



CISS NEWSLETTER

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Summary

This issue of CISS Newsletter provides an overview of a host of activities undertaken by the Center for International Strategic Studies, Islamabad, during the past three months. These activities include research publications, round-tables and participation in webinars as well as discussions in other fora.

CISS undertook the following activities during this quarter:

1. During this period, the Center held its second and third virtual round-table discussions with Stimson Center, Washington DC on April 7 and May 27, 2021 respectively. The topics of the discussions were **“Pakistan-US relations”** and **“Trends in South Asian Strategic Stability, Short term, Medium term and Long term.”** The Stimson Center is a well reputed think tank based in Washington DC, USA. The purpose of the second round-table discussion was to assess Biden Administration's policies and approaches towards South Asia in general and Pakistan in particular, while the third round-table discussion focused on challenges and prospects for strategic stability in South Asia.
2. CISS held two webinars during this quarter:
 - I. The Center organized a webinar on April 22, 2021 on **“Chemical Weapon Convention: Challenges, Approaches and Implementation”** to discuss the universality of the CWC and Pakistan's commitment to its implementation.
 - ii. The Center held a webinar titled **“Sustainable Development Through Nuclear and Space Technologies in Pakistan”** on May 19, 2021. The webinar coincided with the successful connection of 1100 MW KANUPP-2 nuclear power plant to the national grid. Provincial Minister of Sindh for Mines & Mineral Development Mir Shabbir Ali Bijarani was the chief guest at the webinar besides other worthy panelists.
3. A whole range of research articles and papers were written during the last quarter on various issues and major security and strategic developments by

CISS researchers. These included Sino-Pak defence and strategic cooperation, India's unsecured nuclear materials, Pakistan's sustainable development goals, India's repositioning in Biden era, India's enhanced conventional deterrence and Israeli-Palestinian Conflict etc.

4. CISS researchers also actively participated during this quarter in various discussions and events organized by other think tanks within Pakistan and abroad, besides those organized by CISS.
5. ED CISS, Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi frequently appeared on various TV programs in discussions on current security and political issues.

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CISS WEBINARS

National Webinar on Chemical Weapon Convention: Challenges, Approaches and Implementation

(April 22, 2021)

The Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) organized a webinar on “Chemical Weapon Convention: Challenges, Approaches and Implementation”.

For further details please visit <https://ciss.org.pk/national-webinar-on-pakistans-adherence-to-cwc-implementation-challenges-and-approaches-on-april-20-2021/>



CISS Webinar on Sustainable Development through Nuclear and Space Technologies in Pakistan

(May 19, 2021)

The Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) organized a webinar on “Chemical Weapon Convention: Challenges, Approaches and Implementation”.

For further details please visit <https://ciiss.org.pk/national-webinar-on-pakistans-adherence-to-cwc-implementation-challenges-and-approaches-on-april-20-2021/>



CISS ROUND TABLES

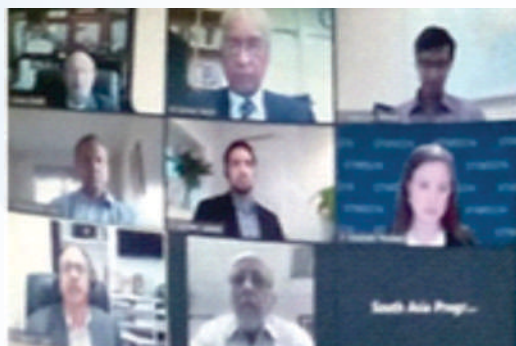
CISS held two Round-Tables with Stimson Center during this quarter.

Second Round Table between CISS and Stimson Center Washington DC on Zoom (April 7, 2021)

The second Round Table between CISS and the Stimson Center, Washington DC, took place on April 7, in follow up of the first Round Table held between the two Think Tanks on February 4, 2021. The subject was, as before, Pakistan-US relations, and a discussion took place on the present state of bilateral relations after the previous interaction two months ago. The discussion, as before, was governed by Chatham House Rules and covered major areas of bilateral interaction, both convergences and divergences.

In the Round Table, the Pakistani side was led by Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, and included Dr. Naeem Ahmed Salik, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, and Mr. Zawar Haider Abidi while the US side was led by Ms. Elizabeth Threlkeld, Deputy Director for South Asia in the Stimson Center, and included Dr. Sameer Lalwani, Col. Dave Smith and Christopher Clary.

