



New, Dangerous Quad Around India

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Background: Taliban controlled by the combination of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and China, poses a new serious threat to India.



Dangerous Quad Developing Around India:

- ✘ **War-Mongering China:** It was one of the first countries in Afghanistan to welcome change.
 - ✓ Especially since the Galvan Valley conflict last summer and your publicly opposed India's participation in the U.S.-led four-party alliance against China in the Indo-Pacific region, this situation is unlikely to disappear anytime soon.
 - ✓ The Taliban last came to power in 1996; China is not in the equation. As China is now seeking to adapt to this situation, this may be the biggest threat India has ever faced.
- ✘ **Antagonist Pakistan:** After India withdrew Article 370 in August 2019, Pakistan once again increased the stakes. It is an established fact that Afghan fighters accounted for 2022% of the terrorists active in Jammu and Kashmir in the 1990s.
- ✘ **Iran is not safe:** Despite good relations with the government of President Ghani in Kabul, Iran has maintained a long-term relationship with the Taliban.



- ✓ Although Iran has ancient and civilized ties with India, the Chabahar Port Agreement (on loan to India) and its invitation to the Indian Minister of Foreign Affairs to participate in the inauguration of Iran's new president should be handled with caution.
- ✓ Iran is also vital to India, because the land route to Afghanistan and Central Asia only passes through Iran.
- ✗ **The Big Power Russia:** Russia reacted more cautiously and restrained, but still maintained its embassy in Kabul to "maintain contact with the Taliban."
- ✓ Although Russia is known for its long-term traditional relationship with India, it should be remembered that Russia did not agree to include India in the Afghanistan peace talks twice this year, once in March and most recently in August.

Conclusion:- If Pakistan, Taliban-led Afghanistan, China and, to some extent, Iran's interests converge to create another group of four countries, it will pose a serious threat to India's doorstep and world order. This time India may face some severe security threats along its northern borders.

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