

## US' Threat to Pakistan

### Why in news?

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The U.S. President has recently made an announcement, threatening to stop financial assistance to Pakistan.

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### What is US's stance?

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- The US has accused Pakistan of providing safe havens to the terrorists that US is striving to root out in Afghanistan.

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- There was significant scaling down of U.S assistance to Pakistan in the later years of the Obama administration.

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- The U.S has also made disbursement of Pentagon's Coalition Support Funds (CSF) more stringent.

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- CSF is the reimbursement to Pakistan for logistical and operational support of U.S-led military operations.

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- A decision by the Trump administration on CSF for 2017 is pending.

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- Notably, US was insisting Pakistan to hand over a Haqqani Network operative who kidnapped an American-Canadian couple and held them hostage.

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- It was also "contemplating withholding" aid if Pakistan's response to the demand was not satisfactory.

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- Besides shutting down terror havens, the US wants Pakistan to use its influence on those terror organisations in negotiations with the Afghan government to hold peaceful elections.

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