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## UN PEACEKEEPING MINISTERIAL PREPARATORY MEET

on

"Safety & Security of Peacekeepers"

Islamabad Pakistan

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**About the**

# CIPS Magazine

CIPS Magazine features the ongoing activities, updates and advancements taking place at the Centre. The content of the Magazine primarily focuses on the diverse initiatives and development[s] within the realm of Peacekeeping Training and Peace and Conflict Studies. While highlighting the Peace Operations Training Courses at CIPS, the Magazine documents the role, commitment and contribution of the Pakistan Army in maintaining peace and security in conflict-ridden areas, as per the UN Charter.

This remarkable contribution is evident in both the training and deployment aspects of peacekeeping missions. Additionally, it showcases the varied academic and scholarly endeavors undertaken by the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies.

The Magazine also includes various articles on the experiences, lessons learned and insights of the Pakistani Peacekeepers from the mission areas. In addition, the Magazine proudly presents a collection of the milestones achieved by the faculty and students of CIPS, each one of whom is an intellectual asset of the Centre.

## Editorial Team

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# Note from the Principal



At the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS), our overarching vision is to establish a distinguished academic and training institution that embodies a dynamic teaching approach integrating the best aspects of both theoretical and experiential learning. This critical teaching paradigm fosters an environment of continuous progress and growth.

Since its inception, CIPS Magazine has served as our trusted medium for acknowledging and celebrating the dedicated efforts of Pakistani UN peacekeepers. It also highlights the collaborative endeavors of our departments of Peacekeeping Training (PKT) and Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS), along with the Research and Analysis (R&A) Cell, in the pursuit of sustainable peace. At CIPS, we recognize that peace is not a static concept but a dynamic process requiring continuous learning and adaptation. Our magazine encapsulates this spirit of reflection and growth, recounting and celebrating the milestones marking our commitment to peace.

With immense pride, we had the honor of hosting the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Preparatory Meeting. This important event brought together key stakeholders, including the UN Under-Secretary-General, the Chief of Pakistan Army Staff, dignitaries from different ministries of Pakistan, and experts from around the world to deliberate on the paramount theme of ensuring the safety and security of peacekeepers. I am confident that the outcomes of this meeting will significantly contribute to enhancing the effectiveness and well-being of peacekeepers worldwide, marking a crucial step forward in the pursuit of global peace and security.

Our institution thrives as a united and driven community of professionals who uphold steadfast principles of character and excellence, vividly demonstrated within the pages of this publication. The purpose of the magazine is to reflect the essence of community and collaborative excellence that we aim to cultivate within our institute, especially as we contend with the intricate dynamics of conflict and peacekeeping. Of particular significance, the CIPS embodies a hybrid model wherein the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies offers comprehensive Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in Peace and Conflict Studies, along with Strategic Studies. Our scholarly contributions are well-established within the field, reflecting our commitment to advancing knowledge and understanding in these critical areas of study.

I trust that the latest issue of CIPS Magazine 2023 conveys the distinct yet interconnected contributions made by our institution's esteemed faculty and fine researchers to further our mission. Our commitment extends beyond regional boundaries as we aspire to cultivate a profound global perspective and outreach in our relentless pursuit of sustainable peace. This involves sustaining our current achievements and actively seeking opportunities to expand our influence, engage with diverse stakeholders, and contribute to the broader discourse on peace and stability across the globe.

**Maj Gen Raja Aftab Khan, HI (M), (Retired)**



# Note from the Chief Editor

I am honoured to welcome you to the latest edition of CIPS Magazine 2023. This particular issue holds special significance as it illuminates recent developments at the CIPS (NUST). CIPS is an exemplary institution that provides comprehensive education encompassing theoretical and practical facets of Peacekeeping and Peace & Conflict Studies.

At CIPS, we ardently believe in the transformative power of education and training to contribute to sustainable peace. CIPS Magazine 2023 reflects our unwavering commitment, spotlighting the commendable contributions of Pakistani UN peacekeepers in various missions. These courageous individuals epitomize the essence of peacekeeping, often operating in challenging and volatile environments to uphold the principles of peace and stability.

In 2023, CIPS hosted numerous national and international delegations, earning commendation from the United Nations Secretary-General. We underscore the increasing sacrifices made by Pakistani Peacekeepers, specifically dedicating a special tribute to 171 of our bravest peacekeepers. This exemplifies the unwavering commitment and ultimate sacrifices made by these individuals in the line of duty for the cause of international peace and security.


Furthermore, the magazine showcases the recent achievements and activities of the Centre. Ranging from conferences and lectures to expert-based discussions, colloquiums, seminars, and research collaborations, we actively contribute to the discourse surrounding peace and stability. These endeavors serve as a testament to our unwavering dedication to shaping a more peaceful world for future generations. Additionally, the magazine takes pride in highlighting the milestones attained by its faculty and students, notably the successful execution of the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Preparatory Meet on the Safety and Security of Peacekeepers.

I sincerely thank our esteemed readers, contributors, and the dedicated CIPS team for their unwavering support and commitment to our mission. Together, we strive to make a meaningful impact on the global stage, one step at a time. Thank you for joining us in celebrating the efforts of those working towards bringing peace to our world. We trust that you will find this issue both inspiring and informative.



**Brig Imran Rashid (Retired)**  
**Senior Research Fellow, R&A Cell**





“By bringing peacekeepers together from around the world, peacekeeping has also become an inspiring symbol of multilateralism in action.”

UN Secretary General

**H.E. António Guterres**

Secretary-General's remarks at the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal Ceremony and the Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award - 25 May 2023



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# CIPS at a Glance



## Department of Peacekeeping Training

**189**

Total Courses Conducted

**3512**

Total Students Graduated

**798**

Allied Participants

**23**

Total Instructors Exchanged

### UN Certified Courses

UNSOC: United Nations Staff Officers Course

UNMOC: United Nations Military Observers Course

UNPDTC: United Nations Pre-Deployment Training Course

UNPOCC: United Nations Protection of Civilians Course

- Provides pre-deployment training for UN peacekeeping missions in line with ITS policy and UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/37/49.
- Imparts theoretical and practical knowledge on conflict resolution to military, police, and civilians from Pakistan and abroad.
- Conducts 23 courses, including UN-certified MILOB, MSO, PoC, and pre-deployment training, per year.
- Attracts foreign participants to undergo training aligned with UNITS modules.



## Department of Peace and Conflict Studies

**82**

MS Graduates

**15**

PhD Graduates

**127**

Current Students

**08**

PhD Faculty

### Degree Programs

MS in Peace & Conflict Studies

MS in Strategic Studies

PhD in Peace & Conflict Studies

- Offers post-graduate and doctoral programs in Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) and Strategic Studies (SS).
- Secures funds and grants to conduct academic research addressing pressing issues in PCS and SS.
- Organizes lectures, seminars, and conferences focused on PCS and SS topics.
- Establishes academic linkages with PCS departments and think tanks across Pakistan, functioning as a think tank and collaborating with other research organizations to address critical national and global challenges.



## Research and Analysis Cell

### NJUST Journal of International Peace and Stability (NJIPS)

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### CIPS Magazine

Publishes experiential based articles from UN Peacekeeping Mission Areas and highlights the Pakistani contributions to global peace and stability.

- Engages with leading think tanks and UN-relevant organizations in the peacekeeping sphere.
- Coordinates with the Military Operations (MO) Directorate and peacekeeping missions abroad.
- Facilitates communication with stakeholders in peacekeeping and promotes research in peacekeeping, conflict resolution and peacebuilding.
- Analyzes and compiles best practices and lessons learned from Pakistani Peacekeepers, promotes research, and publishes the CIPS journal and magazine.



## UN PEACEKEEPING MINISTERIAL PREPARATORY MEET ON

# SAFETY & SECURITY OF PEACEKEEPERS

30-31 AUG 2023 | ISLAMABAD - PAKISTAN



The UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Preparatory Meet, a precursor to the UN peacekeeping ministerial meeting held in Ghana in December 2023, was hosted by the Government of Pakistan in collaboration with the Government of Japan as co-host at the CIPS-NUST.

The noble event featured sessions comprising panel discussions emphasizing different themes related to the Safety and Security of Peacekeepers. The sessions witnessed active participation from various national and international stakeholders, including high-ranking United Nations officials, subject matter experts, civil-military officials, diplomats, and esteemed guests. This gathering underscored the global commitment to advancing peacekeeping initiatives and fostering meaningful collaboration.


The inaugural day of the event commenced with a series of opening remarks delivered by distinguished speakers, including Mr. Anwar Ali Haider (the Defence Minister of Pakistan), Ms. Kimi Onada, (Parliamentary Vice Minister of Defense Japan), Mr. Atul Khare (Under-Secretary-General, Department of Operational Support), Mr. Faisal Shahkar (UN Police Advisor), and Director General Military Operation (Pakistan Army). These esteemed speakers conveyed their sincere appreciation for convening discussions on UN Peacekeeping and underscored the significance of the event in addressing the challenges faced by peacekeepers, particularly in the context of contemporary peacekeeping dynamics.



*I convey my profound appreciation for hosting these elaborate discussion sessions on UN Peacekeeping. This event underscores the paramount importance in addressing the myriad challenges confronted by peacekeepers, including the ever-evolving mechanism and functionality of peacekeeping missions*

**Jean Pierre Lacroix**

*Under-Secretary-General  
Department of Peace Operations*



“ This preparatory meeting marked a significant step forward in addressing the safety threats faced by UN Peacekeepers. To enhance the safety and security of peacekeepers worldwide, it is essential to address workplace safety within mission areas by bolstering the availability of qualified experts, reducing avoidable fatalities, and enhancing the training of peacekeepers. ”

Permanent Representative of Pakistan  
Mission to the United Nations

**Ambassador Munir Akram**

UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Preparatory Meet,  
Islamabad Pakistan, 30-31 August 2023





Mr. Anwar Ali Haider elaborated on Pakistan's journey in the realm of peacekeeping, highlighting its contributions and experiences. Meanwhile, the Director General of Military Operations stressed the imperative need for dynamic partnerships between member states, the United Nations, and

regional organizations. The speakers underscored the importance of fostering collective responsibility and upholding multilateralism as critical pillars for advancing global peacekeeping efforts.

The second day commenced with opening remarks from distinguished speakers, including Jalil Abbas Jillani (Foreign Minister of Pakistan) and Mr. Yamada Kenji (the State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan). The distinguished speakers conveyed their profound appreciation for hosting these elaborate discussion sessions on UN Peacekeeping and highlighted the event's paramount importance in addressing the myriad challenges confronted by peacekeepers, including the ever-evolving mechanism and functionality of peacekeeping missions.



*Accountability for crimes against peacekeepers is paramount. Adhering to the A4P commitment and implementing Security Council Resolution 2589 are essential steps in ensuring a safer and more secure environment for those dedicated to peace.*

**Mr. Faisal Shahkar**

PolAd, UN Department of Peace  
Operations Training (UNDPO)

The UN Secretary Preparatory Meet 2023 at CIPS concluded with a focus on enhancing the safety of UN Peacekeepers. Ambassador Munir Akram highlighted key aspects such as workplace safety, expert availability, mental health support, and crime accountability. The Foreign Secretary of Pakistan underscored Pakistan's commitment to peace, recognizing its substantial contributions since 1960 and honoring those who sacrificed their lives. The representative from Ghana previewed the 2023 Ministerial meeting's focus on tangible outcomes, aligning with ongoing reform





initiatives. Japan expressed gratitude, emphasizing the collective efforts needed for global peace and security. The Under-Secretary-General stressed immediate attention to advanced technologies, enhanced training, intelligence, and accountability for crimes against peacekeepers. COAS General Asim Munir outlined a roadmap, including attainable objectives, resource allocation, advanced technologies, accountability, and a call for a peaceful resolution to the Kashmir issue. The closing remarks collectively emphasized international collaboration, technological advancement, and commitment to ensuring the safety and security of UN Peacekeepers in their noble mission for global peace.





## 2023 UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING MINISTERIAL

Accra, Ghana | 5-6 December 2023

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**As contexts evolve,  
peace operations need to  
be effective, efficient &  
responsible.**

From triangular partnerships training to logistics, health support & environmental management, the United Nations Department of Operational Support is committed to working with Member States on the implementation of their pledges #PKMinisterial



**UN Peacekeeping  
Ministerial  
Accra, Ghana**



# Paving the Way: Pakistan’s Key Pledges for Advancing Peacekeeping in UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Accra, Ghana

05 -06 Dec 2023

For United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, assistance and support to victims lie at the core of the organization’s response to sexual exploitation and abuse perpetrated by UN personnel. The vision centers on transforming projects through seed funds for income generation activities, aiming for sustainable economic empowerment. This endeavor is actively pursued with the collaboration of development actors, including United Nations funds and programs, along with other international and local partners. The Trust Fund, bolstered by these partnerships, diligently seeks to amplify the voices of victims by collecting their feedback on participating projects and soliciting insights into future project needs.

As a crucial participant in the global initiative, Pakistan plays a significant role in advancing the Trust Fund’s objectives. The collaboration between Pakistan and the United Nations underscores the importance of international cooperation in addressing the complex and sensitive issue of sexual exploitation and abuse. Pakistan’s active involvement underscores its commitment to fostering a global community united in supporting victims and working towards the eradication of such heinous acts.



The 2023 Ministerial Meeting held in Accra, Ghana, on December 5-6, 2023, focused on achieving concrete outcomes to enhance peacekeeping operations, aligning with ongoing efforts such as Action for Peacekeeping (A4P), A4P+, and the digital transformation strategy. A total of 91 member states, with over 800 delegates, expressed their commitment and political support for UN peacekeeping during the ministerial meeting.

During this significant event, *Pakistan presented 19 concrete pledges, the highest number compared to other Member States*, and these pledges were diverse and unique in nature. Notably, Pakistan stood out as the only country committing to deploy a Strategic Communication Unit to address the challenges of misinformation and disinformation, a commitment that was well received by the United Nations. This exemplifies Pakistan’s proactive approach and dedication to contributing to the improvement of peacekeeping operations on a global scale.



## DELEGATION VISITS

# NDU & Allied Officers of the National Security and War Course (NSWC) Visit to CIPS NUST

03 May 2023



A distinguished delegation comprised of international armed forces personnel and officers from the National Defence University (NDU) and Allied Officers of the National Security and War Course (NSWC) visited CIPS on May 3, 2023. This visit aimed to acquire comprehensive insights into the peacekeeping training, academic, and research programs meticulously conducted by CIPS, concurrently expressing gratitude for Pakistan's noteworthy contributions to international peace and security.

The delegation was thoroughly briefed about CIPS. This briefing session elucidated the peacekeeping training programs, which align with the guidelines stipulated by the United Nations Integrated Training Service (UNITs). The distinguished delegates actively participated in an engaging discussion session, probing deeper into the hybrid model adopted by CIPS (i.e., the Department of Peacekeeping Training and Peace and Conflict Studies). This model serves as a bridge, adeptly connecting academic knowledge with real-world

applications. The interactive dialogue facilitated a nuanced understanding of the pragmatic approaches employed by CIPS in preparing individuals for the challenges inherent in global peace and security.

The visit concluded with Major General Salim Raza (HI)M, Principal NIPCONS, presenting the delegation with an institutional souvenir. This gesture emphasized the enduring partnership and commitment to international peace and security between NDU, NSWC, and CIPS.



PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# UN Staff Officers Course (UNSOC- 38)

09 - 20 January 2023



The United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC-38) took place from 09th to 20th January 2023 to educate and sensitize participants about UN functioning, basic principles, guidelines, and policies. The course aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary for critical tasks in assisting countries during the transition from conflict to peace, emphasizing their roles as Staff Officers (SOs) in Field Headquarters (FHQs) and Sector Headquarters (SHQs).

A total of 24 Pakistan Army Officers participated in the course, including eight lady officers. The training was facilitated by a diverse group of instructors, including peacekeeping training faculty, serving officers from the Pakistan Army, lady instructors from the UN and academia, and SMEs.

Conducted in accordance with UN Integrated Training Service (ITS) developed materials, the course covered DPO/DOS guidance materials, including peacekeeping training policies, standard operating procedures, and guidelines. Additionally, SMEs delivered lectures, and participants benefited from mission-specific online presentations by senior staff officers deployed in various UN



peacekeeping missions. The course concluded with a scenario-based exercise based on a hypothetical place named CARANA.

The closing ceremony on January 20th, 2023, marked the culmination of the course. During this event, the Head of the Department for Peacekeeping Training at CIPS presented certificates to all the successful participants, acknowledging their program completion.



## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

## UN Military Observers Course (UNMOC- 32)

06-17 February 2023



The UN Military Observers Course (UNMOC- 32), organized by the Department of Peacekeeping at CIPS, marked a significant period of training that commenced on February 6th, 2023, and concluded successfully on February 17th, 2023. This intensive course saw the participation of officers from the Pakistan Army alongside fifteen officers from friendly nations, including representatives from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Kazakhstan, Egypt, Jordan, and Sri Lanka. The training program was structured in three tiers: Core Pre-deployment Training Materials (CPTM), Specialized Training Material (STM), and In-Mission Training. Military Observers from crucial missions provided valuable insights, briefing participants on mission environments, mandates, and the specific roles and assignments of Military Observers. This approach aimed to provide a comprehensive and contextualized understanding of the deployment areas for the course attendees.

In addition to the rigorous training, the foreign participants had the opportunity to explore the rich cultural heritage of Pakistan through visits to notable landmarks such as the Pakistan Monument, Lok Virsa, Faisal Mosque, and the Piffer Golf Club, FF Center Abbottabad. The course concluded with a memorable farewell dinner at the Monal Restaurant on the outskirts of Islamabad.

The closing ceremony on February 17th, 2023, was graced by Principal NIPCONS, Maj. Gen.



(R) Muhammad Salim Raza HI(M), along with the Defense Attachés from KSA, Jordan, Egypt, Sri Lanka, and Kazakhstan. Principal NIPCONS acknowledged Pakistan's commendable contributions to peacekeeping efforts, elaborating on the nation's initiatives in various peacekeeping forums. Best wishes were extended to all course participants for their upcoming assignments in different peacekeeping missions. Certificates were awarded to successful participants by the Principal of NIPCONS. The ceremony concluded with the CIPS souvenir presentation to all dignitaries.

PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# UN Female Engagement Team Course (UNFETC- 07)

13-24 March 2023



The Department of Peacekeeping Training (PKT) at the Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS) organized the UN Female Engagement Team Course and UN Gender Advisory Course, which commenced on March 13th, 2023, and successfully concluded on March 24th, 2023.

