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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



During 2016, CISS held a wide range of activities; conferences, workshops, round-table discussions, research and publications. During the year we continued our partnership and foreign outreach with the International Institute of Strategic Studies, London, and made new contacts with other established international think tanks such as United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and the Atlantic Council both based in Washington DC USA, the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in the UK and the Institute of Politics and International Studies (IPIS) Tehran.

During 2016 CISS also signed MoU's with the Institute of Politics and International Studies (IPIS) Tehran and Atlantic Council Washington DC regarding collaboration in research and fellowship programs. As before, we also organized events with our local affiliate organizations. Besides, our researchers participated in and contributed to a number of forums abroad and the Executive Director attended a number of international events.

In the month of January CISS launched its book titled Pakistan's Security Problems and Challenges in the Next Decade. The book covers emerging trends and potential challenges to Pakistan's security for the next decade. Many prominent policy-makers, academicians and representatives of the think-tank community in Islamabad participated in the event.

During the months of February-April, CISS staff was involved in the moving of the Center to its new premises. As a result it focused mainly on its research activities.

CISS organized a round-table with local Pakistani experts on Growing Challenges to Strategic Stability in South Asia in May 2016. The objective was to hold a discussion on important developments in South Asia from a security perspective. The discussion also focused on escalation dynamics, role of external powers, nuclear and conventional balance and ballistic missile developments in the Pakistan – India context as well as the regional security environment.

In May 2016 CISS also held a round-table discussion with Kathryn Schultz and Matt Brechwald of the International Security Advisory Board of the US Department of State. The discussion focused on the security, strategic stability and non-proliferation issues of South Asia. This well attended event featured participation of Pakistani nuclear experts, academics, and government officials as well.

CISS held an In-House Round-table with Dr Christine Leah of University of Yale in June 2016. The objective was to hold a discussion on important developments regarding South Asia. The discussion topics included regional postures and the role of external powers, nuclear and conventional balance and ballistic missile developments in the Pakistan – India context and regional security environment.

Dr. Moeed Yusuf, Associate Vice President of Asia Center at United States Institute of Peace, Washington, was the guest speaker at a round-table organized by CISS titled **Nuclear Environment in South Asia: Outlook from Washington** in July 2016. The objective of the event was to analyze recent developments in Pakistan-U.S. nuclear relations and strategic stability in South Asia.

In pursuit of CISS objective of forging academic ties with foreign think tanks, CISS signed a memorandum of understanding with the Tehran based Institute of Politics and International Studies (IPIS) in August 2016. A delegation from IPIS led by its President Dr Seyed Kazem Sajjad pour visited CISS new office and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Executive Director of CISS. Later Dr Sajjad pour also delivered a talk on **Regional Security and Perspectives on Major Issues between Iran and Pakistan**.

In the same month a high profile senior level delegation from Australia, led by Mr. Richard Sadlier, First Assistant Secretary, International Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, visited CISS. Members of the delegation from Australia and Pakistani experts shared their perspectives and analyses during the interactive session on issues pertaining to **Nuclear Safety & Security, Regional Security and Strategic Stability**.

A conference was organized by CISS in collaboration with the Atlantic Council of the United States titled **Assessing South Asia's Nuclear Futures** in September. The conference aimed at analyzing the existing trends in nuclear developments in South Asia and projecting future nuclear force postures and doctrines and their implications for strategic stability in South Asia.

CISS held the fifth 'track 1.5' IISS nuclear workshop in December. It was a joint venture with The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) London on the topic **'Defence, Deterrence and Stability in South Asia**. The keynote address was delivered by Additional Secretary UN and Economics, Ms Tasnim Aslam, from Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Discussion sessions covered topics including ongoing Pakistan–India Tensions, Deterrence, Doctrines, and Politics of Nuclear Supplier Cartels.



In the year 2016 CISS also addressed the issue of developments regarding membership of outlier state in the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) through multiple round-tables and newspaper articles. In these round-tables officials from Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other strategic organizations were the key speakers. They interacted with experts on the NSG membership and presented Pakistan's perspective on the issue.

The research activities of CISS are getting better day by day. Our Publication "CISS Insight" continues to provide in-depth analyses of strategic issues confronting Pakistan and the region. Moreover, it also brings out an online **Articles Brief**. During 2016, CISS also undertook working on a book project which will be published in 2017. Six years in a row, CISS has made well researched contributions to national and international discourse on security, strategy and regional issues.

Finally, during the year, the executive director and other members of CISS research team participated in international conferences and fellowship programs abroad. Notably the CISS Executive Director attended the nuclear security summit events in Washington D.C. in March, the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore in June and the EU conference on Non-proliferation and Disarmament in November in Brussels.

