- The Pakistan's government should give full support and help to foreign workers of various CPEC project.
- The government should give security to the foreign laborers on various projects of CPEC.
- The government should not defer work at CPEC in light of the fact that it can give space to the militants and terrorists to make jumps in the smooth development of the project.

Pakistan's Role

Pakistan at present ought to appreciate the ground realities; and through diplomatic attempts, it ought to embrace a balanced approach in its foreign policy towards both China and the West; and ought to investigate and exploit all open doors so that its economy does not get trampled under the premiums of major powers. Pakistan ought to likewise make endeavors to lessening strain with its Eastern and Western neighbors, which are noteworthy nations for Pakistan's security and flourishing economy within a reasonable time-frame. An adjusted Pakistan would acquire as far as strategic value, economy, and enhanced measure of security. In understanding the long-term trade objectives of CPEC, government of Pakistan and individuals need to determine their differences and understand that this project is going to be valuable for Pakistan, which has now the chance to achieve a superior dealing position and some flexibility to act past US impact. The Chinese role in worldwide economic affairs in the meantime must be considered in a more extensive territorial and worldwide setting. China is a major economic power and ought to be dealt with deliberately, that is to state that Pakistan ought not to deal away its own advantages and unrestrained choice in any circumstance. Additionally, to procure the products of this mega deal by China, Pakistan needs to sort out its own economy including different trade and industrial divisions so that the corridor will be used in the most ideal way.

China's Role

In the present century, the balance of economic and political power is seemed, by all accounts, to be moving from West toward the East and "China as the pre-eminent Asian power is re-writing the guidelines – to utilize President Obama's express – in what is the world's fastest growing continent, Asia." China is the key force of Asia in this contemporary situation that can't just save

Benefits for India

The Chinese investment of \$46 billion into Pakistan is driven by two fundamental contemplation. China's ebb and flow \$4 trillion foreign trade and 7 million barrels of every day oil imports are generally needy upon sea lanes that can be stifled by contending powers. Persuaded that the U.S. is looking for surrogates to contain its ascent, China is looking for another less powerless route. Moreover, China has at long last chosen that its vexed however trustworthy companion Pakistan, has issues that can best be dealt with by putting resources into its infrastructure development and power sector. Simultaneously, as a piece of its bigger One Belt, One Road methodology, the CPEC gets a need since this is the main system that associates China to the Arabian Sea -- shortening its sea distance with the energy rich Persian Gulf advertise by more than 10,000 km.

The China's extent of dedication betters the US\$12 billion Marshal Plan used to reconstruct a few European states after World War II. Some Chinese aided projects are currently fused into the CPEC. If used legitimately, this expansive mixture of capital can possibly change the territorial power condition.

The CPEC will be created in 15 years, along three corridors – western, central and eastern, associating the two urban communities – Kashgar in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region with Pakistan's profound water Chinese-fabricated Gwadar Port, only 400 km from the Straits of Hormuz. 20% of world's oil goes through the Straits, a lot of it bound for China.

To depoliticize the project while taking strong Chinese urging, an All-Party Conference in Pakistan chose that the western route be brought up first.

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Therefore the Chinese leadership assembled a top-down as well as bottom up support from Chinese financial and industrial houses for the CPEC. Consulted between particular business people, almost all the money is in business loans. A powerful and dynamic investment worked by the Chinese state itself underscores China's profound duty towards Pakistan's development and strength. Thus, Chinese impact will increment in Pakistan and will spread beyond.

Since Pakistan keeps on confronting devastating shortage of power, which causes no less than a loss of 2 percent GDP, nearly \$34 billion are to be spent in setting up new power plants. The early power projects will yield 10,400 MW of power by 2017-18. This will goad a significant part of the agricultural and industrial activities, subsequently enhancing the lives of ordinary people. Pakistan appraises that there will be a 15 percent expansion in its GDP by 2030, when the CPEC is expected for culmination. Whatever is left will be spent on roads, fiber optic links, energy supply lines and Gwadar Port.

If Pakistan can enhance its dreary execution in FDI absorption, the immense investment can be transformational. To understand the CPEC ambitions, it is a test for Pakistan to devise a consistent system. In process it enhances Pakistan's appallingly poor administration measures as well.

