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## Afghanistan and the 19th summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organization



Nineteenth summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organization held in Bishkek of Kyrgyzstan on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June, the Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani participated in the meeting with a delegation led. The background of this organization has a direct link to Afghanistan's situation and in the past ten years, attention has increased, and concern for this organization. In view of the value of this organization in the region, Afghanistan also recently wanted the full membership of the organization. . The President of Afghanistan had meetings with the leaders of China, India, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan in the get up of the last meeting of this organization.

What is the impact of SCO and Afghanistan on each other's? What is the regional and international role of this organization? What role can be done in the Afghan Peace process and finally the assessment of 19<sup>th</sup> summit are analyzed here.

### **Shanghai-5 Organization and the background of Shanghai Cooperation Organization**

Even after the collapse of Soviet Union China had issue of 7000 km joint border with number of countries such as Russian, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, and these problems may face China's relationship with threat, because of the same dilemma China and Soviet Union had serious conflict upon the same and even they enter to the war.

China and four other countries (Russia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan) in 1996 a joint meeting held for the purpose of betterment of relationship and is particularly aimed at resolving border disputes. Finally, they ended up with the formation of the SCO 5 organization, and the SCO-5 organization was able to resolve the dispute of the border with in the short period.

After the settlement of the border dispute, a friendly environment was formed between five member states, Members countries of the organization focused on the presence of extremist groups inside the region, especially in Afghanistan, and preventing joint combat and cooperation against them. In addition to the meetings between some other agencies including Foreign and Defense Ministers , Besides regional security and stability, about joint work in consultation with terrorism, drug and arms trafficking issues, and no availability of nuclear weapons in Central Asia, and economic developments have been undertaken in the list of priority.

Uzbekistan received a membership of Shanghai 5 organization on 15<sup>th</sup> July of 2001, and the same organization was officially named as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

Currently, eight countries (China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan) are permanent members of the Organization, Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran and Mongolians are observers and from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia, Nepal, Turkey and Sri-Lanka are recognized as partners in negotiations.

### **International and regional role of Shanghai Cooperation Organization**

Worldwide, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization considered one of the valuable and top organization, and currently we can name it one of the largest organization after United Nation, Which involved 44% of the world's population, This organization takes steps from time to time towards development, and the two strong South Asian countries(Pakistan and India) Including four in the world Nuclear weapon states and accession countries are with them, Turkey and now the organization is called the dialogue partner, and China is happy for them.

SCO member states( RATS ) Or Regional Anti- terrorist Structure Or (regional counter-terrorism framework) They were able to counter 20 big attacks of terrorist, 440 training centers, around 1700 international terrorism and discovered 3250 explosive devices were captured in the period of 2011 to 2015 Years, So this SCO is having a wider role in the region and create instability in mistrust among member countries, and this has to continue the collaboration between member countries.

In addition to this in ( 2015 ) summit these decisions are discussed, members state need to share all information about the terrorist centers , the terrorist activities and terrorist financing support resources and information, thereby members countries share with each other, to take joint decision, to save several regional instability.

According to the Statement of SCO, the members' countries are cooperating in the following areas to take positive steps in building trust in the region and on the other hand, the region resides from conflicts:

**Counter Narcotics:** The Shanghai Cooperation Organization not only organizes a coordinated meeting with the international community, but also at international level against international terrorism, illegal narcotics cultivation and trafficking, illegal weapons, and terrorist groups, Among them, the 2016 session, which was set up in the United Nations in New York, was aimed at a joint fight against international threats, as well as the United Nations in Vienna against the drug Remarked a joint meeting with the Counter Narcotics and Criminal Investigation Agency.

**Economic cooperation:** Shanghai as regional cooperation organization, not only in the region, but internationally want free trade, economic stability, and to continue reconstruction and cooperation in the global economy and trying to eradicate restrictions against trade.

**Cultural Cooperation:** The only reason that has established confidence among the member states of this organization, and resolved the path to joint cooperation was reminded of cultural, scientific and scientific cooperation. . There can be rich cultural heritage and cultural cooperation between Central Asian countries, cultural representations among member states and solutions to problems, and this could have a great role in reducing and closing the distance between the people.

### **The 19<sup>th</sup> Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit**

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June of this year the organization Held In addition to the regional security, the fight against drug trafficking, economic development, industry, situation in Afghanistan, and the position of Iran's nuclear deal, besides regional security, has been backed by the country, There were issues that discussed in the summit.

