

CHINA'S IRAN SAUDI DEAL AND PAKISTAN

A) INTRODUCTION:

There was a dialogue between Iran and Saudi delegates in Beijing from 6th March 2023 to 10th March 2023 to restore their diplomatic relations and to open their embassies.

B) BACKGROUND:

In 2016, Iran attacked a Saudi embassy present in Iran. After that incident they cut off their diplomatic relations with each other.

C) ROLE OF IRAQ AND OMAN PREVIOUSLY:

Iraq is a Shia majority country whereas, Oman is a Muslim majority country. These both countries have tried to restore Iran and Saudi relation in 2020 and 2021 but unfortunately they failed.

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D) PROXIES OF IRAN IN YEMEN AND LEBNON

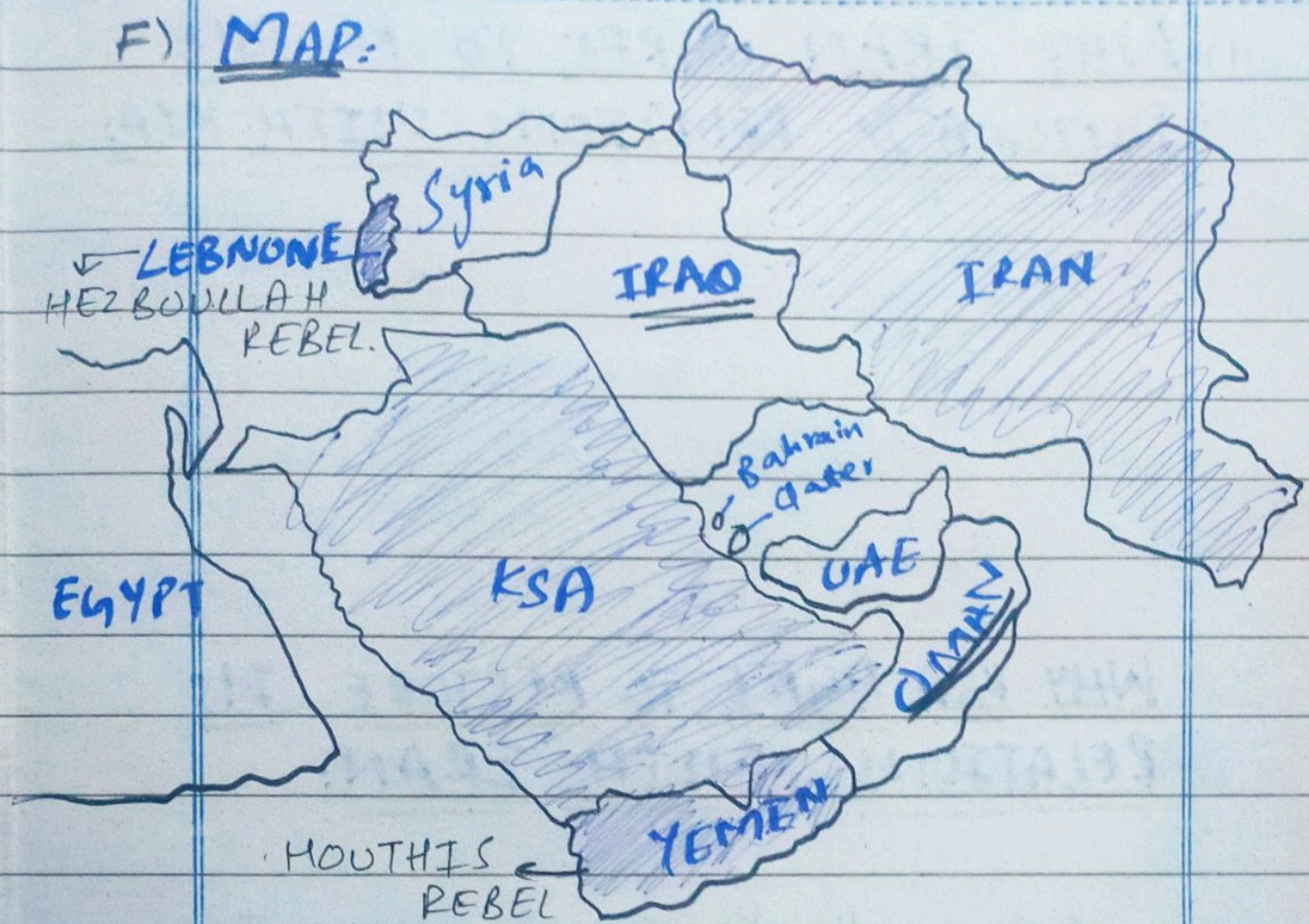
Saudi claimed that Iran had proxies against Saudi in Yemen and Lebanon. The purpose of these proxies is to destabilize the Saudi Arab.

