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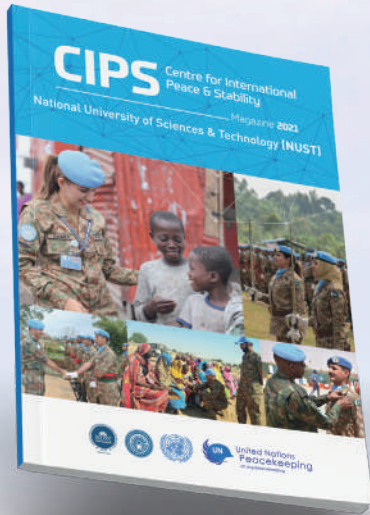


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## About the **CIPS Magazine**

CIPS Magazine showcases the activities and updates of the Centre. The contents of the Magazine proportionately reflect various activities in the domain of Peacekeeping Training(s) and Peace and Conflict Studies conducted by CIPS. 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 incredible contribution is manifest in the fields encompassing training and deployment from the perspective of Peacekeeping Mission(s) as well as different academic/scholarly activities undertaken by the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies.

The Magazine also includes various articles on the experiences 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.

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## Note from the Principal



Our vision at the Centre of International Peace and Stability is to establish a premier academic and training institute that incorporates the best of both theoretical and experiential learning into a critical and dynamic teaching paradigm. Since its inception, CIPS Magazine has been a vehicle for the delivery of timely and thoughtful recognition of Pakistani peacekeepers and efforts done by both Peacekeeping Training (PKT) and Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) departments together with the Research and Analysis(R&A) Cell in the pursuit of sustainable peace and stability. This year, I feel immense pleasure in announcing that CIPS has inaugurated its third department, the Department of Strategic Studies (SS), which is dedicated to undertaking high-quality teaching and research. Reminiscent of the pre-existing departments of CIPS, the Department of Strategic Studies would serve as an academic platform focusing on the issues of Security, Peace, Conflict, and Strategic Studies.

With this year's rendition, the CIPS magazine reflects the integrated co-occurrence of both the individual and collaborative achievements of the talented faculty members and researchers in PKT and PCS departments. The Centre is a connected and driven community of seasoned professionals committed to character and excellence, as is showcased in the following pages. CIPS Magazine, in its pure essence, is a compendium of various events such as seminars, colloquiums, and expert-based discussions coupled with delegation visits and other prominent events conducted here at CIPS. It is meant to display the spirit of community and collaborative excellence we seek to foster at the institute as we engage with the dynamics of conflict and peacebuilding. I hope this latest issue effectively communicates the unique and important contributions to the CIPS mission made by the distinct yet interconnected members of the institution. By prioritising teamwork, integration, and communication, we will strive to ensure that CIPS continues to develop as the region's prominent peacekeeping development institution with a global outlook and outreach in the pursuit of peace and prosperity.

**Maj Gen Muhammad Salim Raza, HI (M), (Retired)**



## Note from the Chief Editor

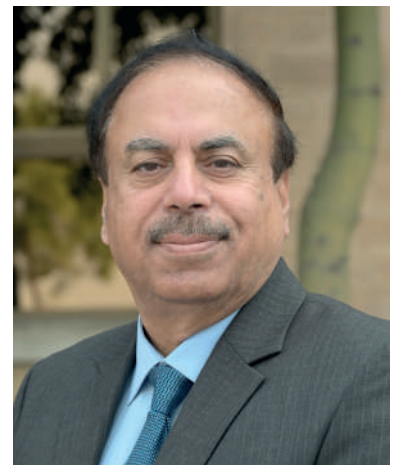
We are proud to present the fourth edition of CIPS Magazine. It aims to call attention to the activities conducted at CIPS – a unique institution that offers both academic and practical teaching in the field of peace and conflict dynamics.

This edition features various training activities in the domain of peacekeeping and peace & conflict studies conducted at CIPS. A substantial portion of this issue displays the contributions of Pakistani peacekeepers in different multidimensional UN missions while showcasing the role of the Department of Peace Operations Training in engaging and training national and foreign peacekeepers for UN peacekeeping missions.

The Centre is also visited by numerous national and international delegations, including the UN Secretary-General, UN President of the General Assembly and the Under Secretary-General of the Department of Peace Operations. Since our first peacekeeping mission, Pakistan ranks among the largest Troops Contributing Countries in the domain of Formed Military contingents, Military Staff Officers and Military Observers. This is reflected as 171 of our bravest soldiers (second highest among the Troop Contributing Countries) have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty for the cause of international peace and security.

Furthermore, the CIPS Magazine presents the Centre's achievements by showcasing all the recent activities, including conferences, lectures, expert-based discussions, colloquiums, seminars and research collaborations – engagements illustrative of a tireless attitude towards the pursuit of excellence. In addition, the Magazine considers it a source of pride to instill the milestones achieved by its faculty and students, including the successful completion of the Afghan Capacity Building Training Programme and the signing of Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with organizations such as 'UN Women' and 'The Republic of Korea, Peacekeeping Operations Centre' (ROK-PKO Centre).

Once again, I feel immense pride and exuberance in sharing the recent 2022 edition of CIPS Magazine with you. I hope the following pages do justice in honoring the steady strides CIPS is making as an academic institute.



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

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*Pakistan continues to play an important role in the maintenance of global peace and security, including as one of the top contributors to UN peacekeeping operations, and as a hub between South, Central and West Asia. Let us be relentless in our efforts to build a more peaceful, stable and secure world for all people.*

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UN Secretary General

**H.E. António Guterres**

During Islamabad Security Dialogue, 1-2 April 2022





# Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS)



CIPS was established on 1st March, 2013, and officially inaugurated by United Nations Secretary General (UNSG) Ban Ki-moon on 13th August, 2013. It is a unique institution; the only one of its kind, established with the purpose of conducting training and research in all matters related to UN Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKOs), peacebuilding and conflict resolution. However, its mandate is not restricted to the relatively narrow field of peacekeeping, but also includes the overarching discipline of Peace & Conflict Studies (PCS). CIPS functions on a hybrid model, performing as a non-partisan think-tank cum academic institution.

It is affiliated with the NUST Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (NIPCONS) at the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad. CIPS houses three departments which are currently working their way to meaningfully contribute to the academia and research; Peacekeeping Training Department (PKT), the Research and Analysis Cell (R&A) and the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS).

In order to inculcate a deeper cognizance on contemporary peace and conflict studies, the Centre also conducts a short Summer Course on International Peace and Security (IPS). Alongside the CIPS Magazine, CIPS also publishes an academic biannual peer-reviewed journal, NUST Journal of International Peace and Stability (NJIPS), on the most pressing issues concerning peacekeeping and conflict dynamics, nationally and internationally.



# Departments at a Glance

**PKT**

## Department of PeaceKeeping Training

Provides pre-deployment training and capacity building of personnel earmarked in UN peacekeeping missions; as per UN Integrated Training Service (ITS) policy guidelines as well as UN General Assembly Resolution A/Res/37/49 of 9 December 1995.

Imparts theoretical and practical knowledge to participants regarding conflict prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding to military, police, and civilians from Pakistan and abroad.

The Department conducts 23 pre-deployment training courses, including 'Female Engagement Team' and 'Gender Advisor Course', as per UNITS modules. These courses include four UN certified Courses (Milob, MSO, PoC, and Pre-Deployment Training) where a number of foreign participants undergo training.

**R&A**

## Research & Analysis Cell

Liaisons with leading think tanks, regional and international, and UN-relevant organizations within the peacekeeping sphere;

Coordination with Military Operations (MO) Directorate and peacekeeping missions abroad; Coordinate and liaise with other stakeholders concerned with peacekeeping, including Ministries of Defense, Foreign Affairs and Interior;

Analyzes and compile the best practices and lessons learnt from Pakistan peacekeepers deployed in various UN peacekeeping missions;

Promotes research in peacekeeping and conflict resolution fields; and publishes CIPS Journal (NJIPS) and CIPS Magazine.

**PCS**

## Department of Peace & Conflict Studies

The department offers academic programs at both post-graduate and doctoral levels in peace and conflict studies;

Secures funds and grants to conduct academic research on the most pressing issues concerning peace and conflict;

Organizes lectures, seminars, and conferences related to the subjects of peace and conflict;

Involved in forging academic linkages with other PCS (related) departments and think tanks across Pakistan;

Functions as a think tank and collaborates with other research organizations in the pursuit of upholding excellent and well researched scholarly discourse on some of the most pressing national and global issues.



