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## Afghanistan, next frontier of conflict for Pakistan and India

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Former US diplomat warned that the next frontier of conflict between Pakistan and India could be in Afghanistan, asserting that there has been no change in the attitude and policy of Pakistani military towards India.

Robert Blackwill, the former US ambassador to India said, "Afghanistan is going to be in mess after we leave. India's equity are now deeply engaged in Afghanistan and danger is that the next frontier of India-Pak conflict is going to be in Afghanistan."

Blackwill further added, "there is no evidence that Pakistan military has changed its view" that its primary role is to prevent the rise of India nation.

While speaking at the "Ambassadors Roundtable" involving five American envoys to India in the last two decades, Robert Blackwill said, there is also no evidence of change in the Pakistani military policy of use of terrorist outfits against India.

He also added that Pakistani military should change the view of becoming the prominent power in Afghanistan and consider India as the enemy in war-torn Afghanistan in a bid to change the situation.

Blackwill and four other former US Ambassadors to India – Thomas Pickering (1992-93), Frank Wisner (1994-1997), Richard Celeste (1997-2001) and Timothy Roemer (2009-2011) – were speaking at a round table at the 38th Annual Leadership Summit of the US India Business Council, Pres Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The former diplomats also said that both Indo-US relationship in the coming years.	Afghanistan	and	Pakistan	would	play a	a key	role in	l