

## Question 2:

Saudi - Iran relation impact on  
USA and Israel

## Answer

### Introduction

To the surprise of the <sup>whole</sup> world, long-going strife between Saudi Arabia and Iran was resolved. Mediated by Chinese president Xi-Jin-Ping, Saudi Arabia and Iran finally restored friendly relations. These relations, however, disturbs two of the Iran's most certain rival in the global politics: United States and Israel. Almost all of the dimensions - political, economic, social, diplomatic, and so forth - are going to be transformed completely for these two nations. In reality, this development will change the map of global politics.

## Saudi-Iran Rapprochement : A Brief Overview

Saudi Arabia and Iran have long been considered arch-rivals of global politics. The diplomatic relations between both the states were disturbed in 2016, when Saudi Arabia executed ~~Iran~~ Iranian Shia leader Nimr al-Nimr, causing major social unrest in Shia-dominated Iran, resulting in an attack on the Saudi embassy. However, eight years after the conflict, with the efforts of China's leader Xi-Jin-Ping, conflict was resolved - on December of 2022, both the countries restored ties and the relationships came back to normal.

## Impact of Saudi-Iran Peace on Israel

### 1- Direct Security Threats for Israel

Israel has always been frowned upon by Iran - Israel, too, considers Iran to be its biggest enemy.

- In Netanyahu's words, Iran is the only threat for the existence of Israel in the region - So, a direct security threat was directly faced by Israel due to the normalization of Saudi-Iran relations.

## (ii) Hamas-Israel Conflict with Strengthening

Now, that ~~to~~ Iran has normalized ties with Saudi Arabia, all of its attention will be on Palestine, particularly Hamas. It has been observed by the attacks of Hamas on Israel that Iran-backed militancy has started posing direct threats to Israel.

## (iii) Strengthening of Islamic bloc threatening Israel

Israel, due to its brutal treatment of Palestinian Muslims is always frowned upon by Muslim community. With increase in Saudi-Iran friendship, Islamic bloc will find its strength as envisioned by Iranian foreign minister Hossein Abid Abdullah. Hence, Israel will be in trouble in the region.

## (iv) Destruction of Israel Diplomatic Relation with Saudi Arabia

Israel has been in good relations with Saudi Arabia despite the latter being the leader of muslim world - However with the normalcy of its relations with Iran its ties with Israel are at risk -

## (v) Israel Diplomacy with other Arab Nations being at risk

Israel has been enjoying good relations with Arab ~~to~~ nations - especially Abraham Accord, a deal between Israel, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, took the Arab-Israeli diplomatic normalcy to a whole new world. Yet these states are the strong allies of Saudi Arabia and normalcy between its ties with Iran will impact these nations, ultimately reducing the probability of ~~the~~ the good implementation of Abraham Accord -

# Impacts of Saudi-Iran Better Relations on United States

## i) United State's Stance on Iran

United States consider Iran to be its enemy in the region. In fact, it used quite harsh words for Iran saying it as "destabilizing force of Middle East". This stance of United States on Iran depicts that Saudi Arabi and Iran relationship getting normal are against its own policy.

## ii) Power ~~Im~~balance in The Middle East concerning United States

Normalcy of Saudi-Iran relation will create power ~~ab~~balance in the region. It will restrain US from playing its oil politics in the proxies of Iran and Saudi Arabia.

## iii) Rivalry with China getting Impacted by Xi's Soft Image

Xi Jin-Ping is now ~~looked~~ seen as a peace maker.

as it solved a conflict that was long-running - it might destabilise the political image of Biden with world seeing Xi's China as a better mediator -

#### iv) Economic Losses from Weapon-Selling

United States will also witness a decrease in weapon exports - on the middle East, all proxy wars between Saudi and Iran will end, thus reducing the use of weapons and decreasing the revenue generated by USA

### CONCLUSION

With the strengthening relations of Saudi Arabia and Iran, the ~~power~~ impacts of political, economic, and security nature will find their way into Israel and United States - The "topsiest and turkiest development", as described by Peter Barker, a New Yorker (columnist, will)

both impact the nations in a way that is unimaginable.

## Question 3

..... far reaching impacts on Pakistan

Ans:

### INTRODUCTION

Restoring of the ties between Saudi Arabia and Iran was welcomed and celebrated by Pakistan. Although it was a decision made in the deserts of Middle East and has considerable implications it does not exclude Pakistan from its influence. The country will see ~~some~~ ~~major~~ majorly positive outcomes in its political, economic, security, and diplomatic situation.

With that being said, there are some negative influences as well that the normalcy of Saudi-Iran relations will bring to Pakistan.

Altogether, the decision definitely has far-reaching implications exceeding the geography of decision-makers and will reach Pakistan.

## Far Reaching Impacts of Saudi-Iran Improving Relation in Middle East

v) Peace in the region being restored

Tensions between Saudi and Iran are the cause of almost every other war in Middle East - In Yemen, the war is between Houthis (Iran-backed) and government (Saudi-backed) - In Syria, the Assad regime is backed by Iran which faces Saudi-backed militants - So, almost all the proxy wars in Middle East will get reduced as all the ~~the~~ peace will be restored -

vi) Unity of the Middle-Eastern Nations

Peace brings with itself the cohesion - a much needed element in Middle East's ~~the~~ diplomatically scattered nations - The improvement of relationship between two major nations will surely influence the diplomacy between Arab nations next.



# Far-Reaching Effects of Saudi - Iran Restoring Ties between on Pakistan

(i) End of diplomatic dilemma for Pakistan

Diplomatic relations of Pakistan with Iran and Saudi Arabia will get stronger as the confusion of "picking the one" will end. It will strengthen the country's policy at global and organizational level.

(ii) Restoration of Brotherly relations of ~~front~~ Muslim world

Pakistan envisions better and brotherly relations within Islamic world as the Article-40 states the requirement of "fraternal relations among Islamic nations" as the focus of country's foreign policy, so the vision will finally get fulfilled.

(iii) Social Harmony within Pakistan ensured

Country consists of both the Sunni as well as Shia muslim. Almost 20%.

of the whole muslim population, Shia muslims, who consider Iran to be of 'great spiritual importance, will be in harmony with majority Sunni muslims, causing social harmony -

#### (iv) Improved Economic Outlook for Pakistan

Economy of Pakistan relies majority on Saudi Arabia's aid and barter trade with Iran. With both the countries finding peace, ~~Saudi~~ country's economy will also get a boost -

#### (v) Betterment in Relations with China

Relationship of <sup>both</sup> the countries was restored due to the efforts of Chinese leader and is deeply rooted in the dependence of both nations on China, i.e., the extension of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in middle east. The restoration of relations will help ~~restore~~ boost the success of BRI and it will help Pakistan as well, considering its significance in BRI.

## (vi) Iran's Eyes Towards its East : Negative Impact of Saudi-Iran Relations

The Policy of Iran towards Pakistan has been aggressive during 2023- This was worsened with the attacks of Iran on Pakistan's territory claiming to have killed terrorists. However, as the international relations with Iran and Saudi Arabia are strong, Pakistan will see less support by ~~the~~ Saudi Arabia, thus creating a negative impact.

## Conclusion

Saudi Arabia and Iran, two of the arch-rivals of geo-politics are surprisingly getting together. It definitely has influence on the Middle East but surely has impacts on Pakistan too. From the realms of security to the delicacy of social fabric, nearly all aspects of Pakistan gets positively influenced ~~by the country~~ although there are ~~major~~ some negative implications too. However, with Pakistan's goodwill for both the ~~the~~ brethren

nations, the strengths could be multiplied and the weaknesses could be minimized.