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1) Introduction

The long-standing conflict between Russia and Ukraine is still not reached to any conclusion. Both Russia and Ukraine, backing by NATO, are not willing to agree on any unanimous statement. In the recent SCO conference, Russia blamed NATO for triggering the issue. Owing to the differences in opinions and conditions, both Russia and Ukraine are not ready for deescalation. While NATO leaders are completely oppose Russia's interference and escalation in Ukraine, on the other hand, the recent 28-point peace plan by Trump 2.0 was highly criticized by NATO and declared Trump's peace plan as a huge favour to Russia. Thus all these hurdles in the way of Russia-Ukraine peace is letting to save humanity and adapt peace. The huge interference from NATO and US will further

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antagonizing Russia.

2) The opposing stance of Russia and NATO on Ending of Russia - Ukraine War

Russia	NATO
* Not willing to return captured territories * Inhibit Ukraine from becoming part of NATO * Demilitarization of Ukraine and poses minimum possible deterrence	* Respect for Ukraine's sovereignty * Security for NATO members * Peace based on International law (Ukraine's right to join NATO) * Continued support for Ukraine

Owing to the completely different opinions regarding the Russia-Ukraine war, return conflict has become a long-standing issue. Apart from the Russia and NATO, Trump 2025 has its own stance regarding the issue.

3) Trump's Stance on Russia-Ukraine War

Trump's peace plan or stance is

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a more likely friendly to Russia, However it is different from NATO's view on the ongoing issue.

Major characteristics of Trump's Peace Plan or Stance

- 1) Ceasefire on Current fighting lines
- 2) not adding Ukraine as a member of NATO
- 3) Some territories will remain with Russia
- 4) Sanctions will be uplifted from Russia
- 5) Ukraine will get aid for reconstruction
- 6) Focus on peace not full victory

The stance of Trump opposes the fundamental stance of NATO on all Russia-Ukraine wars, while NATO is opposing Russia's interference in Ukraine, Trump states that some territories

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remain to Russia.

4) How Ukraine Observes this Issue

Ukraine transformed as a
Defender to an Assertive
Military Reactor

Recent operation Spiderweb on 1
June 2025, Ukraine stunned the world
by its proactive approach. The operation
Spiderweb not only destroyed
Russia's infrastructure but also
damaged its highvalued military
aircrafts. Ukraine is not willing to
compromise on its territory and
sovereignty.

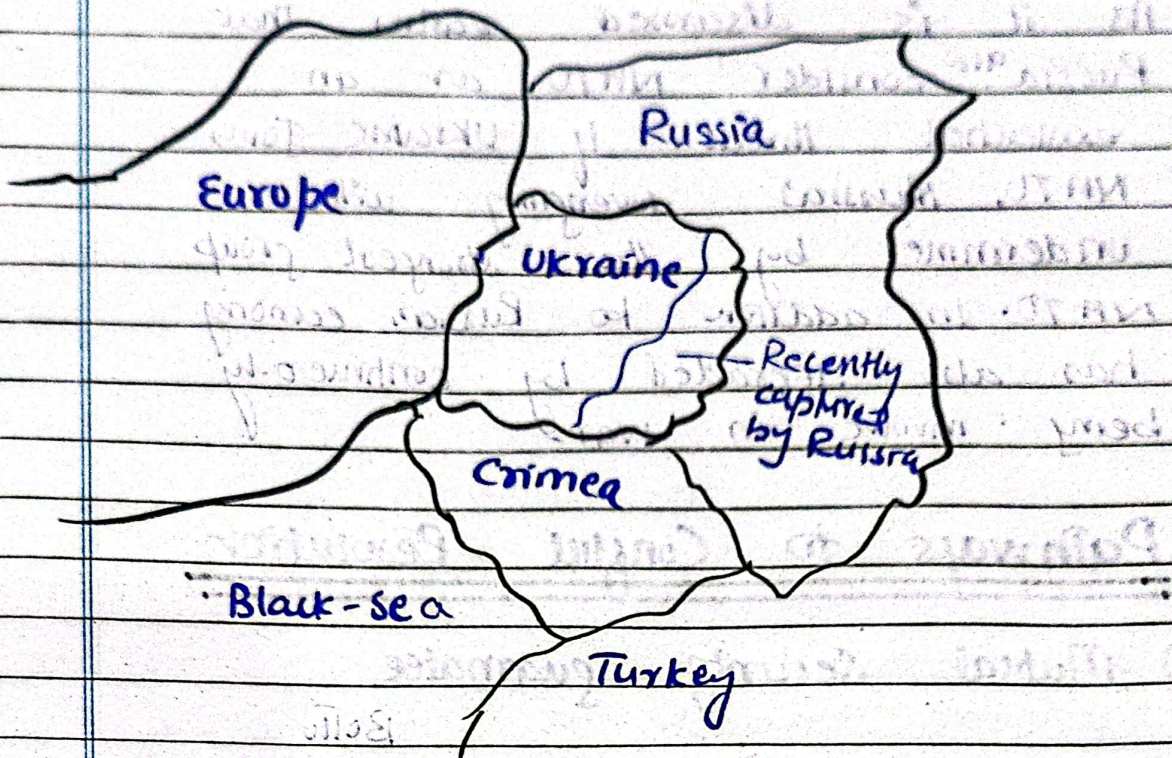
5) Power, Politics and Security Dilemma: A Critical Analysis Russia's "Demands Against of Ukrain" Sovereignty