I am proud to share the achievements of the year 2016, which is the result of the team work here at CISS. Our dedicated team of researchers continued to work hard-ably supported by the administrative staff, to achieve higher standards. The results of our efforts at CISS are the result of motivation to produce purposeful and meaningful research output. We hope to set a trend of research based analysis helpful for both academia and policy-making. CISS looks forward to 2017 with continued focus on strategic issues within Pakistan and abroad with foreign partners as well as local think tanks and academia.

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi
Executive Director, CISS



CISS Book Launch 20 January, 2016



CISS Book Launch
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ROUND-TABLES



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Round-Table on Growing Challenges to Strategic Stability in South Asia May 12, 2016



A round-table discussion was organized by CISS with a team of Pakistani experts on May 12, 2016 titled **“Growing Challenges to Strategic Stability in South Asia”** in Islamabad. The objective was to hold a discussion on important developments regarding South Asia. The discussion also focused on escalation dynamics, role of external powers, nuclear and conventional balance and ballistic missile developments in the Pakistan – India context and regional security environment.

Round-Table on Conventional and Nuclear Force Modernization and its Regional Implications June 2, 2016



A round-table discussion was organized by the Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) Islamabad titled” **Conventional and Nuclear force Modernization and its Regional Implications**” on June 06, 2016 at the Centers' conference room in Islamabad. The objective of the event was to engender a discussion on the curve of nuclear discourse in South Asia, its dynamics and its influence on the discourse of nuclear deterrence in future South Asia.

Dr Christine Leah, a strategic military affairs and a postdoctoral fellow at Yale University's Grand Strategy Programme was the speaker at the event.

Round-Table with Experts on Pakistan and the Nuclear Suppliers Group June 22, 2016



A round-table discussion was organized by the Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) Islamabad titled "Pakistan and the Nuclear Suppliers group" on June 22, 2016 at the Centers' conference room in Islamabad. The objective of the event was to analyze recent developments regarding the ongoing Nuclear Suppliers Group plenary meeting, its political and legal dynamics, inclusion of India in NSG and implications for Pakistan and the global nuclear non proliferation regime.

Round-Table on Nuclear Environment in South Asia: Outlook From Washington July 26, 2016

A round-table discussion was organized by the Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) Islamabad titled “**Nuclear Environment in South Asia: Outlook From Washington**” on July 26, 2016 at the Hotel Margala, in Islamabad. The objective of the event was to analyze recent developments in Pakistan-U.S. nuclear relations and strategic stability in South Asia.



Dr. Moeed Yusuf, Associate Vice President of Asia Center at United States Institute of Peace, Washington, was the guest speaker at the round-table. Round-table was well attended by researchers, former and current Pakistani policy-makers, and members of the academia.

Round-Table with the Official Delegation from Australia's Foreign Affairs and Trade Office on Regional Security and Nuclear Issues August 30, 2016

Center for International Strategic Studies hosted a round-table discussion with a senior delegation from Australia, led by Mr. Richard Sadlier, First Assistant Secretary, International Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, on August 30, in CISS conference room. Australian delegation was visiting Islamabad for the inaugural Pakistan-Australia Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Dialogue with Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Members of the delegation from Australia and Pakistani experts shared their perspectives and analyses during the interactive session on issues pertaining to nuclear safety and security, regional security and strategic stability.

Round-Table on Maritime Doctrine of Pakistan August 31, 2016

A round-table discussion was organized by the Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) Islamabad titled “**Maritime Doctrine of Pakistan**” on August 31, 2016 at the CISS premises in Islamabad. The objective of the event was to discuss the suggested contours of Pakistan Maritime Strategy and the prevalent security environment in Indian Ocean Region by Commander (rtd) Mohammad Azam.



Commander (rtd) Mohammad Azam, senior research fellow from Pakistan Navy War College was the guest speaker at the round-table. The round-table was well attended by researchers, senior retired officers from Pakistan Navy, and members of the academia based in Islamabad.

Round-Table on Forthcoming Special Plenary Session of the Nuclear Suppliers Group October 6, 2016

A round-table discussion was organized by the Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) on the **Forthcoming Special Plenary Session of the Nuclear Suppliers Group** on October 06, 2016 at the CISS office Islamabad. The discussion aimed at analyzing the existing politics surrounding the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) in light of the upcoming special plenary meeting of the group.



