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Introduction:

Overview of the Conflict in India and Pakistan

The India-Pakistan conflict is a well-established rivalry that stretches back to the separation of British India in 1947 and is characterized by territorial claims, mainly over Kashmir. Over the years, this hostility has persisted with both countries building nuclear weaponry in the 70s and 80s, making the stakes of any subsequent military conflict even higher. The most notable events that

occurred during this long-standing conflict are the 1947-1948 war, the 1965 war, and the war in Kargil in the year 1999. In particular, the events of the Kargil War in 1999 signified a turning point because the two nations became perilously close to a nuclear war with all the attendant firepower involved, raising the concern of the entire world (Khan & Shah, 2025). The attack on the Indian Parliament in 2001, which caused Operation Parakram, and the 2008 Mumbai attacks by Pakistan-based militants worsened the situation further. In spite of various rounds of



diplomatic efforts, such as the Lahore Declaration of 1999 and the Shimla Agreement of 1972, trust between the two nations has not been achieved largely because of the lack of resolution of Kashmir and the problems of terrorism, and both countries have been maintaining high military postures (Shah, [2025](#)). The technological changes in warfare started swinging the tide of the conflict as tensions were still on the verge. Cyber warfare, unmanned strike systems (UAS), and precision-guided munitions (PGMs) began to take centre stage, marking a new dawn of military battles. The technologies being invested in by both nations have changed the complexity and character of the conflicts between them, as they present opportunities for both conventional and non-conventional warfare.

Operation Banyan al Marsoos

The launch of Operation Banyan al Marsoos by Pakistan in 2025 was conducted as the direct result of the growing tensions with India. As the military positions of both states became more advanced with high-tech equipment and products, this action was an example of the increasing abilities of Pakistan in the field of cyber warfare, drone interception, precision-guided, and ballistic missile defense. It was a carefully initiated move by Pakistan to claim its technological advantage and strategic deterrence without triggering a full-scale conflict, and it was a bold step by Pakistan in dominating the regional security affairs (Reuters, [2025](#)). The move was probably triggered by a spurt in Indian military exercises and harassing measures along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir, which have been accompanied by a spate of cyberattacks on Indian-based targets. The Pakistan strategy was immediate and based on the multidimensionality of operation, including the mixture of defensive and offensive strategies, with a change toward non-conventional, technology-friendly war. Operation Banyan al Marsoos is notable especially because of the extremely well-coordinated employment of cutting-edge technologies that led to major operational records, including the destruction of several Indian fighter planes, interfering with more than seventy armed drones, and disabling key infrastructure of Indian military branches as a result of cyberattacks.

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Pakistan because it shows the active position of this country in the use of technological advancements, both in terms of defensive and deterrent strategies (Khan & Shah, [2025](#)). This article posits that the fact that Pakistan succeeded in implementing this operation reveals its strategic change by first employing conventional warfare, then following the pattern of technologically enhanced, asymmetric strategies, which have redefined the security dynamic in the region (The Guardian, [2025](#)). The advent of the use of sophisticated technologies, including cyber warfare, unmanned systems, and precision-guided munitions, among others, has enabled Pakistan to stand as a strong military force capable of warding off conventional threats posed by bigger nation-states such as India. This is not only a demonstration of the technological capabilities of Pakistan but also an indicator that it is ready to exercise its regional influence using military innovation, as opposed to exclusively using conventional means or nuclear deterrence. This operation has been successful, and this was even more so in the context of the changes in the military balances in South Asia, where technological dominance now assumes an extremely important role in national security policies of these countries.

Modern Warfare and Technological Innovation:

Cyber Warfare

Cyber warfare is one of the fundamental aspects of contemporary military conflicts, and more and more countries around the world have made the focus on cyber capabilities one of their priorities, as they seek to have strategic advantages in the fight. In recent years, Pakistan has made considerable advances in the sphere of cyber warfare, thereby becoming one of the most important pillars in its strategic national defense. The beginning of Operation Banyan al Marsoos in 2025 highlighted the expertise of Pakistan in cyber warfare and marked a turning point towards the adoption of the digital weapon in the process of warfare. Pakistan's cyber wing conducted advanced, precise cyberstrikes on Indian military installations in the context of the operation (The Nation, [2025](#)). The nature of such cyber operations was to knock out key communication systems, sabotage radar, and undermine intelligence exchange systems. The Pakistani hackers using

powerful malware and hacking methods managed to find their way to the Indian defense systems to confuse them, and there was an obvious confusion and delays in the decisions of the Indian defense system. This achievement showed not only the technological prowess of Pakistan but also its capacity to coordinate the use of cyber capabilities to make a multi-dimensional military strategy.

