

## What means Mr. Imran Khan in Pakistan for India and Asian Region?<sup>1</sup>

*“The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend” -Abraham Lincoln<sup>2</sup>*

If India want to make peace with the new Pakistan then she have to make a peaceful and friendly discussion with the new Pakistan which seems as a friend after the formation of new government. Recently in last July, 2018 Pakistani general election took place, after the completion of a five-year term by the outgoing government.

As a result of the election, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) became the single largest party at the national level both in terms of popular vote and in terms of seats. At the provincial level, the Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) (PML-N) remained the largest party in Punjab, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Pakistan People’s Party (PPP) in Sindh and the newly-formed Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) became the largest party in Balochistan.<sup>3</sup>

With this the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party won 116 of the 272 elected seats in the National Assembly. Now it is believed that Imran Khan Chairperson of (PTI) would with the help of coalition parties form a new government in Pakistan.<sup>4</sup>

Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi called Imran Khan to congratulate him on the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) emerging as the single largest party in Pakistan's recently conducted general election. Mr. Modi, in his conversation with the PTI chief and Pakistan's prime minister-in-waiting, expressed hope that democracy would take deeper roots in Pakistan and also hoped the relationship between the two countries would move forward in the right direction.<sup>5</sup>

If the history of the two countries is looked then it can be easily understood that the things between the two countries were definitely not cordial. Instances of terrorism and cross border Infiltration were the major issues between the two. The 2016 Uri attack near the town of Uri in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, on 10 July 2017 Amarnath Yatra attack,<sup>6</sup> on February 5, 2018 terrorists attack on Army camp in Kashmir<sup>7</sup>, these are few instances of the terrorist activities sponsored by the Government of Pakistan.

When the incidents of cross border is measured then total number of 59 army personnel have been killed since 2016 in counter-terror operations and foiling cross border infiltration attempts in Jammu and Kashmir, the present government of India informed this in Rajya Sabha on 13 July, 2018.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.quotes.net/quote/2440> accessed on 10 August, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistani\\_general\\_election,\\_2018](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistani_general_election,_2018), accessed on 10 August, 2018.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.firstpost.com/world/pakistans-pml-n-ppp-and-nationalist-parties-to-form-alliance-to-challenge-imran-khans-claim-to-becoming-next-pm-4882411.html> accessed on 10 August, 2018.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.firstpost.com/india/narendra-modi-calls-imran-khan-pm-congratulates-pakistan-pm-in-waiting-says-he-hopes-democracy-will-take-deeper-roots-4853591.html> accessed on 10 August, 2018.

<sup>6</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017\\_Amarnath\\_Yatra\\_attack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Amarnath_Yatra_attack) accessed on 11 August, 2018.

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/terrorists-attack-army-camp-in-kakpora-day-after-martyrdom-of-4-soldiers-in-pakistan-s-ceasefire-violation-1162360-2018-02-05> accessed on 11 August, 2018.

<sup>8</sup> <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/127-cross-border-infiltration-attempts-in-jammu-and-kashmir-in-3-years/articleshow/57877156.cms> accessed on 10 August, 2018.

After the perusal of terrorist activities and cross border incidents it becomes clear that the previous relationship between the India and Pakistan were not friendly and peaceful. However the election of new government in Pakistan is new hope for the people of both the countries.

The New Pakistani Government welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's congratulatory phone call to Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf chief Imran Khan and the wish of Mr. Khan to resume the bilateral talks which were halted in 2015 is a clear sign that the both the country wants to solve their matter with positive dialogue and discussion.

This new approach of both the government is a significant step to bring peace and prosperity in the Asia. It is also hoped that it would lead to an improvement in ties with the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) member states, including Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives and Sri Lanka, in addition to India.<sup>9</sup>

In his victory speech Mr. Khan's comment that the better relation between India and Pakistan is "good for all of us" is a well-intentional statement which raises a hope of peace, friendship and prosperity not only between the two countries but in the whole Asian region as well. So, whether Mr. Khan in Pakistan means a lot for India and the region as well or it is just an air that will change its direction soon, the future will tell us. But for now everything is moving in the right direction, this is great update for us.

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/pakistan-wants-resumption-of-talks-with-india-foreign-office/article24583969.ece> accessed on 12 August, 2018.