Ten female officers from the Pakistan Army participated in the UN Female Engagement Team

Course (UNFETC) for peacekeeping assignment preparation, especially for their upcoming deployment in South Sudan. The course focused on building community trust, understanding women’s issues, and providing psychological support for those affected by conflict-related sexual violence, including sessions on health, female empowerment, self-protection, child abuse, and vocational training for communities. Simultaneously, the UN Gender Advisory Course (UNGAC) hosted ten civilian students to equip them as gender advisers or focal points in peace operations, emphasizing the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) and covering various aspects of gender dynamics in conflict scenarios.

The closing ceremony, held on March 24th, 2023, marked the successful completion of both courses, and certificates were awarded to the participants, recognizing their dedication and achievement in these critical training initiatives.





## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

## UN Staff Officers Course (UNSOC- 39)

08 - 19 May 2023



The United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC-39), held from May 8th to May 19th, 2023, was an UN-certified program designed to comprehensively understand the United Nations' functioning, principles, guidelines, and policies. Aimed at preparing Staff Officers (SOs) for roles in Field Headquarters (FHQs) and Sector Headquarters (SHQs), the course attracted 41 participants, including 17 officers from the Pakistan Army, four of whom were female officers, and 24 participants from foreign countries, including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Egypt, Germany, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Russia, and Sri Lanka.

The closing ceremony on May 19th, 2023, featured His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Mr. Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki, as the Chief Guest. Defense Attachés from KSA, Tunisia, Morocco, Sri Lanka, and Russia also attended. Major General Muhammed Salim Raza HI (M), Principal of



NIPCONS, welcomed the dignitaries and, along with the Head of Department PKT, provided insights into CIPS and its peacekeeping training regime.

His Excellency Mr. Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki distributed certificates to successful participants, congratulating them on completing the course. He commended Pakistan's contributions to peacekeeping and praised CIPS as a centre of excellence promoting peace and stability. His Excellency highlighted Pakistan's crucial role in global peace and appreciated CIPS for its significant contributions as the premier training institute for UN Peacekeepers in Pakistan. Defense Attachés presented souvenirs, and Brig Staff Mohammed Abdullah S. Al Zahrani expressed gratitude for CIPS' hospitality. Principal NIPCONS concluded the ceremony by presenting the souvenir to His Excellency.

PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# UN Pre-Deployment Training Course (UNPDTC- 34)

05-16 June 2023



From June 5 to June 16, 2023, the United Nations Pre-Deployment Training Course (UNPDTC-34) took place at CIPS. This course is fundamental for all peacekeeping personnel, equipping them with the necessary knowledge to operate effectively in UN peacekeeping missions. The UNPDTC-34 saw active participation from 49 military personnel, with 32 participants representing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and the remaining 17 being officers from Pakistan.

The course was designed to prepare peacekeeping personnel to assist host countries. It covered core UN functioning and specialised assignments through modules like Core Pre-deployment Training Material (CPTM), which focused on UN systems, legal frameworks, and specific subjects. Additionally, adjunct Faculty presentations provided insights from UN partners, and scenario-based exercises enhanced participants' responses to diverse situations, fostering readiness for UN security and cultural environments.

At the closing ceremony, Maj Gen (Pilot) Awad bin Abdullah Alzahrani, HI (M) Defence Attaché KSA, expressed his satisfaction with the UNPDTC-34. He emphasised the importance of an integrative, diverse environment for global UN missions and congratulated the participants for the successful completion of their course.





## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

## UN Engagement Platoon Course (UNEP- 01)

10 - 21 July 2023



The Department of Peacekeeping Training at CIPS introduced the UN Engagement Platoon (UNEP-1) course, a groundbreaking initiative that marked the first of its kind. This course strongly emphasized safeguarding vulnerable and at-risk populations, recognizing the critical role of UN engagement platoons as central force structures in UN peacekeeping missions. These platoons played a pivotal role in establishing secure and safe environments, with the development of engagement capabilities deemed crucial for effectively achieving mission objectives and commitments.

The primary objective of the UNEP-1 course was to foster meaningful involvement with gender dynamics in conflicted communities and advocate for the integration of individuals at all levels and roles within peacekeeping missions, ultimately aiming to contribute to long-term sustainable peace. A total of seventeen officers from the Pakistan Army participated in the course, with a notable emphasis on gender-inclusive representation, as 13 female officers actively engaged in the training program.

The UNEP-1 course's methodology was designed to equip peacekeepers with essential knowledge for effective task execution in UN missions. Participants

engaged in a comprehensive learning approach, which included the provision of Specialized Training Material (STM) for in-depth study. Additionally, enlightening presentations from the SME provided insights. The course also incorporated hands-on learning through engaging Scenario-Based/ Tabletop Exercises, ensuring a well-rounded and experiential educational environment.

Upon successfully completing the UNEP-1 course, participants were awarded certificates, acknowledging their fulfillment of the course requirements and recognizing their commitment to advancing the capabilities essential for the safety and security of populations in UN peacekeeping missions.



PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# UN Staff Officers Course (UNSOC- 40)

07 - 18 August 2023



The United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC-40) was conducted from August 7th to August 18th, 2023, to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the United Nations' functioning, basic principles, guidelines, and policies. The course aimed to equip attendees serving as Staff Officers (SOs) in Field Headquarters (FHQs) and Sector Headquarters (SHQs) with the requisite knowledge and skills to fulfill their responsibilities effectively. A total of 41 participants took part in the course, including 21 officers from the Pakistan Army. The remaining 20 participants were from various foreign countries, such as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, China, Kazakhstan, and Sri Lanka.

The participants received training from diverse instructors, including the PKT faculty, active-duty officers from the Pakistan Army and Police Department, seasoned experts from the United Nations, and SMEs. Notably, under the instructor exchange program with the Republic of Korea Peacekeeping Operations Center (ROKPKOC), two distinguished Korean Instructors, Col (R) Kwon Gu Il and Dr. Kim Jung Pil, joined the course. Their expertise significantly enhanced the training content and contributed to the participants' knowledge, enriching the training experience.

The closing ceremony, held on August 18th, 2023, was attended by Principal NIPCONCS, Maj Gen (R) Raja Aftab Khan, as the Chief Guest, along with

Defense Attachés from KSA, Egypt, Jordan, and Sri Lanka. The ceremony included a briefing on CIPS and the Peacekeeping Training Department, certificate distribution, and farewell remarks from the visiting Korean instructor, Dr. Kim Jung Pil. He extended best wishes to the participants for their upcoming assignments in different peacekeeping missions, emphasizing Pakistan's vital role in global peace initiatives.





## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# United Nations Military Observers Course (UNMOC- 33)

21 August to 01 September 2023



The United Nations Military Observers Course (UNMOC-33) took place at the CIPS from August 21st to September 1st, 2023. The primary objective of UNMOC-33 was to provide comprehensive training to peacekeeping personnel in their roles and responsibilities as Military Experts on Mission (MEoM) within UN peacekeeping missions. The course aimed to equip participants, consisting of 32 army personnel, with the essential knowledge required for effective operations in mission areas. Among the attendees, 18 were from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), and 14 were from the Pakistan Army.

As part of the course, participants had the opportunity to attend a two-day event, the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Preparatory Meet, held on August 30th-31st, 2023. The event, centered on themes related to the Safety and Security of Peacekeepers, featured sessions delivered by national and international stakeholders, including high-ranking United Nations officials, SMEs, and civil-military officials.

Air Commodore (Staff) Khaled Owyed J Al Anazi, acting DA KSA, distributed certificates to the participants to acknowledge their successful completion of the course. In the closing remarks, Dr. Muhammad Makki, Associate Dean of CIPS, congratulated the participants, recognizing the significant commitment of Pakistani peacekeepers to UN Peacekeeping missions. Dr. Makki highlighted



CIPS's achievements in collaboration with leading regional and international peacekeeping training institutions, organizing 187 courses and training over 3,317 peacekeepers in line with UN policies and guidelines. He expressed best wishes to the participants for their upcoming UN peacekeeping deployments.

PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# UN Comprehensive Protection of Civilian Course (UNCPoC-11)

11 - 22 September 2023



The United Nations Comprehensive Protection of Civilians Course (UNCPoC-11) took place from September 11th-22nd, 2023, intending to educate participants about the functioning of the UN, the roles and responsibilities of Peacekeepers, and the intricacies of working in peacekeeping operations to develop a conceptual framework for Protection of Civilians (PoC). The UN-certified course saw the participation of 23 individuals from various military and institutional backgrounds, including four serving and two retired officers from the Pakistan Army, eight officers from friendly countries, and nine civilians from different universities and educational institutions. Foreign participants included from Jordan, Iran, Nepal, Morocco, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Turkey, and Tunisia.

A live seminar featured guest speakers from the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) and the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), providing valuable insights into historical contexts, mission mandates, and the PoCs. The well-received seminar offered participants a deeper understanding of the ongoing conflicts. Additionally, scenario-based exercises engaged participants in groups (military, civilian, and police officials) assigning specific conflict scenarios.

The closing ceremony, held on September 22nd, 2023, featured Brig (R) Imran Rashid (Senior

Research Fellow and faculty at PKT) as the Chief Guest. Defense Attachés from Iran, Jordan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka graced the occasion. In his farewell remarks, Lt Col Abdullah Al Ajaleen, on behalf of the participants, commended CIPS for organizing such courses and expressed gratitude to the faculty and staff for their hospitality. He congratulated all participants and thanked peacekeepers for their global contributions to peace and stability. Certificates were distributed by each Defense Attaché to the successful participants, marking the conclusion of the UNCPoC- 11.





## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# United Nations Staff Officers Course-41 (UNSOC-41)

2 - 13 October 2023



The United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC-41) transpired from October 2nd to October 13th, 2023, to impart a comprehensive understanding of the United Nations' functioning, basic principles, guidelines, and policies. The course aimed to equip its 49 participants with the requisite knowledge and skills to effectively fulfill their responsibilities as Staff Officers (SOs) in both Field Headquarters (FHQs) and Sector Headquarters (SHQs). Among the participants, 29 were officers from the Pakistan Army, while the remaining 20 represented the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

The diverse group of instructors included the Peacekeeping Training Faculty, active-duty officers from the Pakistan Army and Police Department, as well as seasoned experts from the United Nations. Participants were provided with guidance materials from the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) and Department of Safety and Security (DOS), covering peacekeeping training policies, standard operating procedures, and basic guidelines. SMEs also delivered valuable lectures, ensuring a comprehensive and well-rounded training experience.

The closing ceremony on October 13th, 2023, featured KSA Military Attache Air Commodore

(Staff) Khaled Owyed J Al Anazi as the Chief Guest. Lt. Col. Staff Abdullah Ahmed Alwahibi expressed gratitude on behalf of the participants for the guidance and hospitality they received during their stay. Air Commodore (Staff) Khaled Owyed J Al Anazi presented a prestigious souvenir to Dr. Muhammad Makki (Associate Dean CIPS), concluding the ceremony with best wishes for the participants in their future peacekeeping assignments.



PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# UN Military Observer Course (UNMOC-35)

16 - 27 October 2023



The United Nations Military Observers Course (UNMOC-35) took place at the CIPS from October 16th - 27th 2023. The primary objective of this course was to prepare peacekeepers for their roles as UN Military Observers in both existing and potential UN Peacekeeping Operations. A total of sixteen officers participated in the course, with twelve attendees representing friendly countries such as China, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Nepal, Russia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, and Kazakhstan, along with four officers from Pakistan.

The course employed a thorough tiered training process, incorporating Core Pre-deployment Training Materials (CPTM), Specialized Training Materials (STM), and in-mission training. Military Observers from significant missions provided briefings on mission environments, mandates, and specific roles/assignments of military observers to offer participants a contextualized understanding of their deployment areas. A historic and pivotal field exercise in the semi-mountainous terrain of Pabbi was also conducted as part of UNMOC-35.

At the closing ceremony, certificates were presented to participants who completed the UNMOC-35 course by His Excellency Mohamed Karmoune of Morocco. Esteemed representatives from Tunisia and Russia were also in attendance. In his closing statements, Maj General (R) Raja Aftab Khan (Principal of NIPCONS) commended the participants, stressing

the importance of peacekeeping amid evolving conflicts. He underscored how training programs like UNMOC-35 are instrumental in comprehending and effectively addressing dynamic challenges. Essential characteristics such as impartiality, neutrality, and professionalism were highlighted. CIPS was praised for delivering a comprehensive course that ensures participants acquire indispensable knowledge and skills for successful engagement in peacekeeping missions.







“ Pakistan will never be found lacking in extending its material and moral support to the oppressed and suppressed peoples of the world, and in upholding the principles of the United Nations Charter. ”

Founder of Pakistan

**Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah**

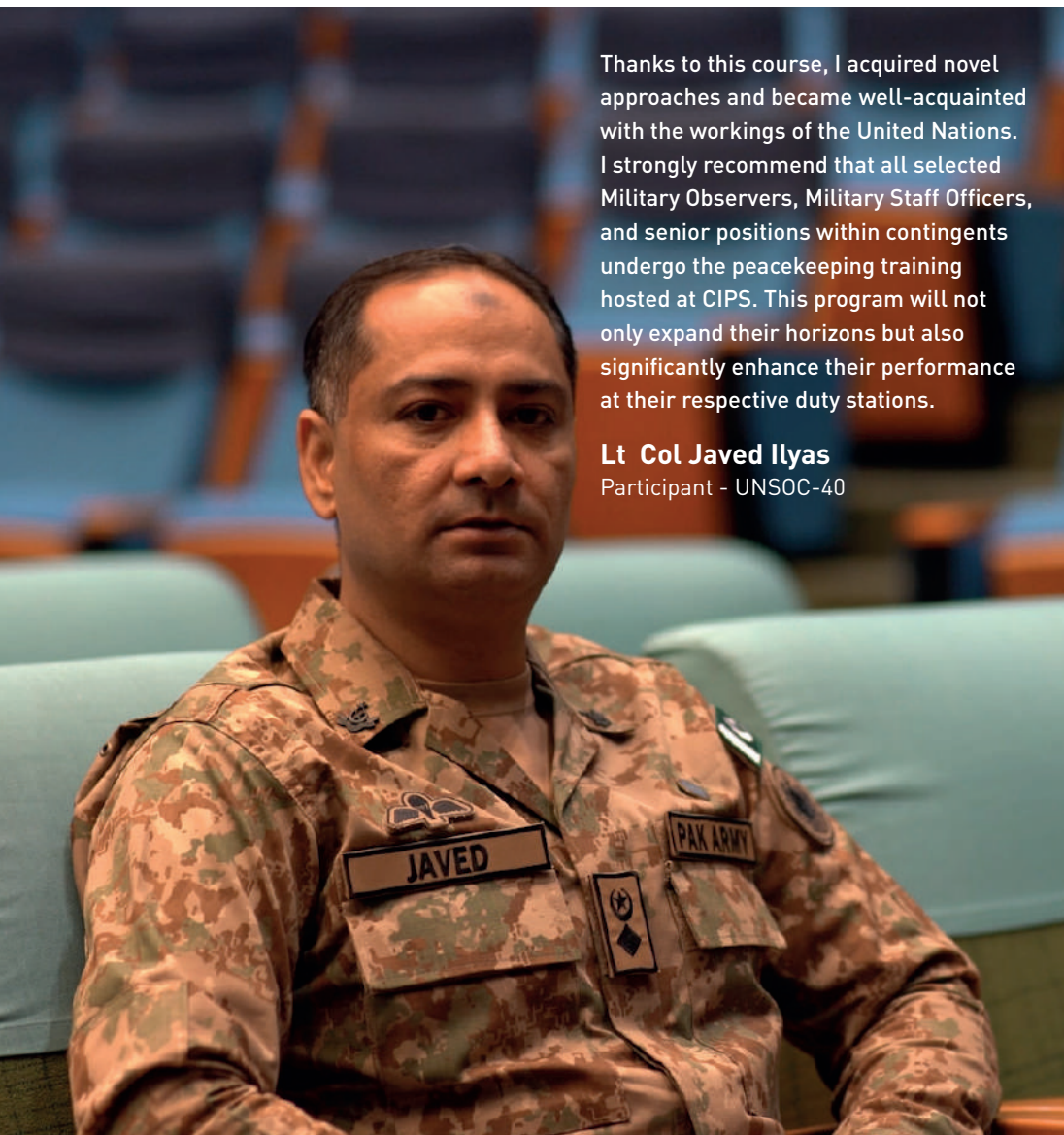
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I am participating in the UN Staff Officer Course alongside 46 officers from eight countries. Interacting with such a diverse group has provided a rich and varied experience that I believe will be invaluable in readapting to my future mission deployment. The overall learning experience in this course has incredibly benefited my preparation for the upcoming mission.

**Maj Fatima Zohra**  
Participant - UNSOC - 40



Thanks to this course, I acquired novel approaches and became well-acquainted with the workings of the United Nations. I strongly recommend that all selected Military Observers, Military Staff Officers, and senior positions within contingents undergo the peacekeeping training hosted at CIPS. This program will not only expand their horizons but also significantly enhance their performance at their respective duty stations.

**Lt Col Javed Ilyas**  
Participant - UNSOC-40

Since my arrival, I have experienced a warm and welcoming atmosphere, making my stay here truly enjoyable. The accommodation and facilities provided have been exceptional from the start, allowing us the freedom to focus on our learning. The training on UN staff duties has been enlightening, going beyond what I have previously learned in my home country. This experience has significantly broadened my horizons and deepened my understanding of the field. I must express that this training institute ranks among the best I have visited worldwide, and I am grateful for the enriching experience it has provided.

**Major PMLN Wimalasinghe**  
Participant - UNSOC-40  
Sri Lanka





Throughout this course, we have gained extensive knowledge about UN procedures, individual contributions to the peacekeeping spectrum, principles of peacekeeping in the UN, and the legal framework governing peace and security activities. Our discussions have covered the Security Council mandate, an overview of mandated tasks, and the operational intricacies of peacekeeping missions. We've also delved into the basics of security awareness, human rights, and the protection of civilians.

Given the comprehensive nature of this program, I wholeheartedly recommend it not only for my fellow countrymen but also for individuals worldwide. The insights gained here are invaluable and contribute significantly to a broader understanding of peacekeeping operations, making it a highly beneficial course for anyone involved in such endeavors.

**Lt Col Majed Mueedh Al-Qhatani**

Participant - UNSOC-40  
(Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)



Our time at CIPS was filled with engaging discussions and collaborative learning activities. The interactions with fellow participants were particularly significant as they enhanced our collective preparedness for UN mission areas. These experiences are invaluable in equipping peacekeepers with the necessary skills and insights to accomplish missions effectively.

