

Q#1 China as mediator

China played the role of peace broker between Iran and Saudi Arabia on March 2023.

China played the mediator role in broking the Saudi-Iran negotiation which acts as surprise for the rival countries.

China through this deal shows the geopolitical shift toward multipolarity which result in the restoration of the diplomatic ties between Iran and Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia although had security concerns with US but now they are shifting their interest to bolster their ties with China.

Both the countries expressed their sincere gratitude to China for promoting the normalisation of their relations with each other.

Growing role of China:

China's involvement in this deal have major implications for US

US official stated that "It is a slap at Biden Administration as an evidence that China is a rising power"

China is growing its influence all over the world. The Geopolitical Shift can be seen from US unipolarity towards China's multipolarity.

China involvement in Middle east have their motives behind one of the major interest is trade, (energy), Foreign Policy. Beijing want to improve relation with both Saudi and Iran for its economic interest.

Also, China want to show itself a hegemonic influencing various regions across the world sidelining United States

China a better mediator :

China plays a significant role in transforming the region by aligning the two major actors while US remain reluctant and silent in this matter.

US also left its allies in difficult times for example.

Drone attack on AMARCO - 2019 and it address the conflict between Saudi-Iran by putting sanctions while China took the diplomatic approach by emphasizing on dialogue and negotiation.

China is engaging in the region for mutual economic benefits and ~~is~~ is in favour of East centric approach in the matter of diplomacy.

China become more active not only in middle east but also across world.

Q2: Rise in Militancy :-

Militancy arise in this year resulting in the deaths of 800 plus people, several injured.

According to a research Armed group attacks in Pakistan have increased by 79% during the first half of this year.

There are various examples of such attacks recently a Suicide bombing attack at a political rally in KPK in tribal district of Bajour kills 44 people and 200 were injured. Later on ISIS claimed the responsibility of attack.

Not only in KPK but also most attacks occurred in other parts of the country as well like Balochistan.

Early this year in January suicide bomber attacked a mosque in Peshawar police line also CTD office

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resulting in 17 officers died
The violence in Pakistan
is increasing day by day
and it is primarily linked
with (TTP) Tehrik-e-Taliban
Pakistan; ideologically aligned
with Afghan Taliban.

TTP recently claimed
98 attacks in Pakistan.
The Pakistan army and
government several times
threatens the Afghan Taliban
to not allow the TTP
to use Afghan soil for
targeting Pakistan but
violence is increasing
despite the dialogue and
meetings.

The decline of law and
order is seen in Pakistan
also causing political
instability, economic issues
by TTP and IS-K are
taking advantage of the
unstable political situation
to carry more attacks
against security forces.

→ Reasons of rise in militancy in Pakistan :-

There are number of factors contributing to the rise of militancy in Pakistan.

First and the foremost is the bad governance, social and economic injustices among people, inequality, unemployment, poverty, limited access of education acts as a driver of extremism and frustrated youth towards militant camps.

There is also ideological factor ^{called} Islamization ^{under} which the militant groups target government agencies and Army organization by challenging the writ of state.

Recommendation / way out :-

- There are gaps between intelligence and police it ^{agencies} must be bridged through coordination.
- They should be provided with immediate backup support.
- Negotiation with the terrorist groups.

Q3: Iran-Saudi Rapprochement: A major setback to US and Israel

US and Israel made "securing a regional alliance opposed to Iran" ^{was} a key foreign-policy aim.

Israel fear of Iran:

One of the major factor is the fear of nuclear programme. Israel consider iran as a existential threat because iran provided financial funds to many Anti-Israeli groups in the region such as Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza which carry attack against Israel. Israel is trying to isolate Iran from international community with the help of US. Israel lack the support of other countries to achieve its goal. Israel develop relations with Saudi to isolate Iran and come up with security

alliance against Iran but
after this rapprochement
b/w Saudi-Iran Israel
is afraid.

A former Israeli Prime
minister called this
agreement as "a serious
and dangerous development."

Israel chief foreign policy
goal is to isolate Iran but
unfortunately, his foreign
policy got weak due
to the domestic issues
they distracted from
addressing the external
threat.

An Omen for US :-

US gradually lost its
influence in the middle
eastern region.

US chief foreign policy
goal is to contain
China and become
dominant in the world.

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US is trying to counter China by moving towards Asia-Pacific to become global hegemon.

But, India, Afghanistan, Turkey, Pakistan, Russia are autonomously engaging with China. China has significantly increase its influence in the region.

This reapproachment between Saudi-Iran caused tremendous damage to American leadership and its foreign policy.