

4-1- Introduction

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Islamic Republic of Iran rapprochement was one of the biggest ever development among them, which were brokered by China in March, 2023. The history of their relation is not fruitful as they had conflicts over oil production and sectarian issues. They cut ties back in 2016 when Saudi prosecute the Shia cleric which instantly provoke the Shia sentiments and they fired Saudi embassy in Iran, This drove to close embassy and cut off relations, thanks to China by integrating them on same table which is indeed happen just because strong influence in both countries. As we have seen Saudi red carpet welcome where they invited the other Gulf states as well. Xi and Saudi King Muhammad Bin Salman discussed several projects. Afterwards Iran President Raisi visit to China was the outcome of China growing economic power and Iran being crying under US sanction. China and Iran came into conclusion as China to invest around \$400 billion in multiple projects.

2- Impacts of this historical rapprochement;

As history is witnessed, the Middle East (ME) region is has been indulged in war since long time. There are several other countries whom interest is inevitable. They tried every inch of foot to segregate them and indulge them in conflicts and they succeeded in their mission as well. But this rapprochement would definitely bring positive change, here are the positive impacts;

2.1 Positive impacts on Saudi

Muhammad Bin Salman 2030 Plan

As Saudi under MBS has totally change the political atmosphere and economical desires. They are dependant on oil based economy. but since MBS arrival and his vision of 2030 clearly depicts that he is striving to change a shift from oil based to multiple sources. They have been investing in Technologies, taking part in China BRI project

and diversifying economy: From constructing abundant cinemas to promoting Indian movies in Saudi all this comes under his vision.

Therefore this rapprochement would ~~not~~ not create interruption in their economy and they will smoothly flourish.

Houthi - Saudi Tussle

Houthi is ~~now~~ backed by Iran and they were played the ~~game~~ role of Iran in ME region. During Iran-Saudi, Houthi destroy Saudi oil company, Indirectly Iran was using them.

However, this rapprochement would bring peace for them.

22 Impacts on Iran

Iran was under US sanction

Since Iran was under US sanction and they were not able to trade freely with other countries particularly in dollars, they were having severe economic crisis, therefore they were looking for partners in this region, this shift would definitely bring prosperity in their economy.

2:3 Syria Inclusion to Arab League

Syria was abandoned by Arab world since Arab Spring. They were under multiple crisis, whether it is political, economical or social. This rapprochement brought Arab leaders on same table and they jointly decided to include Syria in League again.

The reason behind Syria inclusion was Saudi-Iran threat. As system government was like a puppet of Iran, so directly it impacted this relation.

2:4 Palestine Cause

Palestinians have been abandoned by Arab world. They are on the verge of recognizing Israel as earlier under Abraham Accord. Qatar-UAE recognized Israel. Now the situation seems that Saudi won about to recognize Israel for economical purpose.

However this rapprochement can help in strengthening Palestine cause, both countries can collectively change the status quo of this region. Israel is afraid of their threat as they want to indulge them in war so they can dominate it.

region, particularly Muslim.

3. Saudi-Iran show and the impacts on Pakistan

Pakistan and Saudi-Iran relations has a love story. Pakistan on their own relations among each other if their relation is good it would definitely have a positive way but if they are having issues it will Pakistan too as neither wants Pakistan take their rival side.

Therefore this rapprochement would bring positive impacts for the country ~~the~~ Pakistan.

Flow of Investments

Investment will flow towards Pakistan as Iran is taking part in BRI projects, the route will go to Iran by Pakistan which will bring finances and peace among both countries, if this rapprochement hadn't happened then rivalry of them might cost us in halting this road towards Iran which is planned by China.

Halt in sectarian conflict

Shia-Sunni rivalry is centuries old, they

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both are considering each other superiors
Saudi belong to sunni sect, while
Iran belong to Shia sect, Earlier
if any wrong thing happen to
shia or sunni in their countries, it
had directly impacts on Pakistan,
as in Pakistan both sects start protesting
against each other. Meanwhile the
shift would bring peace and love.

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Pakistan-Afghanistan relations is deteriorated since Pakistan independence, in between they had thaws but it is never switched to permanent good relations. History is evident how Afghanistan voted against Pakistan and how Pakistan provided a route to US to invade Afghanistan. However the recent shift is witnessed after US withdrawal back in 2022.

2- US withdrawal and Taliban rise

Since US withdrawal from Afghanistan, the latter comes under Taliban government. The victory was well celebrated in Pakistan as they were expecting Taliban would help them in weakening Indian influence in Afghanistan. However this happened totally opposite.

3- TTP Attacks and usage of Afghan territory

Since Taliban came into power the attacks rate in Pakistan surged, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK). This shift doesn't happen overnight, TTP is a terrorist entity and has been involved in multiple attacks from years. But since Taliban power they come audaciously as there is some thing behind their audacity.

