

Iran-Saudi Rapprochement

In 2016, Saudi Arabia executed a Shia cleric due to which protests were started in Iran and Iran's response was harsh. The diplomatic mission in Iran was attacked due to which Saudi Arabian diplomats returned. Proxy wars were carried out by both the countries in the Middle East for example: Yemen and Syria.

The actual way of contention was analyzed that it was a Shia-Sunni sect ideological warfare.

Moreover, regional hegemony is also one of the reasons.

For example: 1979, Shia revolution in Iran.

Recently Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed to restore ties and reopen diplomatic missions within two months.

Interest of Iran

In 2018, the US put sanctions on Iran and tried to isolate Iran politically as well as economically.



Survival in Middle East:

Iran need the support of muslim countries to survive in middle east

Interest of Saudi - Arabia :-

Saudi Arabia has security dilemma from Iran was covered from these diplomatic negotiation because Iran was developing its nuclear weapon which will pose a threat to Saudi Arabia.

Why China plays the role of Mediator?

China has bigger diplomatic and economic interest in middle east

China wants to maintain its presence on strait of Hormous. China also wants to enhance infrastructural and economic corridor with middle eastern countries.

Socio-Political implication in Middle East and Pakistan.

Economic development in PAK.

in terms of regional connectivity.

Positive relationship of Pakistan with China, Saudi Arabia and Iran.

This Agreement reactivates earlier commerce and investment, promote peace and regional stability and conducive environment.

As the Geopolitical shift turned with diplomatic ties being restored and Pakistan can maintain balance diplomatic ties with both countries.

to be taken

Measures by Pakistan (Islamabad)

Pakistan should build positive and robust ties with its neighbouring countries.

Potential collaboration with Iran for Iranian oil. for that purpose Pakistan should resolve its dispute for stable energy supply.

Pakistan should adopt more inclusive foreign policy.

Policy makers should take bold and decisive action for Pakistan.

Implication of Ukrainian War on Pakistan

Pakistan maintained ^{moderate} relation with Russia and Ukraine. Both the countries were in ongoing war, which was escalated by the annexation of Crimea in 2014. Economic sanctions were imposed on Russia while Ukraine the disruption bring huge challenge to the world's economy.

One of the most important economic impact of the crisis is global oil prices ~~increase~~, leads to higher prices and food shortage.

It also affect the Industrial sector, Pakistan import defence equipment from Ukraine but due to the way the supply chain ~~is~~ disrupted, the global trade.

Pakistan struggles with high inflation and political unrest. Around **39%** of the country imports demand for wheat from the previous year.

This conflict create social turmoil and deplete country resources.



Measures:

Pakistani government should take measures to mitigate the impacts of the ongoing conflict.

- 1) Diversifying trade relations with other countries.
- 2) finding other sources for essential commodities.
- 3) Govt should support industries which are directly affected by the conflict.
- 4) Temporary ban on luxury imports.
- 5) Avoid overly subsidizing the products used for energy and food purpose.

Conclusion:-

Pakistan should maintain its diplomatic and economic relation with Russia. As the Energy cost rising globally.

Recently Pakistan deal gives Moscow a new oil market.

Pakistan received its first shipment of Russian crude oil on Karachi port.