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## DELEGATION VISITS

# Kazakhstan Armed Forces Delegation Visit to CIPS NUST



11 April 2022

Lt Gen Marat Khussainov Pakhiyovich, First Deputy Defense Minister/ Chief of General staff, along with a high-powered delegation, visited CIPS on 11 April 2022. Principal NIPCONS, Maj Gen Muhammad Salim Raza (Retd), welcomed the delegation. In welcome remarks, Principal NIPCONS highlighted strong linkages between the armed forces of Pakistan and Kazakhstan. Thereafter, GSO-1 (Training) Lt. Col. Imran Ahmad briefed the delegation on peacekeeping training activities conducted at CIPS. The briefing was followed by an interactive session wherein the distinguished participants discussed different dynamics of peacekeeping training at CIPS. It was also informed to the delegation that officers from Kazakhstan Army regularly attend peacekeeping training courses offered at CIPS. Both institutions reaffirmed the resolve to strengthen bilateral ties between both countries.





## DELEGATION VISITS

# Visit of National Security War Course Delegation



17 May 2022

A 46 members Delegation, headed by Air Vice Marshal Imran Sharif, visited CIPS on 17 May 2022. The delegation was received and welcomed by Professor Dr. Tughrul Yamin (Associate Dean CIPS). Later, HoD PKT, Brig Salim Beig (Retd), briefed the delegation about CIPS, followed by a detailed discussion session. The participants discussed multifaceted structural determinants of protracted conflicts and instability in Africa. More importantly, the policies concerning UN Peacekeeping vis-à-vis Africa and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict were discussed. The CIPS faculty responded to the questions and elucidated Pakistan's stance over the Russia-Ukraine conflict from a regional and/or internal perspective.



## DELEGATION VISITS

# Visit of Zimbabwe National Defence University Delegation



11 April 2022

A delegation comprising 49 members from Zimbabwe National Defence University (ZNDU) visited the Department of Peacekeeping Training at CIPS on 20 June 2022. The delegation was led by Air Vice Marshall Michael Tedzani Moyo (Vice-chancellor/Commandant ZNDU) and was received by Principal NIPCONS, Major General Muhammad Salim Raza (Retd). The delegation comprised student officers from the Zimbabwean Army, Navy, Air Force & Civilians.

After the welcoming remarks from Principal NIPCONS, the HoD PKT (Brig Saleem Beig [Retd]) briefed the delegation about the broader (national and international) profile of NUST and also provided

a detailed account of peacekeeping training being conducted at CIPS (as per UNSCR and Integrated Training Service [ITS] policy/material and instructions). The briefing was followed by an interactive session that covered various themes, including the role of the Pakistan Navy and Air force in peacekeeping missions, the possibility of the peacekeeping mission in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and how diplomacy can contribute effectively towards peacebuilding in conflict-ridden areas. The Commandant of ZNDU highly appreciated the role of CIPS and agreed to work in collaboration in areas of mutual interest.



## DELEGATION VISITS

# Visit of the UN Delegation to CIPS



25 July 2022

A three-member delegation from the United Nations Headquarters led by Mr. Ivo Jose Pereira (Brazil) visited CIPS on 25 July 2022. The other two delegation members included Mr. Adler Cardoso Ferreira (Brazil) and Ms. Natalia Golovinova (Russia). The UN delegation was on a verification visit to the RDL Infantry Battalion & level-2 Hospital and an Assessment Advisory Visit of QRF, Force Protection, and EOD Company.

The delegation was welcomed by CIPS Senior Research Fellow (R&A Cell, PKT) Brig Imran Rashid (Retd). CIPS GSO-1 (Training), Lt. Col. Imran Ahmad, later briefed the distinguished guests about CIPS and the Department of Peacekeeping Training at NUST. The briefing followed an interactive session whereby the delegates were further informed about the current and future undertakings of the Centre. In addition, a detailed account of the peacekeeping training framework was shared with the delegation. Mr. Pereira highly appreciated the structure and model of CIPS, which combines both

academic research and peacekeeping training. Participants also discussed the future avenues of collaboration between the UN and CIPS, especially within the climate change and conflict domains. The issues concerning the current insurgency-related trends and patterns encountered by various UN peacekeeping missions (mainly MINUSMA and MONUSCO) and how the missions can contribute towards sustainable peace and security was deliberated.



## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# UN Comprehensive Protection of Civilians Course (UNPOC-8)

28 March to 08 April 2022

United Nations Comprehensive Protection of Civilian Course (UNPOC – 8) was conducted in a hybrid format. Face to Face (FTF) mode was arranged for Pakistani participants, whereas the international participants joined online. The course was conducted from 28 March to 08 April 2022. In total, 17 participants attended UNPOC – 8 (2 officers from Pakistan Army, 8 international officers, and 7 civilians from different universities and institutions). The international participants were from Egypt, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The contents of UNPOC mainly focused on the

Specialized Training Material (STM) for the Protection of Civilians (PoC). In addition, it covered major aspects of the Core Pre-deployment Training Module (CPTM 2107). Subject Matters Experts (SMEs), including representatives of relevant UN organizations, were also engaged to deliver the lectures. Moreover, a seminar was conducted wherein officers serving in ongoing UN peacekeeping missions briefed the course participants regarding the multifaceted operational and contextual dynamics of PoC. The closing ceremony was held on 08 April 2022, and the certificates were awarded by Senior Research Fellow (R&A Cell, PKT), Brig. Imran Rashid (Retd).





## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC – 35)

23 May to 03 June 2022

The Department of Peacekeeping Training conducted United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC – 35) at CIPS. The course aimed to teach and sensitize the participants about UN functioning, basic principles, guidelines, and related policies. The overall structure and design of the UNSOC enabled the participants to understand and carry out critical tasks to be performed in the contexts transitioning from conflict to peace, including the responsibilities and roles of Staff Officers (SOs) in Force Head Quarters/ Sector Head Quarters. The course was conducted as per Integrated Training Service (ITS) developed instruction materials.

The UNSOC-35 was attended by 28 national and international officers. 19 officers attended were Pakistan Armed Forces (14 male and 5 female officers), and 11 international military officers represented Bangladesh, Egypt, Jordan, Nigeria, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Sri Lanka, and Tunisia.

Faculty from the Department of Peacekeeping Training, serving officers from Pakistan Army, female instructors (associated with the UN and academia), and Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) imparted training to the course participants. 'In-



mission' training was also conducted by senior military officers deployed in the mission areas (via video link). In doing so, the participants were exposed to the current contextual dynamics/ conditions and on-ground challenges. Furthermore, DPO/DOS guidance materials such as peacekeeping training policies, standard operating procedures, guidelines, and cross-cutting peacekeeping training strategies supplemented the overall training. The closing ceremony was held on 03 June 2022. H.E., the Ambassador of Nigeria Mr. Mohammed Bellow Abioye, was invited as the Chief Guest who gave the certificates to all the participants. The Chief Guest commended the contributions made by Pakistan to global peace and security and highlighted the deep collaboration between Pakistan and Nigeria on many issues. Defense Attaché of Egypt, Nigeria, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) also attended the certificate distribution ceremony.



## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# UN Military Observers Course (UNMOC – 30) & UN Logistics Officers Course (UNLOC – 23)

13 to 24 June 2022

UN Military Observers Course (UNMOC – 30) and UN Logistics Officers Course (UNLOC – 23) were conducted by the Department of Peacekeeping Training (PKT) at CIPS from 13 June 2022 and successfully concluded on 24 June 2022.

UNMOC – 30 was attended by four officers from Pakistan Army. On the other hand, nine officers from the Pakistan Army (including one female officer) participated in the UNLOC – 23. During the courses, the participants were trained and sensitized about the mission area(s) specifics to ensure maximum field performance. The participants were also engaged in mission area-specific training sessions in order to impart a more contextualized understanding of respective areas of deployments. 'Military Observers' and 'Logistic Officers' serving in 'the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo' (MONUSCO) and 'United Nations

Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic' (MINUSCA) also briefed the participants of both courses about the mission environment, mandate, and specific role/assignment of 'Military Observers' and 'Logistic Officers'.

The UN Women Pakistan's Country Representative, Ms Sharmeela Rasool, participated in the closing ceremony on 24 June 2022 as Chief Guest. She also distributed the certificates to the successful participants of UNMOC – 30 and UNLOC – 23. In her closing remarks, Ms. Sharmeela Rasool applauded the efforts of CIPS as the global Ambassador of Pakistan. She further highlighted the achievement of CIPS in making Pakistan the first country to achieve the goal of deployment of 15% female staff officers (around 450 Pakistani women have served in UN missions), integrating gender perspectives in peace processes and operations.





## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# UN Female Engagement Team Course (UNFETC – 05) & UN Gender Advisory Course (UNGAC – 05)

04 July to 15 July 2022

UN Female Engagement Team Course (UNFETC – 05) and UN Gender Advisory Course (UNGAC – 05) were organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Training (PKT) at CIPS, NUST. The courses commenced on 04 July 2022 and were successfully concluded on 15 July 2022.

