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Qno. 3 PAKISTAN Saudi Arabia have signed a historic defense Pact. Critically evaluate the causes and implications of the deal.

Answer:

Introduction:

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have signed a historic defense pact on 17 Sep, 2025, which states that; "Attack against one considered to be attack against other."

This statement is similar to the Article-5 of NATO Charter.

PAK-Saudi defence pact is a landmark achievement in South Asia, between muslim countries as both are brother states. Since, 1967 Pakistan is serving as security in Hramain sharifain in Saudi Arabia but it was not a formal agreement like this pact signed a formal declaration of their strategic partnership. This pact is the result of their common values and culture, but some experts says it an

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outcome of Israel attack on Qatar, and Saudi Arabia feel insecure as near to the Qatar and it might be attacked by Israel.

Causes of Pakistan-Saudi Arabia

Defense Pact :

Both countries claiming that for a long time they were discussing about defense pact and sign it on official basis, as ~~part~~ both countries sharing cultural values and their Islamic brotherhood, services of Pakistan in Haramain Shareefain in Makkah and Madina, are the major causes of their Defense pact.

But ~~many experts~~ majority analysts claim other reasons of this pact. Following are the major causes:

1. Attack on Qatar by Israel:

Recent attack on Qatar by Israel made Saudi Arabia feel insecure, that if Israel

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attack Qatar it could attack on Saudi Arabia also cause escalation in middle east. It is clear that Trust of Middle Eastern rulers on US as security guarantor has dwindled because US never provide security against Israeli attacks, US always support Israel. Now, at least middle east realised that whenever Israel attack on any country US would not come to stop that. This highlights the eroded trust of middle east on US.

2. Security lack from great powers:

Middle East realised that Israel always backed by U.S.A. it will not counter by U.S.A in any situation and on the other city China had a policy to not directly jump militarily in any war or conflict, so China is also not ready to provide security to Middle East especially Saudi Arabia.

3. Middle East' weak Defense System:

• Middle East is rich in Energy resources but it has weak defense system to stand against Israel. This is another major cause to sign the defence pact with Pakistan because of its strong military. So, middle east realized that they can depend on Pakistan for security purpose.

4. Historical legacy of Strained relation of Pakistan in Middle East :

In March 2015, Saudi-led coalition launched operation against the Houthi rebels in Yemen because Saudi Arabia saw this as an Iranian expansion near its border and sought help from allied Muslim countries, including Pakistan to send troops, but Pakistan's parliament unanimously decided not to send military force to Yemen. This was the major strained relation but this time Pakistan

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Cash the opportunity and extend hand to ~~for~~^{sign} defence Pact. In this way Pakistan maintained alliance with brother Arab countries.

5. Recent Escalation between India and Pakistan - compelled Saudi Arabia to think of security alliance with Pakistan:

In May, 2025, escalation between India and Pakistan become another reason that compelled Saudi Arabia to extend its alliance with Pakistan for defense because of achievement of Pakistan's military against Indian attack. It provides strong basis to prove that Pakistan has strong defense system in South. Analysts consider it as a major reason of signing defense pact by Saudi Arabia.

As these are the prominent reasons that formulated the Defence pact.

Now, this impacts has various

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implications on geopolitics in the region and also in the west.

Following are the major implications that are possible to happen in geopolitics;

1. Awkward situation for US:

If middle eastern countries do not trust US for their security purpose, it will create awkward situation for US because on one hand US has to defend Israel or go with the policies of Israel because they both are strategic partners, but on the other hand US does not want to deteriorate relations with middle eastern countries like; KSA, Qatar and rest because of their energy resources and trade of US from here as well as other strategic factors which includes military presence in the routes in Arabian sea, Persian gulf and Red sea. US has to

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handle this awkward situation by maintaining balance between the two.

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2. Normalization of relations between US and Middle East:

As middle eastern countries are dependent on US for security purpose and also purchasing weapons from US, now they switch to Pakistan for defence due to mistrust situation from US but in return US is also imports energy, oil from middle east and want they invest in the US. On these correlative basis between US and middle East, relations will ~~be~~ remain normalized.

3. Impact on Pak-US relations:

Growing relations of Pakistan and US on the basis of :

- US interest in Pakistan's minerals and investments.
- Pakistan interest in digital currency.
- Both have common interest in Afghanistan eg; in ISI, ISK etc. On the basis of all these factors.

there will be no negative impact on Pakistan by us on this Defence-Pact. On the other hand us realised Pakistan has growing relations to other sides of world where it can invest and trading opportunities.

4. Severe impacts on India's foreign policy:

India has long term strategic partnership with Saudi Arabia as both are largest trade partners and ~~then~~ ^{largest} hydrocarbon trading from Saudi Arabia to India. On the other hand Saudi Arabia evolving strategic relations with Pakistan. India is thinking how it will balance it, not in context of Defence but the statement "Attack against one will be consider against the other." for instance, any attack on Pakistan from India, Saudi Arabia will show tough response diplomatically which is the major problem for India due to this Defence-pact.

5. Delicate situation for Saudi Arabia:

Defence pact is on the basis of security purposes with Saudi Arabia need from Pakistan. Pakistan is not dependent on Saudi Arabia in security context but economically. On the other side Saudi Arabia is largest trade partner of India. Now Saudi Arabia is in delicate situation. One side is security relations with Pakistan, that is the requirement of Saudi Arabia and other side largest exporting market of Saudi Arabia is India in form of hydrocarbons. From this situation it is confirmed that towards Pakistan it is positive tilt of Saudi Arabia.

Conclusion:

Pakistan Saudi Arabia defence Pact is the major achievement for Pakistan in Political, economic and cultural context. It impacts regional and ~~reg~~ global politics because every country has its correlative relations and has

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to balance the relations. Pakistan's Saudi defence pact has strengthened strategic cooperation and mutual trust between two countries, ensuring security collaboration, training exchanges and military support. It has also required Pakistan to carefully balance its relations with Iran and maintain neutrality in regional conflicts like Yemen. Overall, the pact remains a cornerstone of Pakistan's foreign policy, reflecting shared security interests and long-standing brotherly ties.