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**India - Israel Defense Ties: Security Threat for Pakistan**

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<p><b>Received:</b> October 08, 2021</p> <p><b>Accepted:</b> January 16, 2022</p> <p><b>Online:</b> January 21, 2022</p> <p><b>Keywords:</b> India-Israel Defense, Military Relationship, Pakistan Fallout, Security Threat, US Influence</p> <p><b>*Corresponding Author:</b></p> <p>armaghannfarid d@gmail.com</p>	<p>India's broad-spectrum relationship with Israel having a specific focus on the military (defense) relationship forged India and Israel into mutual complementarities. These growing military ties between both states are likely to create serious security challenges for Pakistan. India and Israel have a typical dream of the power and territorial hegemon, utilizing similar strategies of savagery in their individual approaches in involved regions. India as a team with Israel is additionally attempting towards growing hard power, which has genuine dangers for the security of Pakistan in light of the fact that to counter Pakistan is one of the great objectives of the two states by expressing Pakistan as shared adversary and danger. Hence, the military relations among India and Israel consistently contact Indian-Pakistan contention and have impacts on Pakistan security interests, upsetting the essential equilibrium of South Asia. Be that as it may, this examination is productive in figuring out what is the realpolitik behind the Israel relations with India? While its examinations that India and Israel military relationship altogether change the idea of Pakistan overall influence with India, it additionally implies the potential proposals to guarantee harmony and security explicitly in Pakistan and by and large in the district that can help in drafting the key strategy choices for Pakistan? Lastly, it is determining the corollary of India and Israel relationship towards Pakistan that, how their converging interests are causing the fallout for Pakistan and why the progress of their relationship is affecting Pakistan politically and internationally? Hence, the design of this research is exploratory and descriptive and it is relying on secondary available sources and for more observational investigation, study depends on philosophical suspicions to reach at key discoveries.</p>

**Introduction**

India's relations with Israel lasted from around forty years. Notwithstanding, the relations with Israel in 1992 is the progressions in the global geopolitical climate constrained India to build up full conciliatory relationship. Those headlines which constrained India for reevaluating choice for setting up political binds with Israel were, the Gulf War which truly sabotaged the Arab world solidarity, the end of cold war, decidedly

affected the peaceful arrangements of numerous worldwide issues, for instance; peace talks of Arab and Israel, pressing requirement for US better relations, Pakistan's promulgation against the India (West Asian) and states of North Africa to set up coalition of Islamic and the internationalization of Kashmir issue, absence of Arab nations help in between the hours of emergency or the help of Pakistan in the OIC (Organization of Islamic Conference) gatherings, minimum thought of vote banking for the Muslims in computation of system in the power, or at the homegrown front. Other than this, India was likewise mindful of Israel's accomplishments in agrarian innovations just as better modern expertise which could make a major extension for participation.

The normalization of relations allowed the two nations to investigate however many areas as could be expected under the circumstances. While the relationship of Indian and Israel expanded quickly in agricultural field and trade of both the nations kept on investigating however many areas as could be allowed for common co-activity. 'Military' is the only area where both nations are exploring.

In the military field, the previous Soviet Union has been a solid and conventional companion and accomplice of India. However the breakdown of Soviet Union influenced the Russian military modern complex and their production limit has descended from what it was in the Soviet period.

Israel then again, is a late contestant in building up diplomatic relations with India however has arisen as a significant accomplice in different fields including the military field. Such participation depends on India's reasonable assessment of the worldwide and regional security environment as well as technological requirement.

The defense and military association among India and Israel could bring impressive advantages to Israel. In any case, it could, for instance, prompt New Delhi to utilize its situation as a main player inside the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to relax or moderate the NAMs against Israel strategies. It could likewise furnish Israel with a significant accomplice to counter the normal dangers of both the nations. India and Israel have additionally as of late found a way to grow collaboration in the space of room and maritime exercises. Israeli arms products to India are at the center of Indo-Israeli safeguard collaboration. Israel has been selling weapons to the Indian military for more than 20 years. These exchanges are advantageous together: Israel has become one of India's most significant arms providers, just as a basic supplier of military advancements and ability, while India has become Israel's single biggest arms market. There is not only alliance on political but also in conspiracies based on ideology against Pakistan. Hypocrisy is the basic technique of Jews and Hindus, under the shelter of which they manage the most dangerous devices silently. (Musa khan, 1992).

