

Topic: Great Power Competition and Regional  
Alliance: Pakistan's Role in a Multipolar  
Middle East

Outline:

1.) Introduction

- 1.1) The world is moving to multipolar order - Middle East is the biggest example
- 1.2) Power blocks influence in the middle east
- 1.3) Envy of Pakistan in this diverse environment through "Pak-Saudi defense pact."

2.) The Rise of Multipolarity in the Middle East

- 2.1) United States of America; the police man in Middle East since fallen after the cold war
- 2.2) China's engagement through energy drivers, infrastructure, economic diplomacy through "One Belt One Road" initiative
- 2.3) Russia's interaction in Middle East through proxies in Syria, Libya, Iran.
- 2.4) Envy of Pakistan, not as passive but an active stakeholder.

3-) Multipolarity; a strong catalyst to increase the diversification.

3.1) Saudi Arabia's defense pact with Pakistan, a strong evidence of diversification

3.2) China's economic diplomacy provides more economic alternative to US aid.

3.3) Pakistan's will be playing an important role in this diversification.

4) Pakistan's Gains in a Multipolar Middle East

4.1) Pakistan as a new face of Muslim world.

4.2) The pact with Saudi allows continuation of funds, more jobs, remittance flows.

4.3) The pact as a catalyst of strengthening diplomacy of Pakistan

4.4) More markets for Pakistan, instead of relying on traditional partners.

Challenges and Risks for Pakistan:

5.1) The pact with Saudi may harm the relation with Iran.

5.2) Pakistan may get itself stuck in between power rivalries.

5.3) Providing security to Saudi Arabia means more fiscal burden

5.4) Inter-sectarian divide, violence, and riots in the country will pose serious threat to national integration.

c) Pakistan's role in Middle east and its direct impact on other stakeholders.

c.i) USA and ~~west~~ may find it as ~~sus~~ look it with suspicious eye.

c.ii) India may ramp up its engagement with Gulf world and find counter measures.

c.iii) Iran and Afghanistan may consider the pact with Saudi as a potential danger for them   
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6.4) China will support the role in more actively and quietly - as U.S. centric authority reduced.

c.v) Israel may consider it as a possible risk of nuclear threat in the region, further straining their relation with Arabs.

7) Conclusion:

## Thesis Statement :

Multipolar world order is the new necessarily of planet- earth which spread its influence to all over the world, with the Middle East being no exception. Engagement of powerful blocks is so common in the region and exploded in the form of wars, riots, and alliances. ~~With~~ with the signing of defence pact with Saudi, Pakistan has now an active role in the region, and balancing the benefits with the challenges, Pakistan can play an effective role in the Middle - East.

Multipolar order is not the new concept for Middle East, as during the Cold war, the