

Q2) Factors behind tense relations of Pakistan and Afghanistan:

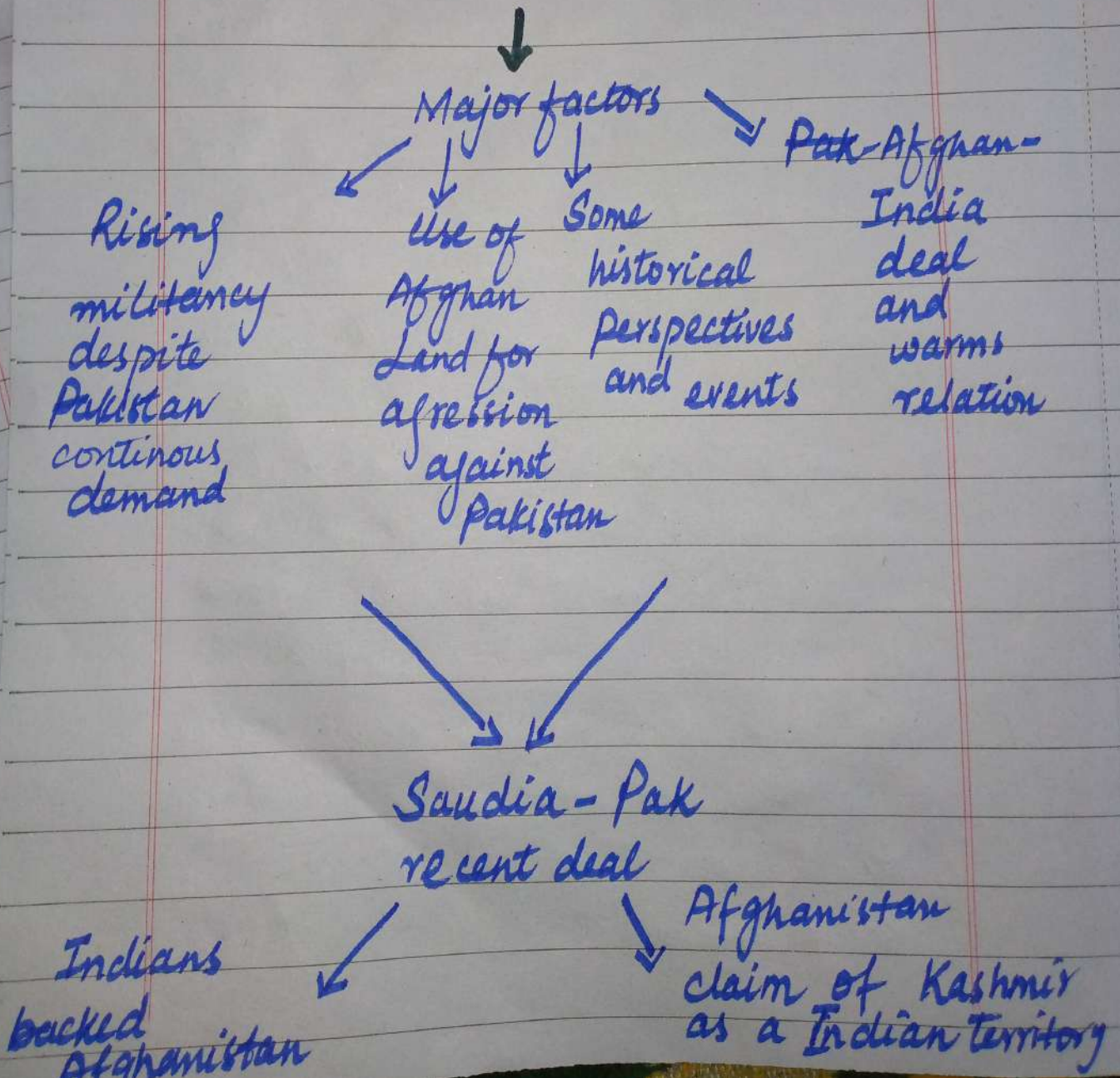
Introduction:

Pakistan and Afghanistan are two neighbour countries. From the beginning, the relations between the two states had remained tense and better. Despite both countries share some cultural heritage, same religion and same cuisine. But the differences remain from the beginning. First in the form of border disputes and now they are because of the militancy. Though the China had played a great role in order to solve the dispute but despite its efforts the relations remained tensed. There are several causes that include some historical events, recently Pak-Saudi deal and Afghan-India deal. The recent clashes major reason behind the recent clashes is mainly the Afghan visit to one

of the Pakistan worst neighbours.
Though there is still a way to
curb these terse relations and convert
it into friendly relations

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Pak-Afghan terse relations despite China mediation



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* Major factors that are responsible for Pak-Afghan tense relations despite China mediation:-

* Some historical perspectives:-

Though the tense relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan are not a new but this time had appeared or reached a very critical phase according to Zahid Ahmed. Though these bitterness can be dated back to the 1950s when first got independent and the Afghanistan was not willing to recognizing it. Because the major claim of the country was that "it is not agreeable on the border". So we can said that the clashes are not new one but the old and historical clashes that adopt different forms with the passage of the time. So we can say that one factor behind these clashes are some historical perspectives that are not

leading the two countries to resolve their issues.

* Severe militancy rise in Pakistan:

The other major factor that the two nations are unable to close their ties and resolve their dispute is the extreme rise of militancy in Pakistan. According to the Terrorist Index of 2025, Pakistan was ranked as the 2nd most terrorist affected country with rising attacks by IS and TTP. The fatalities in the year 2025 was more than 7000 with most of the cases held in the Balochistan and KPK provinces of Pakistan. Some of the attacks were carried by TTP backed by Afghanistan. Pakistan foreign minister several times urged the Afghan Minister to help Pakistan in mitigating the TTP and to prevent use of Afghan land against. The Afghanistan

measured Pakistan but still the Afghan land is used against Pakistan and the Afghan officials are not taking an immediate step. So the recent surge and rise of Terrorism in Pakistan is one of the reasons that despite the China mediation the relations remained tense.

* Pak-Afghan brutal counter-attack and Pakistan Air attack:

Despite sharing same culture same tradition the two countries carried brutal attack on each other. Afghan marked ~~PA~~ and targeted Pakistani checkpoint while Pakistan carried extremely brutal Air attacks in Afghan saying that they will not undermine their sovereignty. Though the attacks were brutal while

Pakistan claimed them an attempt to protect the sovereignty of the state and only to target the extremist groups. This time the attacks were

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quite brutal so these are one of the major factors that the two countries are unable to ~~these~~ bind their ties.

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★ Saudia-Pak deal:

Saudia-Pak deal had also some role in the worsening of the ties and still had impacts that the two countries are unable to knot their ties. Pak-Saudia deal had great impacts and implications on the entire neighbouring countries. According to this deal^{to} Any attempt of aggression against any country would be considered as the aggression against that country itself. Though Pakistan got its regional supporter and friend so it gives less attention to the Afghan issue and consider its self safe and secure. While the Afghanistan also wanted to secure its self so it also went for an alternative decision.

Pak-Afghan-India deal:-

Afghan india deal has further worsen the ties between the two countries and is one of the major factor behind the tense relations of Pak-Afghan.

Afghan and India, in order to strengthen itself went into deal. The certain points of this deal had led to the aggression among the two nations.

Though in the deal the India declared Kashmir as ~~that~~ its own territory while the Afghan didn't criticize this point. Beside this the India claimed terrorism as one of the core issue of Pakistan and provided the Pakistan needs immediate efforts to curb it. Such point was also agreed by the Afghanistan.

These points had also led to the aggression among the states and Pakistan is nowing trying to prove that terrorism is not the core issue of Pakistan. So

India-Afghan deal also had a great role in worsening the ties between the two countries despite China mediation.

→ India backing Afghan agencies:-

The other reason behind worsening of ties is the India backing Afghan agencies and security or intelligence forces working in Pakistan, in order to disturb the country law and order situation. Despite all these factors there still exist a way to resolve such issues.

* Ways to improve Pak-Afghan tense relations:-

There are several ways by help of which we can improve the turbid and tense relations between two countries:

1) Severe urge of dialogues:-

The first and the foremost step is to

set a dialogue table between two countries and they should present their griefs and grievances with each other. Dialogues are the peaceful solution of resolving the dispute.

→ **Steps to mitigate cross border dispute:-**

The two countries should jointly take the steps to mitigate the cross border dispute. Dispute and wars are not the possible solutions. Launched joined initiative to curb differences and disputes.

