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About the Center

The Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) is Pakistan's premier think tank based in the scenic and serene city of Islamabad. Through an excellent team of experts and research professionals, we are dedicated to highlighting the evolving regional and global strategic issues and providing evidence-based analyses and policy recommendations to promote regional stability.

Since its establishment in 2009, CISS has been at the forefront of thought leadership, conducting in-depth research on issues including security, nuclear non-proliferation, arms control, geopolitics, and regional and global strategic stability.

The 'CISS Insight: Journal of Strategic Studies,' is our high-impact biannual research product. The editorial and advisory board as well as the entire panel of the Journal's reviewers and contributors consist of an impressive array of experts on international relations and strategic studies both within Pakistan and abroad.

Our strategic communication reaches out to the knowledge community and our clientele through a range of useful activities including conferences, workshops, seminars, and roundtables, as well as research work published in notable national and international publications. One of our principal activities consists of inviting opinion-makers as guest speakers to share their leadership experience and intellectual prowess.

All of these pursuits enable us to generate informed debates, provide a new knowledge-based outlook, foster public awareness, forecast the emerging challenges, and spell out better ways of building positive and rational perceptions.

Within a short span of around a decade since its formation, CISS has proven itself to be the voice of Pakistan's strategic community and is moving from strength to strength on this path.

CISS TEAM



CISS AT A GLANCE

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**Knowledge Production
& Sharing**

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**Quality Research &
Analysis**

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**Domestic & International
Collaborations**

**Seasoned Advisors &
Experts**

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**Forums, Conferences &
Seminars**

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**Linkages with CISS
Knowledge Ecosystem**

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Objectives



Promote the national perspective on key domestic, regional and international issues through research and outreach



Seek collaborations with relevant national and international policy institutes for the exchange of ideas and knowledge



Function as a reliable source of data and analysis



Facilitate capacity-building through mentorship, training, and internship programs



Provide a conducive research environment to visiting scholars aimed at building perceptions and connecting shared knowledge-based interests

Research Areas

Strategic stability, deterrence & nuclear policy

Arms control, disarmament & nuclear nonproliferation

Nuclear diplomacy & strategic export control regimes

Emerging technologies & cyberspace

Nuclear safety & security

Linkages of geopolitics & geoeconomics with strategic stability & security



Strategic Outreach

CISS–IISS 8TH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON STRATEGIC STABILITY IN SOUTH ASIA



The Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS), Islamabad organized CISS–IISS 8th International Workshop on “Strategic Stability in South Asia” held at Board Room 101, Jinnah Auditorium, NUST, Islamabad on Wednesday, 21 September 2022.

For details: <https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-iiiss-8th-international-workshop-on-strategic-stability-in-south-asia/>

CISS SEMINAR

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND THE ROLE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY



The Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS), Islamabad organized a seminar on “Climate Change Mitigation and the Role of Nuclear Energy” held at Serena Hotel, Islamabad on 16 February 2023, where the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Mr Rafael Grossi foresees a bright future for nuclear power in Pakistan.

For details: <https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-seminar-on-climate-change-mitigation-and-role-of-nuclear-energy/>

Silver Jubilee of Yum-e-Takbeer

**Pakistan's Journey Towards Socio-
Economic Development, Peace, &
Stability**



CISS Islamabad celebrated “25 Years of Youm-e-Takbeer : Pakistan’s Journey Towards Socio-Economic Development, Peace, and Stability” through video message, seminar, twitter space and monograph.

For details:

<https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-seminar-on-25-years-of-youm-e-takbeer-pakistans-journey-towards-socio-economic-development-peace-and-stability/>

CISS-KIU JOINT NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE SEMINAR: NATIONAL SECURITY IMPERATIVES: A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK OF TRADITIONAL AND NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY DETERMINANTS



CISS Islamabad organized a consultative seminar on 'National Security Imperatives: A Comprehensive Framework of Traditional and Non-Traditional Security Determinants' in collaboration with Karakorum International University (KIU), Gilgit on 28 June 2022.

