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Complex Dynamics of U.S.-Pakistan Relations

Pakistan-Afghanistan relations is a complex phenomenon even at the best of times. There are several facets to it. If anything, in the post-Bin laden phase and in the period leading up to the impending exit of US troops from the region is going to have some far reaching consequences. Among the issues I will discuss are the following: Pakistan-US Security Cooperation and the nuclear issue, Role of Pakistan’s military and ISI: Civil-military relations, Pakistan-India Tensions, the Kashmir issue: Can Pakistan be a ‘normal state’, the China Factor, Events in Afghanistan and its fallout, The Iran-Pakistan-Turkey Pipeline Project, Al Qaeda and domestic terrorism in Pakistan, A.Q.Khan networks and US non-proliferations efforts, Pakistan as a ‘failed state’ and Issues related to Democratisation, Governance deficit, Human Rights violations. An attempt will also be made to forecast both short-term as well as long-term scenes in the region.