→ **To eradicate terrorism and militancy:-**

The two countries should jointly establish different committees or should launched joint operations in order to eradicate militancy and disputes. Despite blaming each other joint team work is essential. Both countries should and must have to contribute their role in eliminating terrorism.

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→ Opening of borders and trade opportunities:-

The countries need to open borders and attract and invests in joint projects. By investing in each other projects they will be able to resolve the dispute and would maintain friendly relationships.

* Conclusion:-

It can be concluded that The relation between Pakistan and Afghanistan are tense but by adopting ~~innovation~~ innovative ways and new approaches toward dispute resolution they can one again reestablished their ties.

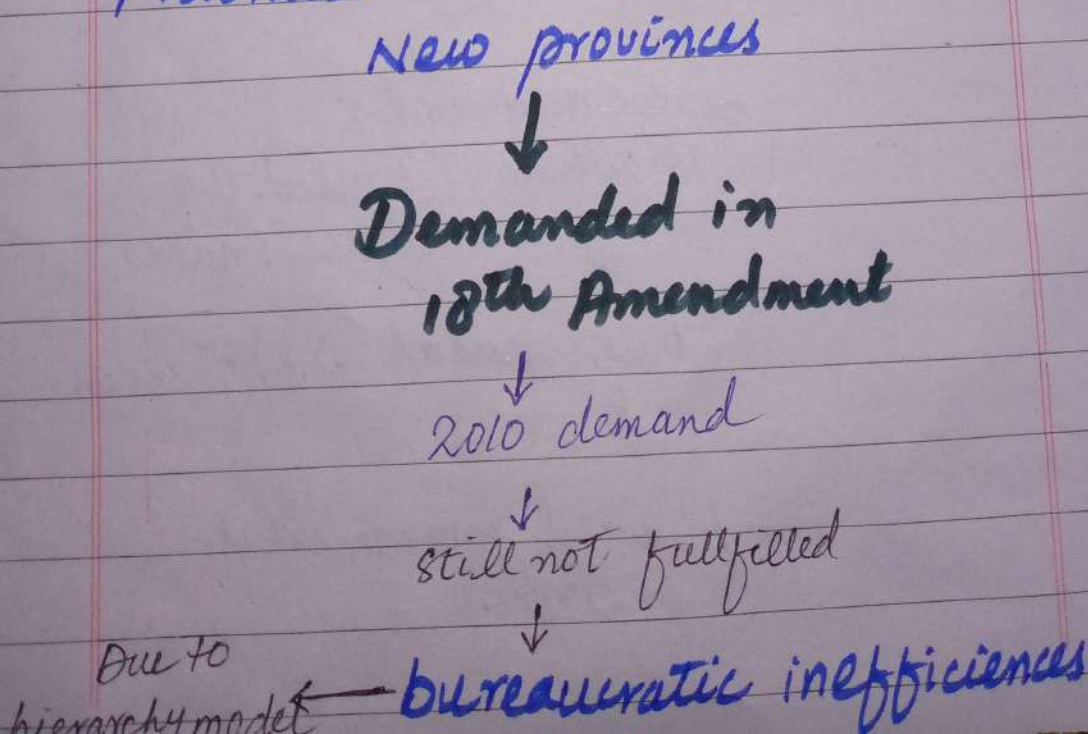
Q3) Hurdles in the way of the creation of new provinces in Pakistan and recommendations to curb them:

Introduction:-

The question of the

formation of new provinces is not a new one, this is a question since the inception of Pakistan. There are some hurdles, some bureaucratic inefficiencies and some flaws that had hindered the processes of the formation of new province. However, by adopting transparency, accountability and check and balances the process of the established of new provinces can reached to its final stage.

* Hurdles in the Pathway of the establishment of new Provinces:



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Lack of accountability
and transparency
(Transparency International
report, 2024)
Ranked worst



Political instability
and worse
political situations
since 2022



Lack of funds
and Pakistan threat
of defaulter in
FX May, 2025



Law and order
problems. (Ranked 144 in
Peace index)



Governmental inefficiencies



Flawed governmental
policies.

Recommendations



Bureaucratic checks and balances



Mitigate corruption



Enhance transparency and accountability.



Efficient and effective government



New and rescheduled policy framework.