**Dr. Jung Pil Kim**

Exchange Instructor at CIPS  
Republic of Korea Peacekeeping  
Operations Center (ROKPKOC)





# Indoor Activities and Interactive Sessions - Classrooms





## Field Exercises



In a groundbreaking endeavor, the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) recently conducted a field exercise as part of the UN Military Observers Course (UNMOC – 35). The exercise was conducted in the semi-mountainous region of Pabbi in coordination with the National Counter Terrorism Cell (NCTC). The field exercise marked a significant leap in preparing Military Observers for their crucial roles in peacekeeping missions. The event unfolded from the 25th to the 26th of October 2023 and garnered enthusiastic participation from 16 officers, including 12 from allied countries and four from Pakistan.

The field exercise aimed to immerse participants in realistic, situation-based scenarios that mirrored the challenges they might encounter in their peacekeeping responsibilities. It featured scenarios ranging from interactions with UN stakeholders and local notables to impromptu situations, such as handling a hostage crisis and coordinating civilian road accident casualty evacuations. This hands-on approach allowed Military Observers to apply their knowledge and skills in real-world contexts, fostering a deeper understanding of their roles.

The positive feedback received from participants demonstrated the exercise's effectiveness, as they expressed heightened enthusiasm and a stronger sense of readiness for their respective mission areas. The cooperation from the Field Formation



and NCTC Pabbi received praise for their invaluable support. As a result, the field exercise was deemed highly successful and recommended to be a permanent feature in all future courses at PKT-CIPS. This pioneering training approach further solidifies CIPS' commitment to equipping Military Observers with the practical experience and skills needed to excel in their peacekeeping missions.



# Recreational Activities for Peacekeepers





# Sacrifices for Global Peace and Stability

Pakistan has a significant and enduring commitment to UN Peacekeeping efforts, demonstrating a strong dedication to promoting global peace and security. Pakistani peacekeepers have consistently upheld the principles of international peacekeeping with their professionalism and unwavering commitment. Over the years, more than 200,000 Pakistani men and women have served in 48 UN Missions across various continents, showcasing their exceptional contributions. Pakistan's commitment to peace is evident as it ranks among the top Troop Contributing Countries in terms of sacrifices for the cause of peace. *To date, 171 brave Pakistani peacekeepers have made the ultimate sacrifice while on duty. Additionally, 102 Pakistani peacekeepers have been honoured with the prestigious Dag Hammarskjöld Medal by UN Secretary Generals, acknowledging their remarkable service.*

During the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Preparatory Meeting hosted at the Centre for International Peace and Stability, Pakistani peacekeepers were honoured for their remarkable efforts and sacrifices, which resonated deeply with the global commitment to peace. Their unwavering dedication and outstanding commitment to the UN's mission in conflict zones were hailed by all



in attendance. Key speakers and experts alike expressed their profound gratitude not only to Pakistani peacekeepers but also to all UN personnel who tirelessly work to uphold the values of peace and security. The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani during his remarks well acknowledged the sacrifices of Pakistani UN peacekeepers wherein he said,

*Pakistan's longstanding commitment to UN peacekeeping, spanning over six decades, stands as a tangible manifestation of its contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security*

In a touching tribute, they honoured the brave individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of the United Nations, acknowledging their selfless contributions and the enduring support provided by their families. These words served as a poignant reminder of the exceptional and often perilous endeavors undertaken by UN personnel to create a safer and more peaceful world.

## UN International Women's Day 2023



On 16th March, 2023, Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) celebrated International Women's Day. During the event there were various activities generated which focused on woman peace and security. The ongoing Female Engagement Team and students of the Gender Advisor Course also joined the International Women's Day celebration. The event was specially graced by the presence of Ms. Iina Pyykkö, Women Peace and Security Specialist, and Ms. Khushbakht Sohail, consultant Woman Peace and Security, UN Woman.

Initially, Ms. Farah Naz, faculty representative from NUST School of Social Sciences and Humanities (S3H), spoke on diversity and the role of women as peacekeepers in various peacekeeping missions. Thereafter, Ms. Iina Pyykkö, a Women, Peace and Security Specialist, interacted with the female Army Personnel and the postgraduate students of Peace And Conflict Studies (MS PCS). Ms. Pyykkö shared her own knowledge and expertise in Women, Peace

and Security, providing insights on how to integrate gender perspectives into peacekeeping operations. She further emphasized on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and how it is a ground-breaking resolution that recognizes women's leadership to achieve international peace and security and their contributions to conflict prevention, peacekeeping, conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

Speaking at the event, Brig. Imran from the Peacekeeping Department expressed his appreciation for the support provided by UN Women, Pakistan, and emphasized the commitment of the department to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in its peacekeeping operations.

At the end of the event, souvenirs of peacekeeping training department along with CIPS magazine were presented to Ms. Iina Pyykkö and Ms. Khushbakht Sohail.



# UN International Peacekeepers Day 2023



*“United Nations peacekeepers are the beating heart of our commitment to a more peaceful world. For 75 years, they have supported people and communities rocked by conflict and upheaval across the globe.”*

UN Secretary-General António Guterres - 29 May 2023

Over the span of 75 years, United Nations peacekeepers have dedicated themselves to making a positive impact on the world’s most delicate and precarious political and security situations. Since 1948, over two million uniformed and civilian personnel have contributed to guiding countries through the transition from conflict to peace.

By collaborating closely with local communities, peacekeepers have played a vital role in promoting political resolutions, preventing conflicts, safeguarding civilians, reinforcing human rights and the rule of law, and constructing sustainable peace.

Today, the challenges faced by peacekeepers are more daunting than ever, with increasing global tensions, intricate conflicts, and the widespread dissemination of misinformation and disinformation, all of which hinder their efforts and jeopardize their

safety. Nevertheless, peacekeepers, in partnership with numerous allies, persist in their collective quest for peace.

The theme for the 75th anniversary, “Peace Begins with Me,” not only acknowledges the dedicated service and sacrifices of both past and present peacekeepers, including more than 42,000 UN Peacekeepers who have given their lives under the UN flag, but also honors the remarkable resilience of the communities they serve. These communities continue to strive for peace despite numerous challenges.

This campaign also calls upon each one of us to participate in the worldwide movement for peace. While individual efforts may fall short but together, we can become a formidable force for positive change.

# Pakistani Peacekeepers in the Forefront in Central African Republic

Acknowledged by MINUSCA

Bangassou, Central African Republic, 07 March 2023



Peacekeepers from the Pakistani engineering contingent organised a medical visit and provided free treatment before distributing food and basic necessities to 350 inhabitants, including 105 women, of the Tokoyo neighbourhood. Another way to help protect civilians, especially in remote areas of the country.

Pakistani peacekeepers have been steadfast champions of the “Peace Begins with Me” campaign, epitomizing the campaign’s core message through their unwavering commitment to upholding peace and security. For over 75 years, these dedicated individuals have served on the frontlines of some of the world’s most challenging conflict zones, embodying the belief that the responsibility for peace starts with each one of us. Pakistani peacekeepers actively engage in a wide range of tasks, from patrolling conflict areas to protecting vulnerable civilians, and they consistently strive to prevent the outbreak of violence. Their tireless efforts directly contribute to building bridges between divided communities, fostering trust, and paving the way for sustainable peace.

In addition to their operational roles, Pakistani peacekeepers take part in the training and capacity-building of local security forces, equipping nations with the tools to eventually secure their own peace. They exemplify the spirit of collective action for peace promoted by the “Peace Begins with Me” campaign, working collaboratively with communities and partners to create a more secure and harmonious world. Pakistani peacekeepers, through their dedication, professionalism, and adaptability, inspire us all to take proactive steps towards peace, reinforcing the campaign’s message that peace truly begins with each of us, in our actions and in our commitment to making the world a better place.





# Pakistan's Peacekeeping Legacy: Contribution of Pakistani Female Peacekeepers in UN Missions



Pakistan has a rich peacekeeping history spanning numerous years, marked by a substantial contribution of 230,000 peacekeepers and the sacrifice of 171 martyrs. As the 5th largest Troop Contributing Country, Pakistan stands prominently, demonstrating a profound commitment to upholding international peace and security.

In pursuit of enhanced gender parity within peacekeeping contingents, Pakistan has actively integrated women since 2009. Pakistan, in 2019,

achieved a significant milestone by deploying its first female engagement team in Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO). The year 2023 marked another noteworthy moment, with the deployment of an all-female contingent as part of Pakistani missions in UN areas. Presently, 154 female peacekeepers serve across 7 missions, assuming crucial roles such as Staff Officers, Military Observers, Engagement Teams, Psychologists, and Medical staff.

Over 500 female peacekeepers from Pakistan have contributed to military and police contingents under the United Nations flag, participating in 8 missions (Sudan, Congo, CAR, South Sudan, Libya, Western Sahara, Mali, and Cyprus).

Pakistani female peacekeepers have effectively challenged traditional gender roles, making substantial contributions to global peacekeeping efforts. Their varied responsibilities, encompassing tasks from providing medical care to engaging in combat, underscore their confidence and unwavering commitment. The accomplishments of Pakistani female peacekeepers serve as a testament to inclusivity and the advancement of gender parity in peacekeeping.



# United Nations Day: Equality, Freedom and Justice for All



Every year on October 24th, we come together to celebrate United Nations Day, paying homage to the birth of the United Nations in 1945. This annual observance holds profound significance, reminding us of the collective dedication of nations worldwide to foster peace, collaboration, and sustainable progress on a global scale. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the relentless endeavors of the organization in addressing urgent global challenges, encompassing poverty, conflict, climate change, and human rights, all while underscoring the pivotal role of diplomacy and international cooperation.

United Nations Day, as eloquently captured by UN Secretary-General António Guterres, resounds with a powerful call to action:

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*“On United Nations Day, let us commit with hope and determination to build the better world of our aspirations.”*

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This day serves as a reminder that we are entrusted with the task of broadening opportunities and

leaving no one behind. It calls upon us to ensure justice, equality, and empowerment for women and girls. The United Nations, with its timeless values and principles, remains adaptable to address contemporary challenges that did not exist when it was established, from the existential climate crisis to the opportunities and threats posed by artificial intelligence.

Furthermore, In his message commemorating the 78th foundation day of the United Nations, Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir emphasized Pakistan’s significant contributions to UN peacekeeping efforts. He extended his heartfelt wishes to the global organization while underlining Pakistan’s unique and enduring role in pursuing a more peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world under the UN banner.

This message highlights Pakistan’s unwavering commitment to the principles of the United Nations charter, and its ongoing efforts to realize the vision of previous generations in building a better world for future generations. Regardless of the challenges faced in this noble pursuit, Pakistan remains resolute in making the world a safer and more prosperous place for all.



# Global Social Media Recognition of Pakistani Peacekeepers by United Nations

**United Nations Mission in the DR Congo - Monusco**    
 Mar 29 · 

#JIF  
 50 filles de l'école d'infirmières d'Uvira initiées aux premiers soins.

✓ Les femmes Casques bleus du contingent #Pakistan 🇵🇰 de la #MONUSCO leur ont appris les gestes vitaux à faire en cas d'urgence.

Satisfaites 👍, ces élèves souhaitent avoir d'autres formations.

#JIF  
 50 girls from #Uvira nursing school initiated in first aid.

✓ The Blue Helmets women of the #Pakistan 🇵🇰 contingent of #MONUSCO taught them the vital gestures to do in case of an emergency.

Satisfied 👍, these students wish to have further training.

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#PeaceBegins with education! 🎓  
 On #IVD2023, #UNMISS Blue Helmets from #Pakistan 🇵🇰 + @UNVolunteers hand over 15 benches to a secondary school in Rubkona, #SouthSudan 🇸🇩, to motivate kids to study 📖.

#A4P #IfEveryoneDid



**United Nations Peacekeeping**    
 12h · 

Improving our medical capacities, including mental health support, is crucial for the well-being of peacekeepers & the communities they serve.

At the 2023 #PKMinisterial, Member States pledged to advance the medical capabilities of United Nations peace operations.

Learn more: <https://ow.ly/8Mjs50Qjlq7>





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With the onset of the rainy season, **#UNMISS** Blue Helmets from **#Pakistan** & **#Mongolia** conduct boat patrols in Bentiu, **#SouthSudan** inspecting dykes & water levels+protecting the airstrip, displaced people from floods. Thank you, Pakistan & Mongolia!

**#A4P #PK75 #PeaceBegins**



**United Nations Mission in the DR Congo - Monusco**

May 4

In locations where it does not have a statistical presence, **#MONUSCO** projects its force to protect civilians.

Thus Pakistani soldiers have been screened in Malinde, Milingita and Mukundji **#SouthKivu** to discourage activism of armed groups.



**United Nations Peacekeeping**

Dec 2

Women are pivotal yet frequently overlooked as agents of peace in armed conflict.

Recognizing women across all aspects of **United Nations** peace operations isn't just a step forward; it's crucial to unlock success in peacekeeping & sustaining peace. **#16Days**

<https://ow.ly/tft350QbES7>



**Mission des Nations Unies au Mali - MINUSMA**

Dec 8

**#MINUSMA** Retreat. Before its permanent closure, the MINUSMA regional office in **#Mopti** donated its equipment and office equipment to 47 state and civil society structures, as well as medicines to the Mali-Gavardo Hospital.

<https://bit.ly/47LXzYE>



**United Nations Mission in the DR Congo - Monusco**

Oct 5

Building a lasting peace requires collective commitment.

On foot patrol in **#Rutemba**, Pakistan and Jordanian engagement platoons **#MONUSCO** exchanged with **@FARDC\_off** and local authorities on the security situation.

**#AgissonsEnsemble**





## ESSAYS BY PEACEKEEPERS

# Empowering Women and Children: Pakistan Army Female Engagement Team's Vital Role in Observing International Days and Promoting Education



**Maj Talat Yasmin**  
*AFNS Officer*

## INTRODUCTION

The UN is dedicated to upholding global harmony, peace, and security, fostering friendly relations among nations for international cooperation. Pakistan, a member since September 1947, actively engages in UN initiatives, holding the status of a charter member and participating in specialized agencies. Notably, Pakistan stands out as one of the largest contributors of troops to UN peacekeeping missions, reflecting its steadfast commitment to international peace and security. The nation's inaugural troop deployment occurred in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in 1960, marking the beginning of a six-decade-long involvement in 46 peacekeeping missions across 23 countries. Despite tragic losses, with



171 Pakistani peacekeepers making the ultimate sacrifice, Pakistan takes great pride in its sustained contributions. Female peacekeepers play a crucial role in providing vital assistance in conflict and post-conflict settings, highlighting the nation's esteem for the invaluable contributions of the "Blue Helmets" in preserving security and stability worldwide.

Pakistan's active engagement extends beyond peacekeeping, as demonstrated by its repeated election to the UN Security Council, often in collaboration with Colombia. The country also plays a proactive role in various specialized UN agencies, including UNDP, WFP, WHO, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNESCO, and IFAD. This comprehensive involvement underscores Pakistan's enduring commitment to international cooperation and significant contributions to diverse aspects of UN missions, showcasing its role as a key player in global diplomacy and peacekeeping efforts.

## FEMALE ENGAGEMENT AND CASE OF THE DRC

In the DRC, where about half the population is women and children, this demographic group faces significant human rights violations, such as torture and rape, instances of looting, forced enslavement, and severe deprivation of necessities. In response to these pressing concerns, a strategic



decision was made to deploy well-trained female peacekeepers possessing specialized skills. This deployment aims to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of engagement, focusing on addressing the unique challenges women and children face in the DRC.

On 31st January 2020, 15 Pakistani lady officers were recognized as Pakistan's first female engagement team in a UN peacekeeping mission. Comprising various roles, including analysts, professionals, doctors, and more, they bring diverse skills to the mission. An additional 17 Pakistani lady officers joined them on 3rd February 2020. Pakistani women contribute significantly across various entities at UN headquarters and field missions.

### **FEMALE ENGAGEMENT TEAM (FET) ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

On 4th January 2020, in South Kivu, DRC, Governor Theo Ngwabidje honoured MONUSCO's FET for their commendable service, awarding them UN Medals in recognition of their dedicated contributions to MONUSCO. The UN Decoration acknowledged their outstanding role in military and police operations, highlighting the crucial impact of female peacekeepers in enhancing mission effectiveness. FETs actively engage with local communities, particularly women and children, advocating for human rights and promoting security measures for civilian populations.

The dedication of the FET in DRC exemplifies UN principles and significantly contributes to peace and well-being in conflict zones, highlighting the importance of their role in advancing the mission's objectives.

On 4th September 2022, the author was fortunate enough to be selected as a Pakistan Army FET member for the UN peacekeeping mission in the DRC. The team, meticulously assembled, comprises highly skilled professionals, including technical officers, medical professionals, AFNS officers, psychologists, and information and communication technology officers (ICTOs). Each team member possesses unique and diverse professional capabilities, reflecting the rich tapestry of their respective profiles.

Before beginning our mission, we received a two-week training session at the Center for International Peace and Stability (CIPS), NUST Islamabad. The highly qualified instructors provided essential knowledge for practical application within conflict zones to protect ourselves and the civilian population. FET underwent extensive lectures and hands-on demonstrations utilizing videos and charts to ensure eligibility assessments for performing their job obligations effectively towards communities, particularly women and children.

Embarking on this journey, we felt honoured to serve under the UN flag and represent Pakistan. The experience of being part of the esteemed Infantry Battalion AL-MARSOOS was truly unparalleled. Working alongside a respected, dedicated, and skilled commanding officer gave us valuable insights into decision-making and excellent managerial skills. Upon our arrival at Goma Airport, we proceeded to our final destination, Uvera, via a UN helicopter—an initial but highly adventurous experience in aerial transport.

We commemorated all UN International Days with awareness sessions, demonstrations, charts, and PowerPoint presentations focused on human rights while discouraging sexual exploitation and abuse in line with the UN's "Zero Tolerance Policy." Additionally, we actively joined local community celebrations within and outside the army premises for various international days, including International Women's Day, International Day of Women and Girls in Science, International Day of Education, International Day of Female Genital Mutilation, International Day of Happiness, International Day of Newborn Care, International Day for Prevention of Violence Against Women,



World's Water Day, and World's Happiness Day, which showcases our commitment towards spreading peace through cooperation on behalf of the UN.

Our medical team, including officers and paramedics, excelled in Level-1 hospitals, conducting impactful medical camps and health awareness campaigns on malaria prevention, hand-washing, and hygiene improvement. The community appreciated the initiative, and, considering the area's risks, we ensured safety by setting up the medical camp within the army premises. Skilled medical professionals evaluated patients, administered medication, and provided follow-up instructions. Language assistants facilitated hands-on demonstrations of CPR, educating women and children on newborn care, water purification, and hand-washing. Engaging in community sessions made our efforts successful. Psychologists provided counseling, and ICT officers delivered exceptional services, contributing to a valuable mission.