China in the area of investment, and the Asian markets are seen communicating to their supply of goods determination, is very interested, from Kabul, as in ( 2012 ) they have supported as an overseas country , it also comes to membership, but on the other hand, it is still very important for Afghanistan , because Kabul can prevent narcotics cultivation and trafficking in cooperation with the Memorandum Organization , In Afghanistan some groups are not just fighting to get the support of Afghanistan, but the other countries at risk to regional security, and economic development.

Afghanistan's President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani recalled the major threats against the members of terrorism, terrorism and war-memorandum organizations and observers in his speech to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Nineteenth Summit, and reminded the country's security forces, In Farah province (53) labs were destroyed , and nearly 1 billion us dollar was the loss to them. And explained that the country has strong intentions to drug.

### **Role of Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Peace process (Afghanistan)**

The President of Afghanistan called for support for the leadership and ownership of the Afghan people in the peace process, and no peace in the region of Shanghai, was concerned about regional agreements. Besides international consensus and web presence is vital. If Afghanistan should work within the true meaning in the peace process, could be already in a regional consensus on the peace Shanghai cooperation countries more easily, and the role of China and India in this regard which have a good relationship with Afghanistan, can be helpful in the peace process. The organization of other member countries including Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has announced its support for Afghan-led peace process and the peace in Afghanistan claim widely preferred issues relevant to the region.

### The final words

The Shanghai cooperation Organization, which has a special significance on the region and on the globe, and Afghanistan, between South and Central Asia, some of its members countries, can be located in the vassel area, as soon as possible, this organization should be guided, and it can be helpful, besides the peace issue of this country, border issues and economic developments.

After the membership of Afghanistan, it can be easily accessible to our border activists, and because the Shanghai Cooperation Organization ( 2015 ) In a meeting held in the meeting, once again, the border issue between the member states will be resolved, and the member states will strengthen their border force in order to prevent international terrorists. So therefore the membership after the country can bring in neighboring countries, and in particular of the pressure arm and cooperation organization in Pakistan and Iran, and to play an important role in peace process of Afghanistan.

## Insecurity and corruption, two blind nodes in Afghan politics



The International Institute of Economics and Peace, headquarter in Sydney, Australia, recently announced that Afghanistan is ranked 163<sup>rd</sup> in the list of countries in the world after the Syrian, Iraqi, Yemeni, South Sudan and Somali as the most insecure in the world. This is happening where peace talks between the Taliban and Mr. Zalmay Khalilzad, the Special Representative of the United States of America to the Afghan Peace Process, have been taking place in Qatar for several months, and the green lights on both sides have shown progress in these dialogues.

The institute annually publishes a ranking list of countries based on their peaceful status, which addresses the state of peace, its economic costs, and how to strengthen peace in different societies

### **Criteria for evaluation and reviewing** (Institute for Economics and Peace, Australia)

In Global Peace Index 2018 which was conducted by the Institute for Economics and Peace Australia based, Syria recognized as the most unsafe country of the world, but intensification of the war between the afghan government and the Taliban in the past year and that is why the number of civilian casualties on both sides increased, beside of that there was some other

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reasons also which caused the position of Afghanistan, instead of Syria, is at the top of the list of the most insecure countries in the world. In the first weeks of 2019, the United Nations Office at Afghanistan (UNAMA) announced that 2018 was the bloodiest year for civilians, with civilian casualties raised by 11 percent, over 3,000 individuals per year.

The institute examines the level of insecurity in countries in three stages:

**First:** Security and safety in the community, **Second:** Domestic/international violence, and **Third:** The level of militarism in it.

Now, with the above criteria, if we have a quick look at the situation in Afghanistan, That how much the level of insecurity in the country raised.

Reports indicate that there are daily several kidnapping, murder and other crimes per day in Kabul. This is affecting the normal life of citizens', social and psychological security, and safety of the individual and threatens at any moment.

### Factors of insecurity in Afghanistan

Insecurity is not a phenomenon that only has a relationship with politics and militarism, but its main roots are from a cultural context, and its outgrowth forms social and economic factors. Corruption in its various forms in the political system, the rivalry between its international intelligence agencies and their regional partners , drug trafficking and the illegal extraction of certain mines by international mafia bands in collusion with local traffickers, especially those that are in the grip of the Afghan government they are considered as insecure political factors in the country.

