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Experts warn future South Asian conflicts could be more dangerous

By our correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Leading strategic affairs experts on Monday warned that future conflicts in South Asia could become far more complex and dangerous due to rapid technological advances, hybrid warfare and shrinking decision-making timelines, stressing the need for Pakistan to maintain a credible and adaptive deterrence posture.

The remarks were made during the launch of the book 'Marka-e-Haq: Deterrence, Provocation, and Strategic Maturity in South Asia', hosted by the Centre for International Strategic Studies (CISS) as part of the first anniversary commemorations of Marka-e-Haq.

The publication features contributions from scholars, diplomats and retired military officials on deterrence stability, crisis management, strategic doctrines and evolving regional security dynamics. Organisers described it as an academic effort examining the pressures created by Indian military posturing, disinformation campaigns and changing geopolitical realities.

Former Chairman Joint

Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJSC) Zubair Mahmood Hayat said future conflicts would increasingly involve cyber capabilities, hybrid tactics and narrative warfare alongside conventional military operations, adding that strategic maturity and institutional preparedness were essential for maintaining regional stability.

Senator Mushahid Hussain stressed the importance of intellectual discourse and regional engagement in tackling emerging security challenges.

Lt Gen (retd) Khalid Ahmed Kidwai said recent developments had exposed both strengths and vulnerabilities in deterrence stability and underscored the importance of responsible nuclear stewardship and strategic restraint.

Lt Gen (retd) Mazhar Jamil and Lt Gen (retd) Sarfraz Sattar, both advisers to the National Command Authority, highlighted the need for calibrated deterrence, coordinated political and military signalling, and a deeper understanding of adversarial behaviour to avoid escalation during crises.

Ambassador (retd) Zamir Akram said India's evolving strategic posture and growing

militarisation were increasing regional insecurity and deepening mistrust between the two nuclear-armed neighbours.

Brigadier (retd) Dr Zahir Kazmi said modern deterrence depended not only on military capability but also on strategic communication, political resolve and cognitive resilience.

CISS Executive Director Ambassador (retd) Ali Sarwar Naqvi warned that South Asia's strategic environment was becoming increasingly volatile, stressing the need for responsible statecraft, credible deterrence and sustained dialogue to preserve peace.

The book's editor, Dr Zafar Khan, said the publication aimed to document changing patterns of coercion, deterrence and crisis behaviour in South Asia while highlighting the risks posed by unilateral actions and disinformation warfare. Other speakers, including Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, Dr Rizwana Abbasi and Brigadier (retd) Dr Naeem Salik, also warned of rising risks stemming from covert operations, unresolved disputes, water insecurity and accelerated crisis escalation due to technological advancements.

Adaptive deterrence urged to counter India's hostile posture

- Experts say New Delhi aims to normalise limited warfare under nuclear risks
- Predict future conflicts will focus on cyber, hybrid and narrative strategies

ISLAMABAD: Leading strategic affairs experts cautioned Monday that while the deterrence equation with India may have held during last year's conflict, the region's strategic environment is becoming increasingly fragile. Therefore, they emphasised the need to keep deterrence credible and effective.

That message came through at a book launch hosted by the Centre for International Strategic Studies in Islamabad.

Experts highlighted that regional stability is strained by tech shifts, disinformation, unresolved disputes, and India's push to normalise limited warfare under nuclear conditions.

Within that broader framing, advisers to the National Command Authority and Strategic Plans Division echoed a clear post-May 2025 conflict lesson, noting that Pakistan must keep deterrence credible and adaptive.

The strongest note of caution came from retired Lt Gen. Khalid Ahmed Kidwai, an adviser to the National Command Authority and a key figure in Pakistan's nuclear establishment.

He said recent developments had exposed "both the strengths and vulnerabilities of deterrence stability," stressing the importance of "responsible nuclear stewardship and strategic restraint".

Remarks by other experts suggested that nuclear strategists see deterrence less as a static equilibrium and more as a system requiring constant management.

Retired Gen Zubair Hayat, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, warned that future conflicts would increasingly involve "hybrid warfare, cyber capabilities and narrative warfare" alongside conventional military means.

Lt Gen Mazhar Jamil highlighted "India's evolving offensive thinking" as key to the shifting strategic context, urging Pakistan to keep a cohesive deterrence posture and avoid unnecessary escalation.

His remarks suggested that Pakistani strategic planners expect future crises to test thresholds, apply pressure through limited military means and exploit compressed decision-making timelines.

Retired Lt Gen Sarfraz Sattar, also an NCA adviser, echoed those

concerns, saying future crises would require a precise understanding of adversary behaviour alongside "credible deterrence backed by coordinated political and military signalling".

Former ambassador Zamir Akram, currently an SPD adviser, warned that India's posture was "deepening insecurity" across the region. He argued that mistrust would continue to grow in the absence of "meaningful dialogue" between the two sides.

Retired Brig Dr Zahir Kazmi, an SPD arms control adviser, said deterrence depends equally on "strategic communication, political resolve and cognitive resilience".

