



CISS NEWSLETTER

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Summary

Present 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 the holding of a major International Conference, arranging lectures for Foreign Service probationary officers, research publications, and participation in outside webinars as well as discussions in various fora.

CISS undertook the following activities during this quarter:

1. On December 8, 2021, CISS held an international conference on **“Strategic Stability and Nuclear Security: Global and Regional Perspectives”** at the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST). Scholars from the US, UK, Russia and China participated in the conference virtually, and Pakistani experts and scholars spoke in-person. The scope of the conference was to highlight Pakistan's efforts for the safety and security of its nuclear arsenal, as well as India's consistent efforts to destabilize the region. The conference was well attended by diplomats stationed in Islamabad, including the Russian Ambassador to Pakistan and senior Pakistani security and Foreign Service officers.
2. During this quarter, the Center also held a one-day event of lectures for a team of twenty-one Foreign Services Academy (FSA) probationers on October 13, 2021. The purpose of the lectures was to enlighten the young diplomats about nuclear technology and its applications, the evolution of Pakistan's nuclear program, and nuclear doctrines as well as deterrence strategies.
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 India's nuclear theft, biological weapons convention, JCPOA etc.
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 International Conference

'Strategic Stability and Nuclear Security: Global and Regional Perspectives'

(December 8, 2021)

On 8 Dec 2021, Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) organized a conference on, 'Strategic Stability and Nuclear Security: Global and Regional Perspectives' at the NUST Auditorium. The conference featured discussions between various national and international experts on issues of contemporary significance. The event was also open for virtual participation.

The press release of the conference can be accessed here <https://ciiss.org.pk/ciiss-conference-on-strategic-stability-and-nuclear-security-global-and-regional-perspectives-2/>



CISS Lectures for Foreign Service Academy Probationers (October 13, 2021)

Center for International Studies (CISS) hosted a team of twenty-one Foreign Services Academy (FSA) probationers, accompanied by their Director, Dr. Asma Rabbani for a one-day event of lectures, on October 13, 2021. The objective of the lectures was to familiarize the young diplomats with the subject of nuclear technology and its applications, the evolution of Pakistan's nuclear program, and nuclear doctrines and deterrence strategies. ED CISS Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi greeted them with welcome remarks and CISS Senior Research Fellows Dr. Naeem Salik, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, and Dr. Javaid Khurshid delivered lectures on the subject. They were hosted at lunch by CISS team.

Follow the link for complete details <https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-lectures-for-foreign-service-academy-probationers/>



PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS

DR. SYED JAVAID KHURSHID DELIVERED AN INVITED LECTURE AT AIOU ISLAMABAD

(December 16, 2021)

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid, Senior Research Fellow CISS, delivered an Invited Lecture on Emerging Technologies-Nanotechnological Developments Safety and Security, at 6th International Conference on



Nanomaterials and Simulations on 15-16, Dec 2021 at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) Islamabad.

For complete details, please visit <https://ciiss.org.pk/dr-syed-javaid-khurshid-delivered-an-invited-lecture-at-aiou-islamabad/>

ED CISS COMMENTED ON THE OIC MEETING ON GTV NEWS

(December 15, 2021)



Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, gave comments on the “OIC Meeting in Islamabad to be held on December 19, 2021” on GTV News program 'News Night with Aniq Nisar' on December 15, 2021. Other participants were Tehmina Jenjua and Jalil Abbas Jilani.

The program can be watched here

<https://ciiss.org.pk/ed-ciiss-commented-on-the-oic-meeting-on-gtv-news/>

ED CISS COMMENTED ON THE OIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE ON CHANNEL FIVE

(December 13, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, gave comments on the “OIC

Foreign Ministers' Conference in Islamabad to be held on December 19, 2021” on Channel Five program '4th Pillar' hosted by Malik Manzoor Ahmed on December 13, 2021.

Other participants were Ms. Gharida Farooqi and Mr. Tahir Khan.

For complete details, please visit the link <https://ciiss.org.pk/ed-ciiss-commented-on-the-oic-foreign-ministers-conference-on-channel-five/>



ED CISS gave comments on “Can Pakistan Balance Its Ties with China & USA?” on Dawn News TV

(December 10, 2021)



Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in the Dawn News program “NewsEye” hosted by Mr. Iftikhar Sherazi and shared his views on “Can Pakistan Balance Its Ties with China & USA?” on December 10, 2021.

For more details please visit <https://ciiss.org.pk/ed-ciiss-gave-comments-on-can-pakistan-balance-its-ties-with-china-usa-on-dawn-news-tv/>

ED CISS commented on PM Imran Khan's visit to Saudi Arabia on PNN News

(October 23, 2021)

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, participated in the PNN News program “Hal Kiya Hai” hosted by Umar Daraz Gondal and shared his views on “Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to Saudi Arabia” on October 23, 2021.

Complete program can be watched <https://ciiss.org.pk/ed-ciiss-commented-on-pm-imran-khans-visit-to-saudi-arabia-on-pnn-news/>



PUBLICATIONS & ANALYSIS

The Myth of Bengali Genocide: Debunked

Hasan Ehtisham and Usman Ali Khan

(December 14, 2021)

As a result of the partition of British India in 1947, Pakistan and India became two sovereign countries. The newly emerged nation states, India and Pakistan, served as a refuge for their respective religious majority, the Hindus and Muslims. The Muslim majority state of nascent Pakistan was detached geographically – East and West Pakistan – by more than 2,204 km of Indian hostile territory.

For complete article, please visit the link

<https://ciss.org.pk/the-myth-of-bengali-genocide-debunked/>

9th Review Conference: Strengthening of Biological Weapons Convention

Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid and Amna. Saqib

(November 24, 2021)

Pandemics have always appeared in numerous manifestations throughout the history. The devastating COVID-19 outbreak in early 2020 but, the world is still in its clutches. Above two and half million lives have already been lost worldwide. The magnitude of Coronavirus has already produced the effects that fundamentally change the actions of the states on infectious diseases globally.

Complete article can be accessed at <https://ciss.org.pk/9th-review-conference-strengthening-of-biological-weapons-convention/>

REVIVING JCPOA: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES

ZEESHAN NAVEED

(November 9, 2021)

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) accord signed on July 14, 2015, resolved a diplomatic standoff between Iran and the US, thus ruling out the chances of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons for at least a decade. Despite the IAEA certifying Iran's compliance, the agreement was short-lived, as the US President, Donald J. Trump, withdrew from it on 8 May, 2018 and reimposed unilateral sanctions on Iran.

Follow the link for complete article <https://ciss.org.pk/reviving-jcpoa-prospects-and-challenges/>

INDIA'S NUCLEAR THEFT: ANALYZING THE POTENTIAL SECURITY HAZARDS

Shamil Abdullah

(October 12, 2021)

The recent incident of India's nuclear theft of natural uranium has again highlighted the poor security arrangement of the Indian nuclear program. Several nuclear thefts cases have come to light within the span of a month when 7 Kg and 6.4 Kg of Uranium were captured from unauthorized persons in Maharashtra and Jharkhand respectively.

Complete article can be read here <https://ciss.org.pk/indias-nuclear-theft-analyzing-the-potential-security-hazards/>