Local traffickers, on the one hand, are associated with international mafia bands and, on the other hand, with corrupted individuals and circles inside the system and in the Taliban groups, whose interests are in the event of continued war and insecurity in Afghanistan. The interconnection between internal and external mafias, especially in the cultivation, production and trafficking of narcotics on the two sides of the battle line , is so strong that the multi-year activities of the Directorate of Counter Narcotics, Ministry of the Interior affairs as has not been able to affect it.



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Rural life and lack of necessary facilities in life, the excessive distance between urban and rural life, illiteracy, lack of awareness of the law, incorrect social and religious beliefs in society, gender based discrimination, domestic violence and abuse against women, and other issues of this kind, are among the social factors in insecurity.

The above Social factors, Conflict in the minds of youth in the community uninformed natural growth and naturally encourages to war and violence; However the abuse, humiliation, violence against women and women's human rights maliciousness and ugly actions of men , with religious misconceptions Is justified.

Poverty and unemployment, and low monthly income of individuals and families, have led some young people to migrate out of the country in recent years, some of them addicted to drug, and some majority joined the army and the movement of Taliban or other movements. Some of them started robbery, kidnapping, murder, rape and other crimes. According to the National Security Advisor of Country, daily average, 50 individuals lose their live (soldiers of the armed forces and civilians) as a result of military operations by armed groups in Afghanistan, but the reality is somehow different that true demographic loss of life and property damage caused by the ongoing conflict in the country, much higher than the report of media.

### Will peace efforts succeed?

As you can see, the United States has decided to negotiate the Taliban on the peace process by establishing a global and regional consensus for peace in Afghanistan. However, as can be seen, multiple complications and intervention of major world powers, so that is why it is difficult to achieve peace in this country.

Apparently, the United States of America during six rounds of talks with the Taliban, the precondition of Taliban was the withdrawal of NATO troops from Afghanistan, while a short timeline, is accepted. However, perhaps the increasing influence of ISIS in different provinces may be a reason for their stay in Afghanistan. One of the conditions of US is to do not be threatening from the territory of Afghanistan to expel their troops from Afghanistan, If ISIS is active in this country, and it is natural that America's interests will be threatened.

It clearly visible from Mr. Khalilzad's talks with Taliban representatives in Qatar: There is no close understanding and close coordination between the Ministry of foreign affairs and its intelligence agency in the Afghan peace process. The State Department and the White House are trying to be in peace with the Taliban and to make it one of their achievements of their nation during the country's 2020 presidential election campaign, but the role that the main designers of US foreign policy are to prevent globalization. The Chinese economy, Russia's unpredictable military development, Iran's lack of nuclear weapons, and other issues in the region are different from the views of President Trump and indicate the long-term presence of the United States in Afghanistan.

The Taliban believe that ISIS is a Western project and an excuse for the long-term presence of NATO in Afghanistan .According to the Taliban, Westerners, after failures in Ukraine and Syria, have decided to build Central Asian countries to the Russian border insecure. If the United States withdraws from the region, the Taliban will be able to eradicate ISIS roots from Afghanistan with the support of region countries, which may have agreed upon the same.

Americans say to the Taliban that ISIS is considered a threat to the United States, as it threatens the interests of Afghanistan, so that the US military withdrawal table will be adjusted in such a way that until the withdrawal of the US military from Afghanistan, the roots of ISIS in this country is also being completely destroyed. In that case, the Taliban's prediction is that a clear, guaranteed agreement with the Afghan political parties, which is likely to be organized under the aegis of the United Nations in one of the European countries, will enter the system without any disarmament.

### Consequences of insecurity in the country

Security is the most important element for the development of various political, economic and cultural spheres, access to services, lawfulness, the strengthening of foreign relations, and, finally, state- building and nation - building. In the absence of security, the law cannot be ruled out in the society; Corruption will take place in the system; Children and adolescents are deprived of literacy; Investment will be eliminated; Needed health services will not be provided to the citizens; The scope of poverty and unemployment are expanding; Justice, Freedom Equality and

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other human values will be questioned, and various other problems will arise. Therefore, priority should be given to peace and entered the field with realism. Maybe the hasty rush and early optimism will bring other problems instead of peace.

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