



In 1960s there was a rumor that USSR, being a land locked/Ice Locked country needed a warm water port to participate in the world trade, specially the [oil](#). It used to be a rumor because in Gen. Ayub administration nobody would dare utter those words in a loud voice. The nearest and the easiest approach to the warm water was supposed to be the coast of Balochistan. Of course the route would be Uzbekistan/Turkemanistan, Afghanistan and Balochistan.

After they threw away the kingship in Afghanistan so many administrations changed. revolution after revolution, all of them backed by the Communist regime of Russia but none of them proved to be dependable enough. In the mean time USA had a hawk's eye on it. American U2 (spy plane) used to fly from Peshawar every night along the border line of Afghanistan and Russia, destination Turkey and spied on every installation inside Russian territory along the border. And One day a U2 was shot down by Russians, a big embarrassment to USA. When USSR, after so many attempts, could not find an administration dependable and reliable enough to run an oil pipeline through Afghanistan, decided to come in herself. USSR invaded Afghanistan.

America was watching and knew what the purpose of this blatant attack was. America threw every available conventional hardware in the Afghan war, using Pakistan as a conduit and the Muslim Tribal leader of Afghanistan as a front. Russians pulled out and eventually Russia union broke into pieces.

Now all those central Asian States of Russia became independent and the American allies. Most of them having a lot of oil reserves. Now it was the American interest to run that pipeline to feed their hunger for oil trade. So the port of [Gwadar](#) which was long awaited dream of those big powers started being built by Americans. Later on Americans were kicked out of there under different pretexts, security reasons, American air bases being built and so on.

Los Angeles Times reported in those days that a contract was signed between American oil companies and Taliban but the intelligence reports said that Taliban were not dependable enough for the safeguard and upkeep of the pipeline. The contract was cancelled.

Then 9/11 happened.

And Americans came to throw away Taliban and install their own administration to facilitate the oil business. Gwadar started building again. This time China came in with help, finances, loans and technology. America is watching closely and silently. They are opposing Iran Pakistan and India gas pipeline because they want to bring their own pipeline from Turkmenistan and Afghanistan. How much is China's interest secure in that project? Nobody knows. Sure America is not going to let China get away with everything.

Other than all the Technical, Geographical, Logistical approach to it, the Gwadar Port is BIG GAME of BIG POWERS.

Pakistan is trying to make it a big project for her hoping that all those involved will be kind enough to give us a proper share.

Gwadar port is not going to be completed because it will help Pakistan with trade and transit for/from China or the Central Asian States. It will be completed and be operational when all those with the vested interests agree on something fruitful for them and not necessarily for Pakistan.

How and When? You figure it out or wait for the time to tell.

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