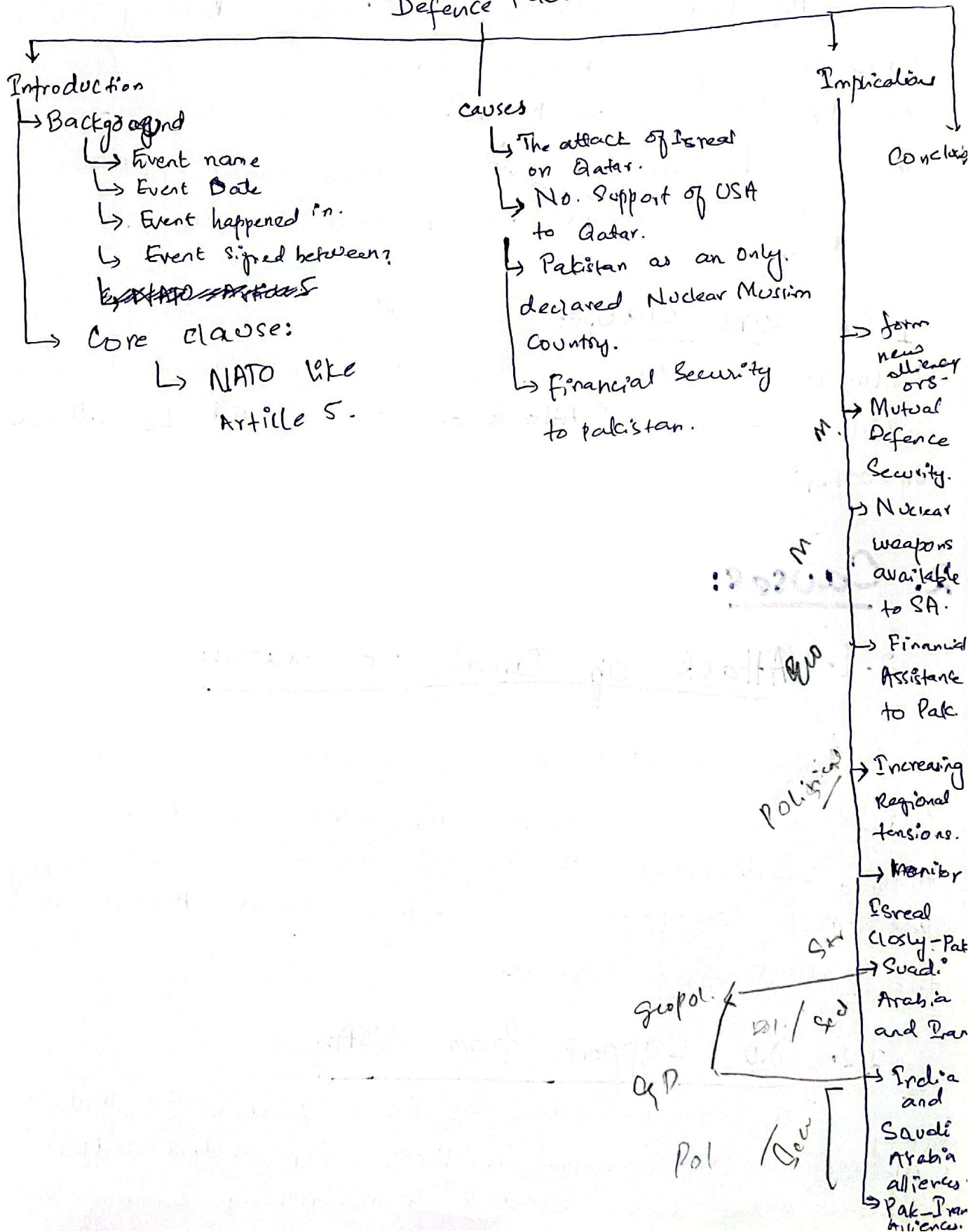


Q: Pakistan Saudi Arabia have signed a historic defence pact.
Critically evaluate the causes and implications of the deal. ①

Pakistan - Saudi Arabia Defence Pact.



ANSWER # 8.

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1. Introduction:

1.1. Background:

The historic defence pact "Strategic Military Defence Agreement" signed between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on 17-Sep-2025 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia between the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shehbaz Sharif and Crown King of Saudi Arabia King Muhammad Salman.