For details: <https://ciss.org.pk/proceedings-of-ciss-kiu-national-consultative-seminar-on-national-security-imperatives/>

3RD CISS OUTREACH WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR POLICY, STRATEGIC STABILITY AND NUCLEAR DETERRENCE: TRAINING OF THE TRAINERS



Over the years, it has been observed that intellectual discourse on national security and Pakistan's policy perspectives is primarily concentrated in Islamabad, home to numerous think tanks. While students and faculty in Islamabad have ample opportunities to engage with public events, those in other cities remain underserved. To address this gap, CISS has initiated a phased outreach program to connect with universities across Pakistan. Since 2019, it has been conducting capacity-building workshops on 'Introduction to Pakistan's Nuclear Policy, Strategic Stability and Nuclear Deterrence: Training of the Trainers' at Nathiagali. In this regard, the 3rd CISS Outreach Workshop has been organized from 7-10 September 2022.

For details: <https://ciss.org.pk/about-ciss-outreach/>



UAE DEFENSE DELEGATION

CISS Islamabad hosted a delegation from the UAE National Defense College as a part of its outreach activity on 25 November 2022. The distinguished delegation was introduced by the organisation and its work on strategic and policy issues. A presentation was given on the geographical location and its role in shaping the strategic environment of Pakistan.

For details:

<https://ciss.org.pk/visit-of-the-delegation-of-national-defence-college-uae/>



Events & Advocacy



INDO-US STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND ITS IMPACT ON THE STRATEGIC STABILITY OF SOUTH ASIA



CISS organized an in-house closed session with Dr Christopher Clary, Assistant Professor at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, on 'Indo-U.S. Strategic Partnership and its Impact on the Strategic Stability of South Asia' on 13 July 2022.

HIGHER EDUCATION IN BALOCHISTAN: CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD



An In-house discussion was held at CISS entitled 'Higher Education in Balochistan: Challenges and Way Forward' on 13 October 2022. The round table was chaired by the Executive Director Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi while the speaker was Professor Dr Sajida Naureen, Vice Chancellor Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University, Quetta.

EVOLVING STRATEGIC LANDSCAPE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN: IMPACT ON SOUTH ASIAN REGIONAL ORDER



CISS hosted Dr Farhan Hanif Siddiqui, Associate Professor at the School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad on 18 November 2022. The discussion on the 'Evolving Strategic Landscape of the Indian Ocean: Impact on South Asian Regional Order' brought forth the altering strategic environment of the IOR and explored its implications for South Asian security complex.

For details:

<https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-round-table-on-evolving-strategic-landscape-of-the-indian-ocean-impact-on-south-asian-regional-order/>

THE IMPERATIVES OF EVOLVING SECURITY AND ARMS CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

CISS invited Pakistan's Permanent Representative in Geneva, Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, for a discussion on 'The Imperatives of Evolving Security and Arms Control' on 30 December 2022. The discussion mainly revolved around the contemporary issues of concern for Pakistan in the domains of security, geopolitics, and multilateral arms control diplomacy. Ambassador Hashmi's insights and analytical perceptions were very useful and educative for the audience, particularly young researchers who were thrilled to have attended the session



For details:

<https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-round-table-on-evolving-strategic-landscape-of-the-indian-ocean-impact-on-south-asian-regional-order/>

JCPOA AND ITS IMPLICATIONS ON THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME



CISS organized a roundtable discussion with Dr Foad Izadi, Associate Professor at the University of Tehran, on JCPOA & its Implications on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime on 15 February 2023.

For details:

<https://ciss.org.pk/international-approach-and-challenges-to-south-asian-strategic-stability/>

INDIAN MISSILE FIASCO: TECHNICAL MALFUNCTION AND FAILURE OF DIPLOMACY



CISS organized a roundtable on 'Indian Missile Fiasco: Technical Malfunction and Failure of Diplomacy' on 21 April 2022. It was conducted in hybrid mode due to Covid-19 restrictions. Participants included senior diplomats, academics, think tank professionals, and student.

