



## Saudi Arabia Will Stand with Pakistan if India Attacks: Khawaja Asif



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Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif has stated that under the new defence agreement, Saudi Arabia will support Islamabad if India launches an attack on Pakistan. The pact is entirely defensive and based on collective security. In an interview with Geo TV, Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif said that Article 5 of the defence agreement signed between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia addresses collective defence. This means that an attack on any partner country will be considered an attack on all parties to the agreement.

Asif said, "The agreement is modeled after NATO, meaning it is defensive and does not provide for offensive action. However, if Pakistan or Saudi Arabia is attacked, we will respond jointly to repel it."

The full terms of the agreement, signed on 17 September, have not yet been released. Saudi officials have indicated that the pact includes military cooperation and all necessary security measures.

Among Muslim countries, Pakistan is the only one with nuclear weapons. Although economically behind, its six hundred thousand-strong armed forces are considered among the most powerful in the world. Many security experts have described this agreement as a "combination of Saudi riyal support and Pakistani nuclear capability."

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