Mr Kamran Akhtar, Director General Disarmament from Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) was the guest speaker at the occasion. Other discussants included Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi executive director CISS, Dr Naeem Salik Senior Research Fellow CISS and Brig Zahir Kazmi from the Strategic Plans Division. The event was also attended by members of Islamabad based academia, think tanks and university students.

Round-Table with Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) Delegation November 8, 2016

A Delegation from Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), UK visited CISS on November 08, 2016 and discussed the prospects of joint collaboration in research regarding the issue of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, executive director CISS, welcomed the delegation from RUSI and apprised them of the CISS activities.



The delegation also included members from Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation which is the think tank of Ministry of Commerce in People's Republic of China.



CONFERENCES



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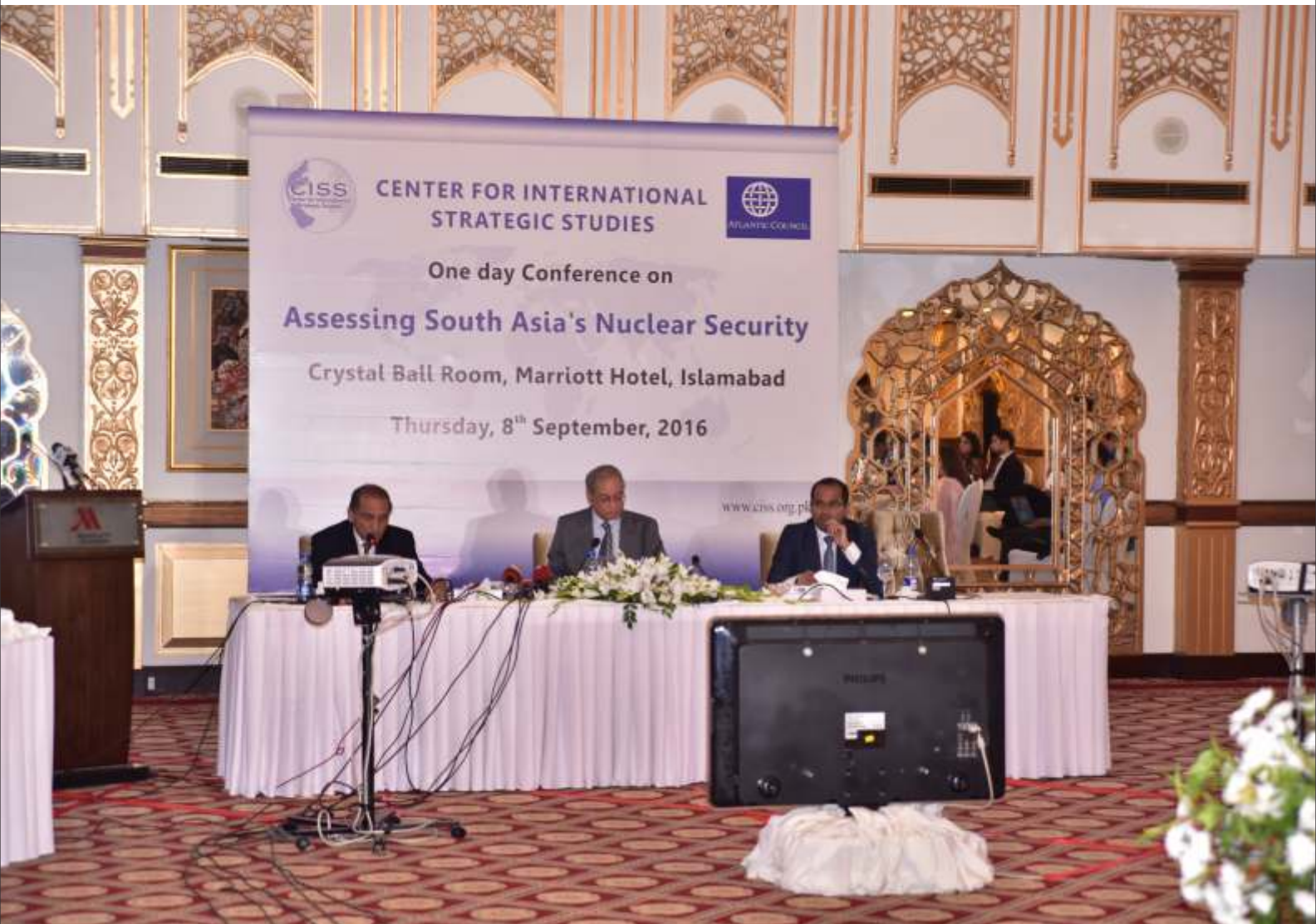
One day Conference on

Assessing South Asia's Nuclear Security

Crystal Ballroom, Marriott Hotel, Islamabad



International Conference on Assessing South Asia's Nuclear Security September 8, 2016



An international conference was jointly organized by CISS and Atlantic Council Washington on September 8, 2016 titled **Assessing South Asia's Nuclear Security**, in Islamabad. The conference was aimed at addressing some of the most pressing issues impinging upon strategic stability in South Asia and to share some ideas to alleviate the problem with a view to arriving at some useful recommendations for the policy makers.



