



Why Is Coercive Diplomacy Failing Against The Taliban

Aditya Gowdara Shivamurthy | December 02, 2021

“International community’s coercive tactics haven’t produced the desired outcomes. This is because the tactics pose high costs for the Taliban while having low political stakes.”

Read More: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/why-is-coercive-diplomacy-is-failing-against-the-taliban/>

The Taliban’s Homemade Counterinsurgency

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“Taliban’s leaders, are particularly ill-equipped to prevent private interests from bending their counterinsurgency in unwanted directions, even if they understand the dangers.”

Read More: <https://rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/talibans-homemade-counterinsurgency>

Pak Security Policy Faces Strategic Challenges

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“The critical question here is whether Pakistan is ready for a complete policy shift or is the NSP just rhetoric.”

Read More: <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/pak-security-policy-faces-strategic-challenges-363304>

Pakistan’s Economic Meltdown: The Afghan Connection – Analysis

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“Pakistan’s trail of economic meltdown on verge of 2022 leads right back to Pakistan Establishment’s imperial pretensions on Afghanistan and its disruptive strategies on Pakistan’s flanks without bothering to calculate the costs on Pakistan’s national security and stability.”

Read More: <https://www.eurasiareview.com/04012022-pakistans-economic-meltdown-the-afghan-connection-analysis/>

Complex Calculations Shape Pakistan-TTP Negotiations

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“Pakistan sees the Taliban as a facilitator of discussions with the TTP, as an ally in persuading the TTP to negotiate, and as a guarantor of whatever agreement is reached.”

Read More: <https://www.rand.org/blog/2021/12/complex-calculations-shape-pakistan-ttp-negotiations.html>

We Asked Why Pakistanis Support Lashkar-E-Taiba.

Results Will Surprise You

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“While Lashkar is an important and violent disruptor abroad, at home in Pakistan, it is an explicitly status quo power. While LeT advocates killing nonbelievers in India, within Pakistan, it insists upon converting them through social services and, humanitarian relief.”

Read More: <https://theprint.in/opinion/we-asked-why-pakistanis-support-lashkar-e-taiba-results-will-surprise-you/809550/>

Indian Rebel Outfits Regrouping In Myanmar Again

Rajeev Bhattacharyya | January 03, 2022

“The regrouping of separatist militants from India’s Northeast is happening more than two years after most of their camps were eradicated by the Tatmadaw in an exercise codenamed Operation Sunrise.”

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To Support Democracy In Myanmar, Engage With Ethnic Armed Organizations

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“Grievances among minority ethnic groups living in the country’s periphery helped fuel growing instability. Members of several of these ethnic minorities took up arms in pursuit of greater political independence, clashing with state forces”

Read More: <https://warontherocks.com/2022/01/to-support-democracy-in-myanmar-engage-with-ethnic-armed-organizations/>

Debt restructuring: Between A Rock And A Hard Place?

Dhananath Fernando | January 16, 2022

“So the choices are not between ‘good’ vs. ‘bad’. The choices are between ‘worse’ vs. still ‘worse’. That is why it is called an economic crisis. Either measure will result in a catastrophic impact on the people of Sri Lanka.”

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Making Sense Of The Middle East’s ‘Great Reset’

Galip Dalay and Tarik Yousef | January 09, 2022

“US unwillingness to take on more security responsibilities together with the pivot to the Indo-Pacific have led regional actors to rethink the cost of geopolitical instability.”

Read More: <https://nationalinterest.org/feature/making-sense-middle-east%E2%80%99s-%E2%80%98great-reset%E2%80%99-199065>

Biden Can No Longer Ignore Growing Iran-China Ties

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“By building relations with Iran, China strengthens its foothold in the Middle East, undermines the United States, and further secures access to Iranian oil and other important commodities.”

Read More: <https://foreignpolicy.com/2022/01/13/iran-china-biden-gulf-security-military/>

Will Iran Be Able To Normalize Ties With The West In 2022?

Shabnam von Hein | December 30, 2021

“Iran, which maintains its nuclear program is peaceful, has been under enormous pressure from an array of US sanctions. If Washington were to lift the sanctions, Tehran said it would again curtail its nuclear program.”

Read More: <https://www.dw.com/en/will-iran-be-able-to-normalize-ties-with-the-west-in-2022/a-60296966>

REGION IN PICTURES

Protests first triggered by rising fuel prices in Kazakhstan have turned violent, prompting a Russian-led military coalition to send troops to the oil-rich country.



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Difference in perceptions over Durand Line came to fore when some Taliban soldiers were seen destroying the fencing on the Durand line and taking away the barbed wire.



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A Taliban delegation led by acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi visited Oslo for talks with Western government officials and Afghan civil society representatives.



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There was an escalation in the violence levels after the Saudi-led coalition intensified its offensive with use of air strikes on rebels in the war-torn Yemen.



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