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China's strategic interests in Gilgit Baltistan - Its implications on India

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Abstract

The end of British imperialism in the twentieth century left India and China with territorial uncertainty and undemarcated boundary line. The absence of any commonly accepted maps related to mutually accepted LAC (Line of Actual Control), the understanding of where the LAC actually lies differs in context of both the countries. Both India and China have disputed claims over common borders. This unresolved issue led to Indo-China war of 1962 and the frequent Chinese intrusions in the Jammu and Kashmir region till now. Considering such news in the media on regular basis, it is obvious to think that what is the reason for the involvement of China in Gilgit-Baltistan region and Ladakh region of the Jammu and Kashmir State. Even though China is not a part of South Asia, then what are the reasons that inspired China to invest in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Jammu and Kashmir.

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