Russia demands
that NATO should stay away from
the matter and declare the issue
that it's their internal matter. However
on the other hand, NATO take
the issue as their existential
threat. Also, Ukraine completely oppose
the Russia's demands. Ukraine
oppose Russia's demands.

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Why NATO perceives Russia as a threat



Discussion

As the map illustrates that Ukraine is a buffer which prevents direct escalation between Russia and Europe. Therefore in order to expand and maintain each other's own hegemony on each other, Ukraine became a bone of contention b/w Europe and Russia. Therefore NATO considers it a strategic threat and provides full fledged military, economic, military and logistical support to Ukraine which is unbearable for Russia.

Security Concerns for both Russia and Ukraine

As it is discussed earlier that Russia^{also} consider NATO as an existential threat. If Ukraine joins NATO, Russia's sovereignty will undermine by the strongest group NATO. In addition to Russia's economy has also degraded by continuously being involve in war.

Pathways to Conflict Resolution

1) Mutual Security Guarantee

Both

Russia and Ukraine should recognize each other's legitimate security concerns. Further, negotiation should be binding not but balanced security arrangements. reduce fear and encouragement.

2) Respect for Sovereignty

Respect for sovereignty is a fundamental principle of international law. Russia should not try to undermine Ukraine's sovereignty while demanding its demilitarization and minimum demands in respect for each other's sovereignty can promote peace.

3) Diplomatic Engagement

Being involve by diplomatically can prevent further escalation and humanitarian loss from both sides. Thus it is imperative to engage diplomatically.

4) Economic and Humanitarian Measures

Economic and humanitarian measures are important. A strong economy can ensure the well-being of its people. Therefore economic sanction should be removed and reconstruction and humanitarian aid should provide to damaged areas of Ukraine.

Conclusion:

To conclude the above discussion, both Russia and Ukraine hold antipposite views regarding the Russia-Ukraine war. On the other hand, Trump's proposed 12-point peace plan which is largely endorsed by NATO and Ukraine individually and declared Trump's plan as pro-civilization. Thus, the long standing issue can be solved only focusing on peace rather than complete victory, diplomatically being engaged and respect each other's sovereignty can solve the matter.

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Introduction:

"Aggression against either country shall be considered an aggression against both."

~ Pak-Saudi Defence pact

The Pak-Saudi defence pact is more likely an article 5 of NATO, which states that an attack against one NATO country will be considered as an attack against all. This defence pact is one of the remarkable achievement of Pakistan. It came into existence on the response of Israel's brutal terrorist attack on Qatar, the most close ally of US. The attack demonstrates that Saudi Arabia is not only an ally of Israel but also an ally of Saudi Arabia. This in border of NATO has created a strong alliance against the Israeli attacks on Saudi Arabia. An agreement with Pakistan on 19 September 2017.

2)

How Pakistan - KSA defense Pact is a geo-political achievement for both countries

KSA

- * A strong deterrence against external threats including Israel.

- * Military and logistic support to defend its borders and

- * Military training by Pakistani force and intelligence expansion and skilled manpower

Pakistan

- * Strengthen its position in global arena and in support of Kashmir matter.

