

Question 2

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Iran re-established diplomatic ties on 10th March 2023 after eight years. China played a great, visionary role in establishing relations and providing safe offices. The normalization of ties between two oil giants and influential West Asian countries will have a strong impact on regional diplomacy and politics. Along with this it will be beneficial for whole region and offcourse Pakistan. The changing world order in few middle east can enhance economical, diplomatic, and social conditions of the living masses.

Ⓐ Rapprochement Between KSA and Iran as a beginning of changing world order

The establishment of diplomatic relations between KSA and Iran changed the unipolar regional politics to bipolar. From the very beginning USA had a strong hold in region and its politics. Whether it comes to Iraq war, Sanctioning Iran, KSA's

Acceptance of Israel or fighting in
Yaman. after normalization of both
countries relation china has changed
the influence of USA from the region.

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A Dawn of Peace for the region

Both the countries were suffering severe economical losses due to the presence of non state actor in the regions.

The problem ~~was~~ non state actor is an apple of discord in the

Peace of region. After the normalization of ties between both countries the influence of Houthis, subbles, and other organisations will be decreased from region.

② **Economical stability will be prevailed**

Both the regional oil giants share 80% of the total oil market. which not only efficient to meet regional demands of oil but for the whole world. Countries like Pakistan whose 60% energy demands met from cruid oil are the beneficiaries of the trilateral chinies Peace deal.

③ **A begning of social harmony**

Middle east is a house of sev many islamic sects and ethnical groups. from Shia to Sunni and from Arabs to Kurds everyone lives here with the same dignity. The rapprochement between Sunni Arab majority KSA and Shia majority Iran will be the begning of social religious and harmony in the region.

Implications for Pakistan

① Religious bonding with both countries

Pakistan is a home of majority Sunni and minority Shia population where 20% Shias and 80% Sunni share their sectarian sentiments with both countries. Islam has its roots in Saudi Arabia where Iran is the last ~~destination~~ destination of Ahle-bait. ~~Relationship~~ ~~Share~~ Harmony ~~between~~ between both the countries will have great impacts on religious groups in Pakistan.

② Foreign Direct Investment & Remittances

As Pakistan is currently going through the severe economical crisis it needs both FDI and remittances. "According to SBP KSA and UAE share 45% of the total remittances Pakistan receives" more than 5 million families in Pakistan solely depend upon remittances. Saudi is always a pivot support for Pakistan whether it comes to flood relief, loan roll over or any other support.

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Curb to cross border terrorism

Pakistan shares 9000 km border with Iran and it always remains concerned about cross border terrorism in Pak - Iran border areas. after normalization of USA, Iran relations Pakistan will have double check on terror organisations.

The homework for Islamabad

- Pakistan is blessed with a great geographic location. which can play a role of bridge between china and middle east. Pakistan can facilitate both regions by ensuring safe land route and removing security concerns.
- Through strengthening the relation with both countries Pakistan can meet its energy demands easily. It requires strong policies.
- Pakistan can work with china, Iran in developing most strategic ports Chahbatar Port and Gwadar Port.
- Pakistan need policy like "Look middle east policy" after "Look Africa policy"

Conclusion

After the normalisation of ties between both countries a door of opportunities has been opened for Pakistan. From economical, social opportunities to becoming a great regional country. The world is changing every country is trying to strengthen relations with the future Super power China. Whereas Pakistan is a historical Chinese ally. Pakistan need only to polish its ~~its~~ regional Presence for becoming a great regional ally.