The provincial security of South Asia overall and Pakistan specifically is destroyed because of the devouring struggles between India-Pakistan and Pakistan-Israel issues of acknowledgment and relations with it. A significant part of global relations in the South Asian locale including what are India's key interests with Israel and how India's developing brilliant job in essential relationship with Israel improved Pakistan's fears and concerns in light of the fact that: to counter Pakistan was one of the excellent contemplations of India while perceiving and broadening political relations with Israel. The tactical relations among India and Israel consistently contact the India-Pakistan contention. Israel not just gave material help to India during wars yet in addition introduced some important methods to counter rebellion in Indian held Kashmir. India - Israel defense relations affected Pakistan's security interests, appropriating the essential balance in South Asia. The U.S ceaseless support to its essential accomplices likewise make a disturbance for Pakistan.

### **Indian-Israel Diplomatic Relationship**

Under the British Domain of May 1947, India designated as part among the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP). When UNSCOP presented its report in September 1947, India got autonomous and casted a ballot against the parcel of Palestine alongside Yugoslavia and Iran as suggested by eight different states and proposed independence into Jewish and Arab states in region where they establish larger part. However, this deferral was in the more prominent public interest rather than supportive of Arab or non-arrangement position. The tallness of Indian double approach can be followed that India believed Israel to be a country that was brought into the world with the sponsorship of colonialist drives and was upheld by them, however it was the India who previously perceived the territory of Israel in the locale (Abhyankar, 2012). By the way, the shortfall of full political relations didn't come in the method of seeking after a nearby secret connection between both the nations. Behind the front mass of a favorable to Arab position for a really long time, India ran equal in underground discretion with Israel. With the finish of the virus war and the destruction of USSR, a critical change manifests and India went for one more partner and eagerly settled sincere relations with Israel and delivered full political relations in 1992 after its acknowledgment of over forty years and hit the most elevated moment that Israel PM Ariel Sharon paid an authority visit to India in 2003 (Inbar 2017).

Adjacent to these acknowledgment issues, India-Israel determinately continues their military relations previously, then after the fact setting up political relations. In any case, the military relations among India and Israel have been found beginning around 1962 when Israel gave material help to India during Sino-India war 1962 and expanded full conciliatory and military help to India in battles of 1965,1971,1999 with Pakistan while, the two nations began chipping away at atomic fields before long its creation. Both speed up the pace of work during sixties (Kayani, 2012). Israel began dynamic work on the development of the nuclear reactor as right on time as 1961 India likewise needed to grow its atomic reactor program and, for the situation, she wanted help from Israel which had the most

development specialized skill in Afro-Asia and whose atomic reactor at Dimona worked with the assistance of France was quite possibly the most present day one. Israel required the unrefined substance while India then again had one of the vastest thorium saves on the planet. 1974, India makes its first atomic blast with the help of Israel. Military assistance proceeded. India and Israel both arranged all in all to assault Kahutta Research Laboratories in mid 1980s (Hafeez, 2014).

The Indo-Israeli relationship has bloomed since the early 1990s, to the point that it has been called 'entente' by atleast one prominent observer of the Jewish state's foreign policy. Indeed, India and Israel nowadays maintain intimate military and intelligence links that include the sharing of technology, tactics, training and information. Bilateral trade nowadays is continued in the billions of US dollars annually. And diplomatic contacts between new Delhi and Jerusalem are routine and warm. Kumaraswamy observes that Indian foreign policy towards Zionism and Israel was historically conditioned by a combination of realist minded internal and external considerations, and not the idealist-minded principles that the foreign policy establishment was long fond of reciting to audiences abroad. India will use space for military reason and beginning to fabricate ASAT capacities that can change the idea of fighting in Asia and especially is destructive to the dependability of South Asia. Indian goal is to counter China and assume the part of balancer has additionally set off the Asian space race which will annihilate the tranquility of the locale. The arm race in space lead countries to farewell disbarment and harmony and plunged in interminable bad dreams. The India-Israel nexus has never been confidential, however taking into account the current situation, this conspiracy is currently introducing a genuine danger to the security and regional honesty of South Asia. India has a fantasy about becoming a territorial as well as worldwide political and military power. The new 34% increment in the military spending plan reported by the UPA government builds up that view. As of now, India isn't compromised by any of its neighbors. Rather than utilizing this cash in friendly advancement tasks to work on the state of its masses, India has decided to spend it on weapon buys. India-Israel protection coordinated effort has genuinely jeopardized the essential equilibrium in the locale, and Pakistan is thinking that it is progressively hard to coordinate with the traditional military capacity of its neighbor. It has particularly communicated its anxiety with respect to the offer of the Arrow hostile to rocket framework that would kill part of Pakistan's atomic weapons store by truly influencing its long-range rocket capacity. Because of the presence of the Jewish entryway in the U.S., Israel applies extraordinary effect on U.S. strategies which in the current circumstance has been helping India. As a partner in the conflict on dread, Pakistan ought to compress the U.S. to deal with its inclinations. Being the sole superpower on the planet, it is Americas moral obligation to guarantee harmony on the planet which can't be accomplished without equity to the mistreated individuals in Kashmir and Palestine. India and Israel share comparable danger and interest. Israel needs to improve Indian space power for a more grounded and better balancer in South Asia and Asia overall. This will serve the short and long-haul

