

Q#07:

Strategic implication of Pak-Saudi Defence pact — Regional Security Dynamics in ME — Implication for Pak-foreign Policy:

Introduction:

In September 2025, Pakistan and Saudi-Arab signed a defence pact (**PSDP**). This mutual deal affects not only in the South Asian region but also changes the security dynamics in Middle-East. Analysts also termed this pact as a **Muslim NATO**. Pakistan's foreign also take a turn after signing defence deal as Pakistan's military (also) prove it's strength while **May-2025** Pak-India Confrontation. Pakistan's relations with Saudi-Arabia, other Gulf states and Iran go in positive and at somehow negative terms especially with Iran, a great rival of Saudi Arabia.

Implication of Pak-Saudi Defence Pact:

Deterrence under the Umbrella

Pakistan's nuclear Capability:

Pakistan-Saudi defence pact is a great step towards **mutual economic and ^{Military} cooperation**. Although, Pakistan-Saudi relations are not new. Both states have a long history of cordial brotherhood backing each other at the time of test. Pakistan provide a **deterrence** under its nuclear capabilities to Riyadh. It is the need of hour as two holy cities Makkah & Madinah are situated there and Israel's **hegemonic, Hawkish, rational and expansionist doctrine** set an alarming situation in Middle East.

Economic Cooperation:

Under this defence pact, Saudi Arabia agreed to increase economic cooperation in military defence budget. Modern technology in the form of jets, drones

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defence system, and other military arsenals will be buy under the economic support of defence pact. The potential or capabilities of Pakistan Air Force highlighted during May 2025 skirmishes with India. Under the influence of this success, **USA** offering Pakistan to sell **F-16** to Pakistan. Pakistan now can easily buy these jets by using Saudi's economic support dedicated to military.

Regional Security Dynamics in ME

Challenging the Hegemony of USA:

In Middle East, the environment has been extremely hostile after **Oct. 7 2023** Israel's genocide in Palestine. USA considered as a sole hegemonic power in USA to dictate the states what should they do and how. This defence deal disturb the hegemonic power of USA, as Pakistan is a nuclear state and a joined statement issued by **PM Shehbaz**

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and Crown prince MBS (Muhammed bin Salman) as:

— "The attack on one state will consider the attack on other State" —

That's why International media call it as a Muslim NATO.

Challenge the Hawkish doctrine of Tel Aviv:

Israel is a fascist state led by PM Netanyahu. His personality is extremely rational and the hostile environment of Middle east is because of his **expansionist policies**. Now a day, Tel Aviv is actively participating in War with **palestine, Iran, Syria, Yaman, and Lebanon**.

Pak-Saudi defence deal sent a clear warning to Israel as, now it's any single miscalculation start a nuclear War in Middle east.

Alarming Situation for other KSA rivals.

This Pak-Saudi defence pact also an alarming signals for other **KSA** such as Gulf state **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. They are against the Saudi Arabia's **2030** vision of economic, cultural, military developments. But now they need to be precise in it's calculations as Pakistan is now a part of **KSA 2030** project. Similarly, Iran's proxy hegemony in middle is challenged by the **Coastal** approach of **Riyadh** by signing this deal.

Implications for Pak Foreign Policy:

Relations With Saudi-Arabia:

Pakistan's economic and military cooperation under this defence pact with Riyadh strength it's regional position in South Asia. Pakistan is sandwich between **two hostile** states such as **Eastern border** with **New Delhi** & **Western border**

with Kabul. Therefore, its foreign policy against India and Afghanistan is now coercive and rational by keeping the mind the **Stability and Internal Security** of Pakistan.

Relations with Other Gulf States:

Although, Pakistan has good friendship relations with **GCC** countries but after signing this pact the relations may be tilted against them. Because Saudi Arabia sees as their great rival and supporter of their enemy. Consider as its own enemy. **Friend of my enemy is also my enemy.**

Now, may Pakistan never allowed to be act as a mediator while resolving any dispute between them as Pakistan play key role in **mediation in Qatar and UAE, Bahrain etc in 2017.**

Relations with Iran

Iran is a great rival of Saudi Arabia. Both states pursuing to contain

each other in the Middle East. For example, if Saudi Arabia backed the rebel forces i.e. **Ahmad-Al-Sharrah**, in Syria, Iran always supported the **Asad regime**. Similarly Iran trying to exert its influence through **Hezbollah, Hamas, Houthis** against the back drop of ideological **Shia-Sunni** rivalry with KSA. Therefor, Pakistan's need to balance its relation with both state as Pakistan Iran are also a ^①neighbouring state with ^②Shia sect people in a large number in Pakistan.