18 female officers from the Pakistan Army attended the UNFETC – 05. The female peacekeepers who were to be deployed at UN peacekeeping missions in DR Congo (MONUSCO) and the Central African

Republic (MINUSCA) attended the course. UNGAC – 05 was attended by six civilians. In sync with the UN Secretary General resolve, UNGAC at the Department of Peacekeeping Training focuses on the role of Women in Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth Peace and Security (YPS). In doing so, training enables participants to be sufficiently equipped to perform their roles as 'Gender Advisor' and 'Gender Focal' in various UN peacekeeping missions. The closing ceremony was held on 15 July 2022, wherein successful participants were awarded certificates.



## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

## UNs Staff Officers Course (UNSOC – 36)

01 to 12 August 2022



United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC – 36) was conducted from 01st to 12th August 2022 by the Department of Peacekeeping Training at CIPS. The course aimed to teach the participants to the functional dynamics of the UN, its basic principles, guidelines, and related policies. The overall structure and design of the UNSOC enabled the participants to understand and carry out critical tasks to be performed in the transitional societies, emerging from conflict to peace, including the responsibilities and roles as Staff Officers (SOs) in FHQ/ SHQ. The course was conducted as per Integrated Training Service (ITS) developed instruction materials.

The UNSOC – 36 was attended by 29 national and international officers. 19 officers were from Pakistan Armed Forces (including 01 female officer), whereas 10 international military officers (09 male and 01 female) from Belarus, Egypt, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Tunisia, and United Arab Emirates (UAE) attended the course.

Faculty from the Department of Peacekeeping Training, serving officers from Pakistan Army, female instructors (associated with the UN and academia), and Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) imparted training to the course participants. 'In-mission' training was also conducted by senior military officers deployed in the mission areas (via

video link). In doing so, the participants were exposed to the current contextual dynamics/conditions and on-ground challenges. Furthermore, DPO/DOS guidance materials such as peacekeeping training policies, standard operating procedures, guidelines, and cross-cutting peacekeeping training strategies were shared with participants which supplemented the overall training.

The closing ceremony of the course was held on 12 August 2022. H.E., the Ambassador of Egypt Mr. Tarek Mohamed Dahroug, was invited as the Chief Guest. Saudia Arabia Military Attaché in Pakistan, Maj Gen (Pilot)/Staff Awad Abdullah al Zahrani, also graced the occasion with his presence. Defense Attachés of Egypt, Jordan, Kazakhstan, and Nigeria were also present at the ceremony. In his closing Remarks, HE congratulated all the successful participants of the course and paid tribute to peacekeepers that have lost their lives serving under the United Nations flag. He also highlighted the prominent and noteworthy role of Pakistan in global peace. He appreciated CIPS contribution as the premier training Institute for UN Peacekeepers in Pakistan and its efforts for gender equality in UN Peacekeeping missions. He also desired to move forward by signing an MoU between Peacekeeping Training Departments of Egypt and Pakistan to enhance peacekeeping training cooperation.



## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

## UN Military Observers Course (UNMOC – 31)

05 to 16 Sept 2022



UN Military Observers Course (UNMOC – 31) was conducted by the Department of Peacekeeping and Training (PKT) at CIPS-NUST. The course commenced on 05 September 2022 and concluded on 16 September 2022. The participants included 13 national and international military officers. The 06 international course participants were from Belarus, Egypt, Jordan, Nigeria, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), and Tunisia.

The participants went through an intensive training session(s) under CIPS faculty. The training included Core Pre-deployment Training Materials (CPTM), Specialized Training Materials (STM), and 'in-mission' training. In addition, 'Military Observers' from important mission areas briefed the participants about the operational environment, mandate, and specific role/assignment of 'Military Observers' as per respective areas of deployment. The closing ceremony was held on 16 September 2022. H.E., the Ambassador of Jordan Ibrahim Almadani, was the Chief Guest. Defense Attachés of Azerbaijan, Jordan, and Kazakhstan also graced the occasion. In his closing remarks, H.E. Ibrahim Almadani appreciated the efforts of Pakistan and CIPS for global peace and stability. He also extended his best wishes to all the course participants for their

assignments in different peacekeeping missions. He also suggested that Jordan and Pakistan's Peacekeeping Training Department/Centre can sign an MoU for mutual cooperation in peacekeeping training. H.E. was then requested to distribute the certificates to the successful participants. At the end of the ceremony, Principal NIPCONS presented CIPS shields to all the dignitaries along with copies of CIPS Journal and Magazine.



## PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

# UN Protection of Civilians Course (UNPOC – 09)

12 to 23 December 2022



United Nations Protection of Civilians Course (UNPOC – 09) was conducted from 12 to 23 December 2022. 24 participants from the military and other various institutions attended the course. The participants included 06 officers from the Pakistan Army, 05 international officers (representing Jordan, Nigeria, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia [KSA], Sri Lanka, and Tunisia), and 13 civilians from different universities and institutions.

The UNPOC – 09 mainly focused on the latest Specialized Training Material (STM) for the Protection of Civilians (PoC). In addition, it covered all major aspects related to Core Pre-deployment Training Module (CPTM 2107). Subject Matters Experts (SMEs), including representatives of relevant UN organizations, were also engaged to deliver the lectures. A seminar was conducted wherein officers serving in ongoing UN peacekeeping missions briefed the course participants regarding the multifaceted operational and contextual dynamics of PoC.

The closing ceremony was held on 23 December 2022. H.E. Ambassador of Tunisia Borhene El Kamel graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Defense



Attachés' of Egypt, Jordan, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) also attended the closing ceremony. In his closing remarks, H.E. Borhene El Kamel highly appreciated CIPS (NUST) for organizing such courses. He also extended his best wishes to all the course participants and thanked the peacekeepers for contributing to global peace and stability.



# Indoor Activities and Interactive Sessions – Classrooms





# Recreational Activities for Peacekeepers





## ESSAYS BY PAKISTANI PEACEKEEPERS

# Role of Women Pakistani Peacekeepers in UNMISS



By: Major Saima Afzal, Deputy Force Legal Advisor, Force Headquarters, United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

**“As peacekeeping has evolved to reflect the populations we serve; women have increasingly become an integral part of the peacekeeping family”.**

## Introduction

Considering UN Missions, we cannot overlook the role of female counterparts standing shoulder to shoulder with their male colleagues. Women are deployed in all areas — police, military and civilian—and have positively impacted peacekeeping environments, including supporting women in building peace and protecting their rights. In all fields of UN peacekeeping, women (as peacekeepers) have proven that they can perform the same roles, to the same standards and under the same challenging conditions. It is an operational imperative that the command recruit and retain female peacekeepers.

In 1993, women made up only 1% of deployed uniformed personnel. In 2020, out of approximately 95,000 peacekeepers, women constituted 4.8% of military contingents: 10.9% of formed police units and 34% of ‘justice and corrections’ government-provided personnel in UN peacekeeping missions. While the UN encourages and advocates for the deployment of women to uniformed functions, the responsibility for the deployment of women in the police and military lies with the Member States. UN Police Division launched ‘the Global Effort’ to recruit more female police officers into national police services and UN police operations worldwide. The 2028 target for women serving in military contingents is 15% and 25% for Military Observers and Staff Officers, respectively. The 2028 target for

women serving in formed police units is 20% and 30% for individual police officers.

## Significance of women peacekeepers:

More women in UN peacekeeping means more effective peacekeeping. Women peacekeepers improve overall peacekeeping performance, have greater access to communities, help promote human rights and the protection of civilians and encourage women to become a meaningful part of peace and political processes.

- a. Improved operations and performance:** Greater diversity and a broadened skillset mean improved decision-making, planning and results, thus leading to better operational effectiveness and performance.





- b. Better access:** Women peacekeepers can better access the population, including women and children, by supporting survivors of gender-based violence and violence against children; thereby generating critical information that would otherwise be difficult to reach.
- c. Reflecting on the communities we serve:** Diversity in UN peacekeepers allows engagement with all members of the communities that peacekeepers are there to protect.
- d. Building trust and confidence:** Women peacekeepers are essential enablers that help build trust and confidence in the local communities and improve access and support for local women. For instance, women peacekeepers can interact with excluded and inaccessible female segments of conflict-ridden societies.

- e. Help prevent and reduce conflict and confrontation:** Diversity in peacekeeping helps to address the disproportionately negative effect that conflict has on the livelihood of women. It offers new perspectives and solutions to the table by effectively addressing the needs of women in conflict and post-conflict settings, including those of ex-combatants and child soldiers during the process of demobilizing and reintegration into civilian life.