interest of Israel. Presently, countries have understood that space is a source and image of force. Today India is dispatching different satellites with the assistance of Israel.

### **Indian-Israel Defense and security ties: Issues and challenges**

Disintegration of USSR which accelerate to the cycle of keeping up with the pleasant relations of fields in military with Israel and it transforms into greatest military weapon supplier to India after Soviet Union. This planned exertion builds up the modernization of military weapons race in the area. Nonetheless, it was predictable movement of political and business visits which show the expansion for coordinated effort in various fields including security relations. This example in the particular relationship was deliberately remained under the radar with an ultimate objective to get India's interest inside the locale and in the Middle East region. As considering the breakdown of USSR, critical military supplies as an additional part got upset while India needed its separate shield suppliers or comprehended its danger for being excessively dependent upon source. On the other hand, Israeli necessity for military prevalence to the extent arms over its neighbors is associated with its prerequisite for moving toward more business areas for its military items and India (had the fourth greatest military on earth) is a significant interest on this regard (Bitzinger, 2013).

After political relations, the Indian Defense Minister around then, Sharad Pawar proclaimed straightforwardly that standardization of relations had prepared for using Israel's effective involvement with checking the psychological oppression. Yet, it ought to be noticed that in this political practice as an enormous number of undeniable level authorities visits overall and discoursed between unfamiliar pastors specifically are viewed as the litmus trial of the reciprocal relations between both the nations.

During this period, the fortifying of India's reciprocal relations with Israel is the consequence of the Indian high authority visits in vast number and this credit goes to National Democratic Alliance government in India. The standardization of two-sided ties empowered the two nations to foster their military collaboration (Blarel, 2015). The two nations have created comparative situations on arm control issues and Islamic radicalism. Yet, the genuine chance for Indian- Israeli military vital participation can be found in Indias look for innovative freedom and Israel's mission for military subjective prevalence in regards to its Arab neighbors. The public safety variable of both the nations has developed as the prevailing component in regards to their relations and depends on the intermingling of guard and public safety interests. Altogether, India has progressively arisen as Israels most significant market (Samuel & Rajiv, 2017).

It is surprising that India and Israel are moving closer in general and in sharing of defense and security intelligence in particular (Cucciniello & Mitra, 2003). India and Israel think that the state of Pakistan is creating trouble indirectly. Israel put blame over Pakistan for backing diplomatic and strategic assistance to the Arab world and inviting them to create

trouble for Israel. On the other hand, India considers that Pakistan is an arch rival and creating insurgencies in Kashmir. A big deal between India and Israel was the purchase of AWACS by India from Israel. This new and latest technology rang alarm bells for the state of Pakistan because this technology provides a substantial advantage to the Indian Airforce during the conflict. The AWACS provide the India Airforce with major surveillance capabilities during the event of conflict. The Ex- president of Pakistan and also Chief of Pakistan army General Pervez Musharraf and foreign minister Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri both publicly emphasized the United States of America to impede the major conventional disparity between India and Pakistan. India has continuously been violating LOC (Line of Control) getting assistance from Israel and this violation enhancing multiplied after the visit of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to India (Baig G. R., 2018). Israel has provided some light guns to India which can easily target its goal by using radar and satellite. Moreover, India has purchased some latest and modern technology from Israel which carries the ability to surveil the movement of Pakistani forces along the border with India. Recent upraising in Kashmir has moved Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take the decision of get this technical assistance from Israel to tackle the same in Indian held Kashmir (Balouch, 2017). The innocent people of Kashmir have been targeted with white phosphorous bombs bought from Israel by Indian forces. On another side, the Indian Prime Minister visit to Israel bring both countries together on the same platform to assist each other in arms and ammunition field. Israel became the first and dangerous arms supplier country for India. The newly launched tech SAR by Indian military space program is the red alarm for Pakistan's National security (Khattak, 2016). This new technology has feature to monitor Pakistan's military personnel movement and their activities near its border. By using satellite, India may get core information about Pakistan's deployment of personnel and also watch the strategic apparatus to upgrade the new space project of India. After the completion of this new advanced space satellite system, Indian defense capability swiftly boost up and stood with the advanced technology. So, this new space satellite system directly impacts Pakistan's national security because it has the latest feature which can easily monitor their opponent country's border such as the major threat to India from China and Pakistan. This new space satellite system technology may benefit India at the border of Kashmir linked with its arch-rival state Pakistan.

