

Overview of Pak Russia Relations

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Scheme of Presentation

- Pak Russia Early Relations
- Post 1971 Relations
- Afghan War Period
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- Current Situation

Pak-Russia Early Relations

- Soviets invited Liaqat Ali Khan in 1948 who then decided to visit USA instead of USSR
- SEATO and CENTO
- Period of Huseyn Suhrawardy; relations improved
- 1960 U-2 incident
- Ayub Khan's visits to Russia
- Russian role in 1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak wars

Post 1971 Relations

- Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's period and relations improved
- He visited Russia as President and PM of Pakistan
- Steel Mills project
- Many Other projects like Oil & Gas

Afghan War Period

- In Gen Zia's period relations weakened again
- USSR declared war on Afghanistan in 1979; not welcome by Pakistan
- Pakistan supported mujahedeen against USSR
- In 1988-89 USSR withdrawal from Afghanistan
- USSR dissolved in 1991

Post War Relations

- Pakistan was first state to accept Russia as successor state of USSR
- PM Nawaz Sharif visited Russia in 1999
- Post 9/11 relations; Pervez Musharaf's visit in 2003
- Russia observer member of OIC & Pakistan observer member of SCO
- In 2007 Russian PM visited Pakistan
- President Asif Ali Zardari visited Russia in 2011

Current Situation

- Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to Pakistan postponed
- Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Viktorovich Lavrov on visit to Pakistan
- Pakistan's Army chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani on visit to Russia
- Russian defense minister Anatoly Serdyukov delayed visit to India

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