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Q no 2 Critically evaluate Middle East on the other hand.

Ans 1- Introduction:

The initiation of normalization of relations between KSA and Iran has been considered as positive sign for the destiny of the region but there are some elements that are not happy with this normalization of ties or relation between these two countries. The Israel, located in the Middle East among many muslim countries, wants to divide the muslims of Middle East and maintain the enmity among them in order to survive. It has also seen as the defect of foreign policy of the US, the ally of Israel. However this normalization of relation is seen as the beginning of peace and progress not only in the region but also among Muslim countries.

2- KSA-Iran normalization; Foreign Policy Set back to Israel:

The normalization of relation between Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Iran is seen as set back to the foreign policy of Israel. The

considers united Muslim world as a threat to its survival so it often tries to divide and maintain enmity among the muslim countries especially in Middle East.

(a) Cooperation of GCC; threat to Israel's interests:

The muslim world was divided mainly on the basis of sectarian grounds where two main groups were the stake holders and maintaining the sectarian divide. But now due to the mediation of China, KSA and Iran have started normalizing the relations and it will translate into cooperation of GCC on various issues like Palestine and Israel conflict and that will hit the interests of Israel.

(b) Regional Connectivity; threat to Israel's interests:

After the initiation of normalization of relation of KSA and Iran, the region will move towards the connectivity in various fields. The losses due to conflict will be minimized and enhance ~~economic~~ cooperation that lead to economic growth.

Due to economic growth, the already oil rich region will get more political and strategic influence in global arena.

(c) Historical mistrust b/w KSA-Iran can be a threat:

KSA-Iran historically supported their version of Islam by covert and overt means. This can be opportunity to the Israel to exploit in order to sabotage the relations between the KSA and Iran. However, the mediation of China, the emerging power, will keep a check and provide conflict resolution forum.

2- KSA-Iran relations; setback to US policy in Middle East:

The normalization of KSA-Iran relations ^{was} not only a setback to the foreign policy of Israel but also to the foreign policy of the US.

(a) China mediation in KSA-Iran normalization of relation and US:

The role played by China in mediation of significant players of the region is perceived as threat to the supremacy of the US.

History Historically the mediation role is played by the US due to its super-power status. but now china is trying challenge the hegemon status of the US. This mediation and particularly role played by china can be said as 'setback to the foreign policy of the US in middle East

(b) Geo-political and Strategic Control of the US: KSA-Iran relations:

The US enjoyed geo-political and strategic control on middle east due to their mutual sectarian conflicts by providing security to GCC countries. But now due to the normalization of ties b/w KSA-Iran the security element will be minimized and it will be difficult for the US to maintain ~~geo~~ historical geo-political and strategic control over Middle East.

4- Critical Analysis:

The normalization of relation of KSA-Iran can be seen as potential setback to the foreign policy of Israel and the US in the region. However there are ^{other} ~~more~~ conflicts going on that are potential threat to the gains of this normalization. If those

conflicts could not be resolved by materializing the KSA-Iran relations then the possible gains would be hard to be achieved.

Conclusions:

In a nutshell, the US and Israel has enjoyed the fruits of the sectarian conflicts and division of Middle East. But now due to the normalization of ties of KSA-Iran both the US and Israel get setback to their foreign policy.

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Q3 KSA-Iran rapprochement Discuss.

Ans 1- Introduction:

The historical rift between Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Iran due to different interpretation of religion and standings on global arena. However the rapprochement would certainly have far reaching positive impacts on the ongoing conflicts in the region. These positive impacts include Pakistan as well that has seen severe sectarian violence. This rapprochement policy would certainly minimize the conflicts and possibly remove the division in muslim world. Pakistan being major power and influence in muslim world can be benefited from this rapprochement because of its past standings at different events. There is an opportunity for Pakistan to further strengthened its relations with not only these two but also with the muslim world.

2- Strengths of KSA-Iran rapprochement in conflicts resolution: Middle East; Pakistan;

There are many conflicts in Middle East mainly due to the adverse relations of

KSA - Iran that fueled proxy wars in different regions of Middle East and Pakistan. But due to KSA - Iran rapprochement policy there is a bright chance to find a workable solution to these conflicts easily. Pakistan can be benefitted by this new development and paradigm shift, and can maintain the hard earn sectarian peace. The relations with the neighboring Iran were also compromised due to KSA. Now this can be improved and provide long term ~~rather~~ positive results for Pakistan.

3- Opportunities for Middle East and Pakistan by KSA-Iran rapprochement:

The rapprochement of KSA-Iran has provided Middle East and Pakistan an opportunity to resolve conflicts and mend their relations. In this way Pakistan-Iran can engage in many areas of mutual benefits. There is a potential to reap long lasting benefits for the region. This rapprochement has also provided an opportunity to both countries to resolve their bilateral issues on table rather than fueling proxy wars against each other.

4- KSA-Iran rapprochement; Impacts on Pakistan:

Pakistan has suffered due to the adverse relations between KSA-Iran. The relations of KSA-Iran, being muslim and oil rich countries, has significant impact on Pakistan.

(a) Diplomatic Engagement:

The rapprochement has paved the way for Pakistan to engage Iran diplomatically on various regional issues that have impact on both countries.

(b) Progress on CPEC:

Pakistan can offer Iran to coordinate on the projects of CPEC for mutual benefits. In this way a positive impact can be seen.

(c) Counter terrorism Activities:

Pakistan can engage Iran and KSA to eradicate terrorism in the region. Terrorism has affected the regional growth and progress. Pakistan being the most affected country by terrorism can collaborate with Iran and KSA in a more meaningful manner.

(d) People to people Contact:

The rapprochement has paved the way for Pakistan to increase people to people contact due to amicable relations between KSA-Iran. In this way regional connectivity can be improved.

5- Critical Analysis:

The rapprochement between KSA-Iran has resulted in positive implications in conflict resolutions in Middle East. There would also be far reaching impacts on Pakistan. But there are concerns on the maintenance of this rapprochement due to global power dynamics.

6- Conclusion:

In a nutshell, the positive outcome of the rapprochement between KSA-Iran is seen as the base for conflict resolution in Middle East. It has also far reaching impacts on Pakistan by removing unnecessary barriers in the foreign policy and amicable relations with Iran.