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1.2. Core clause:

Similarly like NATO - Article 5, it is a mutual defence agreement which states as "Attack on one would be attack on other."

2. Causes:

2.1. Attack of Israel on Qatar:

Israel attacked on one of the Muslim Countries Qatar which shocked the world including Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia, despite of economically strong country ~~but~~ is not strong in military, fears Saudi Arabia about the attack from Israel.

2.2. No Support from USA:

The main reason of Saudi Arabia to make military alliances with Pakistan is that USA did not support Qatar when Israel attacked on it, although Qatar is also an

ally of USA, as Saudi Arabia. USA prioritizes Israel, ~~extending~~ (3)
over Middle East countries with economically investments in USA.
Donald Trump visited Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Dubai in May
2017, after which these countries invested in USA but still waiting
DC prioritizes Israel allies over its economic allies. Moreover,
Saudi Arabia like other middle East countries only rely
on USA for security alliances. Although there is no written
agreement between Middle East countries and USA but these
countries trusted USA to be their military allies. Which gave
reality check to middle East ~~that~~ especially Saudi Arabia
that USA is the only security and military alliance of Saudi
Arabia prioritizes Israel.

2.3. Pakistan as the only declared Nuclear Muslim Country.

Saudi Arabia could get conventional help from
other muslim countries but it choose Islamabad
because is only declared nuclear power in Muslim world
with strong military resources. This impacts Pakistan's
good reputation to international arena.

2.4. Financial Security to Pakistan: along with Defence Security:

Pakistan could get financial assistance from Saudi Arabia,
oil-on-deferred and infrastructure investments and energy
investments along with the mutual defence security
alliances.

4. Implications:

4.1. Military Implications:

4.1.1. Mutual Defence Security:

Similarly, NATO Article 5. Attack on one would be attack on others. The agreement of mutual defence security states if any other country attacks on either of them, other country would ~~also~~ support it further. However, it has been clearly stated that this is a defensive agreement and not 'aggression' perpetrated by foreign nation of Pakistan, India or.

4.1.2. Nuclear Weapons availability to Saudi Arabia.

Khusroo M.T. defence minister of Pakistan that "absolute ~~resources~~ ^{and} available" to Saudi Arabia. The nuclear resources are available to Saudi Arabia, but not completely decided that Pakistan would provide to Saudi Arabia or not. Also, this is also impact Pakistan's already tight budget.

4.2. Geopolitical Implications:

4.2.1. Saudi Arabia and India alliance threat:

India has already voiced out on this agreement. Saudi Arabia and India are economic alliances through Import, Export, investments, this is fearing India against Pakistan.

The main concern arises if Pakistan and India will go for war again, will the Saudi Arabia support Pakistan or not? (5)

4.2.2. Saudi Arabia and Iran:

Iran is also concerned about the military alliances with Pakistan of Saudi Arabia, since Pakistan is the neighbouring country of Iran that gives Saudi Arabia to form its bases in Pakistan and would be close to Saudi Arabia to monitor Iran.

4.3. Strategic Implications:

4.3.1. Pakistan Monitoring Israel closely.

Pakistan, a Muslim country could be the target of Israel, which is an enemy of Pakistan. Hence, forming military bases into the Saudi Arabia it will shorten the distance between Pakistan military and Israel. So, it could help Pakistan military to monitor Israel closely.

4.4. Political Implications:

4.4.1. Increasing Regional Tensions:

The agreement could affect the foreign policy flexibility of Pakistan. Pakistan and India and Pakistan Iran tensions would increase and Saudi Arabia and Iran and Saudi Arabia and Israel tensions could increase tensions.

4.4.2. Formation of New ^{Muslim} organization OR Formation of New International Alliances.

There might be chances to form a new alliance in the Muslim World to unite them against Israel or it could expand to form alliances with other countries like South Africa. to make alliance against Israel. But there are chances to form another alliance that could be response to Muslim or international Alliance of Israel, India or USA etc.

4.5. Economic Implications.

4.5.1. Financial Assistance to Pakistan

Saudi Arabia as a strong economical country could help and support Pakistan financially in return to their military trainings and availability of Pakistan's nuclear resources.