### Pakistani Women peacekeepers in South Sudan:

Female peacekeepers from Pakistan have been continuously evolving to build close coordination with all the stakeholders in the mission areas. They have been deployed to various missions





such as UNMISS, MONUSCO, MINUSCA, UNISFA, MINUSMA etc. The Pakistani female peacekeepers have served at some of the key appointments in Force Headquarters (FHQ), Sector Headquarters (SHQ) and also with Troops Contributing Countries (TCCs).

On average, four to five female Staff Officers have been deployed in UNMISS for the last 6 years on key appointments in FHQ and SHQ. All these appointments were previously handled by male Staff Officers. However, it is encouraging to observe that female Staff Officers perform such critical duties, leaving their footprint with the same zeal and zest. More importantly, women peacekeepers serve as influential mentors and role models for women and girls in post-conflict settings in the host community, setting examples for them to advocate for their own



rights and pursue non-traditional careers. Some of the important positions held by Pakistani women peacekeepers are as follows:

- a) **Deputy Force Legal Advisor (Force Headquarters):** It is one of the key appointments in the FHQ. A female Legal Advisor is of significant importance within UNMISS as there is no delegation of legal officers at the SHQ level. The position not only assists FC and FHQ Sections on all legal issues but is also instrumental in providing specialized legal military advice on substantive and procedural issues on peacekeeping operations, such as existing agreements, UN policy, privileges, and immunities. While operating beside the male peacekeepers, the role of female peacekeepers in the development and execution of plans and programs in the fields of criminal law, related military justice, and military personnel law is beneficial to troops on the ground.
- b) **SO Watch Keeper/Ops-1 South HQ:** Another important portfolio managed by the Pakistani women peacekeepers is to prepare, collate, and disseminate operational activities promptly, including daily and weekly situational reports. The female officer is also responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the sector and keeping the Chief Operation Officers of Battalions apprised of significant events. Her synchronization of tactical tasks prior to execution and round-the-clock supervision assist in successfully completing daily operations.



c) **South Gender Focal Point:** As the focal point, the female peacekeepers collect all the information regarding activities performed by female peacekeepers of the under-command units and guide the under-command units about the relevant gender issues. She also develops weekly gender reports, covering all the events representing female peacekeepers' participation in different unit activities and further plans for the different training sessions and discussions.

d) **SO Future Operations:** This is yet another critical appointment occupied by our esteemed female peacekeepers. The officer is responsible for formulating the monthly Patrol Plan for the Sector South and coordinating with other field offices, UNMO Cell and other units for tactical operations. The planning and synchronization of military patrols are closely coordinated with the field offices.

### Future Planning Trends:

Present UN policy encourages female participation at various levels. The following trends are reflective of the same:

a. Member States are now requested to nominate a minimum of 20% women for individual

police officer positions and 30% for justice and corrections government-provided personnel.

- b. Qualified women personnel are prioritized for individual staff military positions at UNHQ and field missions, as well as justice and corrections government-provided personnel.
- c. Priority is given to Formed Police Units that include women, and UN Military is introducing Engagement Platoons comprising at least 50% women. Justice and Corrections Service is supporting a series of pre-deployment training specifically for women corrections officers.
- d. The Police Division is working on a proposed Secretary General's Voluntary Gender Compact for Advancing Gender Parity in the United Nations Police, which contains provisions for commitments by Member States/Police Contributing Countries to embark on much-needed structural (policy and legislation), environmental and infrastructural changes to ensure increased recruitment of women in host-State police institutions
- e. As of October 2020, 50% of Senior Corrections Officers in the field are women.



## ESSAYS BY PAKISTANI PEACEKEEPERS

# Enhancing Mental Health in Locals at Kaga Bandoro

By: Maj Saniya Sameer (Stress Counselor), PEC-12



Mental health is of paramount importance (similar to our physical, social, or spiritual well-being) to have a regular and balanced life. Keeping this in mind, Pakistani Stress Counsellors from Female Engagement Team at Kaga Bandoro, MINUSCA, contributed to World Mental Health Day by conducting a workshop for the local community. During the workshop, various mental health activities and a detailed lecture session were held to create awareness about mental health. It elaborated on how one can remain mentally fit by practising a healthy lifestyle and pursuing vigorous daily activities. The lecture session was followed by 'mind-boggling' tasks to keep oneself mentally fresh, alert, and agile. Moreover, during the lecture session, the attendees were taught how

one could improve one's Intelligence Quotient by brainstorming and solving problems with a healthy and positive approach. In this regard, the locals took a keen interest in the problem-solving tasks, learned mental sharpness, listened to lectures







actively, showed enthusiasm, and participated in all tasks vehemently with fervor.

Stress Counsellors delivered elaborate talks on various themes such as stress management, positive, healthy coping styles, and cognitive errors to the troops and officers. Furthermore, a fruitful discussion was generated to assess the troop's mental health and level of stress. A discourse was elaborated on cognitive errors in the light of Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) (*by Aaron Beck*). Nevertheless, the discourse proved to be very helpful for the troops and officers to identify cognitive errors in their thinking, which caused them limitations in their daily lives. In addition, the workshop participants also contemplated how to focus on positive thoughts and worked on

mechanisms that help them change their negative thoughts into positive ones.

Moreover, psychologists as Stress Counselors played an active and significant role in patrolling for rapport building and counselling to the victims and contributed with talks for mental health awareness during community outreach to the masses. Behavior therapy was applied to participants and how they can 'role play' positively in their lives. Token was presented in collaboration with a token-economy to keep the participants' morale high and stay positive by adhering to a healthy lifestyle. Humanistic paradigm and positive regard were imparted in order to highlight the significance of self-respect regardless of the individual's background, race, creed, ethnicity, clan, social status, or religion. It has been widely observed that the local communities highly welcome such interactive sessions and display great interest in grasping skills to improve psychological and mental well-being.







ESSAYS BY PAKISTANI PEACEKEEPERS

# Promoting the Image of Pakistan through Peacekeeping

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Soft power (a centuries-old phenomenon) has become even more relevant in the ongoing era. The famous Chinese strategist Sun Tzu's seminal work, *Art of War*, is considered a fundamental element in utilizing statecraft without striking a blow. In literal terms, "the power of attraction and admiration is soft power". It is perceived that hard power cannot generate soft power, but the protective role of the military in humanitarian crises and conflicts negates this prevailing misperception. By specifying their contexts and effective utilization, hard power assets can be transformed into soft power resources. UN peacekeeping missions are the pivotal source of soft power, and Pakistan, being an active participant in this field, can use this asset to promote the image of Pakistan in the international community. Overall, it did earn admiration from the international community and managed to promote its image abroad through soft power in UN peacekeeping missions.

Across the world, military resources are used in UN peacekeeping missions for a range of foreign policy goals, such as increasing a state's influence in the international arena, projecting its commitment towards international peace and stability, localization of a conflict, international trade, and alliance politics.

Peacekeeping has been characterized as a component of Pakistan's soft power. Pakistani blue helmets not only earned the admiration, praise and appreciation of the people of the conflict zones but also of the international community. However, to what extent the country utilized this soft power asset to exercise its influence in the global arena remains debatable. Although Pakistan's UN peacekeeping missions have been an instrument for building the country's soft image, however, not being projected. Pakistani Battalions (PAKBATT) within UN missions use peacekeeping to enhance the country's presence and level of participation in



both international and regional organizations. By effectively applying a soft power strategy in tandem with public diplomacy, Pakistan's UN peacekeeping can provide the country with a platform where its narratives can be projected effectively, and its influence can be exercised adroitly.

Since 2011 UNISFA was mandated for peaceful settlement of the Abyei Box division between Sudan and South Sudan. The core mandate to maintain

peace through Troops Contributing Countries (TCC) ex-Ethiopian Army remained stable, but Social Security continued to be neglected. In 2022, amongst new TCCs, PakBatt adopted a twofold approach. The first approach is based on observations and recommendations designed to achieve immediate impact, and the second approach is associated with planning for long-term projects requiring donors' support.

## PakBatt Efforts to Promote Soft Image of Pakistan

Having identified quick impact initiatives (QIP) with swift execution besides battling ongoing security challenges, parallel coordination for long-term projects were initiated through donor agencies, hence, building trust in the Pakistani contingent with incidental country projection. The initiatives undertaken are as follows:

### Assistance to Local Population through UN Humanitarian Agencies

The local population in Sector North (Abyei Box) was deprived of certain basic human necessities due to the unfavorable environment. PakBatt, since their arrival, left no stone unturned to provide an enabling environment for the UN humanitarian agencies to come and render essential support in dire need. As a result of the untiring efforts of PakBatt in the shape of interactive sessions, close coordination with UN humanitarian agencies and liaison with the government of Sudan, the first consignment of humanitarian assistance comprising 85 metric tons of stores of different nature was provided to the affected population of Sector North after a period of 11 years. As of today, **564 families have been provided with humanitarian aid boxes** containing 3 blankets, 3 mats, 1 kitchen



set, 2 water storage gallons, 1 solar lamp cum mobile charger, 1 mosquito net, and 2 plastic sheets. Although this is not enough to fulfil the local requirements, the authorities are committed to further enhancing relief support..