Pakistan secured a self-destructive equality mentality, appears to have comprehended that to prevent India's energy projection, military ability alone won't do. Pakistan needs a monetary muscle to match India's developing clout in the locale and far off. Pakistan's military comprehends the requirement for this new condition far better than the oligarchic nonmilitary personnel initiative.

China will be more disposed to ensure Pakistan's security interests after taking this significant investment. Furthermore, this investment will begin narrowing the monetary crevice amongst India and Pakistan with anticipated increment of 15 percent in GDP. Different nations in the SAARC will unavoidably seek China for project money and support, which India can't would like to match.

The CPEC is interesting as in it associates China and Pakistan just, and furthermore interfaces China to the sea through the snappiest route. It could be a turn to China's OBOR idea that means to associate 60 nations on the Asia and European land mass. To understand this arrangement, China expects to manufacture a web of systems, for example, the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, the Southern Silk Road, the Central Asia Silk Road, and the CPEC.

Giving land based security, a completely operational Gwadar Port and the CPEC will move the example of China's sea trade interfaces and diminish volumes to and from China through the Malacca. China's energy supplies will be less powerless against the 'Malacca Dilemma.' To ensure its own supply plan, Chinese maritime presence in the Indian Ocean could increment. Given long standing relations and the developing power alliances, Pakistan will be upbeat to open Gwadar offices for China's maritime use.

The unsatisfactory thing to both China and Pakistan is that the U.S. is seeking India with the declared reason for allotting the lead part in the Indian Ocean. India's cozying up to forces that China is suspicious of, constrains Pakistan and China to reinforce their cooperation encourage. Pakistan-China vital naval partnership fixated on Gwadar will leave the Indo-U.S. desire of ruling the Indian Ocean.

Resulting to the developing question with the West, Russia and China have consented to make an exchange component to coordinate the Russian supported Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and OBOR. The assertion denotes a conclusion to Russia's wavering about China's OBOR. Additionally, in the present condition of belligerence, Pakistan is not going to give overland availability to India through Afghanistan and Central Asia. This close India out of the Central Asian Silk Road. With India removing from Russia and adjusting to the U.S. points, India confronts question in its own lawn – much a similar misstep Pakistan made in adjusting to the regional powers – to the drawback of its own future.

A noteworthy monetary engagement for India between two of its foes – Pakistan and China – is a twofold problem. The financial reality of rising China forces India to bolster the different segments of road connectivity, as in Central Asia, East Asia and furthermore interfacing China with Myanmar, Bangladesh and India through the Southern Silk Road. However, India couldn't beat its profound an utter detestation towards Pakistan by protesting the venture, despite the fact that on the subject of its section through the debated domain of Jammu and Kashmir, amid Mr. Modi's China visit in May. These Indian preferences don't add to rapprochement between the two.

There are open doors for India in the CPEC and in the OBOR. When endorses over Iran are lifted, the Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas project can be resuscitated. What's more, with the CPEC

set up, it is likely that the pipeline will likewise nourish into the EUEA interface. Joining an energy supply game plan with China, Russia, Iran and Pakistan will just strengthen territorial connectivity and relationship among foes. This could be the monetary extension amongst South and Central Asia.

The Chinese economy is five circumstances greater than India's. Indeed, even with higher development rate this year, India will require over 50 years to make up for lost time. India needs to release up while grappling with China's strategic ascent and draw in effectively with China in OBOR. This will just help yield a more peaceful world.

India ought to acknowledge the way that it doesn't have numerous choices available to it to influence the advancement of CPEC, in spite of the fact that at present it is attempting to adventure every single thin window to counter the project. In the event that it demonstrates positive motion towards CPEC, India can extricate benefits out of this wander by opening up channels of trade through Pakistan as Indian yearning is to connect with Afghanistan and CARs to enlarge access for its market; in any case, issue stays where the two South Asian key players – India and Pakistan – in view of their ill will and since quite a while ago perpetrated question, are reluctant to help up their arrangements for each other. At present, both nations ought to determine their extraordinary issues through talks for the aggregate advantage of the billion or more people of this region. On the off chance that both nations agree with the thought, then CPEC can be stretched out to India through auxiliary connections from Punjab and even Kashmir; in this manner, turning the shared security danger doubt to profit. In addition, CPEC has the ability to appear a speedier perfection of Iran-Pak-India gas pipeline to satisfy the energy needs of India.