The larger consequences of such cyber operations are impossible to overestimate. Cyber warfare has become a force multiplier in any modern warfare, as the more countries rely on digital systems in carrying on military activities, the more cyber warfare is developing in the region. An attack on the digital backbone of the national security apparatus of a country can put a military operation on its knees, without having to resort to the old ways of kinetic action (Khan & Shah, 2025). The fact that Pakistan did not need physical involvement in insidiously targeting essential Indian military operations is an indication of the increased significance of cyber capabilities in military clashes in the future. It also bears the inference of the proactive influence that Pakistan has on the technological horse race, as it emerges as a leader in this aspect. Moreover, it is worth noting that the effectiveness of the Pakistani cyber strategy that was employed during this operation not only helped to enhance the tactical benefit but also sent an impressive signal concerning the necessity of committing to a cybersecurity and digital warfare potential (The Nation, 2025). The Pakistani military leadership, through the assistance of visionary defense strategists, has been developing an environment that encourages cyber excellence. As the cybersecurity institutions in the country continue to develop and transform, the Pakistan Armed Forces have managed to integrate cyber operations and conventional military approaches, strengthening their deterrence and offensive capabilities. This is an important development in Pakistan's defense strategy, which should be understood as a response to threats facing the country in the future, along with all the modern dimensions of war.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

The Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) have swept modern warfare in such a way that it has given a country a unique power of surveillance and

reconnaissance as well as the ability to strike with precision, since the human pilots are not at stake. Drones are an important part of modern warfare, as demonstrated by the use by Pakistan in Operation Banyan al Marsoos, which is crucial to its success. The active development and incorporation of UAS in the military approach of Pakistan shows the country is progressive in its thinking methods regarding modern warfare. The use of drones of different types was witnessed in the operation, with an eye on surveillance UAVs, and armed drones that would make precision strikes. The effectiveness of the systems that Pakistan possesses came through the country was able to hold better situational awareness, monitoring the actions of their enemies over significant distances of the battlefield. The drones were very important in supplying real-time intelligence, with the Pakistani commanders making informed decisions with minimum time lag. In addition, the intelligence collected by UAVs was part and parcel of the targeting of the Indian fighter jets and interception of drones, which enhanced the overall success of the operation (Choudhury & Ali, 2025).

The ability to destroy more than seventy approaching armed drones of India was one of the most outstanding features of the drone approach to Pakistan aircraft in Operation Banyan al Marsoos. The air defense systems in Pakistan, with their advanced anti-drone capabilities, managed to detect, track, and destroy such drones before they could penetrate and attack important military installations. This was a major milestone and proved Pakistan can successfully protect its skies against more and more advanced threats wielded by the unmanned aerial vehicles (The Nation, 2025). Pakistan has developed the UAS technology in the country due to the concentrated investment in indigenous defense research and development. Due to defense agencies and collaboration with international allies, Pakistan has come up with numerous types of UAVs applicable in different military operations, including detailed surveillance to direct battle support. The technological advantage puts Pakistan in a very comfortable position inside the contemporary conflict zone, as the country is capable of performing high-precision tasks with a very low risk of casualties among the service members.

The management of the Pakistan army forces was very relevant in creating an enabling environment that enabled the invention and implementation of these technologies. Having a clear sense of how conflict is changing, they became aware of the need to develop drone integration into military practice (The Guardian, 2025). Consequently, Pakistan is now one of the major actors in the UAS domain, and its achievements in this sector bear testimony to the efficiency of its military management in embracing change and exploiting the advances in technology.

Ballistic Missiles:

Precision-Guided Munitions (PGM)

The precision-guided Munitions (PGMs) and ballistic missiles have changed how countries engage in warfare since they can be used to deliver very accurate attacks with little collateral damage (Khan & Shah, 2025). The use of PGMs and Pakistan's advanced missile system during Operation Banyan al Marsoos served to provide a tactical advantage desirable by Pakistan over India in this conflict, in support of the strategic value of these technologies in contemporary military conflicts. The missile capacities of Pakistan are admired worldwide, and the nation has produced a variety of short-range, medium-range, and cruise missiles. The aim of these missile systems, including Babur and Shahin series, is the presence of sophisticated targeting systems with a significant level of precision in a contested setting. These ballistic missiles were employed in the operation to make strikes on important Indian military infrastructures, paralyzing major command centers and air defence systems. The exact characteristics of these attacks were so effective that the civilian and military victims of these operations were minimal, and this shows the focus that Pakistan has always had, which is operational efficacy and avoiding excessive escalation.