For details: <https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-webinar-on-indian-missile-fiasco-technical-malfunction-and-failure-of-diplomacy/>

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE BY GEN (R) ZUBAIR MAHMOOD HAYAT ON 'THE EVOLVING OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT IN SOUTH ASIA'



Distinguished Lecture

Gen (R) Zubair Mahmood Hayat on The Evolving Operational Environment in South Asia: Pakistan's Security and Imperatives of Strategic Communication on 23 January 2023

For Details

<https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-distinguished-lecture-by-gen-r-zubair-mahmood-hayat-on-the-evolving-operational-environment-in-south-asia/>



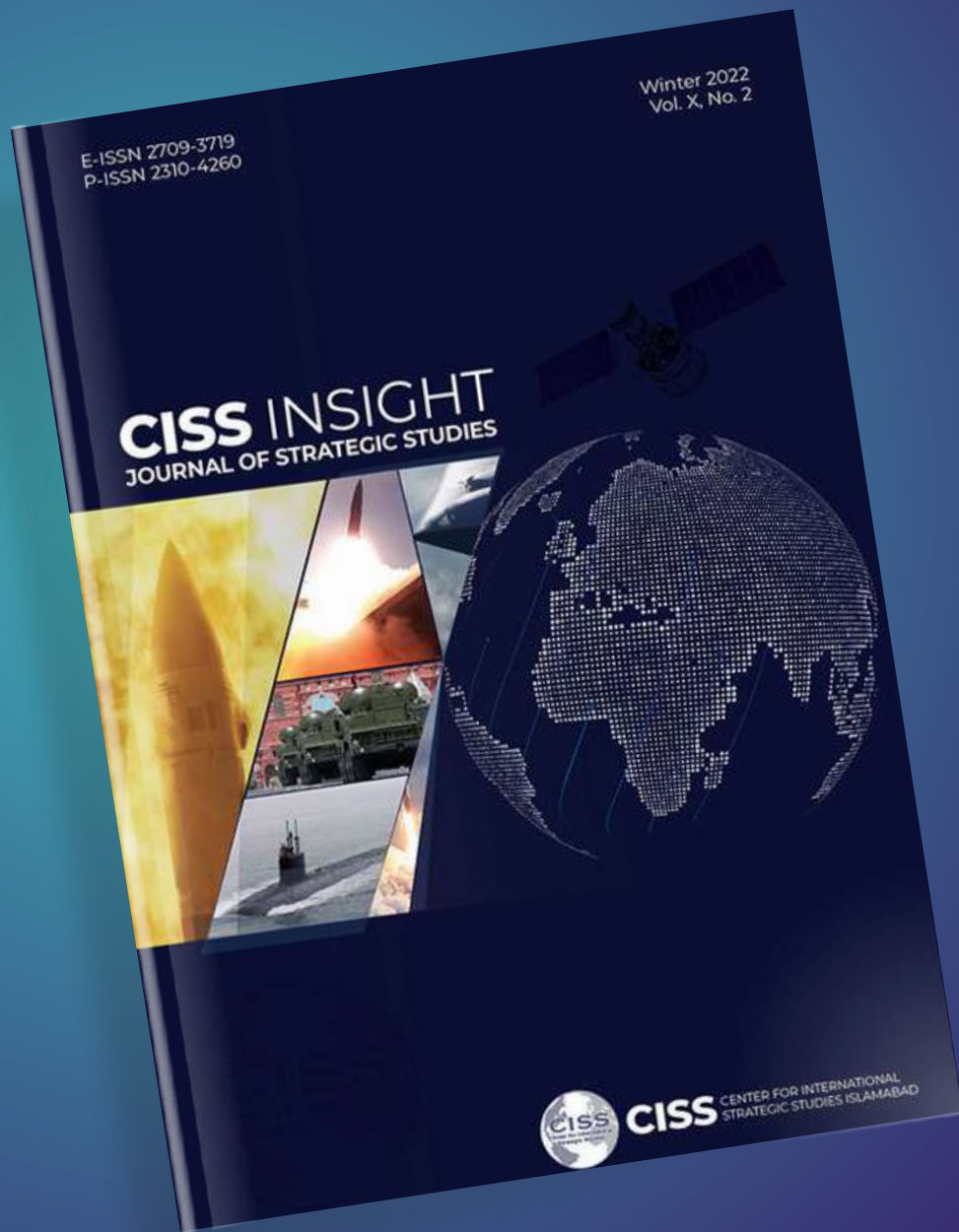
YOUM-E-TAKBEER: RECALLING 24 YEARS OF PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR TESTS

A webinar was organized to commemorate Youm-e-Takbeer on 28 May 2022, and generated a useful debate on key dynamics of Pakistan's nuclear capability and South Asian strategic stability

Research Products

J CISS Insight JOURNAL OF STRATEGIC STUDIES

CISS Insight is a bi-annual multi-disciplinary research journal of strategic studies published by the Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS), Islamabad, biannually. The Center believes that there is now, more than ever before, a need for objective and impartial analyses and assessments of international issues from a Pakistani perspective. The journal publishes articles that help in understanding of the current international strategic issues within Pakistan and abroad.



