

## **Kabul Peacemaking Process: Pakistan's Role and its Concerns**

The ongoing Kabul peace dialogue has developed silver lining of reconciliation between the Taliban and the USA. Since both parties have agreed on the principle framework, which establishes that Pakistan is a significant player of all the process. Hence, the Kabul peacemaking future scenario and Afghan issue can be analyzed considering conceptual framework of unintended consequences in the field of international affairs under two main scenarios. This framework deals with irrational and unforeseen outcomes, as a result of the rational and defined actions of the state(s). These two scenarios are as follows; First, if the peace dialogue becomes successful, how and to up to what extent will Pakistan's role be acknowledged and established at both intra and inter Afghan settlement. Second, if the peace accord gets failed then there what will be the unprecedented consequences of Afghan instability for Pakistan? Indeed, there are also some contentious issues which will be challenging to confront not only for Pakistan but also for the Taliban, the USA and the present Afghan government. Therefore, the present study is aimed to get answers of some of the key questions, such as; if the peace process remains successful, will Pakistan's role be limited to assistance in bringing the aforesaid parties to the table talk? How can Pakistan materialize the emerging situation in the post-withdrawal scenario? What will be the post-withdrawal Afghan political structure and its regional consequences? How can the Afghan government accommodate the Taliban in the post-withdrawal political setup? What will be the composition of interim government and its mandate and duration? Who will lead the interim government during the post-withdrawal? Will the regional powers guarantee the peace agreement? What will be the role of India in post-withdrawal scenario? Last but not the least, will the USA and interim political setup guarantee Pakistan that Afghan land will not be used against Pakistan? Moreover, Qualitative and inductive methods will be used to find the research gaps through exploration of the untold challenges for shared concerns in Afghanistan.