There was also increased utility of the use of the PGMs by the Pakistani Army in carrying out surgical strikes on their military installations (Choudhury & Ali, 2025). The application of the PGMs enabled Pakistan to strike Indian assets like radar facilities, communication centers, and ammunition stores with great precision, which weakened India's ability to respond to the strategic efforts of Pakistan. These are weapons that were paramount in destroying vital

installations, hence tipping the power scale in the region.

The cardinality of the role of the armed forces of Pakistan in the successful implementation of the PGMs and the ballistic missiles in the course of the operation explains the very fact that the country showed a proactive approach and leadership in the matter of adoption of the advanced military technologies. Pakistan has succeeded in incorporating these technologies in its defense strategy under the leadership of its military commanders and strategists. This active leadership has enabled Pakistan not only to protect its territorial integrity but also to impose a plausible deterrence against bigger actors, like India (Shah, 2025). Operation Banyan al Marsoos has also been a success, and this can be attributed to the general trend of military technological innovation in Pakistan. Through innovation and the utilization of PGMs and sophisticated missile systems, Pakistan has attained the stature of a regional power capable of using high-tech weapons to meet its ambitions. Not only does this enhance the defense of Pakistan, but it also sends a message to the international society that Pakistan is not to be trifled with, thus being able to cope with the challenges of the contemporary war (Khan & Shah, 2025). The leadership in both the political and the military realms of Pakistan has come to notice the reality of the changing threats in the current security scenario. This has prompted it to focus on technological developments in order to strengthen its military. Operation Banyan al Marsoos attests to the extent to which the country has mastered the art of incorporating advanced technologies in its defence system, hence its emerging military sophistication and leadership in this situation.

Therefore, Operation Banyan al Marsoos proved the ability of Pakistan to incorporate and deploy advanced technologies such as cyber warfare, unmanned aerial systems, and precision-guided munitions (The Nation, 2025). These developments have greatly transformed the nature of war in contemporary times, and they have bolstered the position of Pakistan in the region. In addition, the administration of the Pakistan Armed Forces provided a significant contribution to the growth of innovation, so that the state continues to lead in terms of military technological innovations. The adoption of these new technologies has not only

given Pakistan a more defensive edge, but it has also rebranded the country in terms of its definition of regional security and conflict management.

Military Strategic Insight:

Indian Fighter Jet Shooting

The shooting down of Indian fighter planes in Operation Banyan al Marsoos can be defined as one of the greatest tactical successes of Pakistan, which was an important part of the battle that summarized the efficiency of air defense infrastructure and the tactical approach of the Pakistani army. The mission exemplified the high level of technology the country had, its resourcefulness in the deployment of resources, and its capability of facing a numerically superior force.

In order to attain this win, Pakistan utilized a convergence of electronic warfare, radar sets, and even the best fighter airplane. Among the strategies put in place was to communicate by using the electronic countermeasures (ECM) that interfered with the Indian radar detection as well as communications. Such countermeasures, delivered with the help of the advanced JF-17 Thunder fighter jets and the electronic warfare equipment on the ground, had the potential to cause the jamming or spoofing of the Indian radar system, introducing a false signal that had confused the Indian pilot about the location and readiness of Pakistani defensive positions (Khan & Shah, 2025). This hindered the jets of India in locating the Pakistani fighters precisely and attacking them. Moreover, airborne early warning and control systems (AEW&C) provided a fundamental contribution in redirecting the interceptors of Pakistan to strategic places. With these systems, the defensive capability of Pakistan could be coordinated in real time, and the Pakistani Air Force had time to reach Indian jets before they crossed the border or reached Pakistani airspace or even fired their missiles (The Nation, 2025).

Training and preparedness of the fighter pilots of Pakistan were also another factor that assisted the Pakistani nation in shooting down a number of jets of India. The Air Force of Pakistan (PAF) pilots, who had undergone special training to combat advanced opponents in large numbers, proved quite ready to work in the highly stressful environment of the operation. Through hit-and-run, PAF jets employed lightning air attack in a chain of action to outspeed the Indians through the former aircraft's prowess in

mobility to shoot down several planes. This plan was augmented by the appropriate application of terrain by Pakistan by using mountainous areas and radar blind areas to obtain surprise and position advantage (Naz, 2025). According to the technological advantage coupled with the military rehearsal, Pakistan successfully shot down the fighter jets of the Indian army without suffering any losses, which displayed a role of innovation in contemporary warfare. This success strongly destabilized the air power of India and transferred the balance of power in the region, as it sent an accurate signal regarding the improvements in the military capabilities of Pakistan.

