

## The War of Fitnah Can Only End by Unifying Pakistan and Afghanistan as One Khilafah State

## News:

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Pakistan lost twenty-five troops in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Dera Ismail Khan, the military's media affairs wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), said on 12 December 2023. Tehreek-i-Jihad Pakistan (TJP), a new group affiliated with the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), claimed responsibility for the attack on the check post.

## Comment:

Pakistan has been witnessing an increase of attacks on the security forces in the provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) and Baluchistan. When Afghan Taliban took control of Kabul in August 2021, there was optimism that security issues inside Pakistan will be diminished significantly, if not completely eradicated. The Afghan Taliban tried to facilitate a dialogue between the state of Pakistan and Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which produced two ceasefire agreements between them. However, the ceasefire failed to last more than a few months.

This War of Fitnah between Muslims suits America. As a result of this, Pakistan remains busy in quelling militancy in its Western regions, along the Pak-Afghan border. Relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan remain tense, as Pakistan accuses Afghan Taliban of supporting TTP. This situation provides space for India to focus its attention on its disputed borders with China. All this helps the US policy of containing China. So, it is in US interest that this conflict inside Pakistan, and tensions with the Afghan Taliban, continue.

There is also a local reason which flames this War of Fitnah. These militant groups consider the state of Pakistan as an ally of US. Indeed, Pakistan's leadership put every available resource at the disposal of the US, during its almost twenty years of so-called "war on terror." Even after the withdrawal of US from Afghanistan, the state of Pakistan has not left slavery to the US. This reflects in its policy over Occupied Kashmir. The rulers of Pakistan have guaranteed the US and India, that even after the crossing of the last red line by India, which is the annexation of Occupied Kashmir, they will continue to restrain Pakistan's armed forces.

The ruling establishment of Pakistan must be changed to end this War of Fitnah. It will only cause more harm to Pakistan. More military operations will not end this war in the tribal regions. The US realized that itself after long years of war. An Islamic leadership, ruling by Islam, alone can end the losses to both sides.

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