### Improving Mobility

Abyei Box has six months of the rainy season, during which 80% of the area becomes inaccessible. This year Abyei Box experienced rainfall which also affected the remaining 20% of accessible zones. The condition created various issues of food security and hindered the mobility of the local population. PakBatt improvised rafts and causeways from



indigenous resources for daily mobility as well as transporting food which improved accessibility and saved many lives from starvation. Locals appreciated the efforts, and later commendations were received from UN and USG DPO, Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix.



### Rejuvenation of Abandoned Medical Clinic

PakBatt medic team surveyed available medical clinics in the sector and prepared a detailed report of dormant health facilities. As per survey details, Diffra and Goli medical clinics were deplorable and required massive improvements. It was concerning to observe that the facilities were dormant for several months. Within 72 hours, the Medic Team of PakBatt rejuvenated Diffra and Goli medical

clinics. To operationalize the clinics, PAKBATT donated medicines to enable the facility and keep it sustainable, and medic training was rendered to appointed doctors and nurses. Appreciations and recognition were rendered by UNISFA leadership, and the efforts were reported on UNISFA's official Twitter page.



### Installation of Generator Driven Security Lights at Amiet Market

Amiet Market, a main flash point in Sector North, hosts diverse communities often marked by communal conflicts. Besides other challenges, the absence of lights further worsened the overall security mechanism, resulting in an acute sense of insecurity and fear amongst the locals. In response, PakBatt took immediate actions to enhance existing capacity thorough increasing security lights on available generators. Besides improving security, incidental gains for locals were accrued. The formal inauguration ceremony was graced by Deputy Force Commander, who highly commended the efforts.





## Medical Camp in Collaboration with Vietnam Engineering Company



Considering the scarcity of medical facilities in Sector North, PAKBATT organized various medical camps through the integral Level-I hospital (indeed, with limited medical equipment). To outreach the maximum number of people, collaboration with the Vietnam engineers' company was carried out to access advanced medical equipment and female medics. The collaboration was unique in nature and emerged as a new model where the medic team of two different contingents joined hands. The Force Commander visited the medical camp, greatly appreciated the model, and emphasized future collaborations.



## Sports – Bringing Communities Together:

Sport is a powerful tool for uniting people, crossing boundaries, developing tolerance, respect and social inclusion. Sports and related activities can play a vital role in conflict resolution for Abyei Box. In this regard, a friendly football match was organized by PakBatt between the local community of Dinka and Misseriya tribes at Ameit Market. It aimed at promoting sports culture in Sector North and healthy youth engagement to promote inclusivity.

## Introduction of Mobile Cellular Network in Sector North (UNISFA):

Sector North is devoid of mobile cellular networks and its introduction in future also remains a distant possibility. Therefore, efforts were made to engage Sudan Government officials and cellular

companies. In doing so, necessary coordination was established with Force HQ UNISFA, who graciously approved the proposal. Bringing a cellular network will benefit around 15,000 people living in the area.

## Psycho-social Uplift of Community:

The decade-long conflict has adversely affected youth and women in Sector North of Abyei Box. Therefore, it is critical to ensure that youth and women receive the necessary support to develop and access diversified livelihood opportunities. With regards, PAKBATT is aiming at regularly organizing workshops with the help of the Gender Office to help youth and women cope with stress and psycho-social issues faced in routine life. UN Under Secretary-General, Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix (Department of Peace Operations) also witnessed a gender workshop during his visit to PakBatt (Sector North) on 12 November 2022





### Master Chef Competition among Local Community Women:

A talent hunt program to include a cooking competition among Misseriya and Dinka females was organized at Diffra COB to create a healthy sense of competition and develop skills. The

event also provided an opportunity for PakBatt to illuminate the importance and role of women in peace and development, Abyei Box.

### Conclusion:

Team PakBatt is concentrating on building a professional and positive image of Pakistan and the Pakistan Army by rendering assistance in a multi-pronged domain to the community for socio-economic development. Implementing the mandate by TCC with parallel humanitarian assistance will likely create an enabling environment to build and sustain peace in Abyei box, in general, and Sector North, in particular, thus promoting a positive image of Pakistan.





## ESSAYS BY PAKISTANI PEACEKEEPERS

# Winning Hearts & Minds of Local Population in Central African Republic by Pakistani Contingent

By: Maj Javeria Yousaf (GDMO)

## Introduction

The heart of Africa, the Central African Republic (CAR), is landlocked with a population of 5.4 million citizens. Currently, the country is facing severe poverty and a fragile economy. The context is also ridden by extreme violence and intra-state conflict. Hence on 14 April 2014, the Security Council deployed a peacekeeping operation with an important mandate to protect civilians. In September 2014, the Pakistani contingent also became part of this peacekeeping mission. Since then, Pakistani troops are adeptly performing their mandated tasks along

with regular conduction of CIMIC activities. The following three Pakistani contingents are currently deployed in CAR. All of them are committed to the welfare of the local population and are undertaking all necessary measures on multiple challenges like natural calamity, humanitarian crises or general assistance:

- a. Infantry Battalion (PAKBATT-8)
- b. Pakistan Engineers Companies (PEC-12 & 13)
- c. Pakistan Aviation Unit (PAU-8)

## Winning Hearts And Mind (WHAM) Measures by Pakistani Contingent

**Launching of Metal Bridge:** Pakistan Engineers Company 13 recently launched an ACROW Panel metal bridge on Kaga bandoro: Azne Axis (23 kilometers from Kaga bandoro towards Aznei). The previous old wooden bridge was unsuitable for heavy traffic due to its deteriorating condition. Therefore, the Pakistan Engineer Company undertook the task of launching a permanent bridge immaculately. Moreover, Pakistan Engineers Company continuously provides its services in maintaining tracks for smooth traffic flow in terms of logistic sustenance, especially in the rainy season. With regards, the locals highly appreciated the aforementioned initiatives for the maintenance of tracks and the launching of the metal bridge.



**Improving Security Situation:** Apart from regular patrolling, Pakistan Contingent is ready and eager to help the locals whenever necessary. For instance, on 27 August 2022, PakBatt received information regarding 4 injured individuals in Yolomale village. In response, PakBatt along with Bangladesh Medical Battalion (BANMED) staff, carried out a 'Joint Force Civilian Mission' and provided escort/protection and assistance to ICRC by evacuating victims from Kotamale and Yolomale village through ambulance to Kaga Bando Prefectural Hospital. This immediate response gained the confidence of the local population and developed a positive response towards Pak Army.

**Explosive Ordnance Device (EOD):** A demonstration was arranged at Kaga Bando to sensitize the local notables and MINUSCA staff & troops about the risks of Explosive Ordnance and the capabilities of Pakistan Engineer Company (PEC-13) for countering such threats. Mr. Abdoulaye Mahamat, Prefect Nana Girbizi, highly appreciated the efforts shown by PEC-13 and wrote appreciation remarks in the visitor's book. Awareness pamphlets, translated into English & French, were distributed amongst the audience members detailing the steps locals should take when encountering suspicious material.

Taking lead from demo awareness, 1 Grenade was reported by locals at Bamingui and successfully disposed of by the PEC EOD team. Such a commitment towards ensuring locals' safety and security results in the development of mutual trust between Pakistani troops and locals.



**Pakistan Army Aviation Unit (PAU):** PAU has recently conducted a maintenance mission for both UN troops and civilians. As tasked by the UN, PAU has dropped a significant quantity of rations and fuel to the stranded troops in Ndele, Bamingui and Batangafau (Company Area of Responsibility). Furthermore, PUC also airlifted and rescued several civilians.

**Health Measures:** Pakistani contingent medical team, comprising military doctors and paramedic staff, organized free medical camps. The camps not only provided treatments to the local communities but also diagnosed certain diseases. Moreover, the Pakistani medical team played an essential role in raising awareness among people regarding the following:

- a. Control of malaria
- b. Imminent outbreak of Ebola Virus
- c. Management and prevention of HIV/AIDS cases
- d. Awareness about the prevention of COVID-19
- e. Managing chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension





Taking care of communities' health problems has always been proven to establish positive rapport between the Pakistan Armed forces and the local population. It always acts as an immense source of morale booster for war and poverty-stricken people.

