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**A STRATEGIC CONVERGENCE? PTI AND
JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI: POSSIBILITIES, PRINCIPLES, AND
PAKISTAN'S POLITICAL FUTURE**

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In the current political situation in Pakistan, the political alliance
with Jamaat-e-Islami could prove to be a historic and decisive
turning point, which could give a new dimension to the country's
politics .

It can reshape the political and democratic future of the country.
Although the two parties differ in their politics and strategies,
their core principles — the elimination of corruption, transparent
governance, and constitutional supremacy — have significant
similarities. Their common goal is to end feudal and dynastic
politics as well as get rid of unnecessary interference by the
ruling circles, which has been the biggest obstacle to Pakistan's
democratic development.

The renewal of Islamic democracy

Jamaat-e-Islami's ideological foundation is based on the
principles of Islamic democracy, moral governance, and social
justice, which is in line with the PTI's reformist narrative of
"Naya Pakistan". This collaboration can revive Quaid-e-Azam
Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Allama Muhammad Iqbal's vision of
a state where moral principles, public participation, and justice

are the fundamental pillars of collective politics. The intellectual depth of the Jamaat-e-Islami can balance the PTI's pragmatic reform commitment, while the PTI's public popularity can expand the Jamaat-e-Islami's limited but systematic political influence.

The Unified Power of Citizen and Youth Vote Bank

The alliance of the PTI and Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) in urban centres like Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Rawalpindi can produce decisive results by organizing the vote bank of the urban middle class and the younger generation. The PTI has urban and young voters struggling against corruption and elite domination, while the Jamaat-e-Islami's ideological discipline, trained workers, and influence in religious and educational circles make it a strong electoral force.

Strong democratic resistance to institutional supremacy

Both the PTI and the Jamaat-e-Islami have been critical of the establishment's unnecessary interference in Pakistan. **The events following the 2018 elections** and **the 2022 regime change** showed that Pakistan's democracy is still under the influence of unelected forces. A united front can not only provide organized resistance to such a "hybrid system" but also create pressure for the autonomy of the judiciary, the Election Commission, and Parliament.

Moral Politics and Restoration of Ideological Clarity

Throughout Pakistan's political history, most alliances have been based on opportunism or temporary political interests. The potential alliance between the PTI and Jamaat-e-Islami provides a practical opportunity to reintroduce moral politics and ideological clarity into politics. The intellectual tenacity and integrity of the leadership of the Jamaat-e-Islami lend intellectual depth to the public narrative of the PTI, while the public popularity of the PTI can make the principled message of the Jamaat-e-Islami effective.

Local Government System and Modern Forms of Public Welfare

The Jamaat-e-Islami's municipal performance, especially under former Karachi **Mayor Nematullah Khan**, proves that a combination of ideological leadership and welfare priorities can lead to sustainable solutions to urban problems. The PTI's development policy and the Jamaat-e-Islami's welfare network can create a local government model that is consistent with the principles of an Islamic welfare state based on zakat, waqf, and local tax reforms. This will strengthen transparency in local governments, devolution of power to the grassroots, and public service systems.

Balancing national cohesion and extremist narratives

After 2022, the political and ideological divide in Pakistan has reached its peak. The collaboration between the PTI and Jamaat-e-Islami can create an ideological bridge that balances the narrative of religious extremism and liberal extremism. Their shared narrative can promote political cohesion and federal strength in **Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan** through national unity based on Islam, justice, and sovereignty .

New Direction of Political Reforms

If the alliance between the PTI and Jamaat-e-Islami is not based on electoral expediency but on principled politics and intellectual harmony, it can bring about a fundamental change in Pakistan's political culture. This alliance provides a rare opportunity to promote moral politics,

transparent governance, and national unity while aligning popular popularity with ideological perseverance.

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