Drone Interception and Aerial Defense

The unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) have also undergone a drastic development, which has become one of the most transformative elements of modern warfare. Armed drones have a major impact on national security since they can be used to make certain, inexpensive attacks that do not risk human lives (Khan & Shah, 2025). The fact that Pakistan has managed to intercept more than seventy Indian drones as part of Operation Banyan al Marsoos was an important display of its air defense system and its aggressiveness towards dealing with emerging threats in contemporary warfare.

The air defense systems of Pakistan have improved largely in the last ten years, and the country now has a well-rounded and layered air defense system. The major systems that intercepted the drones were the advanced surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems, i.e., HQ-9, indigenous systems, which could be used to track the drone at different altitudes and even dodge the targets running at different speeds.

The same systems were supplemented by very sophisticated radar networks, which can spot and even track UAVs in real-time, even in a highly contested environment. Among the greatest accomplishments of the defense forces of Pakistan during the operation was the capability to target hordes of drones. The air defense systems in Pakistan were actually developed to deal with the rising presence of drone swarms in contemporary wars. With the help of an active-passive mixture-type radar, the country was able to spot drones at long distances and target them accurately. The missile defense systems and radar device operators

of Pakistan could coordinate their actions and respond quickly to various threats, so that they could intercept the drones before they managed to fly to the dangerous military facilities. Besides conventional air defense solutions, Pakistan also used electronic warfare (EW) techniques to disrupt drone navigation systems. This was done by launching jamming systems that interfered with the communication link between the drones and their operators, making them unable to carry out their missions (Naz, 2025). The operation saw Pakistan with the capabilities to disable the control systems of the drones along with the defenses of the targeted missiles, and hence the country managed to control its airspace and, to a considerable extent, reduce the drone capabilities of India.

It was the technology and leadership vision of the Pakistan military that played a pivotal role in coordinating this effective defense. On the one hand, actively investing in anti-drone technology and electronic warfare as a way to control near borders, Pakistan secured its borders, but on the other hand, it proved its flexibility with regard to new threats. The effective interception of such drones demonstrated the strategic value of amalgamating modern aviation tactics with the latest technological advances.

Cooperative Military Planning

The capability of Pakistan to bring together all its elements of military in multiple spheres, such as land, air, and cyber, and coordinate these elements through a single and well-harmonized operational plan was one of the markings of the Operation Banyan al Marsoos. Thanks to this combined strategy, Pakistan was able to cancel out several threats at the same time, as well as get full use out of superior technologies. The operation represented an emerging style of joint and combined arms aspect of current military strategy whereby the various arms of the military work together in order to achieve shared goals (Radio Pakistan, 2025). The core of this coordinated effort was the integration of the joint military command by Pakistan that had been designed to provide synchronous communication and decision-making abilities among the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Cyber Command. Such a coordinated command enabled quick changes in strategy and redeployment of forces in the changing

pattern of conflicts. The coordination was most vital where the threats consisted of several spheres, e.g., an aerial incursion, cyber-attack, and so on. The military hierarchy in Pakistan showed very good organizational skill, as every division of the military forces worked efficiently towards fulfilling the whole mission.

The Pakistan Army was involved in offering ground support and security of critical infrastructure in the mission. It was operational in liaison with the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) in terms of intelligence provision, logistical supply, and ground-based anti-aircraft missile systems. The surveillance associated with the Army was instrumental in detecting the actions of the enemy, particularly in the border regions, such as in Kashmir, where ground forces planned and liaised with the PAF to deny the enemy room in its tracks to further extend it into full-scale warfare. The Cyber Command of Pakistan played an important role in the operation along with the Army and the Air Force. It is the largest confrontation wherein cyber warfare was not limited to niche tools and techniques, but it was a full-fledged application, where Pakistan resorted to a precision cyber-attack on Indian military facilities (Khan & Shah, 2025). These raids were also planned together with real-time information that was compiled by the Army and the Air Force, who were able to identify specific Indian targets effectively. Cyber activities resulted in the loss of communication at a time when the Indian military was already confused, and this involved giving Pakistan enough time to carry out physical military attacks.