It was a somber morning when we received the heartbreaking news of the brave and young soldier, Havildar Babar, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. He earned the honorable status of martyrdom. Our eyes were filled with tears, and our hearts were heavy with sorrow. In memory of Havildar Babar, his final journey was marked by a solemn Guard of Honor and the Holy Green Flag of Pakistan

Recognizing his unwavering commitment and sacrifice, the ALMARSOOS Battalion has dedicated a place within our army premises called the 'Babar Shaheed Shed'. Here, we unite with the local community on international occasions and organize medical camps, honoring Havildar Babar's memory and fostering unity.

### **LONG-RANGE PATROLLING (LRP) EXPERIENCE**

Engaging in long-range patrolling (LRP) was a novel yet remarkable undertaking. However, we also noted that patrolling while equipped with heavy bulletproof vests and helmets and carrying MP5s presented some challenges in terms of mobility and stamina. Despite our exhaustion, we remained vigilant and dedicated to supporting the community.



Throughout this operation, we recognized it as an optimal means of gathering intelligence from the female and juvenile members of the local community while simultaneously assessing their security situation and potential hazards to their livelihoods. Female UN peacekeepers operate in challenging and hazardous environments, offering vital aid to vulnerable individuals in conflict zones.

As part of the FET, our key role is to build trust in the local community, particularly with women, encouraging open communication. During patrols, we focused on promoting community well-being, gender equality, and the active engagement of women. Our interventions addressed specific challenges faced by women, informing contingent commanders for tailored solutions. The goal was to empower women and improve access to essential resources, fostering inclusive societies for overall prosperity.

### **EMPOWERING WOMEN: PAKISTAN ARMY LADY OFFICERS IN UN MISSIONS**

Lady Officers from the Pakistan Army, serving in the Female Engagement Team, are pivotal in advancing women's empowerment through a series of impactful awareness sessions. These sessions cover essential topics such as health, self-defense, human rights, and gender equality. Guided by a 'zero tolerance policy' against sexual exploitation and abuse, their efforts not only build trust within the community but also foster a sense of security. This, in turn, facilitates the implementation of quick-impact projects to address the specific concerns of women in the community.

Throughout our tenure in the UN Mission, we implemented strategies focused on enhancing the standard of living for the local population.



One such initiative involved the establishment of kitchen gardens designed for personal use or income generation through the sale of fruits and vegetables. Additionally, we provided comprehensive vocational training, offering demonstrations in planting, weaving, knitting, embroidery, and computer skills. These initiatives were strategically designed to empower women economically, contributing to their self-sufficiency and overall well-being.

During our assignment at Headquarters Bukavu, we had the opportunity to visit the Tea Gardens, a lush oasis of verdant beauty. Here, locals of all ages were actively engaged in the joyous activity

of tea leaf plucking. Their radiant faces and enthusiastic chants of 'Pakistan Zindabad' vividly reflected their deep affection for our country, highlighting the positive impact of our mission on the local community.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

In the pursuit of our UN mission, the team discovered not only professional satisfaction but also personal fulfillment. Cherishing every moment, the author holds steadfast to the belief that 'behind every successful woman is a robust family support system.' We are grateful to Allah for the successful completions of our tasks.



## ESSAYS BY PEACEKEEPERS

# Strengthening Development and Security: The Mission of Pakistan Engineers in the Central African Republic (CAR)

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## Introduction

The need for robust road infrastructure in the underdeveloped regions of Central Africa, especially in the eastern sector of the Central African Republic (CAR), is undeniable. It serves as a fundamental element of economic development, functioning as the prerequisite for various dimensions of progress and well-being. It acts as a conduit for the smooth movement of goods and services, facilitating trade and commerce. Additionally, it is pivotal in providing convenient access to markets, healthcare facilities, and educational institutions. This accessibility is integral to fostering holistic development in these underprivileged areas.

Crucially, the well-maintained roads in these regions are vital for local economic activities and serve as a lifeline for UN troops operating in the area. These troops are primarily tasked with the protection of civilians and the facilitation of humanitarian assistance. The mobility afforded by a sound road infrastructure enhances their ability to fulfill their mandates effectively. In essence, developing road infrastructure in this region is

pivotal for economic progress, accessibility to essential services, and the effective functioning of international peacekeeping efforts.

## ENGINEERING RESILIENCE: PAKISTAN ENGINEERS MISSION TO RESTORE MAIN SUPPLY IN CENTRAL AFRICA

### Mission in Bangassou: Maintaining Main Supply Route 4 (MSR 4)

Deployed in Bangassou city of Mbomou region in the eastern part of the Central African Republic, Pakistan Engineers Company-2 actively engaged in a crucial mission to maintain the operational functionality of Main Supply Route 4. This vital route extended from Bangui, traversing Alindao, Pombolo, Gambo, Bangassou, Rafai, Zemio, and Obo. The company primarily focused on repairing existing tracks and bridges critical to the route's integrity.



Beyond mere repairs, Pakistan Engineers Company-2 undertook the ambitious task of constructing and launching bridges previously destroyed along various axes of Main Supply Route 4. This comprehensive approach ensured the continued operation of the route and contributed significantly to facilitating the free movement of the local populace and UN troops. These efforts enhanced accessibility for humanitarian and economic activities, emphasizing the company’s dedication to sustaining vital infrastructure for local communities and international peacekeeping operations.

**Conflict at PK-24: A Focal Point of Infrastructure Challenges**

The 172 km Regional Road-17 (RR-17) in the CAR includes the PK-24 Bridge over the Mbari River, connecting Bangassou to Bakuma in the resource-

rich Mbomou region. This vital route, known for its nine major wooden decked bridges, plays a crucial role in the economic and logistical connectivity of the area, especially given the region’s strategic resources like Uranium, Laterite, and Diamonds. Unfortunately, the bridge at PK-24 became a focal point of conflict when local armed groups destroyed it on 3rd January 2021, disrupting the Main Supply Route (MSR) and impacting the Moroccan Infantry Battalion (MORBATT) stationed at Bakuma. Efforts to restore the link commenced on 9th February 2021, emphasizing the critical nature of infrastructure in conflict-prone regions.

**Resilience Amidst Challenges: Repairing PK-24 Bridge**

The situation escalated when, amidst the repair efforts by Force Engineers Pak Engineers Company-2, an armed group attacked using





Short Machine Guns (SMGs) and Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPGs). Undeterred by the challenging environment and the looming threat, the Pakistani Engineers valiantly continued their mission. Despite the hostile conditions, the bridge at PK-24 on the Mbari River was successfully repaired by Pak Engineers Company-2 in February 2021, highlighting their resilience and commitment to restoring crucial infrastructure under perilous circumstances.

During the rainy season, the PK-24 wooden bridge over the Mbari River posed significant challenges, rendering it impassable and resulting in numerous accidents, causing damage to vehicles and injuries to drivers. The situation escalated on 6th September 2022, when the bridge collapsed on the Bangassou-Bakouma axis, obstructing the entire route as a logistic convoy truck toppled into the river. In response, the resilient team of Pakistan Engineers Company-2 repaired the bridge and reopened the entire axis. However, recognizing the recurring issues and the bridge's vital importance, the Force Engineers recommended a permanent solution—installing a 70 Ft Metallic bridge—to address the problem promptly and comprehensively.

### **Swift Solutions: Launching a 70 Ft Metallic Bridge**

Following approval from the Force Headquarters, the Pakistan Engineers Team swiftly mobilized to

the bridge site on 16th January 2023, establishing a Temporary Operating Base (TOB) to launch the bridge. Construction commenced on 17th January 2023, despite site restrictions hindering the use of heavy-lifting machinery. Remarkably, the 70 Ft Metallic bridge was completed by 19th January 2023, setting a record with a construction time of only three days. The newly erected bridge at PK-24 on the Mbari River was operational for all types of traffic, including heavy convoys on the Bangassou-Bakouma Axis, by 22nd January 2023, showcasing the efficiency and dedication of the Pakistan Engineers in swiftly implementing a lasting solution.

### **Significance of PK-24 Bridge: Supporting Peacekeeping and Local Communities**

The Metallic Bridge at PK-24 played a crucial role in supporting MINUSCA Peacekeeping Forces in maintaining peace and proved to be a lifeline for the residents of 24 villages in Niakari Town. Recognizing its significance as the largest metallic bridge in MINUSCA CAR to date, constructed in record time amid security challenges, the positive impact on the lives of the locals was immense. Acknowledging this achievement, the MINUSCA Force Leadership, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the UN (SRSG), and other dignitaries attended the inauguration ceremony in Bangassou on February 16, 2023. Furthermore, the



Prefect of Mboumo Prefecture shared insightful thoughts with local media channels, underscoring the bridge's significance in opening new horizons for socio-economic uplift in the Mbomou province of the Central African Republic.

**Driving Progress: The Transformative Role of Infrastructure in Central Africa**

The significance of bridges and roads in developing a country cannot be overstated. Beyond serving as

crucial infrastructure, they play a pivotal role in facilitating trade and commerce and stimulating economic growth. The commendable contributions of MINUSCA Contingents, particularly the Pakistan Engineers, not only aid in reducing poverty but also enhance the quality of life for residents in these areas. Concurrently, these infrastructural advancements provide essential mobility for troops, enabling them to fulfill their mandated tasks more efficiently and contribute to the overall progress and stability of the region.





## ESSAYS BY PEACEKEEPERS

# Pakistan Aviation Unit 5: Wings of Stability in UN Peacekeeping - The Dynamic Role of Aviation Advancing Peacekeeping Objectives



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## INTRODUCTION

Over several decades, UN peacekeeping has undergone a profound transformation, marked by increasing complexity and a broadening scope. The range of activities encompassed by multi-dimensional UN peacekeeping operations now includes formidable tasks such as the restoration of state authority, PoC, and the intricate process of disarming, demobilizing, and reintegrating ex-combatants. This evolving landscape has necessitated a corresponding enhancement in the capabilities required for successful peacekeeping missions, emphasizing the need for greater flexibility and interoperability among contributing forces.

In navigating these intricate peacekeeping challenges, aviation components emerge as pivotal assets, crucial in maintaining the safety, security, and overall stability required to fulfill a mission's mandate successfully. The deployment of Mi-17 helicopters by the Pakistan Aviation Unit in Timbuktu (Mali) is a notable example of such strategic utilization. In this context, these helicopters have proven instrumental in supporting MINUSMA (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali) in its tireless efforts to establish and sustain stability and peace.

The mission in Timbuktu (Mali) is particularly noteworthy, being recognized as the most hazardous for the Blue Helmets (peacekeeping forces) and deemed the most dangerous among all existing peacekeeping missions. In this challenging environment, the effective use of aviation resources becomes advantageous and a critical factor in

overcoming obstacles and achieving the overarching objectives of maintaining peace, safeguarding civilians, and fostering long-term stability in the region.

## MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

In the intricate tapestry of UN peacekeeping, the Aviation Unit emerges as a formidable force, wielding its influence across diverse realms to fortify the foundation of global stability. This dedicated unit stands at the nexus of operational agility and strategic prowess, embodying a commitment to excellence in supporting peacekeeping operations worldwide. The Aviation Unit showcases unparalleled versatility from its pivotal role in facilitating sector withdrawals to actively engaging in complex military operations, including the notable Operation Wyvern. Yet, its contributions extend beyond military endeavors, with a crucial focus on life-saving endeavors through rapid and efficient medical evacuations. This unveils the multifaceted nature of the Aviation



Unit's role, offering a glimpse into the indispensable contributions that propel UN missions toward success and underscoring the unit's pivotal role in fostering a world marked by enduring peace. In light of this, some of the significant contributions made by the unit are as follows:

#### a. Support to Peacekeeping Operations:

The backbone of their mission, the Aviation Unit provides crucial support to peacekeeping operations. From reconnaissance to transportation, their aerial capabilities enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of missions to maintain global peace and security. The primary responsibility of the Pakistan Aviation Unit in MINUSMA is to provide crucial air support. Since our deployment on 12th March, 2023, a cumulative total of 528 flight hours has been logged. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the extraordinary professionalism exhibited by our pilots and technicians, particularly in light of the challenging terrain in Mali. Furthermore, the Mi-17 helicopters of the Pakistan Aviation Unit play a pivotal role in transporting humanitarian aid to the distressed population of Mali. These helicopters are instrumental in conveying substantial relief supplies, including food, medical equipment, and emergency shelters.

#### b. Military Operations:

Engaging in numerous strategic military operations

meticulously planned by Force Headquarters to advance the overarching goal of peacekeeping, the squadron, particularly Pakistan Aviation Unit-5, consistently plays a pivotal and dynamic role in diverse scenarios. Among the noteworthy military operations supported, several instances underscore the unit's multifaceted contributions, as elaborated below:

##### i. *Assisting Sectors in Withdrawal:*

Operating as a linchpin in these operations, the Aviation Unit assumes a critical role in facilitating sector withdrawals. This involves orchestrating a seamless and coordinated transition, ensuring the efficiency and safety of the withdrawal process within complex and dynamic operational environments. The unit's adept coordination skills have been instrumental in enhancing the overall effectiveness of these maneuvers. The squadron actively participated in several military operations planned by Force Headquarters towards achieving the goal of peacekeeping. Some of the military operations supported by Pakistan Aviation Unit-5 include:

- Sector West. Withdrawal of satellite camps at Ber and Gundam.
- Sector East. Withdrawal of Menaka and Crocodile route satellite camps.
- Sector Centre. Support in the protection of convoys from Mopti and Dounza.





ii. *Convoy Protection/ Over Watch Role:*

Operating within the multifaceted theater of military operations, the unit undertakes the crucial responsibility of convoy protection and overwatch. This entails not only mitigating inherent risks but also actively fortifying the security of ground forces during transit. The unit's vigilance and strategic positioning contribute significantly to the success of these operations, fostering a secure environment for the movement of personnel and resources. The Pakistan Army Aviation Unit is crucial in preemptively identifying the enemy, providing timely warnings, and offering cover to ground troops and convoys. This proactive approach aims to prevent untoward incidents or planned physical attacks by Terrorist Armed Groups (TAGs). During such operations, Pakistan Aviation Helicopters execute landings in unprepared and dusty fields, often in high temperatures. These challenging circumstances underscore the unit's commitment and adaptability in ensuring the safety and security of ground operations during potentially hostile situations.

iii. *Operation Wyvern:*

As a beacon of adaptability and operational prowess, Operation Wyvern is a testament to the unit's active and strategic engagement in complex military endeavors. The operation showcases the unit's ability to navigate and contribute effectively to intricate and

challenging operational landscapes. Whether in reconnaissance, tactical support, or other critical roles, the Aviation Unit's commitment to excellence has proven integral to the overall success of strategic initiatives, further solidifying its reputation as a critical player in peacekeeping efforts.

Throughout critical Operation Wyvern, the Pakistan aviation unit's flying crew demonstrated remarkable expertise and professionalism. They executed aerial maneuvers to engage the terrorists by suppressing fire during a critical phase of the operation, disrupting their freedom of action, resulting in saving precious lives of UN personnel and equipment. Accurate marksmanship and tactical approach of Pilots allowed the BFA BATT's ground forces to regain momentum and continue their withdrawal. The flying crew's tireless efforts in coordinating air support ensured the seamless and secure withdrawal of UN troops from Ber and Gundam Camps.

**c. Medical Evacuation:**

The Aviation Unit has made substantial contributions, one of its key roles being in medical evacuation. Given the limitations of road infrastructure in certain regions, the Mi-17 helicopters have emerged as crucial assets for emergency evacuations. These helicopters, equipped with medical facilities and staffed by trained professionals, have played a vital



role in swiftly evacuating injured individuals from remote and inaccessible areas to medical facilities for immediate treatment. Remarkably, the aviation squadron consistently demonstrates efficiency by getting airborne within 30 minutes of receiving evacuation orders. This prompt and effective response has resulted in the timely evacuation of numerous individuals, saving lives and highlighting the unit's unwavering commitment to preserving human life in challenging and critical situations.

**d. Swift Response and Mobility:**

The Swift Response and Mobility demonstrated by Mi-17 helicopters underscore their exceptional capabilities within the Aviation Unit. These helicopters exhibit outstanding mobility and agility, enabling them to respond to humanitarian crises in Mali promptly. Equipped with powerful engines, they can swiftly cover vast distances, a crucial attribute that has played a pivotal role in timely delivery of aid and relief supplies to remote and inaccessible areas characterized by limited road infrastructure. This mobility has proven instrumental in ensuring a rapid and effective response to critical situations, highlighting the Aviation Unit's commitment to addressing humanitarian needs with efficiency and precision.



**CHALLENGES**

In retrospect, the operational landscape in Mali presented a series of formidable challenges for the Aviation Unit, underscoring the complexities inherent in their mission, some of which are explained below:

**a. Security Concerns:**

The volatile security situation within Mali emerged as a paramount challenge for aviation operations. Persistent threats from hostile rebel groups and TAGs in the region posed a substantial risk to flight operations. Adversarial attempts, such as firing mortars over the Airfield and UN Camp, sought to create a hostile environment for aviation personnel, requiring heightened vigilance and strategic responses to ensure the safety of operations.



**b. Limited Infrastructure:**

The underdeveloped aviation infrastructure in Mali posed distinct challenges for Pakistani aviation personnel. The scarcity of runways, hangars, maintenance facilities, and navigational aids presented obstacles to operational efficiency. Overcoming these limitations required resourcefulness and adaptability as the unit navigated the intricacies of the local infrastructure.





### c. Communication Barriers:

Language barriers between Pakistani aviation personnel and local air traffic controllers or ground staff occasionally led to communication challenges, potentially compromising flight safety. Overcoming these barriers required heightened coordination efforts, emphasizing the importance of effective communication protocols in multi-cultural and multi-linguistic operational settings.

### d. Limited Resources:

The aviation unit encountered resource constraints, including the availability of limited aircraft spare parts and technical equipment, exacerbated by the transportation times involved. These constraints impacted operational capabilities, necessitating strategic planning and resource management to maintain an effective and efficient operational tempo.

### e. Weather Characteristics of the Area:

#### 1. Haboobs:

Frequent dust and sandstorms, locally known as Haboob, were characteristic of Mali, particularly during the dry season (April-July). These storms posed significant challenges, severely limiting visibility, damaging aircraft engines, and causing abrasive wear on aircraft surfaces.

#### 2. High Temperatures:

The prevailing hot weather in Mali, especially in the northern region, persisted throughout the year, directly affecting the efficiency of both pilots and ground troops. Moreover, the excessive temperatures presented challenges in equipment maintenance, particularly for the Mi-17 helicopters.