Conclusion:

Strategic implications of Saudi-Pak defence pact in the form of deterrence under the umbrella of Pakistan's nuclear capabilities, economic cooperation, regional security dynamics in Middle east changing by challenging the hegemony of USA, Israel, and alarming situation for Gulf states with Iran and influencing the Pakistan foreign policy, all are the real shell results of PSDP.

Q#06:

Impacts of Trump's peace plan for Gaza on a viability of 2 State Solution — Leverage for peace or marginalize the Palestine — broader policy outlook for Pakistan:

Introduction:

USA's President Donald Trump propose a **(20 points) peace plan for Gaza** in Egypt meeting with muslim states. All muslim countries gave their Consensus on this peace plan including from Pakistan's prime minister Shehab Sharif who retweeted Mr Trump as "**peace maker**".

This plan proposes to make an international security force with the collaborations of **Indian and Pakistan's** army. This force is known as **Regional Security force (RSF)** who is answerable to **USA and Israel**. Moreover, this security force is responsible to **disarm the Hamas in Gaza**.

This plan's implication having a long lasting impacts on Pakistan's stability both internal and external stability.

Impact's of this Diplomatic move :

Legitimacy of peace plan :

Peace plan for Gaza proposed by Donald Trump — a major actor to fuel the War machine of Israel in Palestine — does not have any legitimacy as this plan is only discussed by USA with Israel and exclude the

Hamas from this discussion. Furthermore, although the muslims states gave consensus at first but latter, express their concerns regarding the working principles of **Regional Security force**.

Foreign Minister Khwaja Asif said:

"It is not Pakistan's duty to disarm the Hamas"

Neglect the UN Resolution:

According to "United Nation Security Council", the land of Palestine is divided as **47%** for Palestine, **52%**

for Israel and **1%** Independent city called **Jerusalem**. But in Trump's peace plan, there is no any **vivid or** **Wage** signs of two state solution.

Fragile Truce:

Since the time of Trump's **2.0**, Israel broke the truce many time. Now, after **Trump peace plan**, Israel again violating the Cease fire and killed **1000** palestine. But there is no any action taken by **USA** government who propose this plan.

Working principles of RSF :

According to this peace plan, Regional Security force is formed with the Collaboration of **Pakistan** and **Indonesia**. The armed forces from both states will take control over the territory and maintain peace. But, **RSF** also responsible to give answer of their activities in Gaza to **Israel & USA**. This

is an ironic situation. It is actually a USA and Israel's hegemony by the hands of Muslim.

Disarm the Hamas

In addition to, this peace plan also proposed to disarm the Hamas through muslim forces. This is the real picture of this peace plan.

USA and Israel wanted to ^{create a} ~~(fight)~~ battle field between muslims ^{and} with Hamas and spread more

Chaos in the region. Meanwhile, Israel will get more time to occupied territory and make sure their new settlements.

Reaction of Hamas :

As Hamas agreed to disarm it self but only after the **two State Solution of Palestine**. ^{Otherwise} no force in the world would disarm us, ^{as} said by Hamas leader. So it is a ^{very} clear, by agreeing on this peace plan, the only dispute and hostilities will rise in Middle East.

Policy outlook for Pakistan

Emotional & Historical Relations With Palestine:

Palestine is a holy land for muslims and no one in this world among muslims to accept the Western or Israel's dominance in that region. If Pakistan accept this proposal, Internal Security as well as External Security will be affected.

Affects on Internal Security

Pakistan is a muslim majority state having deep emotional connection with Palestine. As Quaid said:

"Pakistan will never recognize Israel until Palestine get its land or UN 2 state solution would be affected"

So, Internal Chaos, protests, violation of laws by people to express their rage will be observed. Pakistan, a fragile economic state, has no ability to bear these internal

Security Threat:

Affects on External Security Threat
 Pakistan is a neighbouring state of **Iran**. Iran is backing the Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis in ME to contain Israel's expansionist policy. To disarm the **Hamas** by Pakistan's forces not only disturb the bi-lateral mutual relation but also set another **hostile border** in addition to Eastern border with India and Western border with Afghanistan.

Conclusion:

Gaza peace plan clearly marginalize the palestine and not a leverage for peace in Middle East. So legitimacy of peace plan, neglecting the importance/significance of UNSC resolution, fragile Truce, Working principles of RSF, Disarm the Hamas and motivation of Hamas are all the supporting arguments of this clear stance. Furthermore, it affects the Pakistan's internal and External Security.