The combination of cyber and conventional war strategies also resulted in a major shift in the Pakistan military strategy, as it demonstrated that the country was aware of the changing face of war in modern times. The use of electronic warfare, cyberattacks, and conventional military power allowed Pakistan to act with no interruption, even performing complicated operations efficiently and fast. Moreover, the military leadership, which is led by the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and Air Force Chief, also played an instrumental role in the success of this synchronized approach. The fact that they could make decisions quickly and were well-informed made the military work as a single unit, with each of the services supporting the capabilities of the other. This cooperation was also used in the

flexible operations, whereby in this operation, Pakistan was flexible in responding to the varying threats and opportunities (Financial Times, [2025](#)). Therefore, Operation Banyan al Marsoos proved the high-level military intuition and abilities of Pakistan to use the well-thought-out strategies and advanced technologies (Daily Pakistan, [2025](#)). As a result of shooting down Indian fighter jets, drone interception, and the coherent approach formed in several spheres of action by Pakistan, the country managed to record an important tactical victory (Pakistan Observer, [2025](#)). This achievement was built not only by the technological advancement but also by the leadership and coordination of the Pakistan Armed Forces, which succeeded in coordinating their activities against a multifaceted and dynamic threat. The operation is a good illustration of the importance of integrated military planning and technological advantage in determining the outcome of conflict in modern times.

Geopolitical Implications:

Regional Power Balance

Operation Banyan al Marsoos 2025 was not only a successful military event that proved the ability of Pakistan, but it also indicated a new state of geopolitics in South Asia. In the past, there existed an imbalance of power generally in the region favoring India, because of its larger population, economic power, and better military resources (Khan & Shah, [2025](#)). But this balance has been broken by the successful implementation of this operation by Pakistan, thus indicating that Pakistan has not just been able to keep up with the military growth of India but that it has advanced its own technological and strategic strengths to the point where it has emerged as a powerful force in the region. The implications on regional power balances are numerous, as the operation transforms the way in which India, as well as its neighbors, view the military capabilities and intentions of Pakistan. India was generally regarded as the superior military power in South Asia before this operation, edging out Pakistan, in most conventional measures, including air force, navy, and ground troops. Nevertheless, the success of Pakistan shutting down several Indian fighter jets, shooting more than seventy fully armed drones, and conducting coordinated cyberattacks has cast doubt on Indian

superiority in terms of military power. This has greatly impacted the calculus of India, to plan its military doctrines and readiness, especially in terms of air supremacy and being prone to cyber and drone warfare.

This operation also symbolizes a dynamic aspect in the security environment of the whole South Asian region. Pakistan and India have been struggling in quasi-strategic competition, which has revolved around the controversial territory of Kashmir over the years. Both countries have been putting enormous efforts into technological innovations in recent years, and the participation of Pakistan in the operation is a vivid illustration of how the asymmetric capacity of smaller states, which have been propelled by technology, can reset the regional security paradigm. India has focused on traditional strength and force projection, whereas Pakistan has been able to integrate cyber warfare as well as drone interception and dense missile defense to make a shift towards technological asymmetry, where there might be huge benefits gained through innovation, even with a conventional, bigger force.

The repercussions are not limited to India. The operation is also an indication to the other neighbors of Pakistan, such as Afghanistan, China, and even the rest of the region, that Pakistan is a capable and strong military state (The Nation, [2025](#)). In the case of Afghanistan, which has gone through decades of war and instability, the operation is an eye-opener in that technologically advanced military capabilities are crucial as the other arm of its defense policy. To China, which is the strategic partner of Pakistan, the success of the operation also further tightens the defense bond between the two countries, as it is probable that China would regard the military creativity of its grand partner Pakistan as its further stake in South Asia. Furthermore, countries like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal, which have always been under the rhetoric of Indian regional supremacy, may begin to take a look at Pakistan with a better outlook, particularly concerning the defense partnership and strategic alliances.

The wider regional security establishment influenced by tensions and changing alliances has experienced a redistribution with the success of the Pakistan action in Operation Banyan al Marsoos redefining the strategic value of new technology in warfare (Naz, [2025](#)). With the adjustment of the

defense posture used by regional actors, especially India, the South Asian region seems to be on the verge of a new military balance, in which asymmetrical technology of war increasingly dominates.

International Military Stance

Although the effects that Operation Banyan al Marsoos has had on the geopolitics of South Asia are immense, the global consequences of the operation are even larger. Pakistan, as a result of its ability to present advanced military technologies to the world, has indicated it is an emerging military power in respect to military innovation and strategic deterrence. Over the decades, the military identity has been inextricably linked to the Pakistani nuclear deterrent capacities and its contribution to the stability in the region, especially with references to India. Nevertheless, the Pakistan military has lately acquired a level of sophistication in the form of another dimension of its military capabilities, Operation Banyan al Marsoos, that is no longer focused on the predominantly nuclear deterrent but also on its technological specifications, as led by its ability to carry out multidimensional warfare in the modern warfare sector.