* Bureaucratic inefficiencies impede the process:

One of the main hurdles that hinder the process of new province creation are the bureaucratic inefficiencies.

They put forward their own aims and interest despite of performing their duty and tasks honestly.

The bureaucracy favours their

interest instead of paying attention to the state issues.

* Lack of transparency and accountability:

One of the major hurdle that hinders the formation of new provinces is the lack of transparency and accountability. No checks and balances are present. Every governmental official favour his/her interest. Corruption is a the Peak. According to the transparency international report of 2014, Pakistan ranked worst in terms of transparency while its courts and the forth worst courts in the world; which clearly shows that ^{lack of} transparency is the core issue behind the ^{delay in} creation of new provinces.

* Political instability and law and order situation:-

Now aday political instability is one of the

core issue of Pakistan. Since, 2022 Pakistan has presented the worst image and most of the policies were held in abeyance in order to curb political riots. So political instability is one of the major issue in the process of delaying new province creation.

* Lack of funds and Pakistan Threat of default in FY 2024:-

Only of the major reason behind the delay in the creation of new provinces is the lack of the fund and resources. When the country political situation is stable so even the foreign countries invest in their programs. According to Shahbaz Rana, Investment plunged to 50 years low, 2024 May; stated that during the fiscal year Pakistan foreign investments were plunged to 50 years low in the history of Pakistan due to which several developmental projects were ceased. So lack of

fund and investment also halt the process of the new province formation.

*** Flawed governmental policies and law and order situation:-**

Flawed governmental policies and law and order situation is also another major reason behind the halt process of province formation. One of the best example of the ineffective law and order situation was the attack of the terrorist on the Chinese officials and worker in the commercial site of Balochistan which temporary halted the process of CPEC ~~from~~ so it can be easily depicted that when law and order is not maintained in the country so it is difficult to establish new policies and provinces.

*** Recommendation to fasten the process of new province formation:-**

1) Bureaucratic checks and balances:-

The first and the foremost step to enhance the process of the formation of new provinces is to keep checks and balances upon the governmental officials and hold them accountable.

Maintaining accountability and transparency will speed up the process of new province formation.

2) Mitigate corruption:-

Corruption mitigation is also essential to properly implement the policies and establish new provinces. Corruption is such a malice that eats the roots of the entire nation.

3) Efficient and Effective government:-

According to I H Qureshi's Pakistan showed a progressive growth from 1950 to 1990 then marked by a "sudden slow down". This clearly depicts that the country progresses when the political riots are less and efficient and effective.

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government is established. So effective government is essential for speeding the process of new provinces.

* New and rescheduled policies:-

New policies should be adopted and the old practices should be shun down and new framework must be adopted with the cooperation of the local government because Article 140A of Pakistan constitution claim for establishment of new province, so with the help of such strategies the process of new provinces can be speed up.

* Conclusion:-

Thus it can be concluded that several hurdles has blocked the path of creation of new provinces but by adopting new strategies with the help of the local government the path for construction of new provinces can be smoothen.

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Q4) Reasons behind dangerous revival of militancy in KP and Balochistan and recommendations to curb them :-

* Introduction:

There has been a dangerous revival of militancy in KP and Balochistan after a slowdown period from 2016. There are several reasons behind this revivalism, some are internal factors while some are external factors. Though by adopting proper policies and National action plan we can curb the militancy in KPK.

Reasons behind militancy revivalism

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Lack of proper government policies and actions against terrorist.

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flawed defense
strategies of
the government.

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government invalid
operations in
tribal area

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Flaws in National
action Plan

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Governmental
and some flaws
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Plan

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Poverty and economic
insufficiencies

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Propaganda and
Negative role of social
media.

Recommendations.

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Establish dialogue
with the terrorist
organizations



Stop unnecessary
military operation



Awareness regarding
condemnation of
terrorism and
terrorist activities



Equality before
the law for all.

Reasons behind military revivalism in Pakistan Provinces KP and Balochistan:-

Some of the important reasons
are:-

* Flawed governmental policies
and actions against terrorism:-

One
of the major reason behind the
revivalism of militancy in the

Balochistan and KP. is the lack of the governmental policies and the government negligence from the tribal area. No proper measure to curb terrorism are present. The government just carries operations without adopting specific strategies and routes.