They are using Afghan territory as a safeguard. In this regard Pakistan defence minister visited Afghanistan to discuss this severe issue, but they denied, instead they offered medication sale among TTP and Pakistan. It seems they are not giving care to what Pakistan asking for, they clearly denied.

In this regard relationship among both neighbors is deteriorated. Last year January after attack on Police line mosque where several policemen embraced martyrdom prompts Pakistani sentiments and the government of Pakistan declare that no more Afghani should entered to Pakistan territory for treatment purpose. Onwards both states closed their borders for each other but for some time.

If this continue it would ultimately impact both countries economy as they are each other largest importers and exporters.

4- Pulling out refugees

After continuously ignored the Pakistan statement of "don't let use TTT Afghan land", Pakistan finally decided to deport illegal immigrant which were around 2 million by that time. However, this proclamation got headlines in every news channel, and the criticism thrown by Amnesty and United Nations Human Right (UNHR) on Pakistan, as this is illegal to not deport migrants. Pakistan was affirmed to their commitment as Pakistan is not part of any international treaty where they provide asylum to migrants. Therefore Pakistan stance by deporting illegal immigrants is generic, because the country is facing security challenges and those who deteriorate the country condition are happily living in Afghanistan, so it is not any wrong doing by deporting illegal immigrants.

Impact of Pak-Afg tense

Impact is severe whether it is economically, socially or politically. All this is happening because of TTP as they providing them territory. One of the most important and severe impact is on CEPEL, this project is being under

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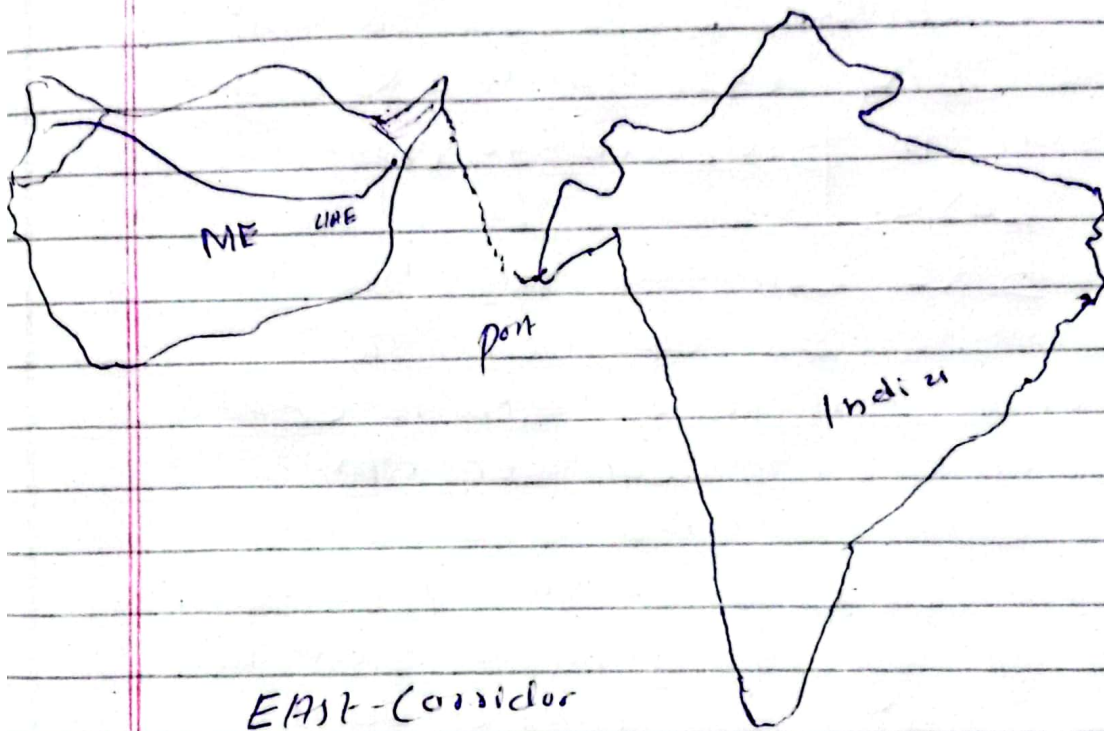
construction from decade and is initiated by China, if TTP attacks continues ~~and~~ it will halt the development process of Pakistan which is under CEPEC. This might create tension between China and Pakistan if they continue Chinese persons killing.

Economically Pakistan is facing severe crisis and this Pak-Afghan tussle wreaking havoc, security personal has been killing by TTP which is destroying already in lost economy.

To conclude this, it is imperative that both states should cooperate ^{with} each other which is beneficial for both of them. Afghanistan is a landlocked country they need roads so does Pakistan need stability to flourish. Afghanistan should compel TTP forces to leave their country so that both country engage in national relation with proper agendas. Refugee should be deposit but not in such intensive way to by giving them one month time as it is difficult for human to leave everything within month.

