

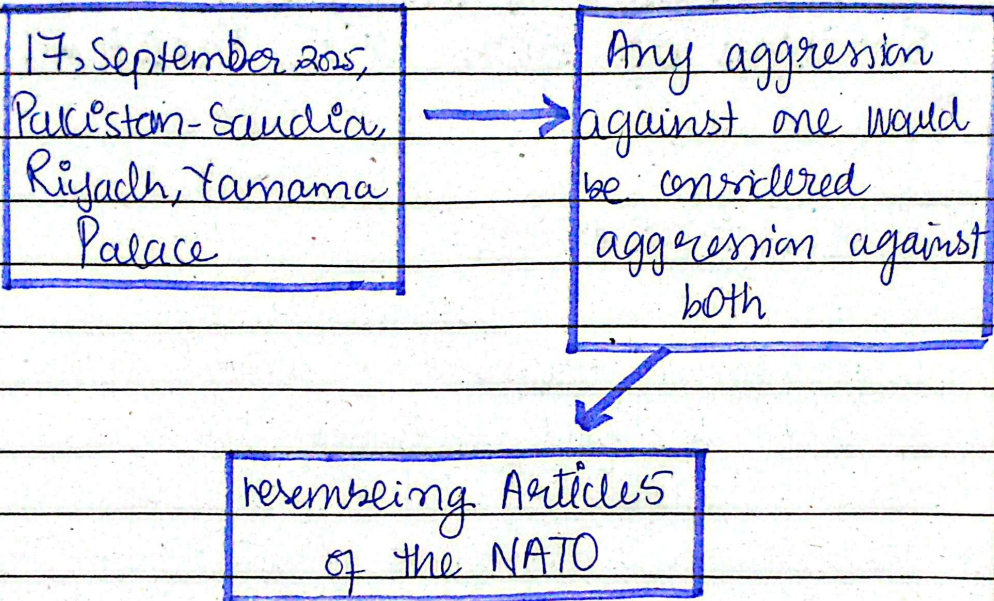
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Critical Review Of Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement; Evolving Pakistan-Iran Alliance; Analysis Of Potential Impacts of Balancing Relations of Both with Pakistan.

1. Introduction:

Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement (SMDA) is a defense pact between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. While posing for deterrence, economic reliefs, increased diplomatic overages and strengthened relations, it (SMDA) also has some crucial considerations including the asymmetry in relations and domestic constraints of Pakistan. Moreover, the relations between Iran and Pakistan has also been evolving. The numerous agreements, multi-front cooperation and border management dialogues are the snippets of evolved relations. Thus, the relations between both Middle-Eastern powers positively impact Pakistan. However, Pakistan must remain vigilant of any potential negative impact.

2. A Quick Snippet Of Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement (SMDA):



3. Critically Reviewing Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement with Saudi Arabia:

3a. Pakistan As A Net Strategic Security Provider:

By signing the SMDA, Pakistan as per political analysts have taken role of security provider.

— "Pakistan has taken the role of net security

provider, not only
for Saudi Arabia, but
also the region
of Middle-East"

Maleeha Lodhi
Former Ambassador

3b. The Simultaneous Risk of Stepping Into Unwanted Conflicts Of Middle-East:

The
negative ^{→ potential} impact simultaneously is
that this Strategic Mutual
Defense Agreement might
force Pakistan to step into
such Middle-Eastern conflicts,
which now Pakistan can afford at
this juncture, neither Pakistan
wants to step.

3c. A Strong Diplomatic Profile of Pakistan - Reiterating Peaceful Foreign Policy of Pakistan:

However,
this has also improved and
resulted in a strong diplomatic
profile of Pakistan. This also

exhibits peaceful policy of Pakistan.

—This is a defensive agreement
and is never targeted
towards any third country—

—Spokesperson MOFA

3d. Asymmetric Relations And Diplomatic Leverage of Saudi-Arabia-Globally:

The

Critical review suggests that this
might result in asymmetry and
↑dependence of Pakistan on Saudi Arabia

—The diplomatic engagement
of Saudi-Arabia is much
higher than of Pakistan—

—Mazhar Abbas
—Senior Journalist

3e. Economic Reliefs And Restored Investor Confidence In Pakistan's Economy:

SMDA may
also prove to provide economic
reliefs, grants, loans,
investment in Pakistan. This
agreement allowed Pakistan to

have a stronger geo-strategic economic place for investors.

Thus, the benefit of SMOA would result in economic upgradable status.

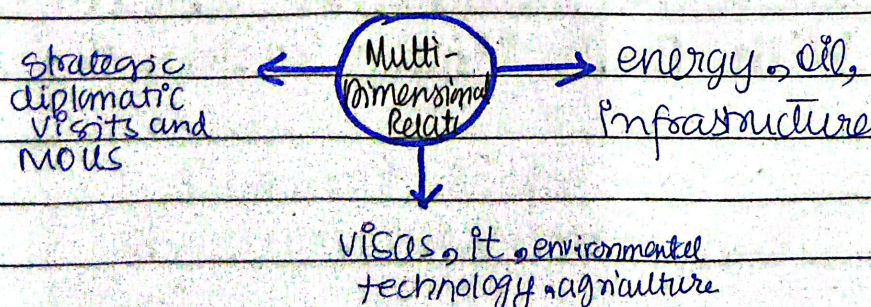
3f. Deep-rooted Domestic Structural Constraints of Pakistan — Hindrance :

The deep-rooted structural constraints internal polarization, political instability and chronic debt might hinder the SMOA implementation in true spirit.