For further details, please visit the link <https://ciss.org.pk/second-round-table-between-ciss-and-stimson-center-washington-dc-on-zoom-on-april-7-2021/>



3rd Round Table between CISS and Stimson Center Washington DC (May 27, 2021)

The third Round Table between the Center for International Strategic Studies, Islamabad and the Stimson Center, Washington DC, was held on Zoom on May 27, 2021, in follow up of the earlier two Round Tables held between the two Think Tanks on February 4, 2021 and April 7, 2021. The subject was “Trends in South Asian Strategic Stability, Short term, Medium term and Long term.” The discussion, as before, was governed by Chatham House Rules and also covered bilateral relations between Pakistan and the US in the light of recent high level interaction between the two countries.

In the Round Table, the Pakistani side was led by Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, and included Dr. Naeem Ahmed Salik, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, and Mr. Zawar Haider Abidi while the US side was led by Dr. Sameer Lalwani, Senior Fellow for South Asia in the Stimson Center, and included Col. David Smith, Distinguished Fellow, Stimson Center, Ms. Sun Yun, Co-Director China, East Asia, Stimson Center, Dr. Toby Dalton, Co-Director, Carnegie Endowment and Ms. Tamanna Salikuddin of US Institute of Peace.



To mark the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of Pakistan's nuclear test, CISS issues a video interview of its Executive Director

The video interview can be watched here

<https://ciiss.org.pk/to-mark-the-occasion-of-the-23rd-anniversary-of-pakistans-nuclear-test-ciiss-issues-a-video-interview-of-its-executive-director/>



PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS

ED CISS gave comments on 'Russian Foreign Minister's visit to Pakistan' on PTV World

(April 6, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in the PTV World program “Views on News” hosted by Faisal Rehman and shared his views on “Russian Foreign Minister's visit to Pakistan”.

Follow the link for complete details <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-comments-on-russian-foreign-ministers-visit-to-pakistan-on-ptv-world/>



ED CISS Talks about Current Developments Regarding Pakistan Bilateral Relations on SBI TV

(April 9, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in a discussion and shared his views on current developments regarding Pakistan bilateral relations on the SBI News program “Table Talk with Muqem Ahmed” on April 9, 2021.

The program can be watched here

<https://www.facebook.com/DAILYSHANABASHANA/videos/778191646437131>



Dr. Naeem Salik gave comments on “Uranium Seizure in India” in Indus News program “In Focus South Asia” with Ejaz Haider (May 10, 2021)

Dr. Naeem Salik, senior Research Fellow CISS, participated in the Indus News program 'In Focus South Asia' hosted by Ejaz Haider and shared his views on “Uranium seizure in India”. Other participants were Amb. Najmuddin Shaikh, Amb. Tasnim Aslam, Gowhar Geelani (Journalist, Srinagar) and Amb. Zamir Akram.

The program can be watched here <https://ciss.org.pk/dr-naeem-salik-gave-comments-on-uranium-seizure-in-india-in-indus-news-program-in-focus-south-asia-with-ejaz-haider/>

ED CISS gave comments on US-Pakistan Relations on Indus News (May 18, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in a discussion on US-Pakistan Relations on Indus News program 'In Focus South Asia' hosted by Ejaz Haider. Other participants included Amb. Najmuddin Shaikh, Joe Fleming (Political Commentator, Houston), Ro Nay San Lwin (Analyst, Frankfurt) and Simon Billenness (Human Rights Expert, Washington, D.C).

For complete details, please visit the link <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-comments-on-us-pakistan-relations-on-indus-news/>

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid spoke about “Nuclear Technology for Power Generation Industry” at a PNS Seminar, NIFA Peshawar (May 26, 2021)

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid, Senior Research Fellow CISS, gave a presentation on “Nuclear Technology for Power Generation Industry”, seminar on “Application of Nuclear Technology in Industry” at NIFA