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India - Middle East Europe Economic Corridor project is announced on the sidelines of G20 meeting in India, 2023. It would connect the South Asia to Middle East to Europe. It would be done by rail, road and port.



EAST-Corridor
Connecting India to
Arabian Gulf

This project is unsurprisingly the counter attack for China Belt and Road initiative (BRI) which announced 20 year earlier. The handler behind this project is no doubt the mighty US, as she is trying to counter China in every field and learn no

opportunity which cause china damage.

V Comparison of the IMEEC and BRI

IMEEC is comparatively small project as it cost \$8 billion to \$20 billion while on the other hand BRI cost around \$1 trillion which is projected to complete in 2050.

BRI connects multiple countries as one of the mighty project of them is CEPEC which would connect china to Gulf countries and will hit CARs (Central Asia Republics) by Afghanistan. However the IMEEC is limited to few countries specifically in Middle East and Europe.

IMEEC is sponsored by US which is not credible as their foreign policy switch with change in governments while BRI is solely led by china.

3 IMEEC, A counter narrative to CEDEL

America is busy to topple down Chinese economy and looking for room China left. From Indian Ocean to Middle East, B3W, South China Sea, everywhere they enforced counter narrative, and now this shift.

IMEEC is indeed imperative for America, earlier they attack China militarily by making naval bases and having security related alliances in the name of QUAD, AUKUS and even CEMOA. But this time America is countering the Chinese BRI with alternate economic project. This would bring prosperity in Middle Eastern region and also in India. Their trade routes will cut short, as earlier India had to import oil through Port from Middle East which cost them much costly but after this initiative it would certainly impact the oil prices which ultimately affect their economy in a positive way.

However, the BRI project is a billion dollar initiative which is needed to the world of developing economy. BRI connects region, from south Asia to Middle East to Europe to Africa. BRI get close the world and impact China created in this twenty first century is applaudible. She is investing in African poor regions, in Afghanistan they are planning to invest and also in South America. This initiative connects the whole world in such a manner that all states are somehow somewhat part of BRI, where their interest converge.

4- Criticism

When China initiated BRI the US led west states started alleging China by saying "It's a debt trap". India was not behind and she also alleged China over CEPEC Project and asked Pakistan to no comes under China trap.

They are giving references of Sri Lanka Hambantota port which China taken by lease and now they using it.

In IMEEL case, it is clear that it's a counter attack over China BRI project, though China appreciated it but deep down they know what's cooking behind this project. This would create havoc in region as US would access to this region more properly and would make naval bases and deploy submarine to counter China and other arch rival of US like Russia and Iran.

1. US-Crisis

It sounds surprising that world mighty state who rule the world for decades is having bad times. ~~for~~ Her domination over economics, military and politically over all other states is indeed appreciable. But now situation is changing and the once heavy weight is losing her influence. Her economy is affected while she is busy in having invasion of countries for decades. America is under economical, political and social crisis. She ~~is~~ focusing on her rivals and making way of countering while ignoring her own economy, investing billions of

dollars in foreign lands just to fulfill her agenda by toppling down China, Russia, Iran and Vietnam etc. She is fanning Israel and sending submarine to help out her illegitimate child but ignoring the fact that country is under multifaceted crisis. People are protesting against government harsh policies and the government is busy in other matters.

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Consequences of Ignorance Costing her in global arena by losing influence

It is in human nature, people do respect others when they see they have power or money so it is true money buy everything. So does in America case she is losing influence as she is not interested in prevailing peace. Gone those days when she was the only super power whose she decided every rules and laws and was imposed instantly. Now world is shifted to multipolarity,

China, Russia, India and regional organization, now they are setting their own boundaries, law, currency.

Rising of BRICS

BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South-Africa) is an organization of these five countries which is contributing world 32.1% GDP while in contrast America led G7 is contributing 29.1%.

It depicts that how countries collectively decided to switch from America influence and make their own currency, laws and regulation. This is all happened because of (1) waning influence, despite being in a security pact with India under QUAD she is not even controlling position to compel India to not import oil from Russia.

De-dollarization

After Covid-19 and Russia invasion of Ukraine, world has witnessed severe economic crisis around the globe. Multiple countries reach upto the brink of default. US

and west imposed sanction over Russia, to not trade in dollar. Therefore Russia along with China come up with planning new currency it can be YUAN or gold based currency. This is the depiction of US wanning influence.

wanning role of US in ME

Here are the days when US was influencing ME. Now the place is fulfilled by China while she was indulged in Afghanistan and Indo-Pacific region.

It is clear that sooner or later the remaining influence of US will be vanished if she continue such wrong policies just to maintain her hegemony. World is not same enough every country is trying to not limit their interest to one country, countries are making block, and setting own rules. Reason behind US crisis is their government policies which is fully biased on counting others rather promoting own economy.