4. Evolving Pakistan-Iran Alliance:

4a. Transition From Diplomatic Relations to Multi-Dimensional Cooperative Relations:

Recently ^{Pakistan} has concluded ^{agreements} a transitioned to multi-dimensional cooperation with Iran.



4b. Shifting From Border Insecurities to Border Management:

and Iran ^{pre-2025} ~~post-2025~~ Pakistan have exchanged ^{strikes} ~~strikes~~. However, this has transformed into border management, counter-terrorism, illegal crossings and criminal activities ban. This dialogue and diplomatic success reflects the evolving relations of Pakistan and Iran.

4c. International Support to Each Other During Regional Conflicts Of One another:

As evident from the May conflict 2025 of India-Pakistan and Israel-Iran 2025, Pakistan and Iran officially and strongly condemned violation of territorial integrity of one another by rogue states.

5. Analyzing Potential Impacts Of these Developments On Balancing Pakistan's Relations With Both Middle-Eastern Powers:

5a. Strategic Comeback Of Pakistan's Increased

Diplomatic Leverage:

The potential impact of balancing relations with both Middle Eastern powers is that it will without a doubt increase diplomatic clout and leverage of Pakistan. Pakistan's standing at global chess board will be strengthened.

56. Economic Prosperity of Pakistan due to bilateral Agreements:

Pakistan has concluded multiple MoU's and agreements with both the powers. Thus, Pakistan will surely gain national economic prosperity. Disinflation, job opportunities and legal travelling will be visible.

57. Peace In Pakistan Due to Contented Religious Segments of Pakistan:

History has its evidences, thus, the contented religious segments due to

their religious respective affiliations will decrease the volume of protests in Pakistan. Better relations with both'll positively and peacefully impact domestic situation of Pakistan.

51. A Multi-Dimensional Win Potentially Resulting In Multi-Dimensional Impacts

—Pakistan has perfected the art of balancing contradictions so deeply that even gravity looks to learn on in admiration. The simultaneous engagement of Pakistan internationally has been exceptionally well. —

—The Express Tribune

6. Conclusion:

Thus, it can be concluded that SMOA and evolving relations of Pakistan with Iran and Saudi Arabia will both have positive and negative impacts. However, the positive impact of both overpower the negatives.

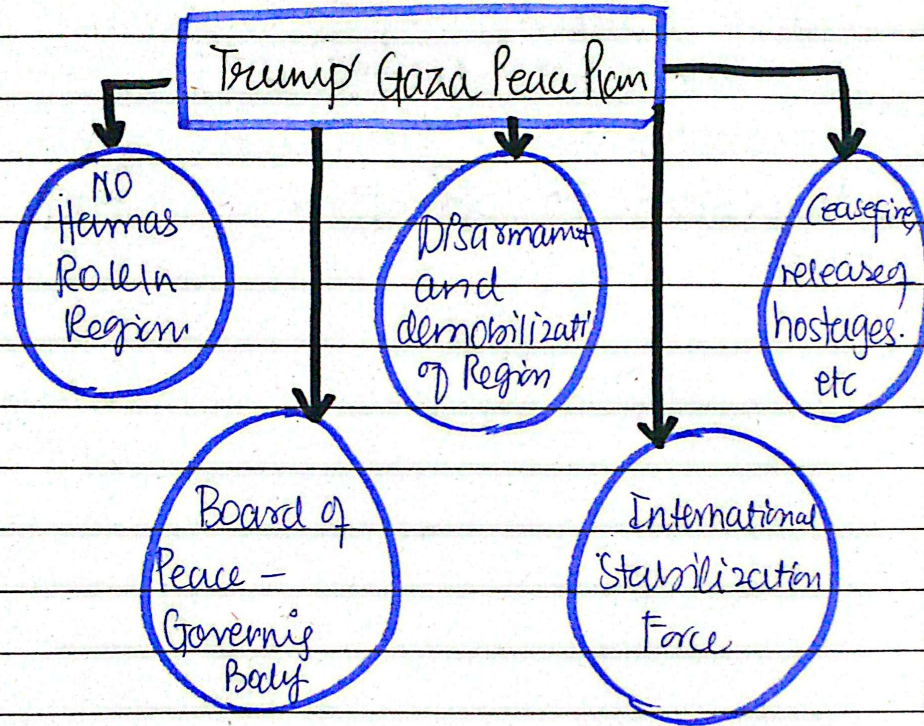
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Critical Evaluation Of Trump's Gaza Peace Plan, Its Impacts On Two-State Solution, A Comprehensive framework for Pakistan to Effectively Respond.