For Current Issue: <https://journal.ciss.org.pk/index.php/ciss-insight>

CSR CISS Strat Review – I

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CSV CISS Strategic View



Through its signature CSR Series, CISS aims at bringing forth useful analytical assessments of strategies of key global players and their implications for regional strategic and security calculus.

For this Issue:

<https://ciiss.org.pk/ciiss-strat-review-1-the-national-security-and-defense-strategies-of-the-united-states-implications-for-south-asia/>

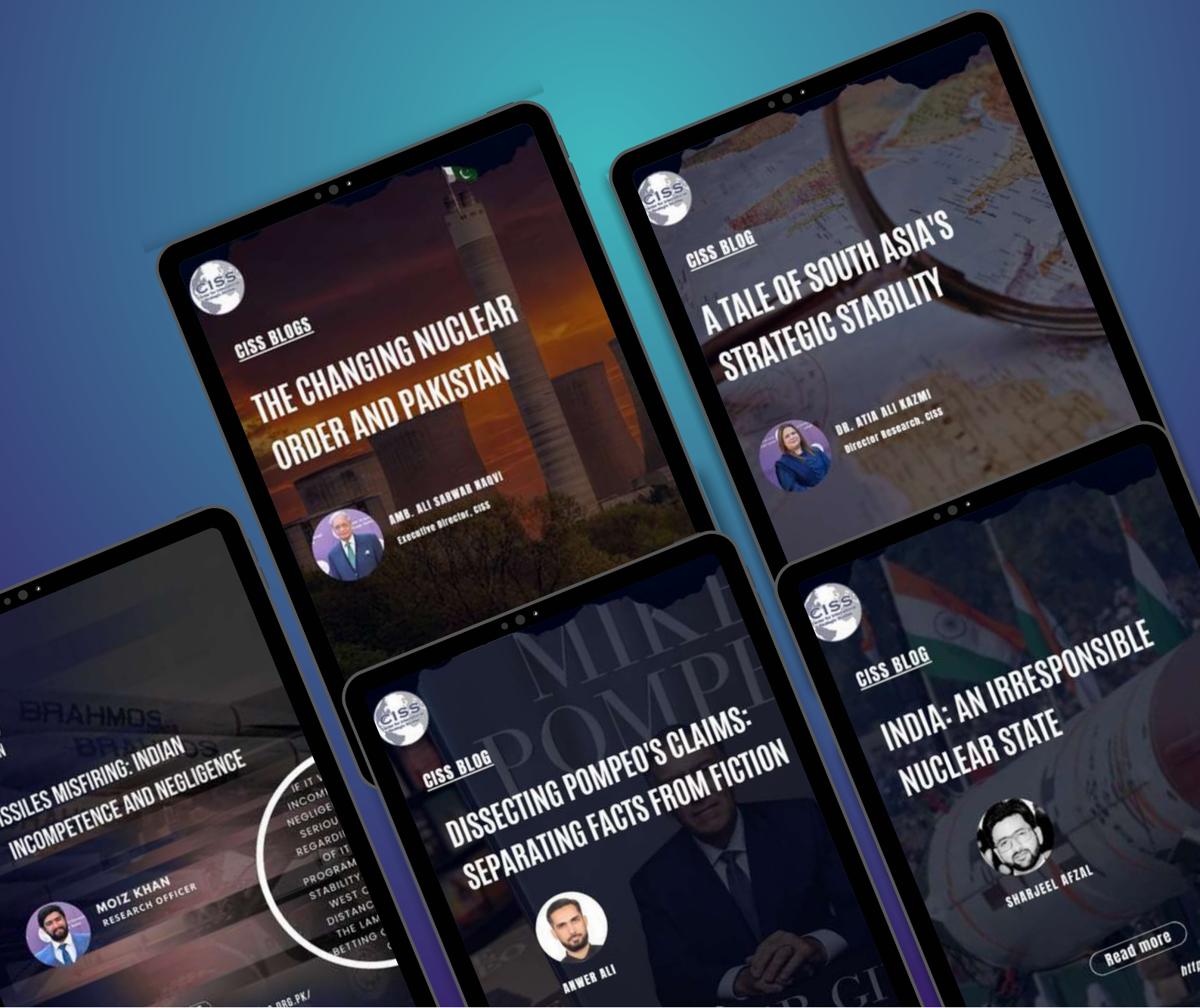
Through the infamous AUKUS deal, Australia will be the first non-nuclear weapon state (NNWS) to purchase nuclear submarines from the US and UK. While raising questions about the prospects of transformation in the decades-old regional balance of power, the expected deal has sparked an intense discussion over the viability and legitimacy of the nuclear non-proliferation regime.