The world defense system, with defense analysts and strategists, should expect to observe the improvements exhibited in the operation. The world powers, including the United States, Russia, and China, that are playing key roles in the world military arena would look at Pakistan with reservations and curiosity as it gradually develops its technology (Naz, 2025). The success of cyber warfare and unmanned aerial systems (UAS), as well as precision-guided munitions by Pakistan in military operations in its drive to gain strategic advantages, depicts the success of Pakistan in capitalizing on the availability of emerging technologies. The change reflects a broader shift in global military strategy, as countries are abandoning traditional combat in favor of technology-enhanced warfare. These countries are blending elements of cyber warfare and more conventional military forces. The operation could compel the United States, which has traditionally seemed to cultivate strategic ties with both Pakistan and India, to reconsider approaches to its diplomatic and military involvement in the region of South Asia. Though the U.S has

collaborated with India in the past few years, especially on defense and security fronts against terrorists, the rise in the defense capacity of Pakistan may make the U.S shift its allies and cooperation in the region. This may result in a heightened focus on military cooperation with Pakistan, especially counterterrorism activities and stability operations in the region, as the technological development of Pakistan may be perceived as a source of stability in South Asia (The Guardian, 2025).

The success of Operation Banyan al Marsoos to China, the strategic ally of Pakistan, promotes the security relationship between the two nations. China has played a major role when it comes to supplying Pakistan with advanced military technologies, and the operation proves how such suppliers have paid off. China also strengthens its position in the South Asian region with the success of the Pakistani military, as the two countries are now able to act together in order to suppress any imagined challenges to their power (The Nation, 2025). Furthermore, Pakistan may enjoy its increasing technological capacity as a strategic part of the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) since a technologically capable and secure Pakistan would lead to a more stable nature of the vital projects, including the ones between China and Europe and the Middle East. Technological success will probably transform Pakistan into a local power with high potential to affect larger trends of military developments on the international arena. Since nations are now focused on investing in technological advancements as a means of deterrence and defense, the ability of Pakistan to integrate cyber warfare, use of drones, and use of PGMs as part of its operations strategy makes it a worthy ally to countries whose goal is to beef up their own military assets. In affirming this degree of technological capability, Pakistan has developed its military capacity, making it a significant force in the changing contemporary warfare scenario.

Also, the success of this operation could have some useful implications for the defense exports in Pakistan. Other countries interested in increasing their individual military strength can possibly consider using Pakistan's capabilities in re-equipping with high-level technologies, especially the drones, air defense, and cyber warfare instruments. This would also give Pakistan the possibility of developing its military-industrial

complex, which would see Pakistan become a major exporter of its military technologies in the years ahead.

Technologically-Induced Asymmetric Warfare:

Changing Conventional Warfare

Warfare has experienced a radical change in its nature in the past couple of decades. Modern military conflicts have become rife with technologically driven asymmetric warfare, whereas the traditional mark of military strategy was conventional warfare, which was typified by large-scale battles between state armies with heavy artillery, infantry, and tank units. Operation Banyan al Marsoos is a perfect example of this change, with Pakistan borrowing new technologies and unorthodox means by which to challenge an adversary with a much larger number of troops, India, and at the same time work under the constraint of limiting direct contact. Asymmetric warfare can be defined as the deployment of unconventional strategies that are usually bound by the utilization of superior technology with the aim of defeating the military superiority of a greater and more equipped opponent. The case of Pakistan and some of its technological advances related to operation Banyan al Marsoos (cyber warfare system, unmanned aerial systems (UAS), precision guided munitions (PGMs)) enable smaller countries to do so, usually against a much stronger enemy and without entering conventional battles of attrition. Instead of ground arm invasion or conventional air-to-air warfare, the Pakistani game plan was to affect and weaken the Indian military capabilities with a portfolio of high-level cyber assaults, drone intercepts, and precision missile attacks (The Guardian, 2025).

The major characteristic of this transition is the incorporation of cyber warfare that enables a nation to engage in war against the infrastructure, communication systems, and decision-making machinery of an adversary without shooting a gun (Khan & Shah, 2025). The success of Pakistan in launching synchronized cyberattacks on India by using military infrastructure in Operation Banyan al Marsoos was an ideal illustration of how information warfare can be used to better paralyze the operation of the enemy as compared to methods of conventional warfare. In a similar fashion, the

employment of drones and PGMs allowed Pakistan to conduct its precision attacks against Indian defense systems and military infrastructure, without having to engage in extensive air campaigns, and the possibility of causing significant collateral damage. The effects of this technological change are enormous. Pakistan could afford to apply the same level of asymmetry in strategy and technology to reach a strategic goal, like neutralizing key military targets, without directly and massively confronting it, and without having to operate in the asymmetry business too long. This was not only a way to save the lives of its personnel, but also demonstrated the growing importance of technology in fateful decision-making of modern conflicts (Choudhury & Ali, 2025). This trend resulted in not only making Pakistan equivalent to India in terms of conventional power but also refocusing what war means by using sophisticated weapons like drones and cybercrimes, which are proving to be superior to the defensive and offensive weapons of war.

