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GUEST LECTURE

on

Pakistan's Governing Elite and its Army

The feudal word in the Pak lexicon is associated with the elite of the society, which at the time of independence was the landlords, however, since then the concept of feudalism has evolved to neo-feudalism which is not limited only to the landed elite, but also corporates and capitalists. The source has always been landowners who have diversified into the corporate sector. Historically, during Musharraf's time the stock market barons were neo-feudalist the Zardari era saw the return of the landholders and during Nawaz's rule, it was the corporates who ruled the roost. However, in this continuously metastasizing Russian Roulette the one constant factor has been the Pak Military which has carved a niche for itself in the neo-feudal construct. It is considered the foremost national pillar, playing an unequivocal role in current Pak dynamics with its overt & covert control of policies related to defense, foreign affairs, IS & even economy. PA has governed Pak directly through military rule for more than half of Pak's history and puppeteered the civil government for the remainder period.

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