For this Issue:

<https://ciiss.org.pk/PDFs/AUKUS-and-Asia-Pacific's-Instability.pdf>

CISS Blog

CISS blog works as a forum to serve the purpose by featuring a variety of expert opinion and inspiring analyses on events and issues having national and international significance. We welcome well written shades of opinion covering a wide spectrum of strategic, geopolitical, diplomatic, and geoeconomics spheres



LETHAL AUTONOMOUS WEAPONS' CONUNDRUM AND THE STATE OF PLAY



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THE DEVELOPMENTS IN WEAPONRY TECHNOLOGY AIM FOR AN INFORMED DEBATE ON THE RISKS, CONCERNS, AND ASSOCIATED IMPLICATIONS FOR GLOBAL AND REGIONAL STABILITY.

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DEMYSTIFYING S-400'S DETERRENCE VALUE



ALI BAIG
ASSOCIATE RESEARCH OFFICER

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INDIA GETTING FRENCH NUCLEAR SUB TECHNOLOGY COULD TRIGGER INDIAN OCEAN ARMS RACE

ABDUL MOIZ & AMNA SAQIB

RESEARCHERS CISS



IMPLICATIONS OF THE IRAN-SAUDI DEAL FOR PAKISTAN



SYED ALI ABBAS
ASSOCIATE RESEARCH OFFICER

IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA ALSO ENJOY CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN AND INDIA AND COULD USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO EASE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES

[READ MORE](#)

INFORMATION WAR: INDIA'S DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST PAKISTAN



NATO'S EASTWARD EXPANSION: MAPPING THREE POSSIBLE SCENARIOS



ANUM A. KHAN
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
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BY CHOOSING SIDES, RUSSIA HAS NOT ONLY LOST AN OPPORTUNITY TO NORMALIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA BUT ALSO ITS STATUS AS A CONFIDENCE-BUILDING FACTOR BETWEEN THE U.S. AND RUSSIA IN PARTICULAR AND EUROPE AND RUSSIA IN GENERAL

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MISPERCEPTIONS ON PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR SECURITY



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SHARING NUCLEAR SUBMARINES WITH INDIA WILL DESTABILIZE SOUTH ASIA



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PAKISTAN HAS REASONS TO BE CONFIDENT IN ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS' SECURITY



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BALANCING GRENADES: TO CONTAIN CHINA, THE US WILL IGNORE RUSSIA IN INDIA