CISS Executive Director Ali Sarwar Naqvi highlighted the region's volatility due to India's aggressive stance, emphasising the need for responsible statecraft, ongoing dialogue, and credible deterrence to maintain peace.

Mushahid Hussain Sayed, an ex-chair of the Senate's foreign affairs panel, stressed the importance of intellectual debate in addressing these emerging security challenges.—Baqir Sajjad Syed

Experts urge strong deterrence as warfare evolves

Book on Marka-e-Haq launched

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Top strategic affairs experts on Monday said Pakistan must keep its deterrence credible and adaptive, warning that future conflicts in South Asia are likely to be more complex and dangerous than past crises due to rapid technological change and evolving modes of warfare.

The speakers were addressing a book launch hosted by the Centre for International Strategic Studies (CISS), Islamabad, held as part of the first anniversary commemorations of Operation Bunyan-um-Marsoos under Marka-e-Haq.

The book, 'Marka-e-Haq: Deterrence, Provocation, and Strategic Maturity in South Asia', brings together writings by scholars, diplomats and retired military officers on deterrence stability, crisis management, shifting strategic doc-

trines and broader regional security challenges.

Organizers described the book as an academic contribution focused on the pressures created by Indian military posturing, disinformation campaigns and changing regional dynamics.

Former Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Gen. (ret'd) Zubair Mahmood Hayat said strategic maturity and institutional readiness were essential to maintaining stability, adding that future conflicts would increasingly involve hybrid tactics, cyber capabilities and narrative warfare alongside conventional operations.

Sen. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, who has in the past headed Senate foreign affairs and defense committees, stressed the importance of intellectual debate and regional engagement in addressing emerging security challenges.

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wai, adviser to National Command Authority (NCA) said recent developments had highlighted both strengths and vulnerabilities in deterrence stability and called for responsible nuclear stewardship and strategic restraint. Lt. Gen. (ret'd) Mazhar Jamil, Advisor Development to NCA, said India's evolving offensive doctrines required Pakistan to maintain a calibrated and cohesive deterrence approach while avoiding escalation.

Lt. Gen. (ret'd) Sarfraz Sattar, Advisor Development to NCA, said regional crises had shown the importance of understanding adversarial behavior and sustaining credible deterrence through coordinated political and military signaling.

Amb. (ret'd) Zamir Akram, Advisor at the Strategic Plans Division, said India's shifting strategic posture had increased insecurity in the region and that growing mil-

itarisation and lack of meaningful dialogue continued to deepen mistrust between the two nuclear-armed neighbors.

Brig. (ret'd) Dr. Zahir Kazmi, Advisor Arms Control at SPD, said deterrence in modern times went beyond military capability and also depended on strategic communication, political resolve and cognitive resilience.

CISS Executive Director Amb. (ret'd) Ali Sarwar Naqvi said South Asia's strategic environment was becoming increasingly volatile due to India's posture and aggressive signaling, emphasizing the need for responsible statecraft, sustained dialogue and credible deterrence to preserve peace.

The book's editor, Dr. Zafar Khan, said the publication aimed to document evolving patterns of coercion, deterrence and crisis behavior in South Asia, while highlighting Pakistan's restraint and

the risks posed by unilateral actions and disinformation warfare.

Other speakers also addressed emerging risks. Quaid-i-Azam University Vice Chancellor Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal warned that covert operations and state-backed destabilization posed serious threats to regional peace, while Dr. Rizwana Abbasi of the National University of Modern Languages said unresolved disputes and resource insecurity, including water related tensions and Kashmir, could raise nuclear risks.

Brigadier Dr. (ret'd) Naeem Salik, Executive Director of the Strategic Vision Institute, warned that future crises in South Asia could escalate rapidly because of compressed decision-making timelines and technological advancements.

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In his opening remarks, Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director of CISS, said South Asia's strategic environment had become increasingly volatile due to India's belligerent posture and aggressive strategic signaling. He



emphasized the importance of responsible statecraft, sustained dialogue and credible deterrence for preserving regional peace.

Introducing the book, editor Dr Zafar Khan, Executive Director of the Balochistan Think Tank Network, said the publication sought to document evolving patterns of coercion, deterrence and crisis behavior in South Asia. He noted that the book highlighted Pakistan's strategic restraint while examining risks stemming from India's unilateral actions and disinformation warfare.

Delivering the keynote address, General Zubair Mahmood Hayat (Retd.), former Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, underscored the

importance of strategic maturity and institutional preparedness in maintaining deterrence stability. He observed that future conflicts would increasingly involve hybrid warfare, cyber capabilities and narrative manipulation alongside conventional military means.

Other contributors to the book also shared their perspectives on emerging regional security challenges.

Ambassador Zamir Akram (Retd.), Advisor to the Strategic Plans Division (SPD), argued that India's evolving strategic posture had intensified regional insecurity and undermined long-term stability. He said growing militarization and the absence of meaningful dialogue continued to deepen mistrust between the two nuclear-armed neighbors.

