

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have signed a historic deal of defense pact. Critically evaluate causes and implications of deal.

Introduction: Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have signed a historic defense pact known as "Strategic Mutual Agreement" on "17 September 2025". This deal was signed due to some present and historical perspective of bilateral relations and some other events of regional escalation. Here we will discuss some causes and implications of pact. But to understand somehow about deal here is a ~~an~~ official statement by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Pakistan.

This pact "Aims to develop strategic and defense cooperation between two countries and to strengthen deterrence against any aggression."

Causes of Defense Pact

→ Israel's attack on Qatar alerted all Gulf countries.

* At September 9 2025 Israel attacked Qatar and killed five Hamas leaders and one Qatari security officer.

* This event put all the Gulf countries at risk. So, Saudi Arabia did defense pact with Pakistan.

→ Gulf countries have lost trust on United States of America.

Although United States of America has air bases in

Qatar which is also known as Non-NATO ally of America, but After Israel attack America or Trump did not condemn this attack.

→ Another event is that Qatar did not want to host the Palestine leaders for negotiation because last year Israel attacked on Hamas leader

→ Ismail Haniya in Iran. But Trump gave guarantee that Israel would not attack Qatar but Israel did attack.

So all Gulf countries had to rethink about relations with Trump.

→ Pakistan is the only Muslim nuclear power.

Pakistan became first Muslim nuclear power in 1998.

In recent times skirmish with India Pakistan has

highlighted its deterrence by attacking Rafail of India. Hence Pakistan is best option for Saudi Arabia for defense deal.

→ Saudi Arabia has holy places of Muslims: Saudi Arabia has noble places in Makkah and Madinah. In 1967 Pakistani troops were deployed for protection of Haramain Shaukeefan. So Pakistan can be a better protector of Masjid-Nabwi and Masjid-ul-Haram than anyone else.

→ Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have history of strategic bilateral relations:

In sixties Pakistan's army was instrument in establishment and training of **Saudi Royal**

Airforce.

In 1984 a protocol agreement

was signed According to which thousands of Pakistan troops were stationed there and Saudia personnels have been trained by Pakistan military academy. Furthermore "Islamic Military Counter-terrorism coalition" head by "Till October 2025 Pakistan (Pahel shareef) have trained "8000-10000" saudia personnels And 1500-2000 ^{Pakistan troops} are playing key roles in Saudia." **IOSSI**

→ Israel has occupied Middle Eastern states and attack on them. Israel has occupied west bank, Lebanon and Syria. And attacked on Iran's nuclear programmes

→ In Gaza more 65,000 deaths have occur due to Israel's military. So, Saudia is much concerned about it's defense

Implications of Defense pact

Implications of defense pact of on Pakistan

- Image of Pakistan's deterrence has been improved across the region.
- It will boost Pakistan's economy. For the year 2025-26 Saudi will contribute 6 billion US dollars in the form of loans and deposits—Source :- International Italian Institute of political study.
- Moreover Pakistan received 3 billion dollars bailout in 2024 from Saudi Arabia. These packages will increase.
- Pakistan enjoyed special oil subsidy in 1998 after nuclear explosion by Saudi. Hope these days will come again.
- 2.41 million labour is working in Saudi of Pakistan. Remittances will increase.

Implications on Saudi Arabia

→ Saudi Arabia will get more exposure to advance military technology.

→ It will strengthen more its deterrence against any external aggression.

Because According to Foreign Ministry of Pakistan

"Aggression against one country would be considered aggression against other country or both countries."

→ Due to safe and favourable working conditions more labour will come to Saudi Arabia.

Implications on India

First of all 2.59 million labour of India is working in India.

India is largest buyer of Saudi oil for example In year

2022-23 India to Purchase
oil of 33.35 million dollars

According to **Indian Embassy
in Riyadh:-**

Bilateral trade between
India and Saudi Arabia is
41.8 billion dollars.

These business relations will be
affected.

→ Saudia will support Pakistan
on Kashmir

→ Saudi Arabia will also support
Pakistan in case of any
war between Pakistan and
India.

→ Moreover "Indian Middle
Eastern Economic corridor"
will also be affected which was
launched in 2023 at G20
Summit. May be India will
come close to Israel.

Implications on Iran

Now bilateral relations have

been developed between Iran and Saudi Arabia and Iran's president appreciated this pact and did not object. He demanded muslim alliance similar to this pact.

Moreover Saudi prince Mohammed Bin Suleman hosted Iran's State Secretary of Security at Saudi Royal Palace.

↳ Source Dawn opinion

↳ "Ali Larjani" is state Secretary of national security Iran.

Implications on Gulf countries

→ UAE is a white card entry which is busy in developing relations with Israel. It has to review the whole region's situation that one day Israel can attack burj-al-khalifa also.

→ Satar now needs more deterrence

so it has to deal same as this defense pact with any muslim state.

→ Qatar will be vigilant about trump's future assurances.

Implications on Turkey

→ Turkey is only muslim NATO member, it has to rethink that United states of America remained fail to protect Qatar where it holds bases even trump did not condemn attack.

→ In future turkey is at stake of security risk.

→ Turkey must think about similar defense deal with middle eastern countries specially Qatars.

Implications on USA

- Trump will not damage its relations with Israel because it has used 6 times veto power in support of Israel in Gaza case also.
- Trump will not oppose this defense pact until nuclear support will be given.
- United States of America will strengthen further relations with Gulf countries because it invests in UAE, Qatar and Saudi Arabia of 2 billion dollars Source ISSI

Conclusion: Pakistan and Saudi Arabia did this Strategic Defense Pact only for enhancing deterrence against any threat. It will not for attacking world. Moreover, Pakistan has said

also have strengthened historical relations which started in 1960. Most common causes of deals are Qatar attack by Israel, protection of Hamein shareefain, and trump's fake assurances. Hence it will have positive impacts on Pakistan and Saudi Arabia and they will boost bilateral trade also. India and Saudi's relations will be drifted, Iran has no objection on it, US will balance it's relations. Last but not least gulf countries and Turkey have to rethink their foreign policies. So this defense is only for deterrence enhancement.

→ Because "Sun Tzu" Chinese write in his book "The Art of War" said ~~for~~ Rephrased Deterrence is the best revenge to enemy.