

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

The bilateral relations between the United States and Saudi Arabia have been going on for quite long before the United States got the oil concessions in the Middle East. United States is a country that is heavily dependent on oil in the Middle East, but this superpower find natural resources of oil in the country. This condition makes United States will begin utilizing his natural resources. This opportunity is clearly open for the United States to dominate the world market share, but this is certainly not easy where the United States still rely also on oil in Saudi Arabia. United States first declared the oil war when the United States is producing its first shale oil.

The process of shale oil techniques are very sophisticated than crude oil, and shale oil is expected to dominate the global market in which oil shale has a cheaper price than crude oil. The price war between the United States and Saudi Arabia continues to happen, in which both sides do not want to cut their oil production. They think that if they cut their oil production, it means that they surrender all their oil to the opponent. The relations of United States and Saudi Arabia also continue to decrease. The impact of the oil war against the United States-Saudi Arabia relations are their discontinuation in the United States oil imports from Saudi Arabia because the United States already has its own oil.

This case resulted in the economic relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia where the estrangement in their relations it would be true. In

theory of foreign policies, that governments should take steps in order to resolve the problems in the country and achieve national interests. In this case, the two sides actually still depend on each other and cannot be separated. Historically, the United States relies heavily on oil in the Middle East, while Saudi Arabia relies on the United States in terms of protection. These economic disparities can have an impact on oil prices which is increasingly uncertain world. Moreover, Trump's economic policy that has been made after taking office as the new president of the United States is going to stop importing of oil from Saudi Arabia.

United States has rated as new starters in oil affairs in the world. The biggest oil refineries that have been found in the United States assessed to make the United States feel confident enough to process and produce oil in the country, However, the way used by the United States is considered not efficient because the United States is too hasty to continue producing oil, so that they perform a variety of ways to produce oil, one of the ways is by fracking. This technique includes a technique that is very up to date and quite sophisticated, but behind all that, the techniques used United States takes quite a huge cost. A result that could happen is a few oil companies in the United States cannot compete with oil in Saudi Arabia for a long period of time, as production costs had already spent at the beginning of the production time of war oil prices that occurred. However, the United States will ultimately remain dependent on oil in Saudi Arabia. The relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia that has lasted long enough votes will falter as the impact of this oil war. On the other hand, the

United States will still need Saudi Arabia so that bilateral relations will not be destroyed just because of oil price war. Moreover, quoted from the *book Pengantar Studi Kawasan Timur Tengah*, written by DR. Sidik Jatmika M.Sc., the United States also have national interests against the middle east. First, maintaining the existence of Israel as the elder brother and the spearhead of the United States in the Middle East. Second, Keeping the existence of interests the United States and its allies in Middle East (western Europe, Japan , South Korea). Third, maintaining the existence of the rulers ally the United States in the Middle East (eg: Saud Al Sabah, Hamid Karzai, Jalal Talabani); or opposition groups (separatists Darfur, the Kurds in the Saddam era, etc), and maintaining the existence of exploration and transportation of oil to allies Saudi Arabia (western Europe, Japan, South Korea)

Thus we can conclude that the bilateral relations between the United States and Saudi Arabia will not be destroyed due to the oil price war. It is because both sides still have national interests of each other. This research was made to broaden the lessons of International Relations, this research is also written to recognize the deeper problems in the world trade in the course of Economics and International Commerce and International Trade Law, as well as International Law. This study also received contributions from subject Theory of Comparative Foreign Policy, Foreign Politics United States Political and Foreign Affairs Middle East. Moreover, this research also received contributions from Strategic Studies to explain the meaning of war.