**Pakistan is Pakistan**

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Pursuit of interests in international relations can only be possible if you are fully aware of your own importance and if the needs and priorities of others are clear to you. Whether it is Pakistan-US relations or Pakistan-China relations, this basic theory is important in both of them. The 75th anniversary of Pakistan-US diplomatic relations was held. On the day, I had discussions with the diplomats on the same topics.Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif was present as the chief guest. The number of invitees was limited compared to previous years, but Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders were definitely seen in the queue.

Pakistan-US relations has its own special significance. There may be thousands of doubts and complaints from each other, but the importance of this relation is clear for both countries.During his speech, the US ambassador mentioned incidents between the two countries when the US helped Pakistan. He said that in the last 75 years, the United States has provided a huge amount of $32 billion in aid to Pakistan. He further expressed that Pakistan’s relations with the US are no longer in the context of Afghanistan, but they exist in terms of their own dimensions. He said economic development should be done through multiple avenues from multiple countries, not just one. He was probably referring to China.

[Europe continues to bring measures to ease energy crisis](https://www.nation.com.pk/11-Oct-2022/europe-continues-to-bring-measures-to-ease-energy-crisis)

In his speech, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif praised America for the aid and said that this money has and is being spent in the right places. It is good to hear that he has not started criticising the money spent during the time of his previous opposition governments. When someone is representing Pakistan, its interests come first. He put political opposition aside in his speech. Shahbaz Sharif openly expressed his opinion on the point that Pakistan is Pakistan and seeing Pakistan in the context of Afghanistan or China is not a correct attitude. What he meant to say was that our relationship with China has a separate nature, and it has its own tone with America. Pakistan cannot spoil relations with anyone for any reason, nor should any other country put pressure on us in this regard. In other words, Pakistan will stick to a moderate foreign policy and should stick to it, and there is no need for any other country to worry about this strategy.

It should also be kept in mind that while the United States has given huge amounts of aid to Pakistan in the past, we have also provided many facilities which should remain in the minds of policymakers from both sides. Pakistan is currently suffering from the worst floods and one of the main reasons for this natural calamity is the man-made destruction of the environment. That is why Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the American ambassador openly discussed this topic. This flood has brought a plethora of problems for Pakistan.

[Malala Yousufzai arrives in Pakistan to visit flood-hit areas](https://www.nation.com.pk/11-Oct-2022/malala-yousufzai-arrives-in-pakistan-to-visit-flood-affected-areas)

When climate change was discussed, I was reminded of a speech by Chinese President Xi and the instructions given to the Chinese government by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China about how seriously they took the issue.How long has China been committed to combating the deadly effects of carbon emissions in the atmosphere? Although this will temporarily put a financial burden on China, but China is ready to bear this financial burden not only for itself but also for the protection of the international community. Chinese President Xi gave a speech titled ‘Peak Carbon and Carbon Neutrality’ on January 22, 2022, in which he said that achieving the goals of peak carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2060 is essential to the new development philosophy. It is key to building a new development dynamic and promoting high-quality development and this represents a strategic decision by the Party Central Committee.

We must conduct an in-depth analysis of the challenges and the tasks and fully understand the urgency and arduous nature of the work. We need to define priorities, make sure that they are understood by all, and ensure effective implementation of the decisions and plan of the party central committee. Between 2030 and 2060, China intends to adopt fully environmentally friendly technology and reduce carbon footprint as much as possible. China has not only made statements in this regard, but it is also actively trying to achieve this objective. China’s global status is not hidden and it is also very clear what its position in terms of manufacturing products is. China is not only realising its responsibilities regarding environmental friendliness, but has also set up a regular program for its implementation. China is an example for the international community in this regard. And it should be clear that if other major countries of the world do not set such examples, Pakistan will face natural disasters again and again. The answer is not natural, but by human hands.