MOBEEN JAFAR MIR



INDIAN GREY ZONE AGGRESSION & STRATEGY OF CONFLICT PROSECUTION



DR. ATIA ALI KAZMI
DIRECTOR RESEARCH

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- ✓ ‘The Emerging Dimensions of China–Pakistan Economic Cooperation and CPEC: Significance and Challenges’ by Dr Muhammadi, in Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences
- ✓ ‘Information War: India’s Disinformation Campaign Against Pakistan’ by Dr Rahat Iqbal and Murad Ali in Journal of Xi’an Shiyou University
- ✓ ‘The Indian Missile Launch in Pakistan: A Skeptical View’, published by Riaz A. Khokhar and Asma Khalid in Atlantic Council
- ✓ ‘What Is Driving Pakistan’s Outreach to Russia?’ Published by Riaz A. Khokhar in The Diplomat
- ✓ ‘Resuming Pakistan-India Relations: Opportunities and Challenges’, published by Riaz A. Khokhar in South Asian Voices (SAV)
- ✓ ‘Balancing Grenades: To contain China, the US will ignore Russia in India’, published by Mobeen Jafar Mir in The Cradle
- ✓ ‘Indian Missile Crisis: One Step from Nuclear War?’ by Anum A. Khan in Asia-Pacific Leadership Network (APLN)
- ✓ ‘Facing a Climate Crisis, Nuclear Energy Can be a Viable Option for Pakistan’ by Summaiya Malik in SAV
- ✓ ‘Pakistan-CARs ties: The Geo-Economic Vision’ by Dr Muhammad Muhammadi in World Geostrategic Insights (WOI)
- ✓ ‘How to Bolster Pakistani Cybersecurity’ by Dr Muhammadi and Saliha Mehboob in The National Interest (NI)
- ✓ ‘Can the Military Harness the Internet of Things’ True Potential?’ by Abdul Moiz Khan in NI

- √ 'Boiling Over: Pakistan Can't Bear the Cost of Afghan State Failure' by Syed Ali Abbas in NI
- √ 'In seeking to be a major global power, India risks being undermined in its own Indian Ocean backyard' by Amna Saqib and Abdul Moiz Khan in South China Morning Post (SCMP)
- √ 'INFRUS: India Getting French Nuclear Sub Technology Could Trigger Indian Ocean Arms Race' by Amna Saqib and Abdul Moiz Khan in SCMP
- √ 'Strategic Implications of INFRUS' by Maryyum Masood in NI
- √ 'Resuming Pakistan-India Relations: Opportunities and Challenges', published by Riaz A. Khokar in South Asian Voices (SAV)
- √ 'Misperceptions on Pakistan's Nuclear Security' by Dr Muhammadi in NI
- √ 'Can Pakistan Balance the Effects of Indo-Pacific Strategy on Regional Strategic Stability?' by Murad Ali in SCMP
- √ 'Relentless Indian Campaign against Pakistan' by Tooba Ghaffar in Global Village Space (GVS)
- √ 'India's War Crimes in Kashmir' by Tooba Ghafar in Centre for Strategic and Contemporary Research (CSCR)
- √ 'The World Needs to Wake up for Kashmir' by Maryyum Masood in Global Affairs Magazine
- √ 'Matrix of Pakistan-India Escalation Dynamics: India's Recent Missile Episode' by Huma Rehman in Global Affairs
- √ 'Pakistan's Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy' by Dr Muhammadi in GVS

✓ 'Understanding Contemporary Asia Pacific' by Dr Mohammadi in Journal of Security and Strategic Analyses

✓ 'Noor Wali Mehsud and the Resurgence of Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)' by Abdul Moiz Khan in GVS

✓ 'India's Brahmos Faux Pas and International Response' by Dr Rahat Iqbal in CSCR

✓ 'Strategic Stability – A Gauntlet to India' by Muhammad Ali Baig in The Daily Times

✓ 'Clearing the Confusion Regarding the Brahmos Missile Fiasco' by Samran Ali in CSCR

✓ 'Importance of Regional Cooperation to Counter Islamic State Khorasan' (ISKP) by Syed Ali Abbas in Global Village Space

✓ 'Why the Ukraine War is the United States' Fault?', Murad Ali May in GVS

✓ 'Nuclear Energy to Combat Climate Change for Developing Countries' by Samran Ali in CSCR

✓ 'Understanding Indian Strategic Culture' by Fakhar Alam in GVS

✓ 'India's Commitment to its Partnership with the US' by Samran Ali in CSCR

✓ 'Gauging Pakistan's Nuclear Weapons and Deterrence', by Saliha Mehboob in Eurasia review

✓ 'Evolving Equation between India and Taliban-ruled Afghanistan' by Samran Ali in CSCR