#### **Role of Female Engagement Teams (FETs):**

Pakistani contingent also comprises FETs that actively support CAR humanitarian operations. These FETs serve as influential mentors and role models for women and girls in post-conflict settings and host communities, hence, setting examples for them to advocate for their own rights and pursue diverse professional careers. FETs have been instrumental in ensuring the effectiveness of peacekeeping missions and promoting a positive and humanistic image of MINUSCA forces. In general, Pakistani FETs have been contributing in the following areas:

- f. Patrolling activities by FETs for building trust and confidence with local communities;
- g. Assisting in improving access and support to the local women through interaction, particularly where women are prohibited from any male interaction;
- h. Breaking social barriers by meeting with communities and their representatives and encouraging them to participate in different festivals;
- i. Providing medical care through free medical camps
- j. Helping the women to develop their skills (through vocational training) to earn a livelihood; and
- k. Raising awareness about gender-based issues

#### **Conclusion:**

The local communities and authorities have widely acknowledged the contributions made by Pakistan Army. In particular, the UN has commended the peacekeeping efforts of Pakistani troops in controlling the ongoing conflict in CAR. International organizations have also admired the role of the Pakistan Armed Forces in restoring peace and their help in building a peaceful and progressive CAR. The contributions of the Pakistan Army have not only won the hearts and minds of the local population but have also given novel hopes for a sustainable future in the war-stricken regions of CAR.



# Sacrifices for Global Peace and Stability



Pakistan remains among the longest-serving and largest contributors to UN Peacekeeping, with a distinguished record of dedicated service in upholding the international ideals of global peace and security. Through their professionalism and dedication, Pakistani peacekeepers have always distinguished themselves in every mission. Since 1960, more than 200,000 of our men and women have served with honor and valor in 48 UN peacekeeping missions on almost all continents of the world. A reflection of this is that Pakistan remains among top Troops Contributing Countries (TCCs) *with the highest sacrifices for peace*. As of now, 171 of our bravest peacekeepers (second highest among TCCs) have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty for the cause of international peace and security. Furthermore, 102 Pakistani peacekeepers have been honored with the '**Dag Hammarskjold Medal**' **by the respective UN Secretary Generals**. The sacrifice of Pakistani UN peacekeepers was also

well acknowledged by the Under Secretary General for Peace Operations, Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, during his visit to the Department of Peacekeeping Training at CIPS, NUST wherein he said:

*"The sacrifices made by the Pakistani peacekeepers in making a difference between life and death by saving vulnerable civilians are commendable. We pay tribute to the peacekeepers that have lost their lives serving the UN, and we express special thought for them and their families."*

Recently in March 2022, Pakistan sacrificed its bravest UN peacekeepers, wherein 6 soldiers embraced martyrdom while carrying out operational duties in MONUSCO.



# Pakistani Women Peacekeepers at the Forefront in Military Hospital in Mali

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Pakistan is one of the longest-serving and largest troops and police-contributing countries for UN peacekeeping operations.

In Mopti, Central Mali, since building a state-of-the-art military hospital from the ground up, Pakistani peacekeepers also deliver life-saving medical assistance for those injured serving in the line of duty and Malian civilians and members of the Malian Defense and Security Forces (MDSF).

Within the Level-2 hospitals, Pakistani women peacekeepers are proudly at the forefront of providing urgent medical and surgical care. Their contributions reflect UN Peacekeeping's



deep-rooted commitment to upholding the role of women in promoting sustainable peace and security. Serving in Mali's extremely volatile security environment is a highly challenging task. Since the United Nations Peace Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) was founded in 2013, peacekeepers are often been deliberately targeted by armed terrorist groups and face the threats posed by landmines and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

*"A challenging environment like this has really chiseled and honed our professional efficacy in terms of providing medical care in the field, in terms of evacuating casualties from the field to the medical facilities safely, and then giving life-saving medical and surgical care in our hospital. In retrospect, our professional efficacy and our skills were tested time and again; however, we surpassed all the challenges and played a major role in peacekeeping."* Maj Farah Javed Farooqi



## SPECIAL VISIT

# Visit of Ms. Kerstin Grüener (Project Coordinator HSF)

10 March 2022



Ms Kerstin Grüener (Project Coordinator Pakistan, Hanns Seidel Foundation [HSF]) and Dr Steffen Kudella (Resident Representative, HSF Pakistan) visited CIPS on 10 March 2022. The delegation was welcomed by Principal NIPCONS, Maj. Gen. Muhammad Saleem Raza (Retd). A brief introduction of CIPS-HSF's past engagements was presented, and multiple areas of further collaboration were discussed in detail. Ms Grüener extended her support to CIPS regarding increased research- based engagement(s).





## SPECIAL VISIT

# Italian Ambassador Andreas Ferrarese's visit to CIPS, NUST

07 October 2022



Italian Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E. Ambassador Andreas Ferrarese, visited CIPS NUST on 07 October 2022. H.E. was received and welcomed by honorable Rector NUST (Engr Javed Mahmood Bukhari), Principal NIPCONS (Maj Gen Muhammad Salim Raza [Retd]), and Principal SEECS (Dr. Muhammad Ajmal Khan). H.E. delivered a detailed talk on Pak-Italy diplomacy and interacted with students and faculty members. He further discussed the bilateral relationship between Pakistan and Italy and acknowledged Pakistan's internationally recognized role and contribution to UN peacekeeping missions. The Ambassador also elucidated how public, economic and cultural diplomacy can strengthen the relationship between both countries. A detailed discussion session with the students followed the address.

## SPECIAL VISIT

# Guest Lecture by Dr Wu Jun

24 February 2022



Dr Wu Jun, Director of the Video Analysis Laboratory at Guangzhou Intelligent Software Industry Research Institute, visited CIPS on 24 February 2022 to deliver a guest lecture on the title theme. The China Studies Centre at NUST facilitated the visit. Dr Wu Jun is also a member of the 'China Computer Vision Expert Committee' and the 'Technical Committee of Standardization of China Safety Alarm

System'. Dr Wu Jun delivered his talk on using AI Meta platforms in image detection, processing, and analysis, focusing on 'smart city management' solutions. He highlighted the potential of emerging technologies for ensuring peace, security, and crime prevention within the emerging idea of sustainable cities through AI monitoring systems' preventive and predictive applications.





## JOURNAL PUBLICATION

# NUST Journal of International Peace and Stability (NJIPS)



NUST Journal of International Peace and Stability (NJIPS) represents a hybrid effort of the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) and the Department of Peacekeeping Training (PKT) at the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS). It aims to provide research-based knowledge through scholarly papers written by national and international authors. NJIPS is committed to publishing empirical and theoretical research on contemporary peace and conflict dynamics, including peacekeeping, peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

On behalf of the NJIPS editorial team, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all authors who contributed to Volume (5), Issues 1 & 2. It was with the mere cooperation, enthusiasm, and spirit of the authors and reviewers that we could make NJIPS a success. Following are some of the selected articles from NJIPS for readers' kind attention:

**A Synopsis of Perspectives on (United Nations) Peace Operations from Theories of International Relations** by Inam-ur-Rehman Malik & Ayesha Khalid: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v5i2.131>

**De-Radicalization, Rehabilitation and Re-integration of Juvenile Militants in Pakistan: A Case Study of Sabaoon** by Lateef Hakim Zai Khyber, Shahida Aman & Syed Rashid Ali: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v5i2.124>

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**CIMIC and Peacekeeping 'Effectiveness': The Role of 'Communication' as a Critical Interface in Evolving UNPKO Dynamics** by Muhammad

Abdul Wassay & Faruzan Anwar Butt: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v5i1.118>

**The Influence of Globalization on Insurgency: Boko Haram and Al-Shabaab in the Age of Information Technology** by Adebawale Idowu Adeyeye, Olawale Olufemi Akinrinde & Olumide Olumuyiwa Omodunbi: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v5i1.119>

**The Phenomenon of Far-Right Extremism in Pakistan: A Myth or Reality?** by Abeeda Qureshi & Tanzeela Naz: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v5i1.120>

**Connecting Peace and Pedagogy in Pakistan** by Natasha Khan: <https://doi.org/10.37540/njips.v5i2.128>

## LECTURES, VISITS & WORKSHOPS

# Exchange Visit to South Korean UN Peacekeepers' Training Institute by Brigadier Azam Agha (Retd)



Brig Azam Agha (Retd) attended UN Military Observers (UNMO) Training as an 'Exchange Instructor'. The training was conducted at the Republic of Korea Peacekeeping Operations Center (ROKPKOC) from 8 to 21 October 2022. ROKPKOC is responsible for the academic part of the course,

and practical training in the field is hosted at the 'Korean Special Services Training' facility, which also houses the 'Korean Standby Brigade for UN Operations'. The training engagement and overall visit were beneficial at individual and institutional levels.





## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# Participation in the Annual General Meeting and Workshop of the Association of Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centres (AAPTC) by Brig Mirza Saleem Beig (Retd)



HoD PKT (CIPS), Mirza Brig Saleem Beig (Retd) along with Lt. Col. Jahangir Sarwar (GSO-1 MO Directorate), attended the Annual General Meeting and Workshop of the Association of Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centres (AAPTC) from 6-10 June 2022. The Vietnam Department of Peacekeeping Operations (VNDPKO) organized the event at Ha Noi. The event was hosted in collaboration with the AAPTC Secretariat, currently managed by the Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training Centre. The theme of this conference was, "Leading Change: Indo-Pacific Actions Supporting United Nations Action-for-Peace Initiative (A4P) Improving Performance in Peace Operations". It was organized with the support of the United State Indo-Pacific Command's Global Peace Operations Initiatives (GOPI) Program

The Annual General Meeting was designed to

highlight challenges and requirements in improving the performance of peace operations. This AGM focussed on sharing lessons learned and best practices from the COVID-19 pandemic and new initiatives/approaches developed by various training institutions. The discussions enabled the participating institutions to offer training resources, i.e., in terms of courses and instructional staff across the region, synchronization of regional training efforts and requirements to find new ways through collective strategies and plans to be more effective responders as peacekeepers.

AAPTC afforded an excellent platform to monitor and register various training-related discussions initiated by 15 Peacekeeping training institutes. AAPTC provides an effective forum for regional countries to project their peace regime-related services to the United Nations.

## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# CIPS Participation in Advanced Nuclear, Safety, Security, and Safeguards (N3S) Course (Malaysia)



Mr. Syed Ali Akash (Research Associate, CIPS), Ms. Haleema Saadia (PhD Scholar at CIPS), and two PhD graduates of CIPS; Dr. Waseem Iftikhar and Dr. Ilam Khan attended the N3S Course in Putrajaya, Malaysia. The course was organized by 'Sandia National Laboratories' and 'CRDF Global'. The basic purpose of the professional training Course on N3S was to provide a broad overview of the basic safety, security, and safeguards concepts and their application to nuclear power plants and research reactor design and operation. The course also provided a broad understanding of the underpinning protocols and regulatory expectation aspects throughout the nuclear fuel cycle that ensures the safety and security of the nuclear sector. This course was designed to aim at future policymakers

and managers of organizations that use nuclear technology and materials as part of their operations. The training aimed at achieving an advanced level of understanding of the regulatory challenges in the nuclear industry, as well as those in other safety-critical or highly regulated organizations/industries which share similar challenges. The course emphasized both knowledge and application of Nuclear Safety, Security, and Safeguards. In addition to the lectures by the experts, several exercises and two site visits were also arranged for a comprehensive understanding and application of the concepts related to N3S. Participants were taken to the site visit of Sina Gamma Irradiating Plant and Test reactor and radiological waste facility in Putrajaya, Malaysia.



## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# Participation in 26th IAPTC Annual Conference in Bangladesh by Principal NIPCONS, Maj Gen Muhammad Salim Raza (Retd)



The International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) conducted its 26th Annual Conference at the Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT; Bangladesh), between 31 October and 4 November 2022. The overall conference theme was "Peace Operations in the Digital Era: Opportunities and Challenges for the Global Training Community". A delegation from Pakistan headed by Principal NIPCONS, Maj. Gen. Muhammad Salim Raza (Retd), Brig. Mohammed Shoaib (the Director of Military Operations) and Maj. Ahsen attended the conference. In keeping with the best practice and traditions of the global association, the IAPTC Annual Conference 2022 aimed to provide a common platform to facilitate the exchange of training materials, subject matter experts and participants in different training events.



## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# First Afghan Professors' Capacity Building Training Program



A group of 28 professors from different universities in Afghanistan attended a two-week capacity-building course at NUST from 18 to 29 July 2022. The training course covered areas including Academic Structuring in Higher Education Institutes, Outcome-based Education, Effective Class Planning, Contemporary Research Matrices, Web of Science, Scopus & HEC Journal Recognition System, etc. Acting Ambassador of Afghanistan to Pakistan, H.E. Sardar Ahmed Shakeeb, attended the closing ceremony.

The course was part of an extensive programme, which will see more Afghan professors visiting NUST for capacity-building training. The participants of the first batch were associated with Kabul University, Herat University, Kandahar University, etc. In their remarks, the delegates expressed gratitude to NUST management for facilitating the much-needed professional development course and extending their hospitality during their stay. They said the course would help them replicate the best academic and research practices in their respective universities in Afghanistan.





## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# Second Afghan Professors' Capacity Building Training Program



The second batch of Afghan Professors completed a three-week Capacity Building Training Program at CIPS as a part of the strategic initiative of the Government of Pakistan to help revive higher education in Afghanistan and simultaneously strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.

As many as 30 Afghan university professors were part of the second batch. The programme aimed to familiarize Afghan professors with the best teaching and research practices in order to emulate those practices in their respective universities in Afghanistan. NUST Pro-Rector Academics, Dr Osman Hasan, graced the closing ceremony as Chief Guest and distributed certificates among the participants.

In his remarks, he congratulated the Afghan academics on completing the training programme at NUST, which, he asserted, would go a long way in raising the education standards in their country. He also underscored the significance of strong Pak-Afghan relations, which are critical for the socio-economic development of the region. He also



appreciated the NUST team for a well-organized programme, which would see more Afghan professors visiting NUST for capacity-building training.

Prominent among others present at the occasion were Mr Muhammad Sadiq, Chairman of Pakistan Foreign Ministry's Afghan Inter-Ministerial Coordination Cell, Dr Qalandar Abad, Afghan Minister of Health, Maj Gen Muhammad Salim Raza (Retd) (Principal NIPCONS), and Professor Tughral Yamin (Associate Dean CIPS).

## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# Revitalizing Higher Education Institutions in Afghanistan and the Role of Pakistan



An Expert Colloquium titled 'Revitalizing Higher Education Institutions in Afghanistan and the Role of Pakistan' was organized by CIPS-NUST on 19 January 2022. The principal aim of the session was to understand the role of higher education in post-conflict or transitional societies towards ensuring durable peace, given its impact on socio-economic recovery/development and societal cohesion. The themes under discussion addressed the collective responsibility of Pakistan and the international community towards supporting the higher education sector in Afghanistan, where the current response to the Afghan crisis focuses exclusively on security

and/or short-term humanitarian initiatives.

The session was graced with the presence of discussants, Ambassador Syed Abrar Hussain (Retd, PFS; Vice-Chairman, Institute for Policy Studies); Dr. Saima Hamid (Vice-Chancellor, Fatima Jinnah Women University); Dr. Masoom Yasinzai (Rector, International Islamic University Islamabad); Dr. Zahid Majeed (Director, International Collaboration and Exchange Office, Allama Iqbal Open University) and Ms. Scarlet, Director of the Chinese Studies Centre, National University of Sciences and Technology, among others.





## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# The 2nd International Conference on Business, Management, and Social Sciences: Wellbeing – An Interdisciplinary Perspective



The '2nd International Conference on Business, Management, and Social Sciences: Wellbeing – An Interdisciplinary Perspective' was inaugurated in Jinnah Auditorium at NUST, H-12 Campus, on 8 to 10 February 2022. The conference was jointly organized by the NUST School of Social Sciences & Humanities (S3H), Michigan State University (MSU) USA, NUST Business School (NBS) & NUST Center for International Peace & Stability (CIPS). Lt. Gen. Muhammad Asghar (Retd) presided over the event as the Chief Guest and keynote speaker, while Lt. Gen. Dr. Nigar Johar graciously joined the conference as the Guest of Honour.

Lt. Gen. Muhammad Asghar (Retd) delivered the keynote address and highlighted multifaceted aspects of wellbeing by drawing a comparison between Western & Islamic civilizations. The

Chief Guest elaborated that wellbeing in Islam is a comprehensive concept that can be attained by ensuring a balance between personal and worldly affairs. To achieve true wellbeing, one must relate to their community by developing a sense of purpose via service to humanity.



## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# First Expert Colloquium on Russia-Ukraine Crisis



An 'Expert Colloquium' titled, Perspectives on Russia-Ukraine Crisis was organized by CIPS-NUST on 15 February 2022. The principal aim of the session was to explore the vital role of Ukraine in the global security order under the shadow of 'renewed' great-power rivalry. The themes under discussion addressed NATO's strategic reorientation amid trans-Atlantic disunity, particularly in the aftermath of the Afghan withdrawal, and political considerations in shaping key stakeholder responses to Eastern Europe.