→ **Flawed defense strategies:-**

No proper defense and detection strategies ~~are~~ are present in order to curb the terrorist activities.

Proper border defense mechanism is required. The terrorists cross the border carried their activities and after carrying such activities then the army forces came to know. So the flawed policies and strategies are reasons behind insurgency in KP and Balochistan.

→ **Invalid governmental operations:-**

The governmental carried futile operations in the tribal area of KP and Balochistan. Declare people as terrorists and destroys the families and ways of living without proper investigations. So this is also one of the reason the new terrorist group and activities.

arises; because the wants to
avenge their families and loses.

* Flaws in NAP:

Though the government had adopted
the national action plan but
it also require some change and
some additions.

* Poverty, economic insufficiencies:

Poverty and economic insufficiencies
are also the major reason behind
crime and terrorist activities. Though
militancy is at peak in Balochistan
and KPK because their economic
conditions are low and very weak.
Most of the resources belong to these
Provinces but are utilized by the
other provinces. So poverty is also
one of the reason behind rise
of militancy in KPK and Balochistan.

Recommendations:-

* Setup of dialogues with terrorist group:-

Despite of cracking
down on the terrorist group and
introducing for different operations,
a dialogue set-up is required.
To ask them what are their
need and demands and why they
carried such brutal activities
in the country.

- * **Awareness, eradication of propaganda and condemnation of terrorist activities by Mullahs and preachers and influencers:-**

The religious scholars, the official and the media influencers should condemn the terrorist practices. The religious scholars had a great hand in forming and shaping the mentality of the youth. So they should declare that terrorism and extremism are unIslamic practices and Muslims should shun it.

- * **Equality before the law:-**

The other essential step for eradicating terrorism is to provide equality to all whether male or female or the native of any province. In case of inequality it is difficult to curb terrorist practices because inequality itself leads to terrorism.

→ Proper criminal and investigation courts should be established.

Conclusion:-

Though Terrorism is one of the core issue of Pakistan but by adopting specific strategies and steps it can be eliminated.

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Q8 Pakistan Saudi Historic defence pact, causes and implication of the pact:-

Introduction:-

Pakistan have sign a historic defence pact with Saudi Arabia on 17th September, 2018. This pact is one of the unique and historic pact in the history of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Though Pakistan and Saudi Arabia were good friend, their friendship went into a dormant state for a decade. This pact again revive the dormant friend of Saudi and Pakistan. There are several benefits of this pact if truly implemented and fulfilled.