- ① Proxies in Yemen is known as Houthis
- ② Proxies in Lebanon is known as Hezbollah

E) WHY SAUDI AND IRAN HAVE CONFLICT.

- ① Difference in Ideology: Because they have sectarian issues. Saudi is muslim Sunni majority country whereas Iran is Shia muslim majority country.
- ② Control Middle East: Both countries wanted to dominate in middle east that's why they had conflict.
- ③ Use of Proxies: US claimed that Iran was using proxies against KSA in Yemen and Lebanon.

F) MAP:



G) REACTIVATION OF AGREEMENTS:

① National Cooperation Agreement 2001:

Riyadh and Tehran agreed to reactivate this agreement.

② General economy, trade and investment Agreement 1998:

Also restore this agreement to promote trade, economy and investment between them.

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H) WHY IRAN AGREE TO RESTORE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH KSA:

Iran is agree to restore relations because it have been facing economic crisis after the sanctions imposed by USA.

I) WHY KSA AGREE TO RESTORE ITS RELATIONS WITH IRAN:

KSA wants to connect with countries and it will also helpful for KSA to make its influence into the region.

J) VICTORY FOR CHINA?

It is a great achievement of china. The influence of US will also reduce in this region. Now these both countries Iran and KSA came become the member of Belt and Road Initiative and SCO, so

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promote economy, investment and trading.

K) US REACTION:

Biden has police, not to interview in other's countries issues. That's why US withdraws from Afghanistan, stop support of KSA in Yemen war and now US administration spokesman said that US is happy to see the good relationships between Iran and KSA.

L) IMPACT OF THIS DEAL ON PAKISTAN

Pakistan has friendly relationship with China, it shares border with Iran and has strategic relations with Saudi So, this deal will positively impacts Pakistan.

M) BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE:

Pakistan is a part of China in CPEC - China has invested

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\$26 billion in Pakistan to improve trading, infrastructure, development, economy etc in various sectors. If China is able to restore economic and diplomatic ties with Iran and Saudi Arab then it will also be helpful for Pakistan's economic betterment.

2) INFLUENCE OF CHINA IN MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA

After Belt and Road Initiative China had great influence on middle east, South America and Asia. China promotes regionalism that's why it had resolved and promoted economy of different countries.

① RECENT INFLUENCE IN MIDDLE EAST

Resolution of Iran-Saudi conflict shows that it (China) has

a great influence in middle east

② Influence in Asia:

China has the world's greatest economy that's why it has potential to promote the economy of other countries like Pakistan, Myanmar, Russia, Iran etc. Through ePEC, China will make shortest route to Europe to promote trading, developments etc.

0) MAP OF ASIA / MIDDLE EAST:



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P) CRITICAL ANALYSIS:

This deal had positive impact on Iran, Saudi Arab, Pakistan and China. It will reduce the influence of USA in Middle East and Asia. Now, China is giving a message to the world that the world has new world order and we need to unite without influence of USA. But countries have to use this deal for positive purposes only. Iran should stop its proxies against USA.

Q) CONCLUSION:

This deal makes the self image of China into the world. Iran and Saudi will have good diplomatic relationships with each other and this will help Pakistan to have good economy which is at the verge of default.