

Global Impacts of the Middle East conflict

Outline

1. Introduction

→ 130 conflicts are active around the world

→ Iran has enriched uranium to sixty percent, ~~that~~ threatening the world

→ Thesis statement:

The global impacts of the Middle East conflict include an increase in energy and petrol prices, mass displacement, a disruption in airline services, an infrastructure destruction, an increase in terrorist attacks, a decline in remittances, and a decrease in currency value.

2. Global impacts of the conflict:

i- Increase in energy and petrol prices

→ The Pakistani government has increased petrol prices by 55 rupees

→ 20 percent of world's oil passes through Strait of Hormuz

ii- Mass displacement

- 3.2 million people have been displaced in Iran
- 45 million people have been pushed to extreme hunger around the world.

iii- Disruption in airline services

- Dubai International airport handled 95 million passengers in 2025
- Complete closure of Middle East airspace for a month.

iv- Infrastructure destruction

- AWS servers were damaged by Iran's drones.
- Shajarah Tayyebah elementary ^{school} was destroyed in Iran

v- Increase in terrorist attacks

- BLA attacked on a mosque in Islamabad
- Five Chinese engineers ~~blat~~ were killed in KPK

vi- Decline in Remittances

- 9 million Indian workers work in ^{the} Middle East
- Pakistan remittances increased by 10.6 percent in the first quarter of 2026.

3- Conclusion

"War of all against all," said Thomas Hobbes. Despite the United Nations (UN) organization, the world is actively involved in conflicts such as a Russia-Ukraine ^{conflict} and a Middle East conflict. There are 130 active conflicts around the world, which show the failure of the rule-based order. Recently, the Middle East conflict has been impacting the global economy by disrupting the supply of petrol, LNG, and fertilizer products. The American government has alarmed the world that Iran enriched uranium to sixty percent, causing a severe threat to the world. Due to this, America and Israel mutually attacked Iran, causing various global impacts. The global impacts of Middle East conflict include an increase in energy and petrol prices, mass displacement, disruption in airline services, infrastructure destruction, an increase in terrorist attacks, ~~or~~ a decline in remittances.

The Strait of Hormuz contributes 20 percent oil and LNG globally, which fulfills the needs of the world. The recent Middle East conflict has been disrupted the supply of LNG, petrol, and

fertilizer products, causing shortages around the world. According to ^{the} EIA report, Middle East exports 20 million barrels of oil per year to the rest of the world. Due to the shortage, the Pakistani government has increased ^{the} oil prices by 55 rupees. Hence, the Daewoo bus fare from Jhang to Multan has increased from 1540 to 1740 rupees in a day. According to international agencies, if war persists, the world might face a further rise in oil prices. Consequently, the conflict has been causing petrol and LNG shortages, affecting global sectors such as the food and transport sectors.

Wars affect the massive population ^{around} ~~at~~ the world, forcing people move to safer places. The Middle East conflict has been displaced 3.2 million ^{Iranian} people, forcing them to live in rural areas. Hence, people are suffering from extreme poverty and hunger. According to the WFP report, the conflict has ^{been} pushed 45 million people to extreme hunger, hindering the achievement of the SDGs to eradicate hunger. The Strait of Hormuz

is responsible for trade, which has been disrupted for a month, increasing food insecurity in the Middle East region. Further, people may suffer from nutrient deficiencies if food is not available to them for a long time, ultimately causing deaths. Hence, the conflict has been disrupted global trade, causing food shortages in the Middle East and pushing millions of people toward extreme hunger and poverty.

Wars lead to closure of roads, seaways, and airspaces. Since 2022, the war between Ukraine and Russia has resulted in closure of their airspace, disrupting airline routes and increasing fares. Additionally, airline companies have been weakening financially due to high cost of fuel and ~~ene~~ very long routes. Recently, the Middle East war has not only disrupted the oil supplies but also affected airline routes. Moreover, it has impacted the travel and service sectors. People frequently visit Dubai and Qatar, making the region one of the busiest in the world. The Dubai International Airport handled 95 million

passengers in 2025; however, the flow has been disrupted due to the conflict. According to the Al-Jazeera news, if the war persists, the world will lose billions of dollars. Hence, the conflict has destabilized the entire region, ~~including~~ resulting in the disruption of airline services.

Whenever, conflicts arise, they result in the destruction of the infrastructure within a country. The Ukraine-Russia and Pakistan-India conflicts have led to widespread damage, including the destruction of schools, buildings, and airports. Similarly, the Middle East conflict has destroyed schools, Dubai and Saudia airports, and ~~Israel~~ buildings. Dubai is a business hub where hundreds of companies have opened regional offices and many companies have established infrastructure to provide services across the Middle East, Central and South Asia. However, much of the companies infrastructures have been damaged in the conflict. Recently, Amazon Web Servers (AWS) were damaged by Iranian-linked drone strikes, resulting in the

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disruption of online services. The Sadapay company has suspended its services in Pakistan, due to damage to AWS data centers in Dubai. Similarly, Israel was attacked at Tagyebah Shajareh elementary school, causing hundred of casualties. Hence, wars are directly linked to infrastructure destruction, causing casualties and economic losses worth billions of dollars.

Conflicts increase terrorist activities within a country, as states may fund separatist groups movements to spread anarchy and undermines national stability. Similarly, due to the Middle East conflict, terrorist attacks have increased within Pakistan, reportedly receiving support from RAW, Mossad, and CIA to destabilize the country. Recently, BLA has attacked on a mosque in Islamabad, causing tens of casualties. Attacks are not limited to civilians; terrorist groups have consistently targeted Chinese citizens, resulting in the deaths of five Chinese engineers in KPK. These attacks are not only destabilize Pakistan but also strain its relations with neighbouring countries.

The Punjab government of Pakistan has stopped people to watch live PSL matches to protect civilians from terrorist attacks, resulting in economic losses. Hence, the Middle East conflict not only rises terrorist activities but also causes economic losses and weakens relations with allied countries.

People from countries such as India, Pakistan and Bangladesh work in the Middle East region to support their families. According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Pakistan sends 0.5 million workers to the Middle East each year, who, in return send remittances back to home. Pakistan received approximately 30 billion in remittances, which increased by 10.6 percent in 2024. However, remittances have been reducing due to the war, ^{thereby} hindering Pakistan economic progress. A lack of employment opportunities in the region not only creates difficulties for workers but also affects their families, increasing food insecurity. Nowadays, Pakistan is highly dependent only on remittances from Europe, UK, and US. Hence, wars lead

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lead to a reduction in remittances, creating difficulties for developing countries.

In conclusion, the global impacts of the Middle East conflicts are diverse, including fluctuations in energy prices, large-scale population displacement, a reduction in remittances, a rise in terrorism, physical infrastructure collapse, and changes in airline routes. Beyond these visible impacts, countries also face indirect consequences, such as currency depreciation, environmental degradation, and food insecurity.

As the saying goes, "War can set a country back by hundred years," if the conflict persists, it may push the entire region decades backward.