### **US influence over India-Israel relations**

An interesting addendum to the Pakistan-India-Israel triangle is the American factor. The romance between India and Israel enjoys full backing of the US which views the two as the defenders of its interest in South Asia and the Middle East. Ideologically too, both the countries are more tilted to US than Pakistan is, or can be. Pakistan as a declared ally of the U.S (and now a major non-NATO ally) has been persuading the US to pressurize Israel not to introduce newer technology in the South Asian region. Instead, the US gave the green signal

to Israel's sale of Phalcon AWACS to India. Ironically, a similar sale to China by Israel was foiled by the

U.S. in 1998. U.S. refusal to provide F-16 fighters to Pakistan for the last 20 years further highlights the actual or dual U.S. policy towards Pakistan. The normalization of U.S.-India relations following the disappearance of Soviet Union, actually paved the way for greater military cooperation between India and Israel, as US is essential to Israel for any arms deal because numerous Israel's weapon technologies come with the assistance of U.S. Thus, U.S. has a strong command in issues of Israeli military deals with different nations (Prasad, 2020).

The terrorism factor strengthened the growing U.S.-Israel-India triad. As compared to Pakistan, India enjoyed US backing even before 9/11, especially after the former was no more required after Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. India also joined the global coalition against terrorism. The US support for India came as a disappointment for Pakistan. It was hoped in some circles that Pakistan's 'unstinted cooperation' would help to dilute some of the pro-Indian tilt in US policy. That was not to happen. Thusly, it is significant for the arrangement creators of Pakistan to emerge from deception in regards to its security viewpoints. The Indo-Israel nexus involves genuine worry for Pakistan, notwithstanding of Pakistan's current status of non-NATO partner and close U.S. accomplice of battle against psychological warfare. Pakistan should comprehend the weightiness of the circumstance and arising security imperatives to its sway and endurance. It has a maximum capacity to upset and compromise territorial and worldwide harmony and security, whenever left unchecked.

### **Converging interests of India-Israel Relations: Impacts on Pakistan**

As India and Israel share the common psyche that both the states have threat from Muslim's countries, having border disputes with Kashmir and Palestine but beside these threats both states experience their adventurism on respective LOC from time to time. Pakistan is apprehended over these military collaborations as she considered it as menace for Pakistan which will disturb the balance of power of this region and in case if these defense relations become institutionalized, they will go for joint military exercise and will turn into the motivation to additionally intensify the space between the two powers of South Asia. Pakistan should be cautious in regards to these promising Indo-Israel military relations which are the direct threat to Pakistan's sovereignty. It is because of the ideological and religious cause which made Israel as a strong enemy of Pakistan (Purayil, 2020). On the other hand, anti-Zionism is the hallmark of Pakistan's Foreign Policy and Pakistan considers Zionism as the threat to the entire Muslim world. Since the foundation of Pakistan Mr. Jinnah didn't consider to the solicitation of Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben Gurion who requested with the acknowledgment to the province of Israel in 1948. Non recognition and lack of formal interaction with Israel further intensifies the threat, as Pakistan enjoys no

leverage or say in the decision-making circles of Tel Aviv. On the other hand, India and Israel have all the essentials of long lasting alignment such as common threat perceptions, common ideology, and comparative advantages in military terms and complementary economics. An old proverb goes that a friend of one's enemy is also an enemy.

It is very normal for Pakistan to think about military relations between a 'threatening country' and an 'unnoticed country' as a perilous condition against itself (Kumaraswamy, 2010).