- ✓ 'Strategic Repercussions of Russia-Ukraine Conflict' by Dr Rahat Iqbal in Eurasia review
- ✓ 'Quadrilateral Agenda and Security Concerns for Pakistan in Indian Ocean Region' by Saliha Mehboob and Murad Ali in Eurasia review
- ✓ 'Quest of Regional Security During Taliban's Rule' by Samran Ali in CSCR
- ✓ 'The Interplay between Nuclear Weapons and Emerging Technologies' by Samran Ali in CSCR
- ✓ 'Evaluating Nuclear Security in India' by Dr Rahat Iqbal in CSCR
- ✓ 'International Approach and Challenges to South Asian Strategic Stability' by Dr Rahat Iqbal in Stratheia
- ✓ 'Integrated Deterrence: Increasing Complexity and Decreasing Credibility' by Samran Ali in CSCR
- ✓ 'Drones in 21st Century Warfare' by Syed Ali Abbas in GVS
- ✓ 'Pakistan has Reasons to be Confident in its Nuclear Weapon's Security' by Samran Ali in CSCR
- ✓ 'Space Technology to Combat Global Climate Change: Pakistan's Efforts to Monitor Water Resources', by Dr Suhaib Bin Farhan
- ✓ 'Impact of Russia's War in Ukraine' by Fatima Mujtaba
- ✓ 'Implications of the Iran-Saudi Deal' for Pakistan by Syed Ali Abbas in South Asian Voices
- ✓ 'Indian Grey Zone Aggression and Strategy of Conflict Prosecution' by Dr Atia Ali Kazmi

❖ 'The Economy of Space' by Yasir Hussain

❖ 'Demystifying S-400's Deterrence Value' by Muhammad Ali Baig

❖ 'Why Australia's AUKUS Submarine Deal is a Clear Threat to Nuclear Non-proliferation' by Riaz Khokhar

❖ 'Cyber Deterrence and Confidence Building Between Pakistan and India' by Abdul Moiz Khan

❖ 'Potential Impact of Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems on South Asian Strategic Stability' by Muhammad Ali Baig

❖ 'India's Flirtation with Hot Testing' by Riaz Khokhar

❖ 'Dynamics of Indian Human Rights Violations: A Case Study of Resurgence of Freedom Struggle In IIOJ&K' by Dr Rahat Iqbal and Dr Shahid Afridi

❖ 'Cyberweapons and future of Indo-Pak Strategic Stability' by Abdul Moiz Khan

❖ 'Post-conflict Ukraine Could Further Exacerbate South Asian Security' by Syed Ali Abbas

❖ 'Evolving Geopolitical Dynamics and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime' by Fakhar Alam

❖ 'AI Shifting the Global Dynamics' by Ms. Anum A. Khan

❖ 'Why Australia's AUKUS Submarine Deal is a Clear Threat to Nuclear Non-proliferation' by Riaz Khokhar

✓'NATO's Eastward Expansion: Mapping Three Possible Scenarios' by Anum A. Khan in Pakistan Politico

✓'Implications of the Iran-Saudi Deal for Pakistan' by Syed Ali Abbas

✓'Understanding Contemporary Asia Pacific' by Dr Mohammadi in Journal of Security and Strategic Analyses

✓'Dark Territory: The Secret History of Cyber War Book Review' by Syed Ali Abbas in Global Defense Insight

✓'The Colder War: How the Global Energy Trade Slipped from America's Grasp' by Summaiya Malik in Modern Diplomacy



Media Appearances

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, gave remarks on the following television channels

1

Pakistan's Counterterrorism Efforts on the PTV World

2

Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to China on the BOL News

3

Russia and Ukraine on the Brink of War on Roze News

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Russia-Ukraine crisis and the role of Pakistan on 24 News

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Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to Russia on 24 News

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Biden's Speech on Russia-Ukraine crisis on Roze News

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Russia-Ukraine crisis on Public News

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**Future of Iran's Nuclear Deal and the Impacts
on Regional Prosperity on PTV World**

**FATF's decision to remove Pakistan from
grey list on Roze News**

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**The abrogation of Article 370 and 35A on
the PTV News**

**Pakistan and Nuclear Power interview with Dr
Qamar Cheema**

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**Pakistan's Bondage with Muslim World
on PTV World**

**UN conference on Afghanistan in Doha on
PTV World**

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**India's Diplomatic failure at the G20 Summit in
HIOJK on PTV World**

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