- * Labour and human capital

- * Improvement

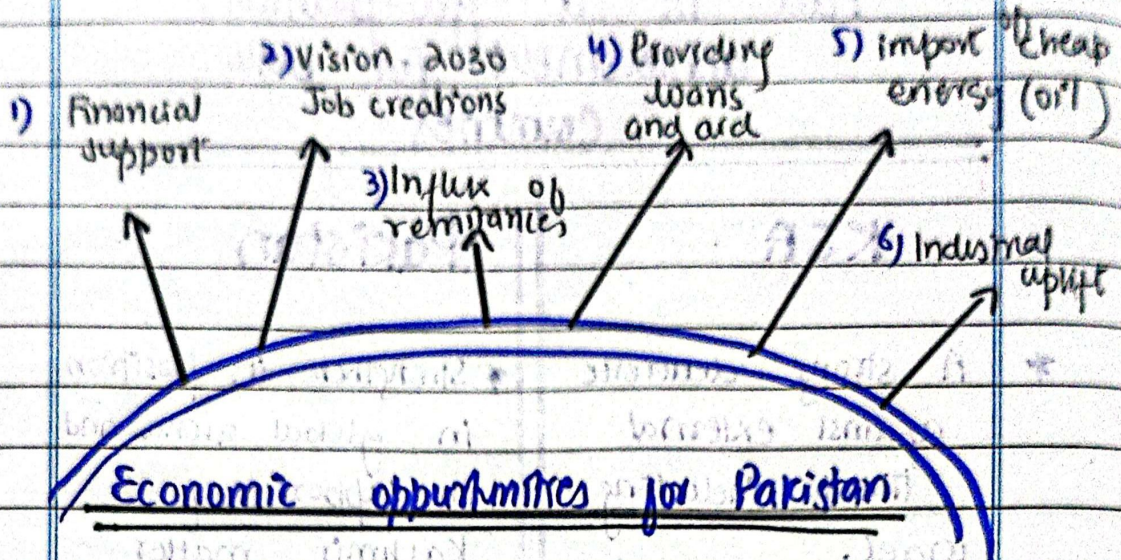
- * Diplomatic leverage during future conflicts such as with India, or Afghanistan.

3)

How the Defence Pact is a Gateway of Economic Opportunities for Pakistan

The mutual defence agreement between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan provides immense economic opportunities for Pakistan. Pakistan being a developing country, it can be

biggest achievement for its economical sector



1) Financial support

After the defence part, Saudi Arabia deposited 3 billion dollars to stabilise Pakistan's reserves. This is one of the initial opportunities which Pakistan got from the defence part. Pakistan can secure its foreign deposit reserves by Saudi aid.

2) Vision 2030 Job Creations MOU

In the defence part, the MOU was also signed on creation of jobs by 2030 under the vision 2030. This further reduced Pakistan's unemployment rate and ultimately contribute to the eradication of poverty.

3) Influx of Remittances

The job creation vision and further provision of visas can increase the remittances which can uplift Pakistan's economy by aiding to domestic funds.

4) Provision of Loans and Funds can reduce dependency on IMF

The IMF programme also issues funds with harsh conditions. Thus the provision of loans and funds can reduce the dependency on IMF while bearing harsh strict conditions. It can further provide funds for Pakistan's social welfare programmes unlike IMF.

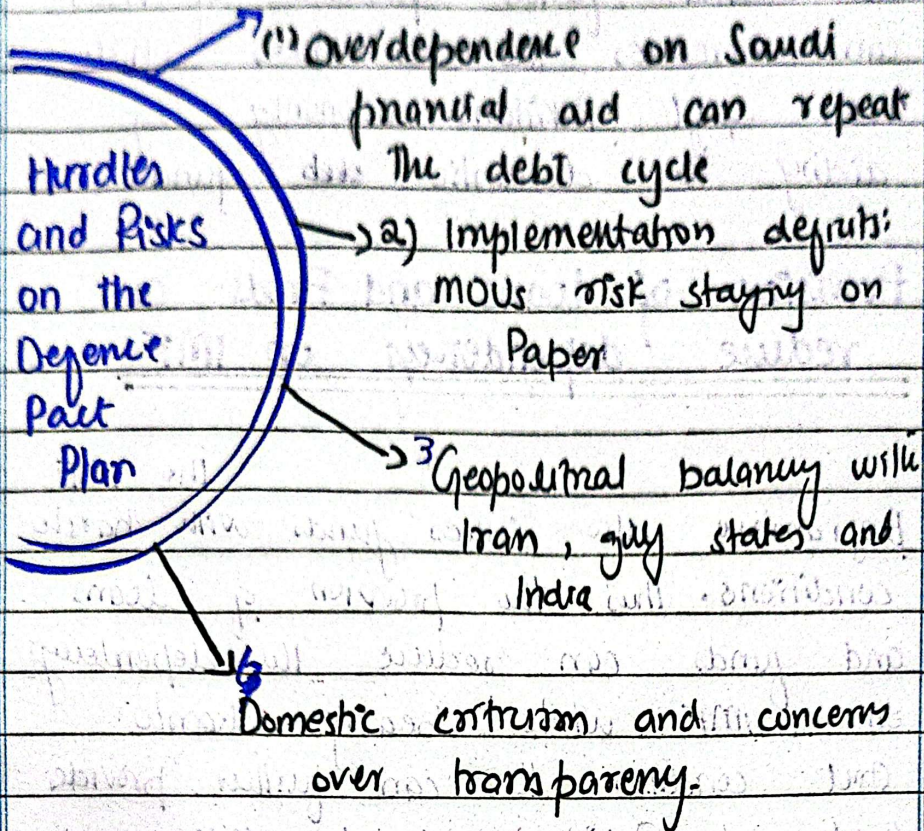
5) Import of Cheap Energy (Oil)