1. Introduction:

In September 2025, The President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump unveiled a ^{20-points} Gaza peace-plan to end the Hamas-Israel conflict. This plan includes terms of the establishment of a governing body, an international stabilization force and disarmament and a conditional ceasefire. This plan, however, has some shortcomings too. The unclear mandate of ISF, no representation of Palestinian and complete ignorance of the globally endorsed two-state solution. This also impacts two-state solution negatively as ignorance of this may radicalize regional actors, rising grievances, and extremism. However, Pakistan while avoiding stepping into quagmire needs to effectively respond by promoting and voicing for two-state solution.

2. A Brief Overview Of Trump's Gaza Peace Plan:



3. Critically Evaluating Trump's Gaza Peace Plan:

3a. Immediate Ceasefire and Release of Prisoners From Both Sides:

The Donald J. Trump, President of United States of America, announced an immediate ceasefire, release of prisoners and

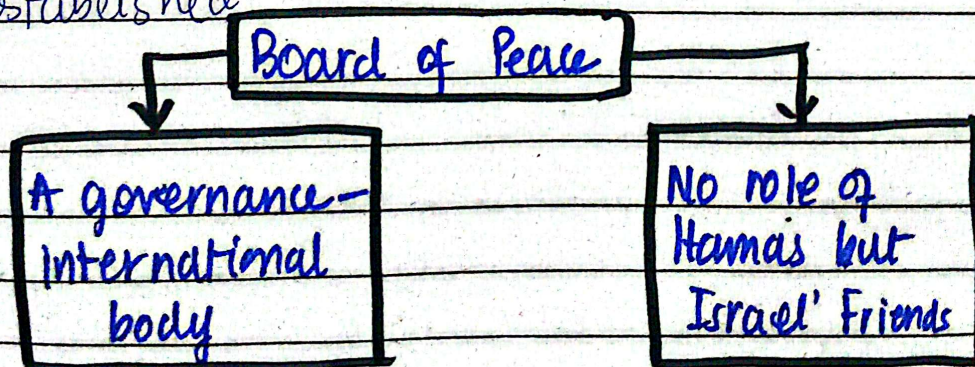
the hostages held by Hamas and the Israel respectively. This ended 2-year war.

3b. Conditional Ceasefire - Heavily Relying on Trust:

The ceasefire and the peace-plan, as per critics rely heavily on trust. No signatures, no agreements, no identification of prisoners, just a peace plan, with heavy conditions based on trust.

3c. Establishment Of An International Oversight Body :-

This Gaza-peace plan established



3d. No Palestinian Representation In Governance:

This reflects clearly that despite surviving

war-crimes, the Palestinians had no representation in their governing body. No say of Palestinians in it.

3e. Establishment of International Stabilization Force (ISF) for Disarmament And Demobilization:

This peace plan established an international Stabilization Force for disarmament and demobilization of region. This is a better step towards regional peace and the protection of civilians. This also allowed ISF to police Hamas.

3f. A Multi-National Security Troops And An Unclear Mandate :

This peace-plan that consists of 20-points establishing multi-national security troops do not mention its mandate.

—The International Stabilization Force is Vaguely Defined And has Unclear Mandate—

-Maleeha Lodhi

4. Impacts Of Trump' Peace Plan On Two-State Solution:

4a. Trump's Gaza Peace Plan Completely Ignores Two-State Solution — Negatively Impacting — Continued Tensions:

The 20-points Gaza peace plan negatively impacts two-state solution. As per critics:

- It completely ignores the people it represents to protect. It does not comply with international law too —

- Francesca Albanese

4b. Trump's Gaza Peace Plan failed to address the grievances and structural causes of conflict — Rise In Demand of Two-State Solution:

The Trump's Gaza peace-plan failed to address the structural causes of conflict.

— When the basic demands are unmet, it arises and leads to increased rate of grievances and extremism —

— Branton's Human Need Theory

4. Trump's Gaza Peace Plan and Violations of ceasefire conditions — May Draw Regional Actors — Extremism :

After the peace-plan, the continued violation of it by Israel, may potentially redraw regional actors in the region. This'll further radicalize youth, polarize society and regional extremism.

5. Comprehensive Framework For Pakistan For Effectively Responding to Such Plan And Situation :

— Pakistan condemns Israel's blatant violation of International law and calls for two-state solution on pre-1967 borders —

.PM Shehbaz Sharif.

→ Voice-Up for Two-State
Solution despite Peace
Plan.



→ Calls for ceasefire
implementation in
True spirit.



→ Provide Humanitarian
Aid and support



→ Highlights Israel's
Genocidal War Crimes



→ Engage ^{with} Arab countries
proactively for post-
war revival.



→ Voice for security guarantees
of civilians and
accountability for war-
criminals.

Comprehensive Framework for Israel

6. Conclusion:

Thus, it corresponds to the end that Gaza -peace plan by Donald Trump has ~~(benefits)~~ short-term benefits but long-term repercussions on two-state solution. This, in this political quagmire Pakistan must effectively and comprehensively respond to this situation by engaging proactively with Arab countries, and by continuing voicing-up for two-state solutions on pre-1967 borders.