In navigating these multifaceted challenges, the Aviation Unit demonstrated resilience and adaptability, overcoming adversities to fulfill its mission objectives in a challenging operational environment.

## LESSONS LEARNED

The challenges confronted by the Aviation Unit in Mali have imparted valuable lessons that can serve as a guide for future peacekeeping endeavors.

These insights are pivotal for enhancing operational effectiveness and ensuring the safety and success of aviation missions in similar contexts



## SECURITY PREPAREDNESS

The volatile security environment in Mali emphasized the critical importance of comprehensive security preparedness. Future peacekeepers must prioritize advanced risk assessments, adaptive security protocols, and continuous intelligence gathering to mitigate threats from hostile elements proactively. This proactive approach ensures a heightened readiness, fostering a safer operational environment for aviation personnel.

## INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

The limitations of Mali's underdeveloped aviation infrastructure underscore the necessity of strategic investments in infrastructure development. Future peacekeeping missions should prioritize establishing and enhancing aviation facilities, including runways, hangars, and navigational aids. This investment contributes significantly to bolstering operational efficiency and adaptability in challenging environments.

## CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION TRAINING

Communication barriers between Pakistani aviation personnel and local counterparts highlighted the importance of cross-cultural communication training. Future peacekeepers should undergo comprehensive linguistic and cultural training to bridge communication gaps, ensuring clear and compelling interactions with local air traffic



controllers and ground staff. This investment in communication skills is crucial for maintaining operational safety and efficiency.

### **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING**

The resource constraints faced by the aviation unit underscore the need for meticulous resource management and planning. Future peacekeepers must prioritize strategic resource allocation, including spare parts and technical equipment, to mitigate delays caused by transportation times. This approach enhances operational capabilities and ensures a more streamlined execution of aviation missions.

### **WEATHER-RESILIENT OPERATIONS**

Lessons from Mali's weather characteristics, including Haboobs and high temperatures, emphasize the importance of weather-resilient operational planning. Future peacekeepers should incorporate comprehensive weather risk assessments into mission planning, implement protective measures for aircraft, and equip personnel with the necessary tools and training to navigate adverse weather conditions effectively.

In reflection, the Aviation Unit's experiences in Mali

serve as a valuable source of knowledge for future peacekeepers, providing a roadmap for overcoming challenges and optimizing mission success. By incorporating these lessons into training, planning, and execution, future peacekeeping missions can enhance their preparedness, resilience, and effectiveness in dynamic and demanding operational environments.

### **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the performance of Pakistan Army Aviation's Mi-17 helicopters in Mali has been commendable. Despite challenging and unfavorable weather conditions, the Pakistan Aviation Unit has consistently demonstrated a solid commitment to its assigned roles and tasks. This dedication has garnered respect among the UN's troops from various contributing countries. Pakistan's unwavering dedication to upholding global peace amid internal and external challenges underscores the nation's commitment to being a responsible global actor. By prioritizing peace over conflict, Pakistan showcases its capacity to contribute significantly to international peacekeeping and peace-building initiatives, highlighting its role as a valuable participant in collective efforts for global stability.



## ESSAYS BY PEACEKEEPERS

# Empowering Peace: The Dedicated Engineering Support Provided by the Pakistan Army in the South Sudan Peacekeeping Mission

## INTRODUCTION

UN Peacekeeping Missions have been vital for maintaining global peace and security. These missions often occur in regions torn by conflict, where the infrastructure is ravaged, and natural disasters like floods exacerbate local communities' challenges. Pakistan Army's involvement in these missions has been significant in ensuring peace and contributing to developing civil infrastructure and flood mitigation efforts. This essay explores the major contributions, new challenges, engineers' support, best practices, and lessons learned from the Pakistan Army's role in UN Peacekeeping Missions.



## MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Pakistan has a long history of participating in UN Peacekeeping Missions, deploying troops to various conflict zones across the globe. The Pakistan Army has played a pivotal role in restoring stability, providing humanitarian assistance, and supporting development efforts in these regions. The mandate of Pakistan peacekeeping forces has always been "Protection of Civilians". Major contributions have been the rehabilitation and reconstruction



of vital civil infrastructure. This includes main supply routes, vertical and horizontal structures and other essential facilities that are crucial for the post-conflict rehabilitation, development of calamity affected areas and sustainability of the peacekeeping mission.

In South Sudan, the Pakistan Army Engineers have played a pivotal role in flood mitigation and response efforts. These engineers serve as key enablers, focusing on sustainability, survivability, and rehabilitation. Within these domains, the expertise of the Pakistan Army engineers in flood management has been crucial, encompassing tasks such as constructing flood protection dykes, responding to flood breaches, and implementing effective drainage systems. Their contributions have been invaluable in minimizing the impact of these disasters on local communities.

## NEW CHALLENGES

Pakistan Army has commendable contributions to UN Peacekeeping Missions based on their sound planning and unwavering execution in the past. However, new challenges have emerged with changes in local structure with modernization of



cultural, social, financial and technical aspects. The changing nature of conflicts, the rise of non-state actors, complexity of post-conflict environments, financial interests of many nations and local and foreign political interests have shaped unique challenges. In many cases, peacekeepers find themselves in situations where they must navigate intricate political dynamics while also addressing the urgent needs of local populations.

Engineers from the Pakistan Army have been at the forefront of supporting civil infrastructure development. Their expertise in construction, infrastructure repair, and civil engineering has been essential in rebuilding war-torn areas. They have not only reconstructed physical structures but have also helped in training local populations in construction skills, thereby fostering sustainable development.

In the realm of flood mitigation, Pakistan Army engineers have utilized their knowledge to assess flood-prone areas, design effective flood protection systems, and implement flood control measures. This support has not only saved lives but has also prevented extensive damage to crops and property.

**BEST PRACTICES**

Several best practices have emerged from Pakistan Army’s involvement in UN Peacekeeping Missions:

- a. **Collaboration with Local Communities:** The Pakistan Army has recognized the importance of involving local communities in infrastructure development and flood mitigation efforts. This collaborative approach ensures that projects are aligned with the needs and priorities of the affected population.



- b. **Adaptability:** The ability to adapt to evolving challenges and situations is crucial. Pakistan Army engineers have shown flexibility in adjusting their strategies and plans to meet the changing needs of the mission.
- c. **Coordination with Other UN Agencies:** Effective coordination with other UN agencies and international partners serves as a pivotal



element in our mission, ensuring the delivery of comprehensive solutions to complex problems. This collaborative effort, marked by regular consultations and joint planning sessions, aligns our actions with the broader strategies and goals of various entities within the United Nations system. By fostering a synergistic environment and engaging in resource-sharing mechanisms, we amplify the impact of our collective contributions, navigating the intricate landscape of global challenges with a united front and advancing peace and stability worldwide.

- d. **Capacity Building:** Training and skill transfer to local populations have been key to sustainable development. By empowering local communities with knowledge and skills, the impact of Pakistan Army's efforts extends long after their departure.



- e. **Cost Effective and Sustainable Engineering Solutions:** Pakistan Army Engineers has employed simple, cost effective, technically sound and long lasting engineering solutions in construction of infrastructure, which accommodates lesser financial restraints on South Sudan and decrease recurring work effort.
- f. **Foresighted Planning:** Anticipating any upcoming eventuality helps future planning, managing responses and timely preparation. Pakistan Army Engineers has Dynamic Planning System, which points out critical aspects, identify deemed requirements, brings effective solutions for construction projects and helps saves time.
- g. **Digitization of Data:** The process of digitization has evolved by transitioning from manual to digital systems for data management. This

transformation involves converting traditional, manual records into digital formats, facilitating more efficient storage, retrieval, and analysis of information. The digitization of data plays a crucial role in enhancing the overall management and accessibility of valuable data resources.

## LESSONS LEARNED

Pakistan Army's involvement in UN Peacekeeping Missions has yielded valuable lessons:

- a. **Security Challenges:** The safety of peacekeepers is paramount. The evolving security landscape requires constant vigilance and adaptation to protect personnel.
- b. **Sustainability:** Long-term sustainability should be a core consideration in all development projects. This includes maintenance plans for infrastructure and continued support for flood mitigation measures.
- c. **Logistics Sustenance:** Logistics sustenance in war torn areas is of paramount importance where reliance in on the imports of crucial equipment along with their evolved effective maintenance regime, thus ensuring sustained logistical requirement of the mission.
- d. **Cultural Sensitivity:** Understanding and respecting the local culture, traditions and norms are critical for building trust and effective communication with the host population.
- e. **Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution:** Peacekeepers often find themselves in delicate political situations. Effective diplomacy and conflict resolution skills are essential for navigating these complexities.



## CONCLUSION

Pakistan Army's participation in UN Peacekeeping Missions stands as a testament to their significant contributions, particularly in the realms of civil infrastructure development and flood mitigation efforts. The instrumental role played by their engineers has not only fostered tangible improvements but has also left a positive and enduring impact on regions grappling with the aftermath of conflict. These efforts extend beyond traditional peacekeeping duties, showcasing a commitment to the holistic well-being of communities in need.

However, as the landscape of global challenges evolves, the Pakistan Army recognizes the

imperative of adaptability and continuous learning. New and complex obstacles demand a dynamic response, prompting a commitment to ongoing training and skill development. In this context, the best practices and valuable lessons derived from the Pakistan Army's experiences can serve as a reservoir of knowledge for future peacekeeping missions. By sharing these insights, there is a collective reinforcement of the dedication to global peace and security. This commitment is not only reflected in on-the-ground efforts but also in the proactive cultivation and dissemination of expertise to shape more effective and responsive strategies for the challenges that lie ahead.



## ESSAYS BY PEACEKEEPERS

# Distinguished Devotion: Pakistan Field Hospital-2's Holistic Impact on MINUSMA

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Pakistan Field Hospital-2 (PFH-2) is dedicated to delivering premium healthcare services, including life saving surgeries, to the dependent clientele of UN Military Troops, UN POL, UN Civil, and the local civil populace of MINUSMA. Operating in the highly hazardous mission for Blue Helmets, particularly in the perilous Sector Centre (SC) since August 2021, the hospital is crucial in providing essential medical support.

During an extremely volatile and ambiguous security environment, PFH-2 has upheld the legacy of Pakistan Army Medical Missions. It has successfully implemented UN actions for peacekeeping, quality healthcare services, ethnic harmony, UN Civil-Military Coordination (CIMIC) activities, and the promotion of the role of women in addition to providing humanitarian assistance.

Throughout its engagement with MINUSMA, the PFH-2 team demonstrated unwavering loyalty to their collaboration with the global community. They actively pursued the shared values of peace, stability, security, health, sanitation, and socio-economic prosperity, irrespective of nationality,

class, gender, or creed. In doing so, they set an exemplary standard for other associations operating in the SC.

The achievement of these milestones is possible through the immense contributions and demonstration of enthusiasm, leadership, intellect, courage, cooperation, dedication, resolve, and Esprit de Corps by the peacekeepers of PFH-2. Their collective efforts have enhanced the healthcare landscape and the broader objectives of global peacekeeping missions. Several noteworthy initiatives undertaken by PFH-2 are highlighted below:

## **CASUALTY EVACUATION (CASEVAC) AND MEDICAL EVACUATION (MEDEVAC)**

The hospital has been conducting frequent CASEVAC and MEDEVAC operations in hostile and challenging environments for MINUSMA military assets and the Malian Armed Forces (FAMA). Notably, the hospital efficiently managed two victims of a road traffic accident involving FAMA personnel in April 2023.



### Response to Complex Attacks in Sevare Town:

In the aftermath of complex attacks carried out by Terrorist Armed Groups (TAGs) in Sevare Town, the Pakistani contingent extended full support by assisting the wounded and severely injured casualties on a humanitarian basis. Furthermore, the trauma team from the hospital played a vital role by providing consultations for some victims affected by a suicide bomb attack in the adjacent town of Sevare. These initiatives underscore the hospital's commitment to responding effectively to crises and offering critical medical aid in challenging situations.



### Resuscitation Services:

Following a tragic Improvised Explosive Device (IED) incident that struck Senegalese Contingent (SENBATT), resulting in three fatalities and four serious injuries, PFH2- demonstrated remarkable responsiveness. The hospital promptly provided efficient resuscitation services, preventing further loss of life. Recognizing their outstanding services and professionalism, the hospital was honoured with a <Certificate of Appreciation> by the Acting Force Commander of MINUSMA. This acknowledgment underscores the hospital's commitment to saving lives and its significant impact in challenging circumstances.

### UN Civil-Military Coordination (UN-CIMIC):

UN-CIMIC, a critical Military Staff Function, is pivotal in facilitating the interface between Military and Civil components. In support of the mission and UN Military Components specifically, whose primary responsibility is ensuring a secure and stable environment, PFH2- holds an integral and paramount position. The hospital goes beyond providing featured healthcare by





offering public hygiene and women's health counseling services. Additionally, it distributes free medical, sanitary, and nutritional supplies, effectively facilitating the interface between Military and Civilian components. PFH2's multifaceted approach showcases its dedication to promoting collaboration and contributing to the overall well-being of the local population.

## CEREMONIES

PFH2- is a paragon of excellence in organizing ceremonies, seamlessly integrating healthcare expertise with precision planning. From commemorating international events to celebrating cultural diversity, PFH2's dedication and creativity shine through in every ceremony, reflecting its holistic commitment to mission objectives and the well-being of its constituents.

### Contributions to Organizing Cultural and Social Events:

The hospital administration has been actively engaging with the international community, tirelessly organizing recreational, social, and

cultural events for the UN since deployment. Simultaneously, it is dedicated to promoting the vibrant 'Colors of Pakistan' on the global stage.

### FC Annual Gender Retreat 2022– SC Mopti Mali:

The event, 'Integrating a Uniform Gender Perspective,' aimed to foster the exchange of experiences among females in the force. With the overarching theme for the year being 'Female in the Force is Capable,' the retreat commemorated the 22nd anniversary of the passage of SCR1325. The event focused on strengthening the uniform gender parity strategy to achieve milestones such as enhancing women's participation, protection, prevention, relief, and recovery in peacekeeping operations and conflict resolution.

### UN Day Celebrations:

PFH2- has been at the forefront of collaborating with MINUSMA to promote 'Peace' during UN Day celebrations. Each UN Day is dedicated to remembering the sacrifices made by UN peacekeepers, reaffirming our commitment to ongoing efforts for peace, and emphasizing shared ideals of stability and cooperation.



### Cultural Shows:

PFH2- has been dynamically orchestrating all recreational and cultural events for the UN since deployment. These events are meticulously designed to bring together the rich diversity of different cultures and people. The contingents of SC showcase their societies through distinctive performances and traditions that reside in the hearts and souls of their people, fostering a sense of unity and understanding.



### MEDICAL SERVICES

PFH2- excels in dynamic healthcare, enhancing COVID19- diagnostics with a PCR installation. It further prioritizes trauma care for SC MINUSMA and actively promotes mental health. Furthermore, the hospital's gender-responsive approach underscores its commitment to comprehensive healthcare, as elaborated by its medical services below.

#### Capacity Building: COVID19- PCR Installation:

In response to the global COVID19- pandemic, PFH2- has prioritized diagnostic proficiency for early detection and treatment. The administration's dedicated efforts have culminated in the successful installation of a state-of-the-art PCR-based system. This strategic addition represents a significant leap in capacity building, enhancing the hospital's ability to deliver superior medical services.

#### Trauma Care and Management Training:

In the unpredictable and volatile setting of Mali, PFH2- is actively engaged in efforts to refresh and

enhance the knowledge of healthcare components in SC MINUSMA. Special emphasis is placed on trauma care and managing casualties during critical moments, particularly the <Golden Hour.>

### Mental Health Awareness:

By conducting workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions on mental health awareness, the psychiatrist of Pakistan Level2- Hospital has made impactful contributions. These sessions, held across various contingents of the Sector Centre, garnered significant interest and active participation, resulting in positive behavioral changes and boosting troop morale.



### Health Awareness Campaign in SC:

PFH2- has proactively initiated training workshops, including a groundbreaking Primary Trauma Care Course spearheaded by the FMO Cell of Force Headquarters. The dynamic administration remains steadfast in extending professional and technical knowledge, organizing mental and environmental health awareness seminars, and conducting community outreach programs for the local underprivileged and health-deprived population.





**Role of Women as Gender Advisor:**

With a gender-responsive gynecologist, PFH2- has been instrumental in providing services related to STIs, Sexual and Reproductive Health, and Family Planning to women peacekeepers. This gender-responsive healthcare extends beyond women, benefitting various clientele. The hospital continues to play a pivotal role in fostering health equity and gender-sensitive medical services.



**IMPACT**

**Force Commander’s Commendation Certificate:**

In recognition of Team PFH2->s unwavering commitment to peace in the region, the Force Commander MINUSMA awarded the FC

Commendation Card during the Joint Medal Parade of SC. The commendation highlighted PFH2-’s continuous efforts to deliver quality healthcare services, promote environmental uplift, maintain hygiene, and conduct health awareness campaigns among the local populace.



**Go-Green Drive – FC Appreciation Certificate:**

Sustainable development requires an integrated approach that considers environmental concerns and ecological development. UN, in general, and MINUSMA work on monitoring and managing several environmental aspects, including Greenhouse Mitigation, Waste Management, Water and Energy Conservation, Printing and Paper usage, Virtual and Sustainable Meetings, and Staff Sensitization on environmental matters.

PFH2- in Mopti is committed to achieving these goals within limited resources, especially manpower, and strives hard to uphold the values of environmentally sustainable living and development. In recognition of their efforts to maintain hygiene, conserve water, and promote healthier and greener environs in the persuasion of the UN slogan 'Go Green,' the PFH2- was awarded a 'Force Commander's Commendation Certificate.'

**Certificate of Appreciation - Excellence in Best Practices**

PFH2- provides premium healthcare services, including lifesaving surgeries to the dependent

clients of 3500 UN Military Troops/ UN POL/ UN Civil and the local civil populace (during emergent situations) of MINUSMA. The facilities provided include medical, surgical, gynecological, and psychiatric indoor & outdoor consultations and implementations, diagnostics, the lab, and radiology.

To acknowledge the services and highest quality of healthcare provided to the dependent clientele of MINUSMA, Pak Field Hospital2- has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by Acting Force Commandant MINUSMA, Maj Gen Mamadou Gaye for its constant quest for Excellence and is in line with the needs of MINUSMA.





