

- ⑤ Critically examine the regional and global implications of the Iran-Israel conflict of 2025, with special reference to Pakistan's foreign policy and strategic positioning.

ANSWER

1) Introduction

"If you do not end war,
war will end you"
~ Kofi Annan

The Iran-Israel stand off in June, 2025 reflects a big blow of military capabilities. It not only undermines international security regimes such as Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and International Atomic Energy Agency, but also violates the sovereignty of a state. The conflict drew heavy repercussion at global and regional level. Moreover, Pakistan channelizes multiple foreign policy options in the wake of Israel-Iran conflict. ~~Its~~ Its strategic posture relies on relations with neighbours and security needs.

(2) GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS OF IRAN-ISRAEL CONFLICT

i- NPT Regime Under threat

June 2025 conflict between Iran and Israel displayed the horrific use of military capabilities. As NPT regime asserts countries not to attack any nuclear facilities, the US with its close ally, Israel violated the NPT norm and attack nuclear sites of Iran such as Natanz, Fordow and Isfahan.

ii- Diminishing Role of IAEA

Iran's suspension of IAEA's terms and condition sent wave of fear in west. If Iran could make nuclear bomb, then Israeli aggression would be lessened. More than 60% of enrichment of Uranium became the bone of contention between Iran and the US. This clearly points out the questions against the credibility of IAEA.

ii- Threat of world wide Inflation and trade obstacles.

Middle is the hub of economy. Almost 90% and 25% of oil and gas trade passes through both countries (Iran & Israel).

A mere blockade at the chokepoint of the strait of Hormuz can create economic crisis in many countries. According to international analysts, current oil trade occurs at 70-80 USD/Barrel. If war continued for months, it could have led oil price per barrel upto \$150.

iv- Exacerbation of South-North Divide.

US being the main master of Israeli attacks on Iran exacerbated the disparities of global north and south. Countries started align with global south based order such as BRICS and Chinese BRI. A clear display of US hegemony ~~also~~ led to grievances of the south.

3) REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF IRAN - ISRAEL CONFLICT

i- Growing Israeli Hegemony and the Arab Response

Israel with the ample help of the US portrays hegemonic character by attacking Iran, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt. This expansionist policy has helped Arab nations to unite. This could lead to a vast regional war.

ii- Creating instability within Iran

Israel attacking Iran's main cities and killing massive number of their officials is aimed at creating internal rift in Iran. Due to murder of some Iranian and Palestinian officials with the help of intelligence agencies has drawn questioning against Iran's security paradigm.

iii Fragmentation of OIC countries

Before the June 2017 attack, no Muslim nation contained the Israeli aggression in 1939. After the conflict, story remain the same. OIC which is a body of Muslims is disintegrated due to security and economic interest of Arab countries with the US. So, OIC remained the spectator.

iv - Unstable deterrence and growing arms race in the region

After the conflict, many states such as USA and Egypt has signed deals with the US for expanding military hardware. The unstable deterrence of region compelled each state to give more focus to military capabilities. A sharp increase has been notice in the defense budget of Middle Eastern countries.

4) Pakistan's FOREIGN POLICY

AND STRATEGIC POSITIONINGS

i- Remain Neutral at Global Level

Pakistan foreign minister
Ishaque Dar explained that
Pakistan's nuclear program is
India-centric and there is no
possibility of using it
against Israel. However, Pakistan
will always strive for diplomatic
effort to solve issues.

ii- Sharing Economic Interest with
Middle East

It is rightly mentioned
in the constitution of Pakistan that
the country will hold friendly
relations with ~~the~~ the Muslim
world and will never accept
Israel on the map of the world.
So, Pakistan ready for Gulf
countries except Israel for trade
and Commerce.

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CONCLUSION

In a nut shell, the
Iran - Israel conflict leads to
enormous repercussions across the
globe. Nuclear deterrence and strategic
stability will always be at risk,
if international bodies are undermined.
Pakistan's foreign policy becomes
vibrant and issue-resolving. Pakistan
will always help the world at
diplomatic fronts to promote
peace.