



NEWSLETTER

(Jan-March, 2022)

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC STUDIES

Summary

This issue of CISS Newsletter provides an overview of a number of activities undertaken by the Center for International Strategic Studies, Islamabad, during the past three months. These activities include a Joint Strategic Get-To-Know seminar, publication of CISS Insight winter edition, other research publications, and participation in outside webinars as well as discussions in various fora.

CISS undertook the following activities during this quarter:

1. On March 21, 2022, CISS hosted a “Joint Strategic Get-To-Know Seminar” at NESCOM Auditorium. The event was attended by the team members of four think-tanks of National Command Authority (NCA). These think-tanks include Center for International Strategic Studies Islamabad (CISS), Center for International Strategic Studies Sindh (CISSS), Strategic Vision Institute (SVI), and Balochistan Think Tank Network (BTTN). The aim of the seminar was to synergize four NCA think-tanks for providing a platform to the researchers of think tank community to connect with each other and share ideas in this regard. Moreover, the seminar covered the issues of comprehensive security including threats, challenges, and opportunities offered by rapidly changing regional and global politics.
2. In this quarter, the center published volume 9 (No 2) of its bi-annual journal, CISS Insight. This edition of CISS Insight covers a wide-range of contemporary national, regional and international strategic issues. These include India-Pakistan crisis, Pakistan's geopolitical challenges and opportunities, Sino-Indian conflict, Iran nuclear deal and objectives of AUKUS in Asia-Pacific.
3. A whole range of articles and papers were written during the last quarter on various issues and major security and strategic developments by CISS researchers. These included Indian malicious campaign against Pakistan, Indian missile launch in Pakistan, Kashmir issue, Pak-Russia relations and China-Pakistan Cooperation.
4. CISS researchers also actively participated in various discussions and events organized by other think tanks within Pakistan and abroad, besides those organized by CISS during this quarter.
5. ED CISS, Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi frequently appeared in various TV discussion programs on current security and political issues.

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CISS SEMINAR

Joint Strategic Get-To-Know

(March 21, 2022)

On March 21, CISS hosted a seminar titled “Joint Strategic Get-To-Know” at NESCOM Auditorium. The event was participated in by research teams of CISS Islamabad, CISS Sindh, Strategic Vision Institute, and Balochistan Think Tank Network. The scope of the conference was to voice grave concern over the landing of an Indian missile in Pakistani territory, synergize four NCA think-tanks for providing a platform to the researchers of think tank community to connect with each other and share ideas in this regard and create general awareness of nuclear and strategic issues among the young researchers of all the participating think tanks. The experts express grave concern over Indian missile landing in Pakistani territory and they have warned that the world capitals should take cognizes of Indian irresponsible conduct. As India's irresponsible attitude could lead to a nuclear escalation in the already fraught security environment in South Asia.

Follow the link for the further details <https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-joint-strategic-get-to-know-seminar/>



PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS

ED CISS gave comments on Pakistan's Counterterrorism Efforts on PTV World program Views on News

(January 10, 2022)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, gave comments on Pakistan's Counterterrorism Efforts held on January 10, 2022 on PTV world program "Views on News" hosted by Faisal Rehman. Other participants were Shaukat Paracha and Karel Vereycken.

For complete details, please follow the link,
<https://ciiss.org.pk/ed-ciiss-gave-comments-on-pakistans-counterterrorism-efforts/>



ED CISS commented on PM's visit to China on BOL News

(February 3, 2022)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in BOL News program "The Special Report with Mudassar Iqbal" and shared his views on Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to China on February 3, 2022.

For complete details, please visit the link-
<https://ciiss.org.pk/ed-ciiss-commented-on-pms-visit-to-china-on-bol-news/>



ED CISS gave comments on 'Russia & Ukraine on The Brink of The War' on Roze News

(February 13, 2022)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in Roze News program "Dialogue with Urooj Raza Sayyami" and shared his views on 'Russia & Ukraine on The Brink of War' on February 13, 2022.

For further details, please visit the link,

<https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-comments-on-russia-ukraine-on-the-brink-of-the-war-on-roze-news/>



ED CISS gave Comments on Russia-Ukraine Crisis on 24 News

(February 22, 2022)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in a discussion on 24 News and shared his views on Russia-Ukraine crisis on February 22, 2022.

Further details can be accessed at <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-comments-on-russia-ukraine-crisis-on-24-news/>



Exclusive Interview of ED CISS on Ukraine Russia Crises and PM's visit of Russia on Global Times Pakistan

(February 22, 2022)

Exclusive interview of Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS), on Ukraine Russia Crises and role of Pakistan and Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit of Russia on special invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Complete interview can be watched at

<https://ciss.org.pk/exclusive-interview-of-ed-ciss-on-ukraine-russia-crises-and-pms-visit-of-russia-on-global-times-pakistan/>



Dr. Naeem Salik spoke in a Webinar on Evolution of Nuclear Deterrence & Strategy organized by SVI

(February 24, 2022)

Brigadier (R) Dr. Naeem Ahmed Salik, Senior Research Fellow CISS, was invited to speak in a Webinar on “Evolution of Nuclear Deterrence & Strategy: Manifestation in South Asia”, organized by Strategic Vision Institute (SVI) on February 24, 2022.

Complete details can be accessed at <https://ciiss.org.pk/dr-naeem-salik-spoke-in-a-webinar-on-evolution-of-nuclear-deterrence-strategy-organized-by-svi/>



ED CISS gave Comments on Biden's speech on Russia-Ukraine Crisis on Roze News

(March 2, 2022)



Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in Roze News' morning show “Subah Bakhair Pakistan” hosted by Saima Amjad and shared his views on Biden's speech on Russia-Ukraine crisis on March 02, 2022.