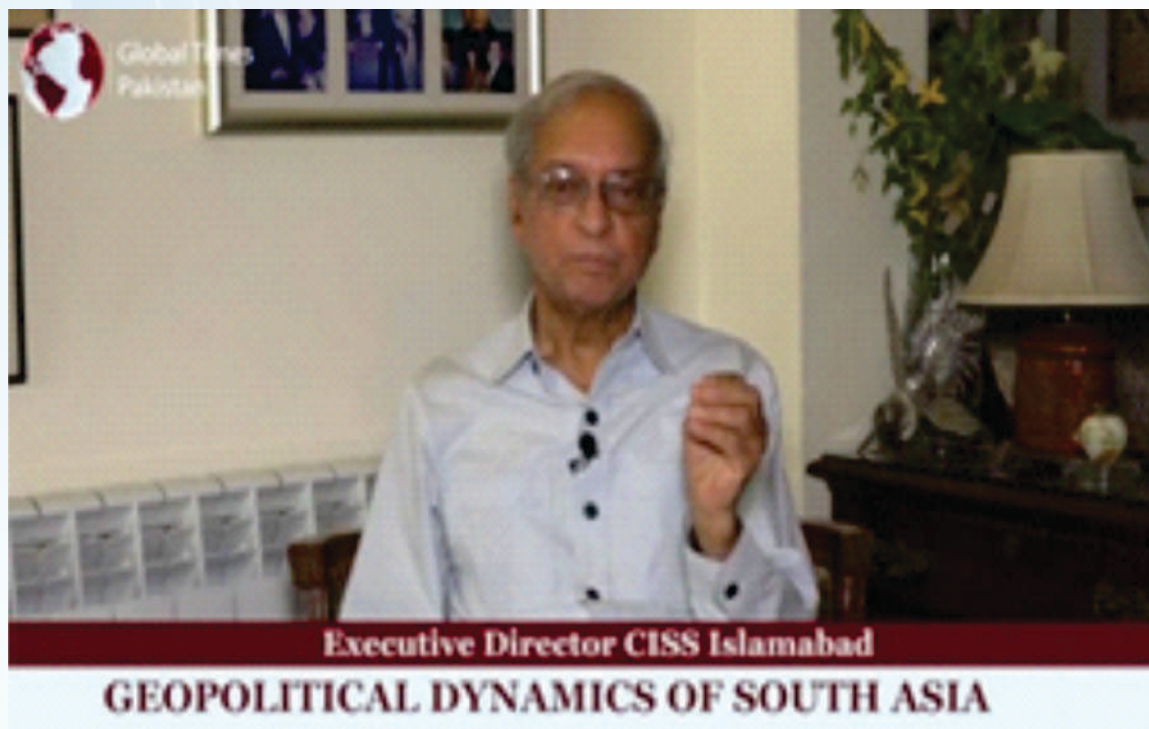
Peshawar, arranged by Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), Pakistan Nuclear Society (PNS) and Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC).

For more details please visit <https://ciiss.org.pk/dr-syed-javaid-khurshid-spoke-about-nuclear-technology-for-power-generation-industry-at-a-psf-pns-paec-seminar-nifa-peshawar/>

**ED CISS was interviewed by Global Times Pakistan on Geo Political Dynamics of South Asia
(June 7, 2021)**

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS shared his analysis on the changing geo-political and geo-strategic dynamics of South Asia and highlighted the importance of Pakistan in the region.

Complete program can be watched at <https://ciiss.org.pk/ed-ciiss-was-interviewed-by-global-times-pakistan-on-geo-political-dynamics-of-south-asia/>



ED CISS talks about Israel-Palestinian Crises on a Webinar, organized by University of Management and Technology.

(June 8, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, was a guest speaker at a Webinar organized by the University of Management and Technology (UMT) and gave his perspective on “Israel-Palestinian Crises: Causes, Effects and Way Forward What are the Policy Options Available for Pakistan” on June 8, 2021.

Recording of the Webinar can be watched here

<https://www.facebook.com/umtoofficial/videos/491783038746845>



ED CISS gave comments on Foreign Policy Issues on Channel 5

(June 22, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in a discussion on foreign policy issues on Channel 5 Pakistan TV program '4th Pillar' hosted by Malik Manzoor Ahmed.

The program can be watched at <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-comments-on-foreign-policy-issues-on-channel-5/>

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid spoke about “Climate Change Net Zero Emission and Nuclear Power” on a SASSI Webinar

(June 24, 2021)

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid, Senior Research Fellow CISS, gave a presentation on “Climate Change Net Zero Emission and Nuclear Power”, Webinar on “Success Story of Civilian Nuclear Power in Pakistan”, organized by SASSI on June 24, 2021.

Dr. Javaid presented the important role of nuclear power, comparing it with other green technologies of power production to achieve mitigation of climate change.

He also discussed the contribution nuclear power can make to the future by low carbon electricity generation along with other clean and green technologies to achieve the net zero emission.

