

India must curtail engagement with Afg. as long as republican regime is in place. Discuss

The harmful outright violations are on the rise since the Taliban takeover of ~~1988~~ Afghanistan, the recent oppression being prohibiting women from going to universities. India had uninterrupted talks with Taliban for peaceful transition of power and this dents India's image of net peace provider

why to curtail relations

As the Taliban is not democratically elected and they harbour terrorist groups such as Lashkar-e-taiba and Taish-e-mohammad which were responsible for slew of terrorist attacks on us.

India is in a discomfort position in negotiating with a country which ranks least in global peace index and uses ~~terror~~ and violence on own people.

Drawbacks of curtailing relations

India has made several investments in Afghanistan - Salma dam and Afghan presidential. The trans continent project such as Zarraj - Dehrazum highway which is critical for Chah bahar cannot be put off.

Growing Chinese presence in terms of Himalayan Quota comprising China, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal can be a threat - if India severs its ties with Afghanistan.

millions of Afghans depend on India for food and education which can take a hit on our image as soft power if relations are cut.

South Asian region stability is dependent on India's engagement with Afghanistan and we must push for rules based order (8:00)