Dr Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, Vice Chancellor of Quaid-i-Azam University, warned that state-sponsored destabilisation and covert operations posed serious threats to regional peace and called for stronger cross-border mechanisms to counter cross-border terrorism and hybrid warfare.

Dr Rizwana Abbasi, Professor at National University of Modern Languages, highlighted the connection between unresolved political disputes and emerging resource insecurities. She cautioned that the weaponization of water and continued tensions over Kashmir could heighten nuclear risks in the region.

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National Command Authority (NCA), said India's evolving offensive doctrines required Pakistan to maintain a calibrated and cohesive deterrence posture while avoiding escalation.

Brigadier Dr Zahir Kazmi (Retd.), Arms Control Advisor at SPD, observed that modern deterrence extended beyond conventional military capabilities, encompassing strategic communication, political resolve and cognitive resilience.

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Lieutenant General Sarfraz Sattar (Retd.), Advisor Development to the NCA, said regional crises underscored the importance of understanding adversarial strategic behavior and maintaining credible deterrence through coordinated political and military signaling.

In his concluding keynote address, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Pakistan-China Institute, emphasized the importance of intellectual discourse, regional engagement and strategic prudence in addressing emerging security challenges. He noted that think tanks and academic institutions had a critical role in fostering informed debate and policy-oriented research on South Asian stability.

The event was attended by diplomats, academics, researchers, students, senior civil and military officials and foreign diplomats who engaged in discussions on the evolving regional security environment and the future of deterrence stability in South Asia.

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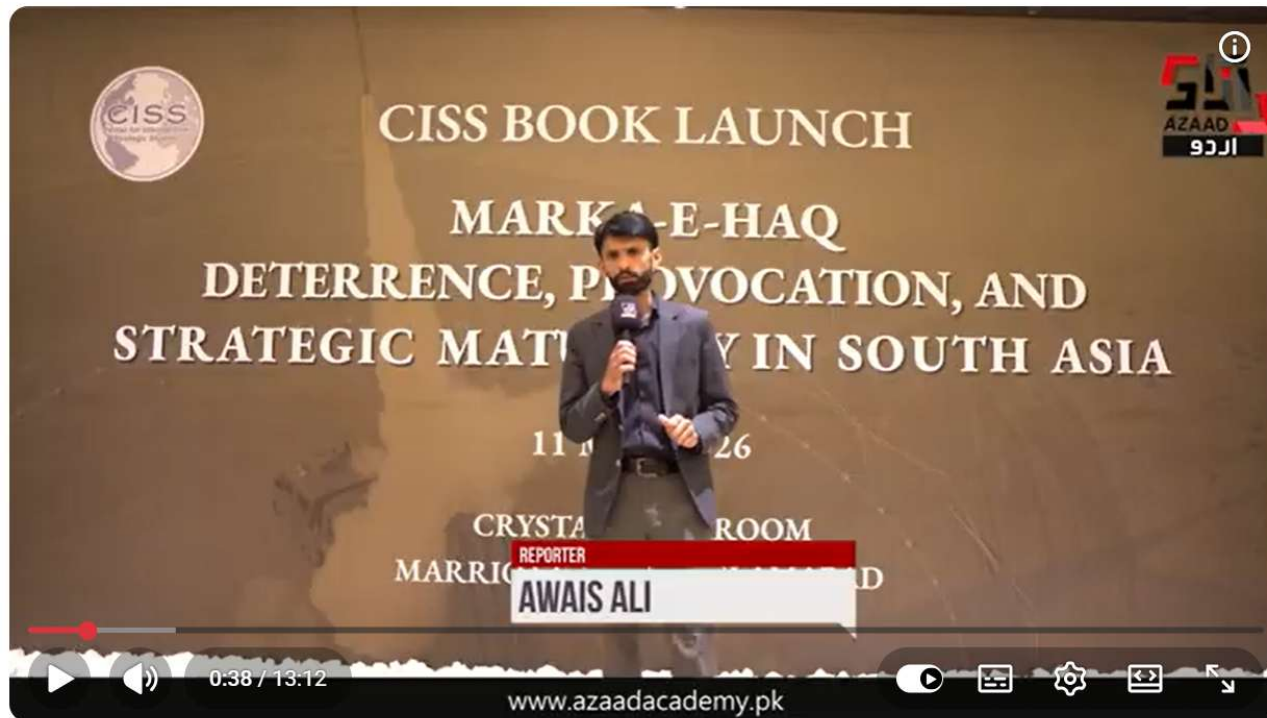
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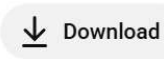


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ISLAMABAD, May 11 (APP):Speakers at a book launch ceremony held here on Monday warned that strategic stability in South Asia was becoming increasingly fragile amid rapid technological changes, disinformation campaigns, unresolved disputes and India's attempts to normalize limited warfare under a nuclear overhang. The ceremony, organized by the Centre for International Strategic Studies (CISS), marked the first anniversary of Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos and featured the launch of the book Marka-e-Haq: Deterrence, ...





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South Asia's strategic stability under strain amid rising regional tensions

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