For further details please visit the link <https://ciss.org.pk/dr-syed-javid-khurshid-spoke-about-climate-change-net-zero-emission-and-nuclear-power-on-a-sassi-webinar/>

PUBLICATIONS & ANALYSIS

Indian Strategy of Regional Aggression in Biden Era

Maryyum Masood and Sabeen Malik (April 5, 2021)

India's announcement of the withdrawal of its forces along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) after months of tensions with Chinese forces and its agreement of a de facto ceasefire along its Line of Control (LOC) with Pakistan, raised suspicions among its critics. These recent developments make it evident that India is trying to adapt with the Biden Administration's policy.

For complete article, please visit the link

<https://globalaffairs.com.pk/2021/04/indian-strategy-of-regional-aggression-in-biden-era/>

Turkish N-Bomb: A New Favorite of India's Propaganda Machinery

Samran Ali (April 9, 2021)

Developing a nuclear bomb has become a difficult task, thanks to the strong non-proliferation norms and international control measures. A case in point is Iran's nuclear program. Despite this, news and commentaries on Turkey getting nuclear technology and bomb have increased in recent years.

Complete article can be accessed at <https://www.globalvillagespace.com/turkish-n-bomb-a-new-favorite-of-indias-propaganda-machinery/>

Sino – Pakistan Defence and Strategic Cooperation

Dr. Naeem Salik (May 7, 2021)

The year 2021 marks 70 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China. It is being justifiably commemorated as a period of fruitful friendship and cooperation unprecedented in the history of interstate relations.

Follow the link for complete article <https://www.globalvillagespace.com/sino-pakistan-defence-and-strategic-cooperation/>

Nuclear Tech to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid (May 21, 2021)

In 2015, 195 nations of the world agreed under the auspices of the United Nations(UN) to set out seventeen sustainable development goals to be achieved by 2030. If these goals are achieved it would have a lasting impact on the reduction of poverty & making health and education facilities more accessible for the common people in the less developed countries.

Complete article can be read here <https://ciiss.org.pk/nuclear-tech-to-achieve-sustainable-development-goals/>

Nuclear Energy: The Answer to Pakistan's Energy Crisis

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid (May 27, 2021)

Energy plays a vital role in the development of a country. A country's progress is also estimated by its energy demand and consumption. At present Pakistan has an installed generation capacity of about 37,500MW. At present, the minimum total demand is about 24,000MW whereas the maximum total demand in summers is enhanced to nearly 29,000MW.

Complete article can be accessed at <https://ciiss.org.pk/nuclear-energy-the-answer-to-pakistans-energy-crisis/>

How Secure are India's Nuclear Materials?

Samran Ali (June 8, 2021)

There has been an increase in the detection of unauthorized possession and theft of uranium in India, the main ingredient to make a nuclear device. The latest of which was reported on June 3, 2021, when seven people were arrested for illegally possessing 6.4 kg of uranium ore in the Indian State of Jharkhand.

For complete article, please visit the link

<https://cscr.pk/explore/themes/defense-security/how-secure-are-indias-nuclear-materials/>

India's Uranium Trafficking Problem

Dr. Naeem Salik (June 18, 2021)

Professor Siegfried Hecker, former director of Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory once said, “Security is a journey not a destination.” In other words, it is an ongoing process which requires persistent oversight and improvements in line with the evolving nature of threat and developments in technology.

Complete article can be read here <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/indias-uranium-trafficking-problem/>

P282 Anti-ship Ballistic Missile: Strengthening Navy's Conventional Deterrence

Samran Ali (June 21, 2021)

The expansion of the number and range of capabilities of the Indian Navy in recent decades has not gone unnoticed in Pakistan. The number of warships is increasing in the Indian Navy, and with that, their war-fighting capabilities would also get a boost. In comparison, Pakistan Navy was mostly constrained by budgetary allocations that could not enhance its war-fighting capabilities in the past.

For complete article, please visit <https://cscr.pk/explore/themes/defense-security/p282-anti-ship-ballistic-missile-strengthening-navys-conventional-deterrence/>

Ballistic Missile, Missile Defence, and Arms Race: Past, Present, and Future

Samran Ali (June 24, 2021)

Ballistic missiles, defence against them, and the ensuing arms race by these weapons systems have been an important component of the Cold War between the US and the Soviet Union. Both countries had developed ballistic missiles of different ranges to hold each other at risk and tried to achieve parity by developing a large number of warheads and delivery platforms.

For further details, please visit <https://cscr.pk/explore/themes/defense-security/ballistic-missile-missile-defence-and-arms-race-past-present-and-future/>