What will be the consequences of the U.S suspension of talks with the Taliban? What steps should India take to minimizing the damage?

U.S. President Donald Trump has suspended talks with Taliban in the wake of recent Taliban attack which cost life of US soldiers.

This put the Zalmay Khalilzad's endeavour in embargo. Who was U.S diplomat appointed to seal deal with Taliban, so that US soldiers can return back to U.S as promised by Trump as election promise in 2016.

Consequences of U.S suspension of Talks

Good because

1) Eversince the begining ~~Afghan~~ Govt was away from the deal.

2) Deal was mostly closed without taking into opinion of ~~Afghan~~ people.

3) Khalilzad Deal was infact regressive i.e i) keeping blind faith in Taliban

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ii) Transfer of US soldiers

iii) Intra-Afghan talks with just too weak time for Presidential elections.

4) If the deal would have executed it could have paved way for Taliban ruling.

5) Pakistan's influence is now diminished, as Trump doesn't need its help in bringing Taliban to the table.

6) This move will also pacify non-Taliban groups & US actors in the region who are not happy with US-Taliban talks.

Steps India shall take to minimize damage

India had low stake or made it low stake

1) India was passive participant to US-Taliban talks. & Ex Diplomats attended Moscow Talks

2) Pakistan tried best to reduce India's influence on these aspects, by playing Kashmir Card and taking Trump's support.

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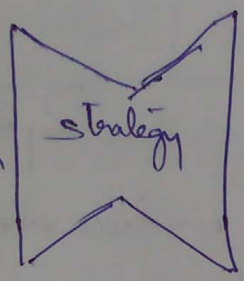
3) India does has sufficient support from Ashraf Ghani's Govt which refuted Pak stand.

Hence its rightime for India to intervene in this occasion in multipronged strategy as mentioned below



Hard Diplomy

- India should undercut Pakistan as its influence goes down by Trumps exit with the help of Russia
- Training of Afghan soldiers by India

Soft Diplomy

- Further operationalisation of Chabahar port to help Afghan govt in the current turmoil
- Helping Afghanese Elections (Helps in legitimacy of Ashrafghani Govt)

Wayforward lies in ensuring India's desire wrt Afghan led, Afghan owned & Afghan controlled process in tune with India's envisaged foreign policy as per Gujral Doctrine

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