WORKSHOPS

CISS
Center for International Strategic Studies &
International Institute for Strategic Studies London
Workshop



CISS-IISS WORKSHOP ON DEFENSE, DETERRENCE AND STABILITY IN SOUTH ASIA December 13, 2016

Center for International Strategic Studies and International Institute of Strategic Studies organized a joint workshop on 'Defense, Deterrence and Stability in South Asia' on DEC 13, 2016 in Islamabad. Experts as well as representatives of policy making institutions and academia specializing in geopolitical and strategic issues participated in the event.



It was the fifth CISS-IISS workshop held for the fourth consecutive year. IISS delegation was led by Mr. Mr. Rahul Roy Chaudry, in charge of South Asian Program at IISS. Ms. Tasnim Aslam Pakistan's Additional Secretary for UN & EC at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) delivered the key note address.



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Defence, Deterrence & Stability in South Asia
Kishor Chander, Maheshwar Prasad, Lakshminandan
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS IN THE YEAR 2016

Executive Director CISS Attends EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Conference Brussels, Belgium November 3-4, 2016

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi attended the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Conference. The EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Conference, which is Europe's largest gathering of non-proliferation, disarmament and deterrence specialists, was organized in Brussels on 3–4 November.

CISS Executive Director Participates in Shangri-la Dialogue Summit June 8, 2016

Executive Director CISS, Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, participated in the Shangri-la Dialogue Summit meeting which took place from June 3 to 5 in Singapore. He was invited by the International Institute of International Affairs (IISS) of London, and had also attended the event last year at their invitation. This year was the 15th Shangri-la Dialogue

CISS Executive Director Delivers talk at IISS, London May 4, 2016

Speaking at Arundel House of International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) on 'Pakistan's Nuclear Diplomacy, Ambassador Naqvi from CISS delivered a talk understanding of Pakistan's positions on key international nuclear policy issues. The talk was followed by a discussion which provided a comprehensive understanding of the issues.

CISS Executive Director Attends Nuclear Security Summit in Washington DC USA, March 27, 2016

Ambassador Naqvi attended the experts panel session on the side lines of the Nuclear Security Summit 2016.



CISS RESEARCHERS ACTIVITIES ABROAD 2016

Dr. Naeem Salik, Senior Research Fellow, CISS

- Dr. Naeem Salik participated in Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) Global Dialogue, San Francisco, USA in January 2016.
- Dr. Salik attended a meeting of non-governmental experts on the sidelines of NSS-2016, Washington, DC. in March 2016.
- Dr. Naeem Salik participated in Ottawa Dialogue, Nuclear Working Group, in Bangkok in April 2016.
- Dr. Naeem Salik attended Stanford, Nuclear Working Group Meeting, in Bangkok in November 2016.
- Dr. Naeem Salik participated in Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) Global Dialogue, San Francisco, USA in November 2016.

Ms. Huma Rehman, Research Officer, CISS

- Ms. Huma Rehman presented a paper at IAEA International Conference on Nuclear Security, held on 5-9 December 2016 in Vienna, Austria.
- Ms. Huma Rehman attended the Symposium “Science and Diplomacy for Peace and Security” from January 25 to February 4, 2016 in Vienna, Austria.

Ms. Saima Aman Sial, Senior Research Fellow, CISS

- Ms. Saima Aman participated in NEREC Summer Fellows Program at Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Seoul during July-August, 2016

Mr. Majid Mahmood, Associate Research Fellow, CISS

- Mr. Majid Mahmood participated in a war gaming exercise titled Conflict Management and War Termination in South Asia: A Tabletop Exercise organized by Center on Contemporary Conflict (CCC), Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School, the Center for Global Security Research (CGSR) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and sponsored by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in Bangkok, from May 3 to 5, 2016.



PUBLICATIONS

- CISS Book titled “Pakistan's Security Problems and Challenges in the Next Decade”
- CISS Quarterly Journal “CISS Insight” four publications containing research articles and book reviews written by CISS researchers.
- Two CISS Article Brief volumes containing articles, analysis and op-eds by CISS team published in various newspapers throughout 2016.
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posted on CISS website on September 20, 2016

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published in The Nation on November 1, 2016

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