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### Dr. Macarena Mata



Dr. Macarena Mata, a distinguished mediator and conflict resolution specialist, delivered an insightful online lecture on “Interpersonal Mediation and Working with Emotions” for the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) on May 25, 2023. With extensive qualifications and experience, including a Ph.D. from Cranfield University and an MSc from Birkbeck College, UCL, Dr. Macarena provided invaluable insights into the art of mediation, emphasizing crucial skills such as trust-building and emotion management. Her profound understanding of these aspects and her practical experience resonated with the audience.

The engaging Q&A session enriched students’ understanding, showcasing the importance of such lectures in fostering a commitment to global peace and conflict resolution at the Department of PCS. As the host, Dr. Humaira Shafi thanked Dr. Macarena for her invaluable contributions.

### Dr. Adeela Ghazanfar



On May 17, 2023, the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) hosted a guest lecture titled “Religion and Peacebuilding” at the Centre for International Peace and Stability. Dr. Adeela Ghazanfar, an esteemed Assistant Professor at NUST, shared insights on the role of Sufi Silsilas in promoting peace in South Asia. The lecture emphasized the intersection of religion, spirituality, and peace, highlighting faith as a unifying force in conflict resolution. The Department of PCS sincerely thanks Dr. Ghazanfar for enriching students’ understanding of religion’s role in peacebuilding.

### Dr. Anne Brown



On April 19, 2023, the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies hosted Dr. Anne Brown, an esteemed Associate Professor and experienced researcher. Dr. Brown’s lecture, “International Intervention and Local Ownership,” organized by Dr. Humaira Shafi, enriched the “Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding” course at the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS). With nearly three decades of expertise, Dr. Brown, President of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) and Director of Peace and Conflict Studies Institute Australia (PaCSIA), highlighted the vital role of prioritizing local peace models and inclusivity in international interventions. Drawing from her experiences in regions like Timor-Leste and Bougainville, her insights emphasized active community engagement for lasting and robust peace.



### Dr Abida Abdul Khaliq (Chairperson ICPD)



On March 10, 2023, the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS at CIPS) organized a guest lecture by Dr. Abida Abdul Khaliq, the Chairperson of the International Centre for Professional Development (ICPD), Lahore. The lecture focused on the issue of gender-based violence and the legal channels available for victims' seeking justice. Dr. Abida further discussed the impact of gender-based violence on society and emphasized the need for greater awareness and female empowerment.

The lecture was attended by PCS students and provided an opportunity to engage in a meaningful discussion. The department plans to organize similar events to raise awareness about gender, conflict, and justice issues.

### Dr. Masahiro Kurita



On November 29, 2023, CIPS-NUST hosted an engaging Guest Lecture for MS PCS and SS students featuring Dr. Masahiro Kurita. The lecture focused on "Nuclear Deterrence and Arms Control in South Asia." Dr. Kurita, a Senior Research Fellow at the Japanese National Institute for Defence (NIDS) in the Ministry of Defence, Japan possesses specialized knowledge in the South Asian region, particularly in the realms of nuclear deterrence and strategy. The lecture delved into the evolving dynamics of the region's nuclear landscape and elucidated the key factors of emerging risks affecting strategic stability.

This lecture offered PCS and SS students a valuable opportunity to engage in a thought-provoking discussion, fostering an environment conducive to the exchange of ideas and insights.

## Lecture Activities



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Following are some of the selected articles from NJIPS for the reader's attention:

- China's Strategic Involvement in Africa and its Regional Implications (1949-2022) by Faiza Abid, Haya Fatima, and Aiysha Safdar: DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.vi.137>
- Nurturing Sustainable Peace: Unveiling the Integral Role of Women in Rwanda's Peacebuilding Endeavors by Maria Mansab: DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v6i2.150>
- Pakistan: A Responsible Nuclear State by Khalid Mahmood Shafi and Hina Khaliq Taj: DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v6i2.152>
- Ethnic Conflict and UN Peacekeeping Operations in Cote d'Ivoire by Muhammad Zubair Cheema and Lubna Sarwar: DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v6i1.144>
- Evaluating Pakistani Media's Perception of Chinese Military Development: A Content Analysis of Pakistani Newspaper by Muhammad Ahsan Jamal, Syed Bahadur Abbas, & Asad Ullah: DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v6i1.135>







A UNAMID Police woman and the head of the Police Women Network from Pakistan, participating in the opening ceremony of the El Raman Women Shopping Centre in the Abu Shouk camp for Internally Displaced Persons (IDP).

**Farkhanda Iqbel | Darfur, 2014**



INTERNATIONAL VISITS BY CIPS FACULTY

## Participation in the STM-SO Working Group Session (Uganda) by Brig. (Retd) Engr. Syed Mohsan Shah

9 - 20 October 2023

Brigadier Mohsan (Retd) attended the STM-SO Working Group Session in Entebbe, Uganda, held from October 9th to 20th, 2023. This session, focused on advancing the UNITS (United Nations Integrated Training Service) agenda, specifically addressed changes in CPTM (Core Pre-deployment Training Materials), provided a comprehensive revision of UNSO-STM (UN Military Staff Officers-Specialized Training Materials), and the addition of new injects in SBE (Scenario-based Exercise).

The plenary session drew participants from 18 countries, including DSs from Germany, France,

Sweden, Australia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and India. Discussions centered on ongoing UN peacekeeping missions in regions like Mali, DR Congo, and the Central African Republic. Key highlights from the discussions included the need for revisions in teaching materials to enhance the decision-making process, incorporating additions to the Carana case study and scenario-based exercises and implementing suitable changes in the curriculum for integrated assessment and planning. The insights gained from the session played a pivotal role in fostering a more effective and uniform approach to peacekeeping efforts.



## Participation in the International Symposium on “Global Security Governance: Current Challenges and China’s Solutions” by Dr. Aqab Malik

26 June 2023

Dr. Aqab Malik, representing CIPS-NUST, delivered a compelling presentation at the “International Symposium on Global Security Governance and the Changing World Order” in Beijing on June 26, 2023. Focused on the theme of “Global Power to Asia and Great Power Geostrategic Positioning,” his talk explored Asia’s rising influence and its profound impact on global dynamics. Dr. Aqab’s insights elucidated the shifting geopolitical landscape and sparked meaningful discussions about the evolving world order among symposium participants.





## Participation in 27th IAPTC Annual Conference in Kenya by Brig. Mohammad Shoab (Director Military Operations) and Lt. Col Masroor Anwar (GSO-1 Training)

6-10 November 2023



The International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) conducted its 27th Annual Conference at the International Peace Support Training Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, between 6th and 10th November 2023. The conference theme was “Leveraging Partnerships in Training for Complex Peace Operations Environments.” A delegation comprising Brig Mohammad Shoab (the Director

Military Operations) and Lt Col Masroor Anwar (GSO-1 Training) attended the conference. The IAPTC Annual Conference 2023 adhered to global associations’ highest standards and conventions. Its primary objective was establishing a shared platform to foster the seamless exchange of training materials, engagement with subject matter experts, and active participation in diverse training events.

## Pakistan to Host 28th IAPTC Annual Conference 2024: Fostering Collaboration in Peacekeeping Training

18 December 2023

We are excited to share the news that [the Centre for International Peace and Stability \(CIPS\) in Islamabad, Pakistan, has been chosen to host the distinguished 28th Annual International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres \(IAPTC\) Conference in 2024.](#) This decision, ratified during the extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee on December 18, 2023, signifies a pivotal moment for Pakistan and the global peacekeeping community.

The annual conference serves as a pivotal

forum, bringing together stakeholders engaged in peacekeeping operations training. It provides an opportunity to expand connections, facilitate discussions, and exchange ideas, experiences, and best practices. The overarching goal is to harmonize training programs in response to evolving contemporary trends and threats in the realm of peacekeeping. We eagerly anticipate this collaborative effort, which promises to enrich our collective understanding and practices in the realm of peacekeeping operation training.

## Participation in the United Nations Logistics Officers Course (Vietnam) by Maj. Syed Hussain Mustafa Naqvi

30 Oct - 10 Nov 2023

During the course conducted by the Canadian Department of National Defence, Directorate of Military Training and Cooperation (DMTC) at Vietnam Department of Peacekeeping Ops Cen (VNDPKO) in Hanoi, Vietnam, Major Syed Hussain Mustafa Naqvi from the Pakistan Army emerged as a standout participant. The training, which took place from 30 Oct to 10 Nov 2023, saw the active involvement of 40 students hailing from 11 countries, including Bangladesh, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. The primary goal of the course was to equip individuals to serve as Logistics Officers in a UN operational-level HQ or support a Troop Contributing Country (TCC). Due to Major Naqvi's exceptional performance, the Canadian Faculty has recommended him as a Guest Instructor for the next course scheduled in Mar 2023 in Malaysia.



## Participation in Women Military Peace Operation Course (WMPOC)-2023 by Maj Ambreen Jamshed and Maj Tanzeela Khalil

4-22 September 2023

The Ministry of National Defense in the Republic of Korea, in collaboration with ROKPKOC and support from the UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality, organized a training program from September 4 to 22, 2023. The primary objective of this initiative was to enhance the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in UN Peace Operations. Two accomplished female officers from the Pakistan Army, namely Maj Ambreen Jamshed from CMH Rawalpindi and Maj Tanzeela Khalil from CMH Gilgit, successfully completed the Women Military Peace Operation Course (WMPOC).

The program's final day, on September 22, 2023, witnessed



“The Korea Peacekeeping Forum for Women’s Empowerment.” This forum brought together military leaders, who have championed women’s empowerment in peacekeeping, along with ambassadors from leading countries on the women, peace, and security agenda. Maj Ambreen Jamshed from Pakistan, had the privilege of being selected as a panelist alongside experts from UN Women, DPO and esteemed speakers, including H.E Ban Ki-moon, the Former Secretary-General of the UN.



## Participation in the Annual General Meeting and Workshop of the Association of Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers (AAPTC) by Dr. Brig. (Retd) Fiaz Hussain Shah

1-3 May 2023

Dr. Brig (Retd) Fiaz Hussain Shah from the Department of Peacekeeping Training (PKT) at CIPS-NUST attended the “Association of Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers” (AAPTC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Workshop in Sydney, Australia from May 1-3, 2023.

This year’s conference theme was “Stronger Together: Enhancing Training Standardization and Emerging Capabilities”. The forum aimed to promote collaboration and enhance regional and global efforts towards peace and security. Dr. Brig (Retd) Fiaz Hussain presented a detailed account of Pakistan’s contribution to UN peacekeeping, promoting peace and stability in conflict-affected



regions worldwide. He also highlighted the comprehensive training and capacity-building program the Department of PKT conducted for national and international peacekeepers.

## Participation in the Nuclear Security Workshop (Jordan) by Dr. Rubina Waseem

25-28 September 2023

Dr. Rubina Waseem presented a paper during the “Nuclear Security Course” workshop, which took place in Amman, Jordan, spanning from September 25 to 28, 2023. Hosted by Sandia National Laboratories & Royal Scientific Society, the workshop comprehensively examined various

aspects of nuclear security. As a thorough introduction, the event addressed essential concepts, terminology, and strategies for bolstering domestic and international initiatives to enhance nuclear security.



FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

## Exchange Visit to China's UN Peacekeeping Centre by Brig. (Retd) Azam Agha

Brig (Retd) Muhammad Azam Agha served as an instructor during the United Nations Staff Officer (UNSO) Course in the Peacekeeping Centre under the Ministry of National Defense of the People's Republic of China, located in Beijing from September 4th to 22nd, 2023. His representation of our Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) was exemplary, showcasing not only his wealth of knowledge but also the values of our institution. The course aimed to comprehensively understand the principles and policies of the United Nations. Brig Azam Agha's active participation and insightful contributions resonated with peers

and participants, fostering a positive image of CIPS not only internationally but also significantly contributing to the global discourse on peace and stability.



## Exchange Visit to South Korean UN Peacekeepers' Training Institute by Brig. (Retd) Khalid Shafi

Dr Brigadier (Retd) Khalid Mahmood Shafi participated as an instructor in the United Nations Military Observer Course (UNMO) through the 'instructor exchange' program at the Republic of Korea Peacekeeping Operations Center (ROKPKOC) from October 9 to October 29, 2023. The course at ROKPKOC, where Brig. Dr. Khalid Mahmood Shafi's instructions were comprehensive and tailored specifically for UNMOs. In current peacekeeping

missions, UN Military Observers (UNMOs) often work unarmed in remote and challenging security conditions. Their roles, overseeing ceasefires and truces, continually adapt to the complexities of the operational environment. Thus, professional instructors help peacekeepers in understanding the dynamics of the missions.

Under the terms of the General Agreement of Cooperation signed between the Centre for





## Fostering International Collaboration: Enriching UN Training with Korean Expertise at CIPS

International Peace and Stability (CIPS) and the Republic of Korea Peacekeeping Operations Center (ROKPKOC), two esteemed Korean instructors, namely Col (R) Kwon Gu Il and Dr. Kim Jung Pil, participated in the United Nations Staff Officer Course-40 (UNSOC) through the instructor exchange program.

Their presence enriched the course content and significantly enhanced the participants' knowledge, elevating the overall training experience. The purpose of the course was to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the United Nations' functioning, basic principles, guidelines, and policies, serving as a foundation for equipping them with the knowledge necessary to navigate the complexities of UN operations and missions effectively. The expertise and dedication of these Korean instructors played a vital role in preparing participants for their UN missions, fostering a positive outlook for future collaborations with CIPS.

During his farewell remarks, Dr. Kim Jung



Pil, the visiting Korean instructor, thanked the faculty members, staff, and colleagues for their warm hospitality during his stay, along with his counterpart, Col (Retd) Kwon Gu Il. He underscored his eagerness to cultivate active exchanges and collaborative initiatives between Pakistan and Korea in the future.



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

## International Conference on Business, Management & Social Sciences (ICBMASS-2023)

The 3rd International Conference on Business, Management & Social Sciences (ICBMASS-2023) was held on March 14th-15th, 2023. Coordinated by the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS), School of Social Sciences and Humanities (S3H), and NUST Business School (NBS), the conference delved into the theme of 'Non-Traditional Security Threats.'

The conference featured distinguished speakers, Professor Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani (Chairman Gallup Pakistan), Lt Gen Zubair Mehmood Hayat HI (M) NI (M) (Retd), and Prof. Przemyslaw Osiewicz (Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan, Poland), shared their insights. Dr. Bakare Najimdeen (Head of Research PCS-CIPS) chaired the conference, a flagship event sponsored by NUST Research Dte/RIC.

ICBMASS-2023 served as a platform for scholars to discuss pressing issues related to Non-Traditional Security challenges like cybersecurity, climate change, food and environmental security, and economic and health security. The conference fostered productive discussions, offering valuable insights for addressing these challenges and ensuring a sustainable future.

In the closing remarks, Maj Gen Salim Raza (Principal NIPCONS) and Professor Dr Ashfaque



Hasan Khan (Principal S3H) underscored the importance of recognizing Non-Traditional Security threats' intricate and evolving dynamics. They stressed the need for sustained attention and cooperation at both national and international levels to tackle such challenges effectively. Professor Dr Salma Siddique (Dean S3H) particularly appreciated the conference's multidisciplinary nature, highlighting the significance of adopting a comprehensive and integrated approach to address the challenges associated with Non-Traditional Security threats.

## Information Session: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)



The Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) hosted the "information session" for the Defense Attachés' Association (DAA) in close collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Pakistan on 28 February 2023.

The event brought together senior ICRC management, The ICRC's armed and security

forces delegates (FAS), military diplomats from over 25 foreign embassies in Islamabad, and representatives from the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) under one roof.

CIPS holds pride in being the bridge between military interlocutors and Law Enforcement Agencies along with international humanitarian organizations such



as the ICRC and thus contributes to the promotion of dialogue that highlights the importance of the efforts of the defense attaches in Pakistan. It fosters an environment for future collaborations and diplomatic relations.

Colonel Nicolas Presson, Defence Attaché of France presented the DAA's activities, while Major General (Retd) Muhammad Salim Raza, Principal NIPCONS, delivered the closing remarks and appreciated the ICRC's efforts to promote transversal collaborative learning with regional military panelists. In addition, The FAS team in Pakistan and DAA have decided to continue working closely to implement the provisions of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) with the support of CIPS.

Since its inception, CIPS has proactively engaged with the Pakistan Army and other non-profit organizations that work towards recognizing the contributions of the defense attachés across the globe. This encompasses organizing seminars, RTCs, and symposiums and offering UN Peacekeeping training at the Peacekeeping Training Department within CIPS. Similarly, ICRC has worked towards collaborating with the aforementioned organizations to generate dialogue



regarding the utilization of IHL by conducting seminars and certificate courses on IHL and roundtable discussions on contemporary issues related to IHL. Moreover, MoUs have been signed with CIPS at NUST to work on the applicability of IHL to UN peacekeeping operations.

## ICRC Conference: Nexus of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Peacekeeping: A Case Study of Pakistan's Best Practices in Peacekeeping Missions.

On 05 December 2023, CIPS, in collaboration with ICRC, organized an expert panel discussion on the "Nexus of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Peacekeeping: A Case Study of Pakistan's Best Practices in Peacekeeping Missions."

Mr. Nicolas Lambert, Head of Delegation-ICRC Pakistan, graced the event. Distinguished panelists included Principal NIPCONS Maj Gen (R) Aftab Khan, Dr. Bakare Najimdeen (CIPS), Prof Dr.

Tughral Yamin (Senior Fellow, IPS Islamabad), Dr. Salma Malik (QAU Islamabad), and Brig (Retd) Mirza Saleem Beig.

The discourse centered on the significance of IHL in military doctrine, emphasizing Pakistan's leading role in peacekeeping. It aimed to stimulate debate on Pakistan's effective integration of IHL in its UN peacekeeping missions.



EXPERT COLLOQUIUMS DISCUSSION AND SEMINARS

## Book Launch Ceremony: “International Peacekeeping: Perspectives from Pakistan” (CIPS-IPS- CCPS)

The book launching ceremony for the recent IPS Press publication, “International Peacekeeping: Perspectives from Pakistan,” edited by Professor Dr. Tughral Yamin, took place on 8th March 2023. The event was jointly organized by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), the Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS) NUST, and the Centre for Critical Peace Studies (CCPS) UMT at IPS.

The work encapsulates the ideas and thoughts of veteran peacekeepers, professors, and students from the Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS), a globally recognized peacekeeping training institute by the UN. Positioned as a standard textbook for those studying peacekeeping-related subjects, the book is also an amalgamation of papers published in the NUST Journal of International Peace and Stability (NJIPS), an academic peer-reviewed published by CIPS.

President of Pakistan, Arif Alvi, was also presented with a book copy. He appreciated its significance in addressing gaps in the existing UN peacekeeping



literature, providing a platform for Pakistani scholars and practitioners. The book delves into diverse topics, including foreign policy motivations, contemporary peacekeeping trends, and Pakistan’s adaptation to emerging challenges. Furthermore, it extracts valuable lessons from various operations, making it a highly recommended textbook for scholars and practitioners.