The Cost-Effective Military Posture

The capability of Pakistan to carry out a very successful military operation without having to undergo the kind of very expensive service that historical military ventures have always entailed was also one of the most striking aspects of Operation Banyan al Marsoos. The operation captured how technologically based asymmetrical warfare can enable smaller states with limited resources to sustain an effective defense position against bigger nations with multiple resources, thus, even the playing field between the powerful and the wealthy (Malik, 2025). The traditional warfare requires a heavy standing army, the purchase and maintenance of heavy weaponry, and the upkeep of a large logistical operation, which comes with a massive financial implication. The traditional force projection systems like tank battalions, air power superiority fighters, and large numbers of military personnel involve a lot of investments both in the cost of the equipment and in the future provision of the equipment, training, and staff. Pakistan, in contrast, used fifty of its most cost-effective technologies, including cyber technologies, drones, and precision-guided munitions (PGMs) to dramatically enhance efficiency in high-cost-effective operations that cost a fraction of conventional operations profitably.

Cyber warfare, specifically, is extremely cost-saving. Cyberattacks have the ability to cripple the military capabilities and cripple the civilian capabilities of an enemy without the same financial and human cost as traditional military conflict, using expensive military hardware and large numbers of ground troops. The use of the internet by Pakistan in the war also managed to interfere with important systems in India, rendering the country less competitive in retaliating against the Pakistani moves (Reuters, 2025). This enabled Pakistan to gain a strategic advantage without involving itself in a long ground or air action, basically saving resources. Likewise, the heavy deployment of drones by Pakistan, especially with regard to surveillance UAVs and armed drones, has offered a low-cost substitute to a high-cost and high-risk scenario represented by air strikes. Drones are considerably cheaper to use and maintain than fighter jets and can provide greater targeting precision so as to reduce collateral damage. In using drones to collect intelligence, attack, and even make direct strikes, Pakistan minimized the necessity of using large-scale manned air operations, which are not only very expensive but are also subject to enemy defenses.

Although precision-guided munitions such as smart bombs may be expensive compared to the customary bombs, they also offer a cheap way in which Pakistan can carry out highly precise strikes. These weapons are made to strike very particular, valuable objectives with little collateral damage, and this means that the military allocations by Pakistan are focused on the most worthwhile targets instead of squandering funds bombing at random.

Consequences of future engagement between India and Pakistan:

Strategic Deterrence

The augmentation of Pakistani strategic deterrent capabilities is one of the greatest products of Operation Banyan al Marsoos. The exercise showed that Pakistan has transitioned beyond being a nation with its main focus on nuclear deterrent impulses to having a wider associated set of technological expertise, which can be applied in furtherance of an effective and viable defense posture. Besides increasing the effect of Pakistan's deterrence strategy, this change also restructures its position in the regional security system.

Pakistan has had its deterrence grounded historically on the nuclear balance of power with India. Both nations have built up solid nuclear capabilities, which have been very helpful in disallowing full-scale conventional war (Financial Times, 2025). Nevertheless, the success of Operation Banyan al Marsoos indicates that nuclear deterrence can no longer be a viable option amid the dynamic development of contemporary technologies. The role of cyber warfare, drones, and precision-guided munitions (PGMs) in military operations means that this aspect can be added to the deterrence capability of Pakistan as an alternative and affordable method of deterrence against aggression by bigger powers such as India, without the need to resort to nuclear confrontation.

Pakistan has successfully managed this operation using highly sophisticated and asymmetric warfare to counter India with its superior conventional armored suits using technology. Pakistan has a better deterrence against any possible attack by India because of the capability of destroying the adversary's military infrastructure through cyberattacks and elimination of Indian air superiority with its unmanned systems and missile defense. This not only makes matters more difficult as concerned with the Indian military strategy but also makes it necessary to take into consideration the aspect of asymmetric war in any potential proceedings between them and Pakistan in the future, which cannot be based on the fact of conventional military superiority only (Pakistan Observer, 2025). As a country that has demonstrated its ability to use non-conventional, technology-based deterrents, Pakistan has built its credibility as a guardian of national sovereignty and sent a loud and clear message to India that any form of aggression was likely to create uncertain results. Pakistan, in this manner, has provided not only an addition to its defense but also to its deterrence level as well, and is thus equipped to fight any conventional or non-conventional threat.

