

SUBJECTIVE PART — PART-II

Q . no: Pakistan Saudi Arabia have signed a historic defense pact. Critically evaluate the causes and implications of the deal.

Reasons to Go for Pak-Saudi Mutual Defense Pact:

1. Solidifying Historical ties
2. Regional Threats and Anxiety
 - i. Israel aggression towards Middle eastern Countries
 - ii. Iran- Saudi Rivalry
 - iii. To Protect Holy Places
 - iv. Pak-India Conflicts increasing
 - v. Pak Afghan tensions and Terrorism
3. Strategic and economic Benefits
 - i. Helps Saudi-Arabia to achieve their 2030 Vision
 - ii. Economic stability for Pakistan: through jobs, capital and Technology

Global And Regional Implications

- i. Containment of hegemony of India in south Asia
- ii. U.S. and western influence could be reduced
- iii. Regional Insecurities in Gulf region increases
- iv. Nuclear and proliferation concerns

Pak- Saudi Mutual Defense Pact:

The Defense pact signed by Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in 17 September 2025, claims that any aggression against any country will be considered as aggression against both countries. This pact has gained global attention, due to its impact on regional stability as well as in the Global arena. Because of the fact that Pakistan as a Nuclear country and, Saudi Arabia as an economically stable and powerful hegemonic country in the Gulf region. There are obviously certain reasons, why to go for this pact?

1. Solidifying Historical Ties:

Pakistan and KSA had remained in historical brotherhood ties. Which increased when Saudi Arabia refused to sever ties with India for the first time after 1965 Pak-India war. Since then Saudi Arabia has supported Pakistan economically and strategically

whenever needed. When US sanctioned Pakistan for initiating Nuclear program, Saudi stand by Pakistan and provide 50,000 barrels of oil per day and 1 billion dollar per annum to make nuclear program successful (thebulletin.com, 3 oct 2025). And Pakistan has always provided military support to Saudi Arabia since 1970's. And this pact acts as a sign of solidarity and existence brotherhood relationship between these two countries.

2. Regional Threat and Anxiety

Saudi Arabia is facing multiple threats in the middle east. From one side the aggression of Israel towards middle eastern countries including political manipulation in the guise of regime change in Syria and Lebanon, and direct confrontation with Iran and breaching sovereignty of Qatar, creating instability in the regions and on the other side Iranian competition compelling Saudi Arabia to maintain strong deterrence in the region. While looking at this situations Pakistan is feeling threat to the Holy places and is disparate to protect these places through military supports. Beside this Pakistan is also facing continuous threats from India specially after May conflicts, terrorist attacks backed by India and Tehreek Taliba Pakistan from Afghanistan. This defense pact will provide strategic support to Pakistan to encounter all these issues.

3. Economic and strategic benefits:

To come out their oil dependent economy, Saudi Arabia has launched "Vision 2030" which aims to attracts more tourist and to localize their defense to 50% increase by 2030. To assert its dominance and counter regional rivals, Saudi Arabia feels it must demonstrate military prowess alongside its economic weight. Through this act Saudi Arabia will be able to achieve this goal.

On the other hand Pakistan is facing economic and political instability, and this pact will open more doors of opportunities and strategic supports brings Pakistan towards sustainability.

Global And Regional Implications

i. Containment of hegemony of India in south Asia

As India remained the second largest oil importer and trade of Saudi Arabia and this pact will unsettle India. According to BBC India has condemned this pact several times, by saying a threat to regional security and stability. Brahma Chellaney, an Indian strategist, posted on X. "Riyadh knew India would construe

the Saudi-Pakistan pact as a direct threat to its security, yet it went ahead,".

Through this pact India will contain India's hegemony in the region.

ii. **U.S. and western influence could be reduced**

Both capitals are signaling independence from sole reliance on the U.S. Riyadh by building alternative deterrence and Islamabad by augmenting its strategic alignments. The pact strengthens Saudi bargaining leverage in global diplomacy and signals to regional rivals that Saudi security calculus is changing.

iii. **Regional Insecurities in region increases**

The pact could deter some kinds of aggression by raising the cost for potential attackers and by formalizing Riyadh-Islamabad military cooperation. While it may also increase insecurity by expanding the circle of potential confrontations (e.g., India-Pakistan tensions could gain new dimensions if Riyadh is perceived as a party). India has already signaled concern and asked Riyadh to mind sensitivities. That diplomatic friction could complicate Gulf-India economic ties.

iv. **Nuclear and proliferation concerns**

Any hint that Pakistan's nuclear posture could be tied to non-regional actors raises proliferation anxieties. Even if the treaty is political/deterrent in nature, perception matters: India and other neighbors will weigh worst-case scenarios, which could spur doctrinal or procurement responses. International arms-control voices will likely call for clarity and restraint.

Q. 5. Trump once again pulled out of the Paris Climate Agreement. Critically evaluate the future efforts against climate change in the absence of the world leader.