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## 7th International Peace and Security (IPS) Summer Course (2023)

CIPS successfully organized the 7th International Peace and Security (IPS) Summer Course from July 17th to 26th, 2023. The event attracted 25 enthusiastic participants, who delved into a comprehensive exploration of the complex challenges faced by nations and international institutions while equipping themselves with essential skills to analyze and effectively address these critical issues.

The course featured a well-crafted program, blending interactive lectures, engaging discussions, and thought-provoking sessions led by esteemed national and international experts in the field of peace and security. Dr. Bakare Najimdeen’s enlightening lecture on “The Rise of Nationalism and Its Impact on World Peace” provided valuable







insights into a pressing global issue. Dr. Imdad Ullah shed light on “US-China Rivalry and the Emergence of the New Global Order,” while Prof. Tughral Yamin explored “The Role of Social Media and Its Effect on National Morale.” Dr. Ansar Jamil’s talk on “The Impact of Regional and Global Geopolitical Dynamics on Pakistan’s Strategic Culture” resonated with the participants, as did Professor Dr. Radoslaw Fiedler’s discussion on “The War in Ukraine, Humanitarian Consequences, and European Security.”

Furthermore, Dr. Salma Malik’s presentation on “War and Peace in South Asia” captivated the audience, while Brig (R) Muhammad Azam Agha’s insightful talk, “Pakistan’s Dynamic Role in UN Peacekeeping: Advancing Global Security through UN’s Training System,” received much acclaim.

Dr. Humaira Shafi’s discussion on “Women in UN Peacekeeping: ‘Women, Peace, and Security’ and UNSC Resolution 1325” highlighted the crucial role of women in peacekeeping efforts.

In a session, Professor Dr. Martha M. Bradley delved into the “Criminalization of War and Its Impact on Contemporary Warfare,” attracting not only the IPS participants but also a delegation from ICRC, comprising attendees of an ongoing training on the Law of Air & Missile Warfare.

The IPS Summer Course fostered a rich intellectual environment, stimulating in-depth conversations and forging valuable connections among the participants and experts. CIPS reaffirms its commitment to advancing global peace and security through this endeavor.

## Expert Panel Discussion: Pak-Afghan Relations: The Future Prospects

The Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) organized an expert panel discussion on “Pak-Afghan Relations: The Future Prospects” on 3rd January 2023. Ambassador (Retd) Syed Abrar Hussain (Chairman IPS), Maj. General Inam (Retd), Mr. Imtiaz Gul (Executive Director of the Centre for Research and Security Studies), and Professor Dr. Azmat Hayat (Vice Chancellor of Peshawar University) were the key panelists. The discussion aimed for the experts to provide students with

insight and knowledge of the complex dynamics of relations between the two countries. The session was chaired and moderated by Dr. Aqab Malik. The Principal NIPCONS, Maj Gen Muhammad Salim Raza HI(M) (Retd), appreciated the guest speakers. He further emphasized the significance of expert discussions for students studying Peace and Conflict Studies and Strategic Studies to comprehend the regional complexities.



## CIPS VISITS

### Australian Defense Attaché Visit

On 17 April, 2023, the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) had the privilege of hosting a visit from the esteemed Australian Defense Attaché, Commander Simon Andrews. This visit was conducted to foster international collaboration, share insights into CIPS's mission and functions, and explore potential avenues for cooperation between CIPS and the Australian Defense Forces.

The Australian Defense Attaché was warmly received at CIPS. The visit commenced with an informative briefing on the CIPS's pivotal role in advancing peace and stability on the global stage. Special attention was given to the Department of PKT, which has a commendable track record in preparing military personnel for crucial peacekeeping missions.

The delegation engaged in a discussion highlighting the significant role of simulation in enhancing peacekeeping training. They provided an overview of the operations at the Australian Defense Force (ADF) Peace Operations Training Centre (POTC), where cutting-edge virtual technologies, such as the Avatar-Augmented Role Play (AARP) system, are employed to instruct UN Peacekeepers. This innovative approach is specifically tailored to train United Nations Military Observers (UNMOs) in the



essential protocols required for conducting patrols on UN missions. The Australian defense attaché and representatives from CIPS explored opportunities for potential collaboration within peacekeeping simulations.

CIPS sincerely appreciated Commander Simon Andrews, the Australian Defense Attaché, for gracing CIPS with their esteemed presence. This visit underscores the importance of international cooperation in pursuing peace and stability.

Looking ahead to establishing a lasting and fruitful partnership between CIPS and the Australian Defense Forces, the commitment to collaborate in pursuit of common objectives that contribute to the betterment of the international community remains unwavering.

### Commandant of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) Academy Visits CIPS

On September 16, 2023, Mr. Qazi Jamil Ur Rehman, the distinguished Commandant of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) Academy, embarked on a significant visit to the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS). Mr. Qazi Jamil Ur Rehman was warmly welcomed by Major General (Retd) Raja Aftab Khan, Principal of NIPCONS.

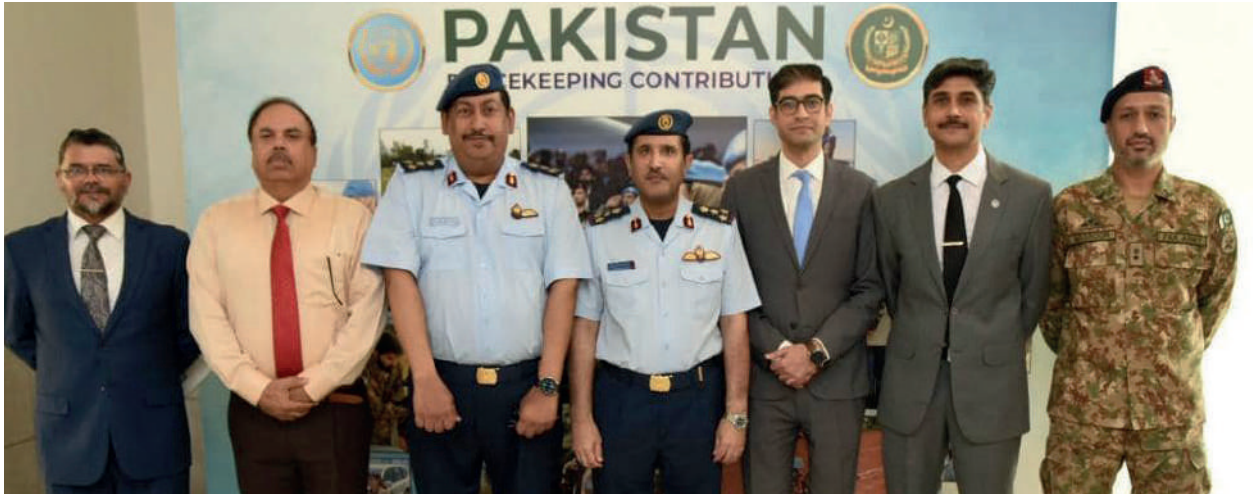
In-depth discussions regarding potential areas of mutual collaboration between the IB Academy and CIPS marked the visit. These discussions encompassed a wide spectrum of possibilities, focusing on the active involvement of CIPS faculty in joint initiatives and the development of collaborative research programs. These deliberations aimed to identify avenues for knowledge exchange, research advancement, and expertise sharing between the two institutions.



It is with great significance that we acknowledge this visit as a noteworthy milestone in establishing formal institutional-level partnerships. The interaction between the IB Academy and CIPS is expected to yield far-reaching benefits for both organizations, potentially enhancing their capabilities in areas related to public service, administration, and intelligence. We look forward to the promising future of this partnership.



## Delegation from the Qatar Armed Forces



On 20th September 2023, a distinguished delegation from the Qatar Armed Forces, led by Staff Brigadier (Pilot) Salem Hamad Al Marri, Military Attaché, and Assistant Military Attaché for Training, Brigadier (Engineering/Air) Nasser Al-Bader, visited the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) in Pakistan. Their visit aimed to gain insights into CIPS and its functions, with a particular emphasis on the Department of Peacekeeping and Training and the diverse range of courses it offers to its Allied forces.

The delegation was warmly welcomed to CIPS, receiving a comprehensive briefing on the CIPS's mission and activities. The briefing focused on the Department of Peacekeeping and Training, which plays a pivotal role in preparing military personnel for peacekeeping missions. The delegation expressed a keen interest in the peacekeeping courses offered by CIPS, which is renowned for its adherence to the rigorous standards set by the UNITS.

During their visit, the delegation had the opportunity to observe classrooms and witness firsthand the high-quality training programs provided by CIPS. They also explored the CIPS gallery display, which highlighted Pakistan's significant contributions to United Nations peacekeeping efforts over the years.

One of the remarkable highlights of the visit was the profound commitment exhibited by the head of the delegation, Staff Brigadier Salem Hamad Al Marri, in fostering essential collaboration between CIPS and the Qatar Armed Forces. This expressed interest signifies a promising step towards strengthening



the partnership between our institutions and working together to achieve shared goals in the pursuit of global peace and security.

The visit of the Qatar Armed Forces delegation to CIPS on September 20, 2023, was a significant event that provided a platform for mutual understanding, knowledge sharing, and the exploration of potential avenues for collaboration. This visit is anticipated to pave the way for future cooperation between CIPS and the Qatar Armed Forces, ultimately contributing to the greater cause of global peace and stability.

## Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Specialist from UN Women Visits CIPS, NUST

Ms. Iina Pyykkö, a Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) specialist from UN Women Pakistan, visited the CIPS on 16th March, 2023.

During her visit, Ms. Pyykkö attended the Gender Advisory Course (organized by the Department of PKT-CIPS) and interacted with female Pakistani Army officers and students of the MS Peace and Conflict Studies program. Diverse participants, including military and civilian personnel, attend the Gender Advisory Course at PKT. It provides a unique platform for sharing experiences and perspectives on gender and peacekeeping operations.

Initially, Ms. Farah Naz, the focal person of UN Women, spoke on diversity and the role of women as peacekeepers in various peacekeeping missions. After that, Ms. Iina Pyykkö interacted with the female Army Personnel and the Peace and Conflict Studies postgraduate students. Ms. Pyykkö shared her knowledge and expertise in WPS, providing insights on integrating gender perspectives into

peacekeeping operations. She emphasized the importance of integrating gender perspectives into UN peacekeeping operations, focusing on the WPS framework.

She further underscored the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and how it is a ground-breaking resolution recognizing women's leadership to achieve international peace and security and their contributions to conflict prevention, peacekeeping, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding.

Speaking at the event, Brig. Imran from the Peacekeeping Department expressed his appreciation for the support provided by UN Women, Pakistan, and highlighted the commitment of the department to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in its peacekeeping operations. After the event, souvenirs were presented to Ms. Iina Pyykkö and Ms. Khushbakht Sohail.





“ In recognizing the pivotal role of CIPS and Pakistan’s peacekeeping cell, let it be known: committing one’s life to peace is the noblest self-sacrifice. ”

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan

**Jalil Abbas Jilani**

UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Preparatory  
Meet, Islamabad Pakistan, 30-31 August 2023





## CIPS-HSF Research Collaboration

The Student Research Fellowship is a key element of an academic research project addressing 'Non-Traditional Security' (NTS) challenges. It involves collaboration between the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) and the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF).

This joint endeavor empowers and encourages student researchers to explore various NTS-related subjects. These include cybersecurity, food security, climate change, environmental security, human security, institutional harmonization within the context of Non-Traditional Security, and economic and energy security. Notably, this exploration transcends the conventional confines of traditional security parameters, embracing a dynamic configuration. For the year 2023, three MS PCS students secured research funding for the following projects:



**Hiba Malik:** A Socio-Technical System (STS) Approach to Cyber Resilience in Pakistani Banks



**Maryam Akhtar:** Nexus of Climate Change and Migration in Gilgit Baltistan, Pakistan



**Dua Shahid:** Contextualizing Disinformation, Democratic Values, and National Security



The significance of this collaboration lies in its proactive approach to addressing contemporary global challenges and fostering a comprehensive understanding of Non-Traditional Security issues. Through this endeavor, CIPS and HSF showcase their commitment to advancing knowledge in critical domains, contributing to the academic landscape, and addressing the evolving nature of global security challenges.



# CIPS Academic Publication in 2023

## BOOK

- Bakare, N. (Ed.). (2023). Arab-Israel Normalisation of Ties: Global Perspectives. Palgrave Macmillan. <https://www.amazon.com/Arab-Israel-Normalisation-Ties-Global-Perspectives/dp/9819977649>.

This book focuses on rapprochement and normalisation between Israel and some Arab countries within the context of global and regional geopolitics, bringing together broader perspectives on transformations resulting from this. The analysis is rooted in a historical and cultural construction of the region as an Islamic sphere viewing Israel as a perpetuation of the Western colonial project in the region. It analyses how this normalisation must not be treated as a novel phenomenon, but as a reconstruction of the past and continuity in tradition geared at regional stability, signifying a wider shift in the structure of the global international system.

## BOOK CHAPTER

- Waseem, R. (2023). US-China Strategic Competition: Through the Matrix of Complex Interdependence. In Swaran. S., & M. Reena (Eds.), *China and the Indo-Pacific: Maneuvers and Manifestations* (pp. 41-54). Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore. [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-19-7521-9\\_3](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-19-7521-9_3).

The Chapter discusses Indo-Pacific region has been a great testing ground for analysing the politico-economic and geo-strategic dynamics of the great powers' competition. Since the early 1990s, China and the US have had constant sporadic contestations about their control over the Western Pacific. The end of the Cold War has seen the Indo-Pacific gradually emerge as the epicentre of their strategic pursuits. Attempting to elucidate underpinning theoretical debates of this competition, this study revolves around various evolving push and pull factors undergirding the dynamics of this region where all global as well as regional powers have remained trapped in their ever-expanding complex interdependence.

## RESEARCH PAPERS

- Makki, M., & Iftikhar, W. (2023). The Security-Development Nexus in Post-Conflict North Waziristan: Development Initiatives and Their Implications for Sustainable Peace. *Mankind Quarterly*, 64(1). [10.46469/mq.2023.64.1.8](https://doi.org/10.46469/mq.2023.64.1.8).

Abstract: This study examines the complex relationship between security and development, referred to as the security-development nexus, in the post-conflict environment of North Waziristan, Pakistan. North Waziristan is characterized by complex governance challenges, cross-border terrorism and indigenous terrorism, making it an ideal case for examining the multifaceted nature of the security-development nexus. By analyzing the power dynamics and transformations that occur as a result of the interaction between security and development, the present research demonstrates how these dynamics impact the overall peacebuilding process in the region. It argues that a comprehensive understanding of the consequences is of paramount significance when formulating policies to foster sustainable peace. Keywords: North Waziristan, Post-conflict development, Security-development nexus, Sustainable peace, Terrorism

- Makki, M., & Sandhu, A. K. (2023). Post-conflict Rehabilitation: Understanding the Role of Civil-Military Cooperation in Supporting Child Protection Units (CPUs) in Newly Merged Districts (NMDs), Pakistan. *Journal of Human Security*, 19(1), 53. [10.12924/johs2023.19010053](https://doi.org/10.12924/johs2023.19010053)

Abstract: Several studies have examined the humanitarian Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) in post-conflict environments. However, there has been limited focus on establishing and making available an institutional setup for child welfare, which harnesses CIMIC experiences in the post-conflict rehabilitation phase. This paper aims to address this gap in the Newly Merged Districts (NMDs) of Pakistan, where the local population experienced a series of crises in the form of

terrorism, subsequent military operations, and conflict-induced internal displacement, making children, in particular, extremely vulnerable. In doing so, the paper outlines the underreported vulnerabilities related to the children of NMDs and further identifies the related institutional dynamics of CIMIC in the immediate post-conflict environment. The key findings encompass the delineation of direct and indirect vulnerabilities and the identification of a lack of distinction between child welfare and protection for adequate redressal policies. Regarding the pre-existing institutional infrastructure, the study confirms the prominent role of national and international development organizations and further validates the discord between relevant government departments in providing child welfare services. The objective of this collaborative effort is to facilitate the effective and practical implementation of Child Protection Units (CPUs) in the NMDs.

- Waseem, R., & Khan, Z. (2023). Mainstreaming South Asian nuclear rivals for nuclear suppliers group: Imperatives for strengthening the nonproliferation regime. *Comparative Strategy*, 42(1), 152-170. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01495933.2022.2158032>

**Abstract:** There is a need for mainstreaming South Asian Non-NPT Nuclear Weapon States. India is an emerging market and Pakistan has the potential to become a future market for nuclear energy. Furthermore, they have nuclear weapons, making it important to take them on board in the Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime (NPR). Given the reality that they are not ready to roll back their nuclear program, there is a need to explore options for mainstreaming them especially in nuclear export control mechanisms. This article investigates the policy imperatives for the international community to address the South Asian Non-NPT-NWSs in the NSG.

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**Abstract:** For quite too long, the West has portrayed itself as the custodian of civilization and civility

worthy of emulation by the rest of the world. Such characterization of itself explains the epoch of European colonialism and the successive Western policies that have not only exponentially underdeveloped the Global South, but also caused an intellectual and cultural inferiority complex. While this debate may not be uniquely unknown, this paper problematizes the concept of cosmopolitanism, a long debated idea believed to have originated from the West that has been globalized through colonialism and the Eurocentric international system. This paper explores the dichotomous representation of cosmopolitanism vis-à-vis diversity and inclusion. To place the discussion in perspective, the paper addresses the issue of populism, COVID-19, racism, and refugee crisis to expose several embedded contradictions and inconsistencies. It concludes arguing for a more inclusive and transparent representation of world identities in order to have a fruition of a cosmopolitan world.

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**Abstract:** In recent times, the concept of structural violence has emerged as a crucial analytical framework for understanding conflicts, disparities, and the marginalization experienced by communities. Drawing on Johan Galtung's typology of conflicts, scholars have employed this lens to analyze the systematic violence perpetrated by state institutions, which not only normalizes but also legitimizes such acts of aggression. This paper delves into a comprehensive analysis of the case of Indian-Occupied Kashmir, where the de facto administration of India is perpetrating structural violence. Moreover, this study examines the intricate interplay between structural violence and state crime, which has significantly complicated the already contentious issue of Kashmir. Qualitative research has discerned a recurring pattern, wherein indirect violence has led to further otherization of the Muslim population in this internationally recognized disputed territory. This paper underscores the urgency of adopting an academic tone and rigorously engaging with the complexities of the Kashmir issue to foster a



deeper understanding of structural violence and its implications for peacebuilding efforts.

