



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 CISS 2nd Outreach workshop, organizing webinars, writing research publications, and participation in outside webinars as well as discussions in other fora.

CISS undertook the following activities during this quarter:

1. The Center held its second Outreach Workshop on **“Introduction to Nuclear Policy of Pakistan: Training of the Trainers”** in Nathiagali from August 30 to September 3, 2021. The scope of the workshop was to cover the whole range of nuclear and strategic issues that teachers of international relations should be aware of. Scholars and senior research experts from CISS and other institutions delivered lectures on important topics like nuclear deterrence, strategic export controls, peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and nuclear technology. The five-day workshop was well attended by academics from various universities of Pakistan.
2. During the quarter, CISS also held a webinar on **“Fifty Years of Nuclear Power in Pakistan”** on August 13, 2021. The webinar aimed to highlight the substantial role of nuclear technology in socio-economic development, pursuing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and addressing energy needs of Pakistan.
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 relations, Pakistan's sustainable development goals, India's military modernization and nuclear deterrence & stability in South Asia.
4. CISS researchers also actively participated during this quarter in various discussions and events organized by other think tanks within Pakistan, 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.

CISS Webinars

CISS Webinar on “Fifty Years of Nuclear Power in Pakistan”

(August 13, 2021)

On August 13, 2021, Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) held a Webinar on “**Fifty Years of Nuclear Power in Pakistan.**” It highlighted the significant role of peaceful uses of nuclear technology in socio-economic development, pursuing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and addressing energy needs of Pakistan. Pakistan has decades long record of operating nuclear power plants. This webinar is conducted in connection with decommissioning of Pakistan's first nuclear power plant, KANUPP.

For further details please visit <https://ciiss.org.pk/ciss-webinar-on-fifty-years-of-nuclear-power-in-pakistan/>



2nd CISS Outreach Workshop

“Introduction to Nuclear Policy of Pakistan: Training of the Trainers”

(August 30 to September 3, 2021)

The Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) organized the 2nd CISS Outreach Workshop on “Introduction to Nuclear Policy of Pakistan: Training of the Trainers,” held from August 30 to September 3, 2021, at Summer Retreat Hotel, Nathiagali.

The report of the outreach can be accessed here <https://ciss.org.pk/PDFs/2nd-CISSOW-Report.pdf>



CISS Visits

Visit of Ambassador of Argentina, HE Mr. Leopoldo Francisco to CISS

(July 27, 2021)

Ambassador of Argentina, His Excellency Mr. Leopoldo Francisco, visited CISS on July 27, 2021, and was given a presentation on the Center and its activities. Later, an informal session with Executive Director CISS and Senior Research Fellows was held. The Executive Director gave an account of Pakistan's relations with Argentina, and the Senior Research Fellows gave a briefing on our nuclear program and strategic stability in the region.

The Ambassador expressed his desire to develop cooperation of Argentine Think Tanks with CISS. He said he will initiate action in this regard.

Follow the link for complete details <https://ciss.org.pk/visit-of-ambassador-of-argentine-he-mr-leopoldo-francisco-to-ciss/>



PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS

ED CISS GAVE COMMENTS ON PAKISTAN-US RELATIONS ON INDUS NEWS

(August 4, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, gave comments on Indus News on Pakistan-US Relations in the context of Mr. Moeed Yusuf's meeting with the US National Security Adviser.

The program can be watched here <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-comments-on-pakistan-us-relations-on-indus-news/>



ED CISS GAVE COMMENTS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN ON CHANNEL FIVE

(August 10, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in a discussion on Afghanistan's situation on Channel Five program '4th Pillar' hosted by Malik Manzoor Ahmed.

The program can be watched here <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-comments-on-the-current-situation-in-afghanistan-on-channel-five/>



ED CISS GAVE COMMENTS ON BOL NEWS PROGRAM “TALIBAN VS AFGHANISTAN”

(August 13, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in a discussion on Afghanistan's current situation on BOL News 'Zindabad Pakistan Special Transmission' on August 13, 2021.

For complete details, please visit the link <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-comments-on-bol-news-program-taliban-vs-afghanistan/>



ED CISS GAVE INTERVIEW ON THE EVOLVING SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN ON ROZE TV

(August 16, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, was interviewed by anchor Babar Ghorsi from Roze TV in the program News Night on the evolving situation in Afghanistan on August 16, 2021.

For more details please visit <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-interview-on-the-evolving-situation-in-afghanistan-on-roze-tv/>

ED CISS GAVE INTERVIEW ON AFGHANISTAN CRISIS ON INDUS NEWS PROGRAM NEWSWIRE

(August 17, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, was interviewed by anchor Jawad

Tehami from Indus News in the program Newswire on Afghanistan Crisis on August 17, 2021.

Complete program can be watched at <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-interview-on-afghanistan-crisis-on-indus-news-program-newswire/>

DR. SYED JAVAID KHURSHID SPOKE ON SVI WEBINAR ON “DEVELOPMENT & PROSPECTS OF AGRI-BIOTECH IN PAKISTAN”

(August 24, 2021)

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid, Senior Research Fellow CISS, gave a presentation on “Efficient Use of Agri-Biotechnology for Mitigating Impact of Climate Change,” at the Webinar on “Development & Prospects of Agri-Biotech in Pakistan,” organized by Strategic Vision Institute (SVI) on August 24, 2021.

