

Pakistan

1947: Muslim state of East and West Pakistan created out of partition of India at the end of British rule. Hundreds of thousands die in widespread violence, millions made homeless.

1950-1964: As the Cold War heated up, US provided nearly \$2.5 billion in economic aid and \$700 million in military aid to Pakistan.

1965-1979: With the Indo-Pakistani hostilities in the late 1960s, US cut back on military aid [\$26 million between 1965 and 1971; \$2.9 through the end of the decade.] Economic aid totaled \$2.55 billion over the 15 years. Carter administration cut off all but food aid in 1979 after discovering a uranium-enrichment facility in Pakistan.

1979-1990: US sent nearly \$5.3 billion covert assistance through Pakistan to anti-Soviet forces in Afghanistan. While it helped bankrupt the Soviet Union, it also built up the Taliban.

1991-2000: After the fall of the Soviet Union, concern about Pakistan's nuclear ambitions gave President George H.W. Bush excuse to cut aid: \$429 million in economic assistance and \$5.2 billion in military assistance over the next decade, a drop Pakistanis still cite bitterly.

1998: Pakistan conducts its own nuclear tests after India explodes several devices.

2001-2009: Since 9/11, US sent \$15 billion in assistance to Pakistan. But in many cases, money intended to fight the Taliban used instead to pay them off, or ends up funding the Taliban. US also concerned about Pakistani government links to the Haqqani network which reportedly has ties to Al Qaeda. At the same time, former president Pervez Musharraf admitted using US funds to strengthen defenses against India. US officials have alleged that Pakistan misspent 70 percent of the US funds. In midst of public statements of support for "democracy" in Pakistan, in 2007 Washington quietly prepared for stepped-up military intervention in Pakistan.

2009-2014: A new five-year, \$7.5 billion assistance package was passed by Congress in September and signed by President Obama in October, 2009.

2009-present: NY Times reports that Obama administration expanding the covert war run by the CIA inside Pakistan, using unmanned drones to attack a militant network seeking to topple the Pakistani government. This significantly expands US military role in Pakistan beyond that pursued by Bush administration, directly employing US military force against anti-government Pakistani guerrillas involved only marginally, if at all, in attacks on US forces in neighboring Afghanistan. Use of drones also responsible for increase in civilian deaths.