For complete details, please visit the link-
<https://ciiss.org.pk/ed-ciiss-gave-comments-on-bidens-speech-on-russia-ukraine-crisis-on-roze-news/>

ED CISS Commented on Russia-Ukraine Crisis on Good Morning with Public News

(March 2, 2022)



Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in Public News' morning show “Good Morning with Public” and shared his views on Russia-Ukraine crisis on March 02, 2022.

Complete program can be watched at <https://ciiss.org.pk/ed-ciiss-commented-on-russia-ukraine-crisis-on-good-morning-with-public-news/>

PUBLICATIONS AND ANALYSIS

The winter 2021 issue of CISS insight discusses a wide range of contemporary regional and global strategic issues. It has an account of various emerging strategic and security challenges pertinent to the strategic stability of the South Asian region and beyond. The first article draws attention to the recurring India-Pakistan crises and discusses the danger of an inadvertent escalation in south Asia. The second paper highlights Pakistan's geopolitical challenges as well as explores opportunities in its neighborhood. The third article is a detailed study of Sino-Indian conflict and analyses its diverse interpretations. The fourth research paper deals with the factors that played an imperative role in derailment of Iran's nuclear deal and discusses the relative efficacy of diplomacy—a liberal institutional approach as opposed to strategic coercion. The last article is a critical analysis of the claimed objectives of AUKUS deal in Asia-Pacific.

In addition, this issue of CISS Insight includes two book reviews; first is 'Identity: The Demand for Dignity and The Politics of Resentment' and the second is 'The Power of Geography: Ten Maps That Reveal the Future of Our World'.

Complete PDF document of CISS Insight winter 2021 edition can be accessed at

<https://journal.ciss.org.pk/index.php/ciss-insight/issue/view/26>



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Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid examines the bio-diplomatic approach to safe research in the life sciences. The article was published in the Chemical Biological Nuclear Warfare (CBNW), London, UK.

Biological research is essential for understanding life processes and developing products that benefit health. However, this branch of research also has the potential to lead to spread of dual-use technologies, research, and materials.

For complete article, please visit the link, <https://ciss.org.pk/biodiplomacy-biosecurity-disease-knows-no-borders/>

Dr. Naeem Salik, Senior Research Fellow at CISS authored a chapter “Pakistan's Attitudes towards China's Involvement in Regional Conflicts Resolution.” In the book “Preventive Diplomacy, Peacebuilding and Security in the Asia-Pacific.” The article was published in World Scientific on February 11, 2022.

China's growing role as a global power has led Beijing to be more proactive in managing regional crises and resolving conflicts. This has been evident during various formats of talks for resolving the Afghan conflict, and also in managing India–Pakistan crises. It is an unusual role for Beijing, as earlier it focused on being low-key diplomatically and steadfastly refused to adopt American style of leadership in crisis management/conflict resolution.

Complete article can be accessed at <https://ciss.org.pk/chapter-8-pakistans-attitudes-toward-chinas-involvement-in-regional-conflicts-resolution/>

Relentless Indian Campaign against Pakistan

Tooba Ghaffar

(February 2, 2022)

India is leveraging defense procurement deals to influence French opinion on Pakistan. French Defence Minister, Gerard Longuet, while talking to newsmen, said that France was not selling sophisticated military equipment to Pakistan. Pakistan has only bought equipment that is used for intercepting terrorist communications, implying that Indian insinuations were baseless.

To read the complete article, please visit this link <https://ciss.org.pk/relentless-indian-campaign-against-pakistan/>

PUBLICATIONS AND ANALYSIS

The direction of China-Pakistan Cooperation to come

Amna Saqib

(February 18, 2022)

Pakistan and China have had a splendid journey so far. For decades, their bilateral relationship has been based on the principles of mutual respect, win-win cooperation, and understanding of each other's concerns and interests. Today, their relations have extended to diplomacy, defense, economy and close cooperation in the international forums.

Complete article can be read here <https://ciss.org.pk/the-direction-of-china-pakistan-cooperation-to-come/>

India's War Crimes in Kashmir

Tooba Ghafar

(March 4, 2022)

Khalil Dewan, the Head of Investigations at Stoke White, London, an international law firm, recently published a report titled 'India's War Crimes in Kashmir: Violence, Dissent and the War on Terror. SWI documented over 2000 testimonies of violence and war crimes committed by India, which exposed a systematic Indian campaign of human rights abuses and torture in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). The report shows that Indian authorities use 'domestic legislation ostensibly meant to maintain public order and a so-called 'international counter-terrorism campaign' as instruments of suppression and torture of Kashmiris.

Complete article can be read at <https://cscr.pk/explore/themes/social-issues/indias-war-crimes-in-kashmir/>

What is Driving Pakistan's Outreach to Russia?

Riaz Khokhar

(March 11, 2022)

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to Moscow to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin amid the Ukraine crisis came under great scrutiny. Many political analysts questioned the timing of the visit, as it presumably gave the wrong signals about where Pakistan stood diplomatically in the Russia-versus-West confrontation.

The article can be read at <https://ciss.org.pk/what-is-driving-pakistans-outreach-to-russia/>

PUBLICATIONS AND ANALYSIS

The World Needs to Wake up for Kashmir

Maryyum Masood

(March 14, 2022)

On January 19, 2022, a UK based law firm, Stoke White Investigations (SWI) released a report on the Indian war crimes and human rights violations in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). The document contains 2000 testimonies of abuse of human rights, and extrajudicial killings by Indian security forces. Analysts and observers all around the world including UK, Pakistan, India and US started discussing the report after it was released as it contains some shocking revelations.

Complete article can be accessed at <https://ciss.org.pk/the-world-needs-to-wake-up-for-kashmir/>