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Memoona Nasir delves into the Hutu-Tutsi conflict that culminated in Rwanda's devastating 1994 genocide. In her analysis of the complex relationship between identity and conflict, she unveils how ethnicity has been a catalyst instead of the primary cause of the genocide that claimed the lives of 800,000 Tutsis. The 100 days of bloodshed in Rwanda illustrate how a volatile environment created by historical grievances, and social, economic, and political factors can transform into ethnic cleansing when fueled by ethnicity.

Naveed, A. (2023, June 23). Food Insecurity: A Potential Traditional Security Threat? Paradigm Shift. <https://www.paradigmshift.com.pk/security-threat/>

Amna Naveed analyzes the undeniable link between food insecurity and political instability in

a state. While considered a non-traditional security threat, food insecurity directly influences the state military's retention power, financial spending, and the psychological well-being of the soldiers. By considering the case of Africa's food crisis, she reveals the impact of capitalism, colonialism, and war on the people of the continent. She emphasizes that if left unchecked, food insecurity can act as one of the factors responsible for protests, insurgencies, civil wars, and revolutions.

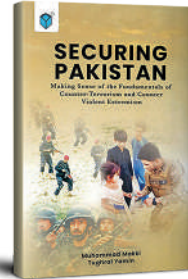
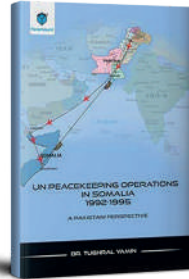
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Gull, N. (2023). [Review of the book *World Peace and How We Can Achieve It*, by Alex J. Bellamy]. *NUST Journal of International Peace Stability*, 6 (2). <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v6i2.153>

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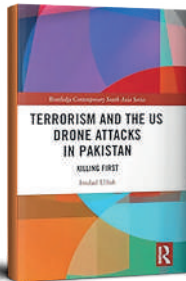
## Books by CIPS Faculty

**UN PEACEKEEPING  
OPERATIONS IN SOMALIA  
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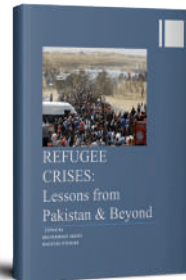
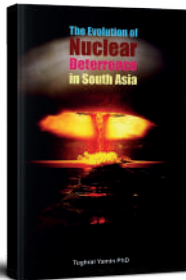
**Securing Pakistan: Making Sense of the fundamentals of Counter-Terrorism and Counter Violent Extremism.**  
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Author: Imdad Ullah  
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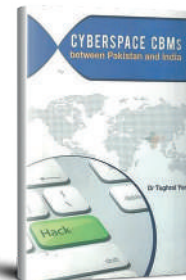
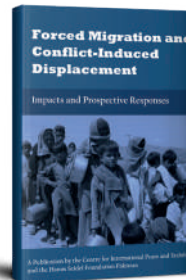
**The Wrong Ally: Pakistan's State Sovereignty Under US Dependence**  
Author: Ahmed Waheed  
Year: 2018

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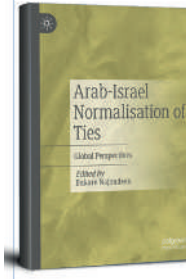
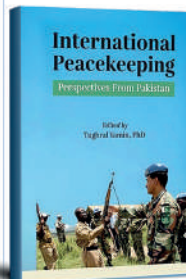
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Edited by: Muhammad Makki and Waseem Iftikhar  
Year: 2015

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Impacts and Prospective Responses  
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Year: 2014

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Edited by: Tughral Yamin  
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## Convocation 2023



In this edition, we extend our warmest congratulations to the students of the 2019 and 2021 cohorts of the Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies program for their successful graduation. These students have shown remarkable dedication in completing their coursework and dissertations, marking significant milestones in their academic journeys. Their commitment and exceptional performance in both areas are truly commendable.

We are particularly pleased to highlight Mr. Shah Muhammad from the 2021 cohort, who has been awarded a Distinction certificate for his outstanding scholarly achievements, notably his attainment of a perfect 4.0 CGPA, placing him at the pinnacle of his batch. This recognition underscores his remarkable dedication to academic excellence.

The centre wishes all graduates the very best in their future endeavors, confident that the knowledge and skills gained during their studies will empower them to make meaningful contributions in the field of peace and conflict resolution.

**Row one:** Dr. Ansar Jamil, Dr. Bakare Najimudeen, Dr. Muhammad Makki, Major General (R) Raja Aftab Khan, Dr. Imdad Ullah, Dr Humaira Shafi, Dr. Rubina Waseem.

**Row Two:** Ms. Sidra Shabir, Mr. Sabeel Ahmad Naeem, Mr. Shah Muhammad. Ms. Maryam Noor, Ms. Neha Ayub, Ms. Rohama Batool Hashmi, Ms. Jawaiza Jabeen Sulehri, Ms. Khadija Akhtar, Ms. Javeria Fareed Qureshi, Mr. Muhammad Zaryab

**Row Three:** Representing Mattia Arooj, her brother



**Ms Memoona Nasir Bio (International Conference on CPEC 24th-25th July 2023, Islamabad)**

Ms. Memoona Nasir, an MS Peace and Conflict Studies student, presented her research at the «Decade of CPEC & BRI: From Vision to Reality» conference in Islamabad. Co-organized by the CPEC Secretariat, Ministry of Planning, Embassy of China, and HEC Pakistan, the event discussed the challenges of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. Her paper, «Roadblocks to Prosperity,» covered security, environment, external forces, and political limitations hindering CPEC's regional connectivity potential.



**Ms Maryam Akhtar (28th Session of the Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC – COP 28)**

Ms. Maryam Akhtar (MS PCS student) participated in the 28th session of the UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP28) hosted by the UAE from November 30th to December 12, 2023. A climate activist and HSF Fellow Research Fellow, she shared insights on the «climate change, peace, and security agenda,» emphasizing the role of youth and representing Pakistan's stance on climate finance. COP28 featured an inclusive agenda and a thematic Relief, Recovery, and Peace Day.





### **Mr Nauman Gul**

Mr. Nauman Gul, an MS PCS 2022 student, dedicated himself to mastering Conflict Resolution and Mediation. He earned the prestigious IMI Qualified Mediator designation through rigorous training at the International Mediation Campus (IM Campus). Awarded by the International Mediation Institute (IMI) and the University in Stuttgart, Germany, this certification highlights his expertise. Completing the Online Mediation Training from March 28 to June 13, 2023, Mr. Gul demonstrated commendable dedication to conflict resolution and mediation.



### **Ms Syed Mudassra Naqvi**

Syed Mudassra Naqvi (MS PCS student) founded 'Eduvision,' a dynamic platform empowering the next generation of freelancers and content writers. Eduvision provides essential skills and knowledge for success in the digital landscape, contributing to economic growth and fostering a community of proficient professionals in the evolving digital economy.



### **Ms Neha Ayub**

Neha Ayub (MS PCS student) presented her research paper at the 3rd International Conference on Business, Management, and Social Sciences (ICB-MASS). The conference, which revolved around Non-Traditional Security Challenges, was hosted at NUST University in Islamabad. Miss Neha Ayub's paper, "Economic Security Agenda of Pakistan: A Case Study of Intra-provincial Disparities in Punjab," was awarded 1st position among other presentations.



### **Shah Muhammad**

Shah Muhammad (MS PCS student) presented his research paper at the 3rd International Conference on Business, Management, and Social Sciences (ICBMASS). The conference, which revolved around Non-Traditional Security Challenges, was hosted at NUST University in Islamabad. Shah Muhammad's research paper, titled "Human Security Discourse: A Case of Civil Society Activism in Sindh," was among the three best research papers at the Conference.

# Successful Ph.D. Thesis

*Title: Cross-Border Crimes, Afghanistan-Pakistan Bilateral Relations and Sustainable Peace in Erstwhile Fata: A Post-Cold War Study on Pakistan's Western Border*

**MUHAMMAD YUNAS KHAN**

Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Muhammad Makki

This thesis articulates the conceptual framework of the cross-border crime and terrorism nexus within the western borderlands of Pakistan and Afghanistan, focusing on the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). Examining the illicit cross-border political economy, it delves into the convergence of transnational terrorism and organized crime. Considering socio-economic and cultural complexities, the study contextualizes 'security' in the unique Afghanistan-Pakistan borderland. The thesis analyzes Pakistan's responses to this nexus from institutional, governance, and security perspectives, emphasizing the significance of effective border management in countering cross-border terrorism and crime. It advocates for a coordinated regional approach to combat the interconnected transnational criminal networks and terrorist organizations in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

*Title: Prospects of Economics Cooperation and Conflict Resolution: A Case Study of Iran, India and Pakistan*

**RIZWAN ALI**

Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Ahmed Waqas Waheed

Abstract: In recent decades, South Asia and the Middle East, with a focus on India, Pakistan, and Iran, have experienced persistent political turmoil. The growth of India and Pakistan, though notable, has been hampered by their contentious relationship, diverting attention from addressing their people's needs and contributing to declining living standards. This research aims to assess the prospects of economic cooperation and conflict resolution in the region, emphasizing the potential for economic interdependence and regional integration. Grounded in the theories of Complex Interdependence, an analysis of informant perspectives reveals a crucial conclusion: sustained economic cooperation hinges on India and Pakistan prioritizing collaboration, leveraging Iran's energy resources to resolve conflict, and fostering economic cooperation. The study underscores the urgent need for these nations to forge strong economic linkages, as failure to do so may lead to a perilous state of unstoppable anarchy in the region.





*Title: Rights of Armed Non-State Actors: A Comparative Analysis of Islamic and International Humanitarian Laws in Context of Contemporary International Crises*

**ASMA NASAR CHATTHA**

Thesis Supervisor: Dr Tughral Yamin

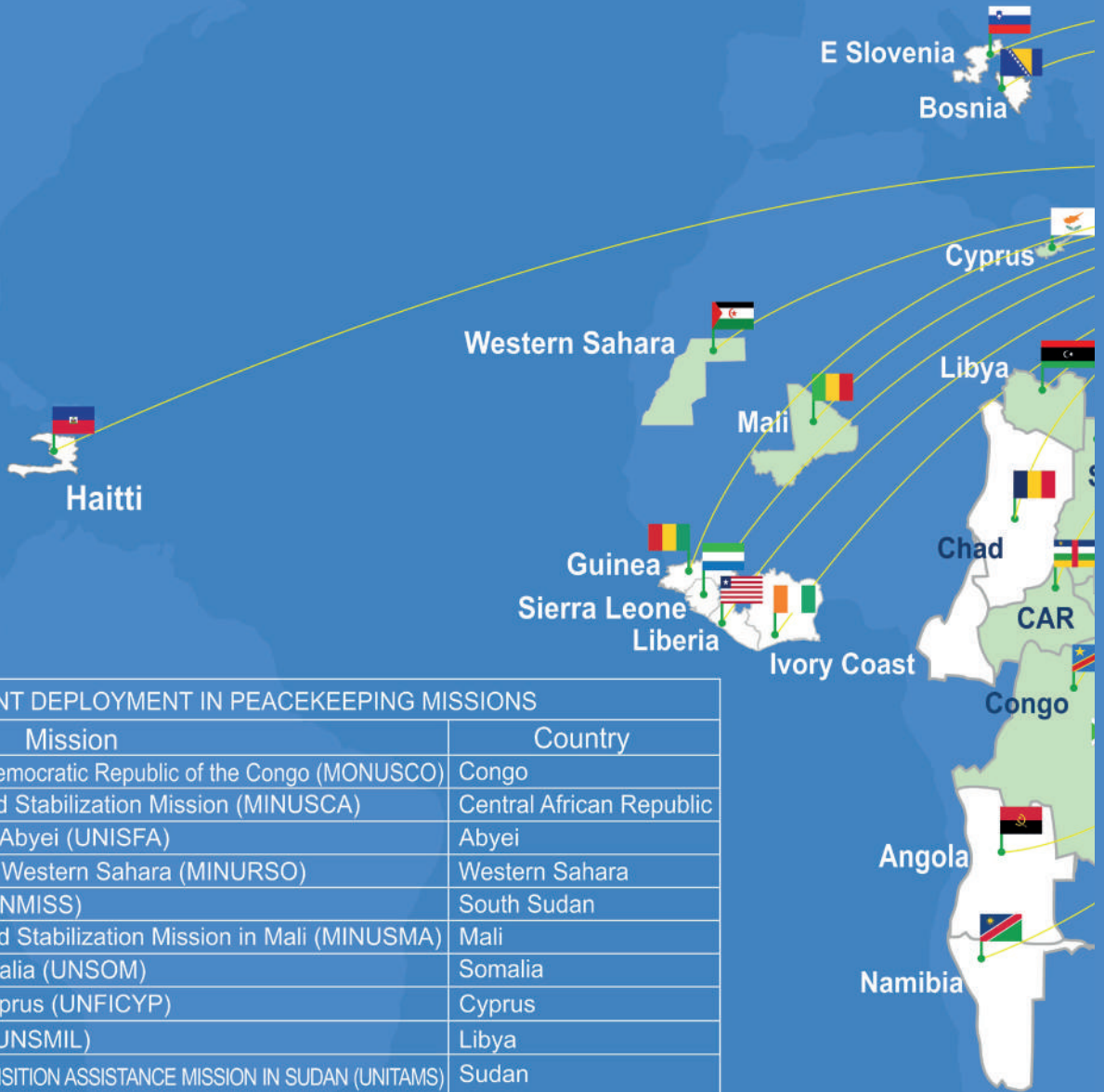
The Islamic law of war and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) aim to preserve the human dignity of both combatants and non-combatants by establishing guidelines for belligerent parties during the conflict. However, armed non-state actors (ANSAs) in recent conflicts have deviated from these principles, targeting civilians and vulnerable segments of society. This strategic choice to inflict harm on non-combatants challenges the legal foundations of IHL, which calls for equal application to all parties in armed conflicts. Employing a social constructivist framework, this study analyzes how the identities of conflicting parties are constructed through interaction. The objective is to present an alternative discourse, moving beyond realism and avoiding a state-centric approach to international law. The study investigates whether IHL articles contribute to encouraging or preventing inequality



between non-state actors and state armed forces. The thesis argues for advocating for the recognition of combatant status for members of armed groups and proposing a deed of commitment for engaging certain armed non-state actors. Implementing these conclusions in contemporary conflicts could significantly reduce global violence.



# PAKISTAN PEACEKEEPING CONTRIBUTIONS

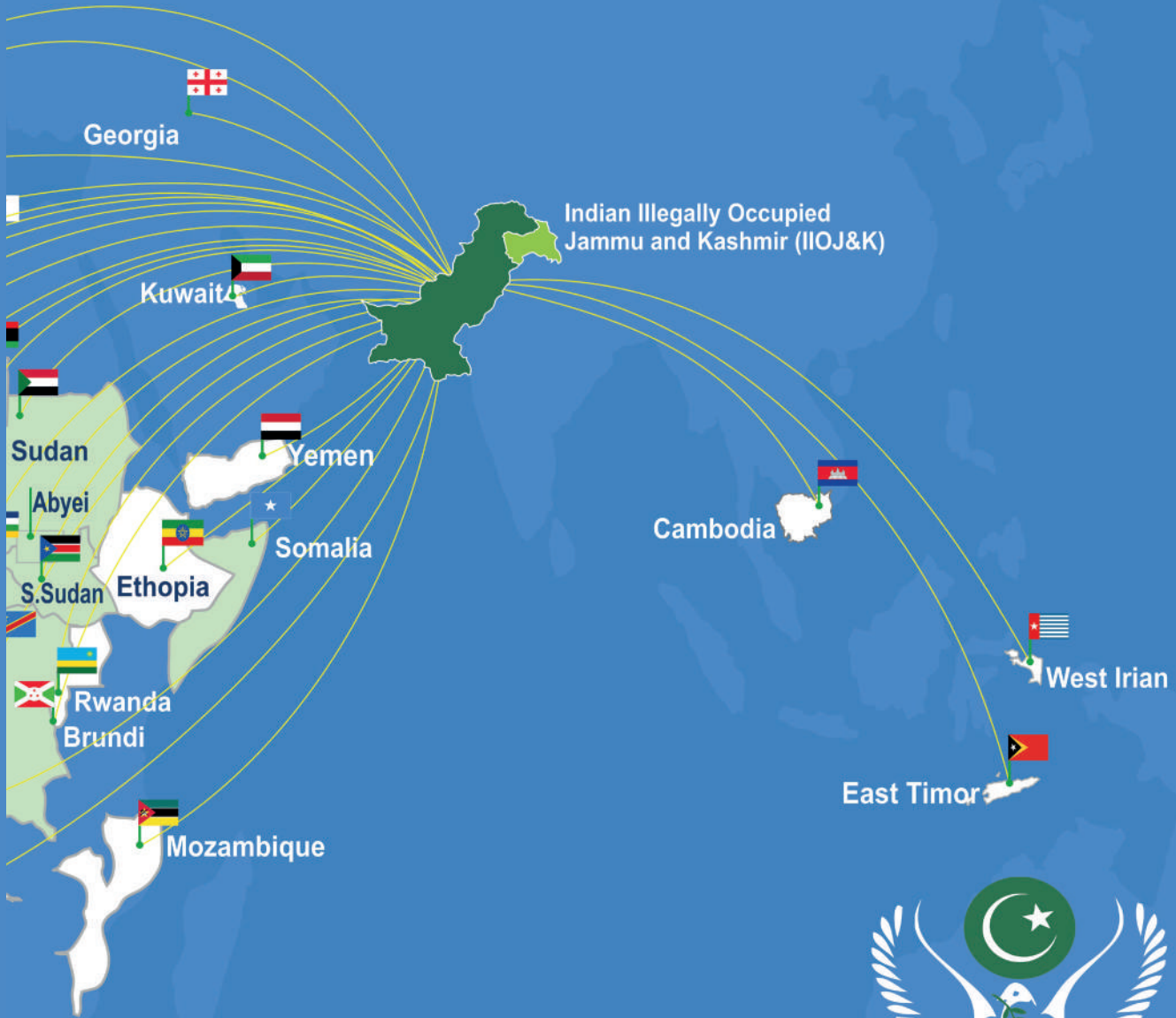


PAKISTAN'S CURRENT DEPLOYMENT IN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS

Mission	Country
UN Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)	Congo
UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission (MINUSCA)	Central African Republic
UN Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)	Abyei
UN Mission for Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)	Western Sahara
UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)	South Sudan
UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)	Mali
UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)	Somalia
UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)	Cyprus
UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL)	Libya
UNITED NATIONS INTEGRATED TRANSITION ASSISTANCE MISSION IN SUDAN (UNITAMS)	Sudan



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