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Conflict and Cooperation in Pak-Iran Relations Post 9/11

ABSTRACT

The relations between Pakistan and Iran, dates back to the early stages of Pakistan independence in 1947. These two neighbours in the South Asia exploited their natural resources and location in Indian Ocean Region to foster unity in the region and sub-region, essentially for the attainment of their national interests. However, convergence and divergence of interests affected the cordial relations between Pakistan and Iran. These concerns were broadly categorized as economic, political security/defence imperatives. The changing international environment where a nation's geographical boundary was no longer a restriction to international trade has necessitated the need for Pakistan and Iran to improve their relations in order to benefit from the international system. Therefore, the way-forward on Pakistan-Iran relations would entail a conscientious effort by both nations to tackle these concerns.

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