IRAN

Iran has as of late continued its position on the world economy and India has included in Chabahar, it will be a sensible arrangement to include Iran in this arrangement as this will at last advantage and reinforce the position of Pakistan and China. For Iran, the corridor would give the nation tremendously obliged openness toward the east. What's more, Iran's corridor in this wander would prompt to a period of enhanced financial development over the Sistan-Baluchistan region by upgrading exchange between Pakistan, China, and Iran and would offer a practical gateway to the Gulf region for states like Russia and India. By and by, the requirement for Pakistan is to consider the worries of Iran particularly if Pakistan needs to adjust India's impact in the region and wishes to satisfy the old long for Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline.

UAE'S Reaction

UAE which is only a small market of hospitality ought to understand that it won't not receive any long term advantage in return supposed vital coalition with India, as India will without a doubt not break relations with its key oil provider and now an accomplice in building up a port – Iran, UAE's old foe. On the off chance that the leaders of UAE join India on temporary fad to stop the Gwadar Port and CPEC extend, then eventually it would be a demonstration principally against Chinese interests and would separate its relations with Pakistan as they are not prepared to withdraw on the arrangement of CPEC. Subsequently, in the present situation, UAE ought to concentrate on securing its future through Gwadar and CPEC, which are inevitably the eventual fate of this area.

Strategy for Central Asia

Albeit, all landlocked Central Asian States have respected the approach of CPEC, the policy makers of Pakistan and China ought to receive creative strategies to induce CARs to remain solid with the possibility of the proposed extend and for this, Pakistan, China, and CARs ought to hold agreeable displays to advance industrial and trade links. Moreover to make tracks in an opposite direction from Iranian and Indian grasp, CARs ought to be offered lucrative and organization based proposition rather than reliance choice. These states are long sitting tight for a channel towards warm waters and clearly they will pick the choice which will be all the more financially favorable for them over the long run. Further to this, Pakistan and China are required to kill the resistance for CPEC which may originate from Russian side as it has monopoly over the CARs and it dislike to change its position. Pakistan ought to find a way to have close vital terms with Russia to pick up her certainty for foundation of CPEC, which may likewise help in invalidating the US hegemonic plans in the region.

US Support

The US ought to bolster CPEC as it would get peace and prosperity in the region, which is sound for the interests of the US that appears to be burnt out on battling the difficulties of extremism and terrorism in the region. The US has dependably given help to Pakistan's endeavors in killing terrorism; be that as it may, perpetual nourishing of Pakistan is not in the long term interests of the US. China's OBOR plan and making of CPEC will build Chinese impact in the territory. The US may scramble to get a high ground in Asia sooner or later; yet it's a rude awakening for the US that for the aggregate advancement and tranquility of the area it ought to give this district a chance to remain all alone by tolerating the reality: "Asia for Asians." China and Pakistan ought

to have correspondence with the US to give the comprehension of CPEC to keep away from any potential clash. Thorough and agreeable organization of Pakistan and China will doubtlessly beat the difficulties postured by the territorial environment. The best approach to fulfill the worries and invalidate the hegemonic plans of some territorial forces is to make them understand that CPEC won't just fortify the monetary states of Pakistan however will help in the financial recuperation of the entire territory. For assuaging the adversaries of CPEC, both China and Pakistan need to take part in outside strategic moves and ought to elevate discourses to improve the aggregate comprehension among provincial nations. To appear the vision of CPEC, the need of great importance is to draw in with the concerned local performers normally and deliberately and make them accomplices rather than foes. Subsequently Pakistan and China ought to embrace an arrangement of consideration rather than avoidance; taking different partners along will be useful for the accomplishment of the project and for tough peace and advance of the district. On the off chance that actualized in a straightforward way by keeping in view the yearnings of every single key partner, CPEC can possibly inspire the financial condition and change the monetary range of the entire territory to improve things.

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