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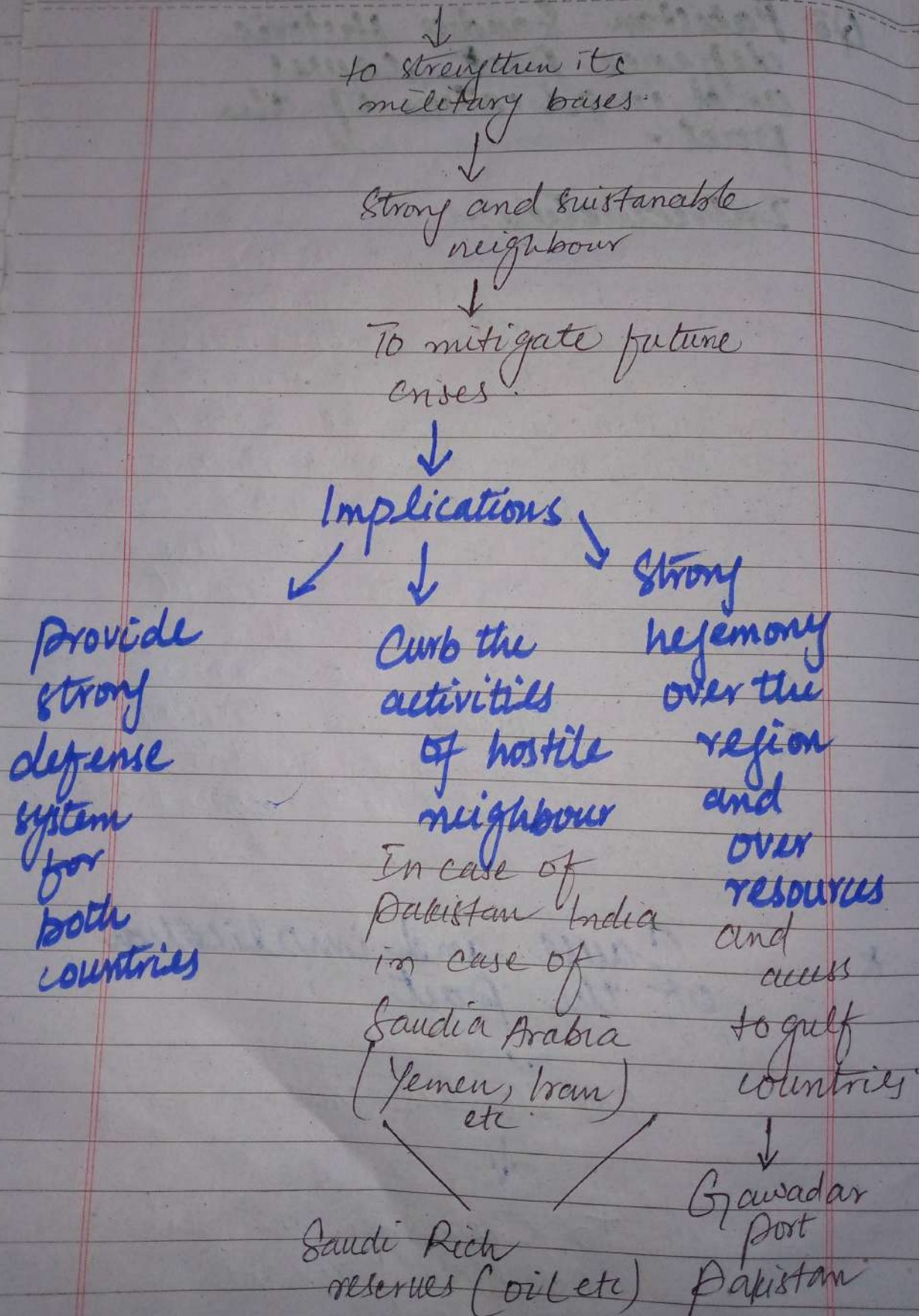
Cause and implication of the pact



Middle east crises



To strengthen regional position / regional hegemony.



* Causes:-

* Middle east crises:-

The major cause behind signing the pact was the middle east crises mainly the Israel - Palestine conflict. The Israel had repeatedly attack the Syria, Iran, Lebanon and even violated the territorial integrity of the Qatar in order to curb the further hostilities of Israel the two countries went into the defense pact (**Historic defense pact, September 2025, dawn news**).

* To strengthen regional position:-

In order to strengthen its regional position the two countries went into the defense pact. Several are struggling for existence and wants to become regional power including India etc. In order to strengthen there regional position they went into historic defense pact.

* To strengthen military bases:-

Both countries want into pact to strengthen their military bases. The Saudi Arabia holds unique weaponry of the

west while Pakistan hold the chinese best weaponry, in order to merge the west technological bases with the east technological bases the two countries went into defense pact.

→ Strong and Sustainable neighbour and reach gulf state resources:-

Both countries wants strong and sustainable neighbour. Because both faces a persistent threat from their rivals neighbors so for attracting and forming strong neighbour and friend this alliance went into the pact.

* Implications:-

This pact had wide implication on the region and the world.

→ Provide strong defense system and safety; Provided them security bases:-

The implications are quite wide spreading, it is difficult to attack any of the country because according to the clause attack against any country would be consider as a aggression against both countries.

* Regional hegemony and strong dominance:-

Because of the pact both countries acquired the dominance over the region as well as the globe and it is clear from the pact of the India-Afghanistan that the Pact of Saudi-Pak had influence the other countries too. By holding strong military bases, they will hold the dominance of the Gulf of Oman and Strait of Hormuz which is the dream of almost every country.

* Curb violent activities of hostile neighbours:-

This pact has prevented and will prevent Pakistan from the hostile activities and brutal attacks of the India as well as provide safe grounds to the Saudi Arabia.

* Strong economies and joint adventures:-

It is a defense pact but it will strengthen the economic bases of both countries. As Pakistan is economically weak so the

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Saudia investment in Pakistan will too improve the economic bases of Pakistan.

Conclusion:- Hence it can be concluded that the Saudi-Pak defence pact has a wide range of positive implications, if the pact is fulfilled in its true sense.