

Pakistan – India Security Paradox: Between Deterrence and Coercive Diplomacy

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Abstract

Pakistan and India, as two nuclear neighbors in South Asia with a hostile historical legacy, have limited strategic options to pursue in an environment where uncertainty and threat are constant. In this context, India has moved in the recent past from a traditional deterrence towards a more escalatory posture under Modi led fascist regime. The primary emphasis of this study is to analyze how do India's intimidating tactics, particularly hybrid warfare undermine the security balance between India and Pakistan constantly causing the bilateral relations to swing between deterrence and coercive diplomacy. Indian war gaming tactics are a direct threat to conventional and nuclear deterrence.

Key words: Deterrence, Coercive Diplomacy, Hybrid Warfare, Security, Pakistan, India.

Introduction

Coercion, threat, enmity, and cynicism define the security equation of Pakistan and India. Their frictional relationship expounds on the deep complexities that exist between the two nuclear neighbors. Policy and defense analysts have observed multiple instances of coercive

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