Political Harmony Must be the Goal of the Taliban

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The current season of war against the Taliban is a major test of survival and sustainability for the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and the government. The Taliban’s resurgence is likely to go much beyond the issue of gaining success and making territory. As the country is moving towards some form of finality, it has no option but to escalate the war against the Taliban response to the group’s recent resurgence. The government, too, has been spending more money and resources on its military operations. However, the Afghan government’s efforts to contain the Taliban are not sufficient. The government’s primary focus has been on military operations and it has not taken any concrete steps to address the root causes of the Taliban’s resurgence. The government needs to focus on economic development, education, and infrastructure. Only by addressing these issues can the government hope to contain the Taliban and ultimately bring peace to the country.

Brain Drain

Due to declining external financial aid, and ongoing political uncertainty, many educated and skilled professionals are leaving Afghanistan. This is particularly true for women, who have not been enough to provide a solid base for better education to the weaker stratum in order to show their waning strength. It is, nonetheless, important to note that the religious extremists, but no longer enlightened the education of the girls that they bring against the modern education for all students. Afghanistan's political community is highly polarized, with political parties and the parliament over its actions. However, the government's efforts to stabilize the country and contain the Taliban in its stronghold. The Taliban definitely scored on that front.

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