For further details please visit the link <https://ciss.org.pk/dr-syed-javaid-khurshid-spoke-on-svi-webinar-on-development-prospects-of-agri-biotech-in-pakistan/>

ED CISS GAVE COMMENTS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN ON CHANNEL FIVE

(September 8, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in a discussion on Afghanistan's situation on Channel Five program '4th Pillar' hosted by Malik Manzoor Ahmed on September 8, 2021.

The program can be watched here <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-comments-on-the-current-situation-in-afghanistan-on-channel-five-2/>

ED CISS INTERVIEWED ON CURRENT AFGHANISTAN'S SITUATION ON GLOBAL TIMES PAKISTAN

(September 11, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, gave an exclusive interview on the current situation of Afghanistan on Global Times Pakistan on September 11, 2021.

For complete details please visit <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-interviewed-on-current-afghanistans-situation-on-global-times-pakistan/>

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ED CISS GAVE COMMENTS ON US POLICY TOWARDS PAKISTAN AFTER AFGHANISTAN PULLOUT AND SECRETARY ANTHONY BLINKEN'S STATEMENT ON PTV WORLD

(September 14, 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 "US policy towards Pakistan after Afghanistan pullout and Secretary Anthony Blinken's statement" on September 14, 2021.

The program can be watched at <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-gave-comments-on-us-policy-towards-pakistan-after-afghanistan-pullout-and-secretary-anthony-blinkens-statement-on-ptv-world/>

ED CISS COMMENTED ON "HINDUTVA" IN THE PTV NEWS PROGRAM "SOCHNA HOGA"

(September 27, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi participated in a program "Sochna Hoga" which was aired on PTV News. Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi was of the view that the Indian diaspora is (was) working for their country and Pakistan's diaspora should also work hard for Pakistan. He commented that we have not accepted Indian hegemony in the last 73 years. We always stood and contested the writ of India over the region. Pakistan played well and did not allow India to become a member of the UNSC and now we should concentrate on Kashmir and raise brutalities against Kashmiris.

Amb. Naqvi also said that the world will not accept handling of Afghanistan's withdrawal by the United States but Pakistan played very well and gained global respect.

Complete details can be accessed at <https://ciss.org.pk/ed-ciss-commented-on-hindutva-in-the-ptv-news-program-sochna-hoga/>



PUBLICATIONS & ANALYSIS

PAK-CHINA FRIENDSHIP: COULD IT GET ANY BETTER?

Amna Saqib (July 12, 2021)

Seventy years of 'all-weather' and 'deeper than oceans' time-tested friendship of Pakistan and China, has gone beyond the traditional diplomatic and political comfortability transcending to a broad-based framework integrating economics, trade, and defense dimensions.

For complete article, please visit the link

<https://ciss.org.pk/pak-china-friendship-could-it-get-any-better/>

NEW EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND BIOTERRORISM, PUBLISHED IN THE NCT MAGAZINE, LEIDEN, NETHERLANDS

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid (July 29, 2021)

Bioterrorism is defined as the intentional release or threat of release of biological agents, viruses' bacteria, fungi, or toxins in order to cause harm to humans, livestock, and agriculture. Nowadays, it is often very difficult to differentiate between intentional and unintentional release of biological agents, therefore, it is instrumental that we prepare the world against both scenarios.

Complete article can be accessed at <https://nct-magazine.com/nct-magazine-july/new-emerging-infectious-diseases-and-bioterrorism/>

CONTROLLING BIOTHRREATS IN PAKISTAN, CBNW, LONDON, UK, P34-35, 2, 2021

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid (August 15, 2021)

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid describes Pakistan's Journey to Biosecurity. Pakistan has maintained a positive and constructive approach towards the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) since 1974 and is fully committed to its objectives.

Follow the link for complete article <https://cbnw.co.uk/magazine/2021-2/>

COMMENTS BY DR. NAEEM SALIK – IISS STUDY ON NUCLEAR DETERRENCE & STABILITY IN SOUTH ASIA

(August 23, 2021)

General Comments:

- The study shows an ethno-centric bias and repeats many well worn out cliches and

stereotypes about South Asia in general and Pakistan in particular.

- Most Indian actions that have triggered arms race, crisis and deterrence instabilities seem to have been viewed as justified in the context of India's perceived efforts to checkmate China while most Pakistani actions initiated as a reaction to India's provocative actions are seen as destabilising.
- It appears that the decade old IISS-CISS joint workshops process has not succeeded in alleviating most misperceptions and misunderstandings and there appears to be a need for revisiting some of the fundamental issues in the coming iterations of the meetings maybe with a modified format that allows greater scope for dialogue and discussion.
- Pakistan's longstanding proposal for a Strategic Restraint Regime aimed at institutionalising and formalising an overarching strategic restraint and risk reduction architecture has only been mentioned as a passing reference and has not been given any significance.

Click here to download PDF <https://ciss.org.pk/PDFs/Comments-by-Dr.Salik.pdf>

INDIAN MILITARY MODERNIZATION AND THREAT TO SOUTH ASIA STRATEGIC STABILITY

Muhammad Usama Ali (September 10, 2021)

The Indian military modernization has posed threats on South Asia strategic stability and the fragile balance of power in the region. Also, India's national interests of becoming a regional hegemon and fighting the China-Pakistan nexus militarily underscores its aims to bolster its military power.

Complete article can be read here <https://ciss.org.pk/indian-military-modernization-and-threat-to-south-asia-strategic-stability/>