

Current Affairs

Q⁸ Pakistan Saudi Arabia have signed a historic defense pact. Causes and implications of the deal.

Introduction:-

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have signed a historic defence pact on 17 Sep, 2025 between Pakistani Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Saudi King Muhammad Bin Salman in Riyadh.

According to the defense pact:

"An attack against one is considered as attack on other."

This shows unprecedented changes in Middle East after Israel attack on Qatar, although Qatar is ally of US. This defence pact is concerning the security of Saudi against Israel. While for Pakistan, it is a strategic, economic and diplomatic gain.

* Causes of Pak-Saudi Defence Agreement:-

1- Attack on Qatar, insecurity for Saudi:-

Qatar has been the major ally of US. and ~~negotiate~~ ^{guarantee} of Qatar

security. In recent Hamas Israel conflict, Qatar play a role as a negotiator between them. But Hamas leadership was targetted in Qatar by Israel. This causes insecurity in Middle East countries that if Israel can attack on Iran and Qatar, the chances of attack on Saudi also arise. That's why Saudi signed a defence agreement with Pakistan to deterrence against Israel.

2- Lack of Trust On US:-

Middle East trust on US as a security guarantor dwindled because it is confirmed from the recent attack on Qatar that:

- (i) If Israel want to attack on any Middle Eastern country, US will not stop Israel.
- (ii) US is not ready to give guarantee against Israel.

This creates a strong realization in middle Eastern countries that they need a security guarantee.

3- China's Non-Intervention in Foreign War:-

After US, China was the major power against strategic security concerns. But China's is not seems to ready for the guarantee of security because China's foreign policy is not defence it allays and will not jump in foreign war. Also, China has no strong strategic relations with Middle East. Therefore, Middle Eastern countries seek any security partner against any foreign attack that jump in war for them.

4- Muslim Brotherhood Relations with Pakistan:-

Pakistan as a Muslim country has been defender of "Haramain Shareef" since 1967 but it was not formally announced and not written. Pakistan always support Muslim brother countries of Arab Nations. Hence, Pakistan cashed the opportunity to make Middle Eastern countries realize that for security concerns they rely on Pakistan for defence.

5- Weak Militancy in Middle Eastern Countries:-

Middle Eastern countries are have strong economy but weak defence system. They are dependent on US for weapons and security. As, now there trust on US for security guarantor dwindled, they need a security guarantor to protect them.

Therefore, they find Pakistan as the strong strategic defence partner due to strong militant power of Pakistan.

* Implications of Pak-Saudi Defence Pact:-

Following are implications of Pak-Saudi Pact:-

1- US will balance its relations between Israel and Middle Eastern Countries:-

(i) US is stucked in a situation whether to go with policy to defend Israel, also it does not want to deteriorate relations with Middle Eastern countries especially Saudi Arabia, ~~and~~ Qatar.

and Turkey.

(iii) US will not deteriorate relations with Middle Eastern countries because its military bases are present in these countries.

(iv) Also, US have the routes to Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf through these countries.

(v) ~~US~~ Moreover, US desire to Saudi Arabia and Qatar to invest in US and will not strain relations ~~with~~ on basis of agreement with Pakistan.

(vi) Furthermore, Middle Eastern countries are the major Oil, energy and fuels importers in US.

So, on the basis of this agreement US will balance its relation between Israel and Middle Eastern countries.

2x Implications for Pakistan:-

(i) Based on Pakistan's growing relations with US in mineral, IT and digital currency, US will not affect its relations with Pakistan due to defence agreement.

(ii) US and Pakistan share common concern
ISS and ISK in Afghanistan. Hence
US, will not deteriorate its relations
with Pakistan.

(iii) Also, previous strained relations of
Pakistan with Saudia ^{due to Yemen}, have now
opportunity not only to build
a relations to also strengthen
further.

(iv) The major benefit to Pakistan
is that, Saudia is economically
strong, this will create trade
opportunities for Pakistan to
enhance its economy.

(v) Previously, Saudia Arabia and UAE had
applied restrictions on Pakistani Visa's.
Now these restriction will be removed.

(vi) In past, Saudia Arabia signed
MOU with Pakistan but no
tangible investment. This defence pact
is is opportunity for investment
in Pakistan. Saudia will invest
in agriculture, hydroelectric power
station and development.

(vii) Saudia can also give subsidy on oil.
also deterrence against India and Israel.

Arabia Countries.



3) Strained Relations of Israel in Middle East:-

- (i) Based on the previous record of Israel attacks on Hamas, Iran and Qatar, Middle Eastian countries trust on any relation with Israel diminished.
- (ii) Middle Eastian countries will not improve their relation with Israel due to ~~Israel's~~ ~~misuse~~ geostrategic hegemony of Israel.

4) Balance between India and Pakistan:-

Saudia Arabia is the largest trade partner of India. Both Saudia and India will not deteriorate their relations due to defence pact with Pakistan.

→ Also, India is trying to develop strategic relations but mainly not now. On the other hand, Saudia and other Arab countries will evolve strategic partnership with Pakistan.

→ If someone attack on Pakistan then how Saudi will response but in case of India it is

diplomatically tough. Pakistan donot need military support of Saudia but need economic support of Saudia.

→ In Saudia's Policy, one side is major security partner and on the other side the major economic partner. ~~a present~~. Can saudia balance between these two alloys ~~is~~ upfold in upcoming days.

* Future of Pak-Saudi Defence Pact:-

→ Pak-Saudi Strategic defense pact is historic pact. This agreement is not consistent with Saudia only, but in upcoming days it will may exceed with Bahrain, Qata, Oman or ~~at~~ may be UAE, if their relations become strained with Israel.

→ Saudia Arabia is the leader of GCC, other members of GCC will follow the defence pact. because they need ~~economic~~ ~~revival~~ and Pakistan need economic

revival through this agreement.

* Conclusion:-

Pakistan-Saudia defence agreement is historic agreement in Middle East security concerns. This agreement is changing Middle East security diplomatic and strategic relations with Pakistan. Also, this agreement is economic revival opportunity for Pakistan and defense opportunity for Middle Eastern countries. Moreover, US will balance between these two countries ~~because~~ and Israel. Furthermore, Saudia will also balance between India (a major economic partner) and Pakistan (a major defense partner). Hence, Pak-Saudia strategic defence agreement is important to enhance cooperation, strengthen deterrence and ensure regional stability.