The Future of Conflict in Indo-Pakistan

An increased use of technological breakthroughs in the conflict between India and Pakistan can

be expected in the future as the technological innovation will affect not only their military tactics but also the geopolitical structure of the region (The

Guardian, 2025). Although the domestic source of conflict between the two countries has always entailed the problems of Kashmir and terrorism, the recent trend of technological warfare, which included Operation Banyan al Marsoos and others, indicates that the following stages of war will be possibly characterized by the inclusion of novel methods of conflict, including cyberattacks, drone swarms, and precision attacks, as well as the conventional military options. The evolving nature of cyber warfare is likely to have a significant impact on any game that the two nations are going to play in the future. Cyberattacks have the potential to render operational the critical infrastructure, such as communication systems, electrical supply, and command systems, without a shot fired (Shah, 2025). This has far-reaching consequences in relation to conflict escalation due to the fact that countries might use cyber capabilities as a first strike or retaliatory option, and this comes as a significant change in the calculus of war. The effectiveness of Pakistan in applying cyber capabilities in the operation gives other states a precedent in how they may opt to engage conflicts in the digital sphere, as once the information and networks are attacked, it may be as devastating as that caused by a conventional military force.

Moreover, it is possible that UAS and drones will remain more common in the Pakistan conflict in the future. Due to the affordability and high utility of drones in terms of conducting surveillance and precision strikes, the drones are a potential powerful means for nations interested in participating in military actions without risk and at a low cost. The proven effectiveness of Pakistan against Indian drone intrusions into the operation shows a growing role of drone defense systems in the armed forces of nations. There is a possibility, however, that drone swarms can develop because of the spread of drones, which would only increase the complexity surrounding the conventional defence system and require each side to come up with more advanced defence systems. The technological arms race in the area is unavoidable, but what also should be said is that the same advancements might create opportunities for conflict de-escalation (Al Jazeera, 2025). These two nations might desire to have conventions and treaties that will govern the operations of some advanced technologies, like in the cyber world, and on autonomous weapons in the future, to prevent unhealthy incidents that might

result in a total war. The high demand for the accuracy of technologies instead of the massiveness of conventional armies might lead to a decreased number of victims and collateral damages, where the nature of conflict will shift towards less extensive and turn to more intellectual battles.

Conclusion

Operation Banyan al Marsoos is one of the critical turning points in the continuously changing nature of warfare in the region of South Asia. The operation demonstrated strategic military prowess and technological superiority of Pakistan in contemporary war. Pakistan used cyber warfare, precision-guided munitions (PGMs), and unmanned aerial systems (UAS) to show its capacity to interfere with the Indian military support base and destroy several fighter jets without engaging in traditional armed conflicts. These developments enabled Pakistan to accomplish the strategic goals whilst subjecting minimal losses and relying on a low level of war.

The success of the operation was also influential with respect to India changing its deterrence strategy against Pakistan. Although nuclear deterrence has been an important part of Pakistan's defense policy since the early years of its establishment, the mix of new capabilities, including cyber capabilities and drone technology, has provided Pakistan with a wider, more versatile toolbox with which to deter its opponents. These developments empower Pakistan in ways it can deal with a foe of its size and a more resource-rich rival such as India, which disrupts conventional ideas of military strength. Moreover, the operation also highlighted the role of combined military planning as the Pakistan Air Force, Army, and Cyber Command were able to perfectly synergize to conduct complex and multi-domain operations. This operation creates a precedent of how technological innovation and strategic mobility foster the definition of war in the future.

The geopolitical fallout of Operation Banyan al Marsoos is actually not limited to Pakistan and India. The operation has transformed the security environment in South Asia by showing that technological dynamism can level the playing field between countries that hold unequal military capabilities. With Pakistan developing and introducing high-quality technologies, strategic

calculus in India cannot but change, aiming not just at conventional superiority, but also at combating the developing risks, including cyber warfare and drone swarms.

Regional allies and adversaries are also beset by the implications of this shift. South Asian countries, including the wider Indo-Pacific region, are likely to revisit their own strategies of defense, especially in terms of technological capability. The Asian- South Asian region of peace and security might simply depend on the countries' adaptation to this new technologically inclined world, where war could become more dependent on technological advancements but not on military forces alone.

Technological advances in the military keep rising. We require more in-depth studies to understand how the technological advances in the region affect the war over the long term. The future research would involve the implication of cyber warfare, drone technology, and artificial intelligence in the formation of strategy and tactical moves by nations, especially those involved in South Asia. Also, the establishment of norms and agreements on the utilization of these technologies will serve a significant role in limiting the possibility of unintended escalation and stability in the area.

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