While India has been the biggest market of energy buying from Saudi. Thus, after signing the defence pact, Pakistan can get an oil facility and at within the reasonable prices.

6) Industrial Uplift

Opportunities in mining, energy,

and refineries can uplift Pakistan's energy sector.



Conclusion

The defence pact between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia plays a key role in maintaining a security balance between both countries. It also provides immense economical and opportunities to Pakistan. The defence pact particularly plays a key role in uplifting Pakistan's economy and provides a strong security and nuclear support to Saudi Arabia.

Question 8

1) Introduction

The darkest place in hell
are reserved for those who
maintain neutrality in times
of moral crisis

~ Dank Abghion

In the long standing issue,
Gaza, Trump 20 gave its
peace plan for the ending of war
and rebuilding Gaza and other
destroyed places by Israel. There are
number of conflicts and opinions
associated with this peace plan
and the success of this plan is
depend on the people of Gaza.
Islamabad being a supporter of
Gaza promised the safety of the
previous lives of Gaza people.
Pakistan has always supported
Gaza and its stance and strongly
condemns the Israeli terrorism
attacks on it. However, in the Gaza
peace plan, Islamabad supported
the peace plan provided by Trump 20.

2)

Gaza Peace Plan by Trump

(1) Immediate ceasefire and hostage exchange

(2) International governance by Board of Peace

(3) Security and demilitarization

(4) Economic Redevelopment

(5) Political horizon

(6) High-tech smart cities

(7) Transportation links

3) Analysis on the possibilities of its Success

1) Iran and Hamas perceive its Pro-Israeli Plan

Iran and the leading force Hamas backed by Iran consider it as a pro-Israeli plan or Trump trying

to completely evaluate the Gaza's people and want to settle Israel - this it can be surely said that there are more chances to adopt the plan.

2) Ambiguities in fixing any final line for Israel to move back.

This peace-plan has several ambiguities, including threatening hommas on evaluation, the top one is the ambiguity in fixing any final line for Israel to move back, this peace has not exact ultimatum regarding Israel. Thus this plan raises several questions on the existence of Gaza.

4) Pakistan's Policy on the Gaza Peace Plan.

1) Support for the Ceasefire: Pakistan supports the ceasefire and has called for the immediate and full implementation of ceasefire.

2) Conditional participation in the international stabilization force.

Pakistan has expressed a willingness to join the UN SF but only under specific conditions including, NO disarmament of Hamas, UN mandate.

3) Committed to two state Solution

In the Recent UNGA speech, the prime minister of Pakistan Shahbaz Sharif said

"The two state solution should be implemented in Palestine."

~ P.M. Shahbaz Sharif UNGA speech ~

Pakistan always remained committed and stand with the two state solution.

5) Potential fallouts and Challenges

1) Domestic Backlash

The top leading political parties PMN and PTI both have different opinions on the peace plan. While PMN, current governing party, supports the peace plan, PTI completely rejects it by declaring that it can be an existential threat to Pakistan's future.

2) Ideology and diplomatic inconsistency

Critics argue that if Pakistan accepts peace plan, it will create hurdles on its Kashmir stance. It worsens the

moral and legal ground to contest Indian action.

3) Civil Unrest and Religious opposition

The religious political parties like JUI and its followers and other civilians see the acceptance of peace plan as a subjugation to authority while undermining the fundamental rights. Thus Pakistan can face such followers.

4) Conclusion:

The ongoing issue between Gaza and Israel and the peace plan put the world in a complicated situation. While on the one hand, the peace plan advocate for a ceasefire and peace, on the other hand, it has several ambiguities which raises several questions on its merits and demerits. As per the Pakistan's opinion, Pakistan support the peace plan while maintaining some conditions. The domestic issues and opinions further raises hurdles in the acceptance of peace plan.