Pakistan considers Zionism as a threat to the entire Muslim world and always offered itself to be the main source of opposition to any activity harmful to the Muslims. Although both Pakistan and Israel used their Embassies at Istanbul to mediate or exchange information with each other but the multiplication or addition to Israel's military relations with India rings the alarm bells in Pakistan. This leads first to condemnation, followed by warnings of an imbalance in the region and then a pledge to redress the imbalance through all possible means. The bulk of cooperation in the military field of India and Israel precipitates the delicate equilibrium in the conflict-prone region of south Asia (Kumaraswamy, 2010). It stimulates the already dangerous arms race between India and Pakistan. The support of Israel to India in wars with China and Pakistan is an alarming situation for Pakistan. As the readiness of Israel to collude with India in these events of arm conflicts gives India a strong assurance of military support. This factor coupled with the fact that Pakistan does not enjoy this assurance from any third country (even from China which does not appear to have helped Pakistan materially in past conflicts) makes it possible to steer the course of any future war in favour of India (Gopal, 2013). It's a general belief in Pakistan that any Indian response or action is totally supported by the Israel for destroying Pakistan.

## **Conclusion**

Indo-Israel respective relationship is as yet determined by close protection ties and acknowledgment of a typical enemy in Islamist psychological oppression. Albeit the two sides are attempting to expand the foundation of the relationship, there are critical imperatives, keeping it from arriving at its maximum capacity. The two sides should explore the relationship cautiously through these imperatives. The current worldwide climate, in any case, is especially good for an extending of Indo-Israeli ties. Regardless of whether the ties will capitalize on this chance relies at last upon political will in the two states. India-Israel military cooperation has genuinely jeopardized the essential equilibrium in the area, and Pakistan is thinking that it is progressively hard to coordinate with the ordinary military ability of its neighbor. Critical shared advantages can add to the two India's and Israel's mission to get by and flourish. India-Israel nexus has never been confidential, however taking into account the current situation, this conspiracy is presently introducing a genuine danger to the security and regional honesty of Pakistan. Abominations in Kashmir and



Palestine and American control of Iraq and Afghanistan are the central point liable for developing psychological oppression around the world. Both Israel and India need to comprehend that denying individuals their essential common liberties will sustain viciousness. Because of the presence of the Jewish lobby in the U.S., Israel applies exceptional impact on U.S. arrangements which in the current circumstance has been helping India. As a partner in the conflict on fear, Pakistan ought to compress the U.S. to deal with its inclinations. Being the sole superpower on the planet, it is Americas moral obligation to guarantee harmony on the planet which can't be accomplished without equity to the abused individuals in Kashmir and Palestine.

Israel needs to improve Indian space power for a more grounded and better balancer in South Asia and Asia overall. This will serve the short and long haul interests of Israel. Presently, countries have understood that space is a source and image of force. Today India is dispatching different satellites with the assistance of Israel. Indian aim is to counter China and assume the part of balancer has additionally set off the Asian space race which will obliterate the tranquility of area.

The striking factor between India and Pakistan relationship is Israel's accelerated arms race which is the main cause of devastating aspect of rivalry between both countries. The increasing growth of military sales among Indo-Israel have proved to be adverse for the fragile balance of power between India and Pakistan. In this case, Pakistan adopting a policy which aimed at balancing the strategic equation to ensure a credible deterrence towards India. Due to immense strategic pressure, only limited options left for Pakistan. If militarily collaboration between India and Israel will continue, then this will have a negative impact over Pakistan both diplomatically and militarily. In coming years, Pakistan will face major challenges to its interests from a hostile bloc having cordial relations with India at the international level. To combat this terror Pakistan will have to adopt diplomacy as well as a counter-effective strategy to avert any further escalation of tension and military imbalance between Pakistan and India. Pakistan should go for new blocks to avert the adverse effects of the collaboration under reference. This is what Pakistan needs at the moment.

It is hard for Pakistan to rival India in the conventional weapons contest. Pakistan's fragile economy can't take the weight of ordinary arms acquirement. In such a situation, Pakistan would have no other choice except for to predominantly depend on its atomic obstacle to moderate any danger to its reality radiating from the developing Indo-Israel defense partnership. This is the explanation that Pakistan has presented an arrangement of full-range prevention and Nasr-IX strategic atomic weapons to counter any misfortune under the Cold Start Doctrine (CSD) or some other proactive military activity by India.

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