The session was graced with the presence of discussants, Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas (Retd), Mr. Qazi M. Khalilullah (Former Ambassador of Pakistan to Ukraine, Executive Director of Center for International Strategic Studies Sindh [CISSS] and former Ambassador of Pakistan to Russia, Cuba, and Myanmar), Leonid Savin (Geopolitical Analyst and Chief Editor of Geopolitica.ru). Dr. Adam Saud (Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,



Bahria University), Dr. Uzma Shujaat (Director of Area Study Centre for Europe, University of Karachi and Muhammad Taimur Khan (Research Associate at the Institute for Strategic Studies, Islamabad [ISSI]).



## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# Second Expert Colloquium on Russia-Ukraine Crisis



In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a second Colloquium on Russia-Ukraine Crisis was organized by CIPS-NUST on 01 March, 2022. The objective was to discuss the outbreak of hostilities in Ukraine and the response by the global community. The discussion was moderated by Professor Dr. Tughrul Yamin (Associate Dean CIPS).

The session was graced with the presence of notable discussants: Ambassador Syed Tariq Fatemi (Retd), Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry (Retd), Maj. Gen Wajahat Ali Muftee (Retd), Dr. Przemysław Osiewicz (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland), and Dr. Muhammad Riaz Shad.

Professor Dr. Yamin asserted that Ukraine had become a nuclear flashpoint of the world because President Putin had put Russian Nuclear Forces on high alert in anticipation of any aggression by the Western European countries and NATO. He further highlighted several important themes for discussion, including Ukrainian resistance against Russian occupation; Russian strategic objectives in Ukraine;



chances of the refugee crisis in Europe; options for NATO in the Russian-Ukraine conflict; a role for UN peacekeeping in the contested Donbas region of Ukraine; the role of Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); Biden administration response to the evolving situation in the long run; effect of ongoing conflict on the global politics; and options for Pakistan in transforming world order.

## LECTURES, VISITS & WORKSHOPS

# Responsibility to Protect (R2P): The Human rights Doctrine



A webinar titled 'Responsibility to Protect: The Human rights Doctrine' was organized by CIPS NUST on 16 February 2022. The session started with the introductory speech by Professor Dr. Tughrul Yamin (Associate Dean CIPS). He explained the key terms relevant to R2P along with the misconceptions

the world at large has about the concept. Professor Yamin highlighted that the conceptual and operational development of the R2P has multiple origins and contributions by member states from the global south, constituting both a domestic and foreign policy issue.



## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# Understanding Climate Security Nexus in Balochistan



An Expert Roundtable Discussion titled 'Understanding Climate Security Nexus in Balochistan' was organized by CIPS, in collaboration with HSF, on 25 November 2022. The discussion aimed to understand the driving factors behind the climate-security nexus and pathologies linking climate change to conflicts.

The opening remarks were delivered by Professor Dr. Tughrul Yamin (Associate Dean CIPS). Lt. Gen. Inam Haider Malik (Chairman NDMA) graced the occasion as a Chief Guest. Other discussants included Dr. Muhammad Afzaal (Director R&D, PMD), Maj. Gen. Dr. Muhammad Samrez Salik (Retd) (Former DG ISSRA, NDU), Mr. Shah Nasir Khan (Head of UN Resident Coordinator's Office & Senior Strategic Planner), Dr. Philipp Johannes Zehmisch (South Asia Institute, Universität Heidelberg,

Germany), Ms Aisha Khan (Executive Director, Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change), and Mr. Abdul Wadood (Executive Director SEHER).

The panel discussion was moderated by Brig. Dr. Fiaz Hussain Shah (Retd). With regards, specified themes under discussion addressed varying climatic conditions and corresponding vulnerabilities that affect the security dynamics in Balochistan. It was highlighted that climate change acts as a 'threat multiplier', exacerbating the pre-existing socio-economic vulnerabilities in fragile contexts. During the concluding remarks, Maj. Gen. Muhammad Salim Raza (Retd; Principal NIPCONS) highly appreciated the discussants for their valuable contribution to understanding the complex 'climate-security' nexus in the context of Balochistan.



## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

## CIPS-NBC Security Workshop



CIPS-NBC Security Workshop (first edition) was organized by CIPS at the NUST Balochistan Campus (NBC), Quetta. The workshop took place from 26 to 27 October 2022. With regards, CIPS-NUST is indeed grateful for the administrative support provided by the NBC team. Special thanks to Dean NBC, Brig Professor Dr. Wasim Khaliq, for his unwavering support for the workshop. The workshop contents were programmed to fit the Balochistan context, considering the socio-economic and security challenges. The objective was to engage the youth of Balochistan constructively and to initiate interactive learning practices aimed at understanding both the aspirations and challenges of local communities. In particular, growing security concerns in Balochistan, catalyzed by the advent of 'hybridized' sub-conventional warfare, signifies the need for effective psychological/ideological counter-messaging to build national cohesion.

The long-term aim of the workshop is to positively influence young men and women enrolled in different NBC programs. The larger purpose was to show them that the youth of Balochistan have immense stakes in the prosperity of Pakistan (representing 65% of the total population) and that 'peace and stability' in the country is the fundamental prerequisite in this regard. Around 65-70 students attended the workshop; enrolled in the first semester of the

Computer Science and Civil Engineering degree programs.

Workshop speakers included Professor Dr. Tughral Yamin (Associate Dean CIPS), Dr. Muhammad Makki (HoD PCS), Brig. Agha Ahmed Gul (Retd) (Head of 'Balochistan Think Tank Network' [BTTN] at BUIITEMS), and Dr. Akbar Khan (Assistant Professor at Command and Staff College, Quetta).

The topics discussed during the Security Workshop included: 'Balochistan Geostrategic Inheritance – Managing its strength and Weaknesses', 'Subversion and Public Perception: A Non-Traditional Security Threat', 'Mineral Resources of Balochistan and the Role of Youth', and 'Understanding the Identity and 'Security-Development' Nexus in Balochistan'.





## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# Pakistan's Nuclear Safety and Security



An 'Expert Panel Discussion' on "Pakistan's Nuclear Safety and Security" was organized by the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS), National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) Islamabad, on 03 November 2022. The discussion aimed to understand the robust nuclear safety and security measures of Pakistan's civil and military nuclear assets and to address the underlying reasons for the constant external pressures against Pakistan's nuclear deterrence.

The panellists included Dr. Adil Sultan (Dean, Faculty of Aerospace & Strategic Studies, Air University); Professor Dr. Tughrul Yamin (Associate Dean, CIPS); Professor Dr. Zafar Jaspal (School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University); and Dr. Attiq ur Rehman (Department of International Relations, National University of Modern Languages). The discussion session was moderated by Dr. Aqab Malik (Associate Professor at CIPS).

The panellists dwelt in detail on the effective nuclear safety and security measures undertaken by the Government of Pakistan. Discussants underscored that Pakistan's nuclear safety and security measures have been recognized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and that Nuclear Command Authority (NCA) provides a centralized and cohesive command and control system for its nuclear weapons.



## LECTURES, VISITS &amp; WORKSHOPS

# UN International Women's Day 2022



CIPS commemorated the UN International Women's Day 2022 on 8 March 2022. The event was hosted by the Department of UN Peacekeeping Training (UN-PKT), CIPS. Panellists included the UN Women Pakistan's Country Representative, Ms. Sharmeela Rasool; Senior Advisor to UN Women, Huma Chughtai; and the Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (S3H, NUST) Dr. Salma Parveen Siddiqui. Two serving Pakistani female peacekeepers stationed in the Congo and Sudan, respectively, also addressed the gathering via video link. The session focused on CIPS Department

of Peacekeeping Training (PKT) consistent and proactive efforts at enhancing female participation in all aspects of peacekeeping through such pioneering initiatives as the launch of standalone courses for training 'Female Engagement Teams' (FETs). The gathering commemorated the service and potential of Pakistan's female officers taking on challenging and complex PKOs; establishing a tradition of dedicated service alongside their peers. The long-term aim of the workshop is to positively influence young men and women enrolled in different NBC programs. The larger purpose was to show them





## INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

# General Agreement of Cooperation between CIPS and the Republic of Korea, Peacekeeping Operations Centre (ROK-PKO Centre)



On 24 May 2022, CIPS and the Republic of Korea, Peacekeeping Operations Centre (ROK-PKO Centre), housed at the KNDU (Korea National Defence University), participated in an online MOU signing ceremony for furthering joint collaboration in PKO training and critical research engagement. H.E. Mr. Nabeel Munir, Pakistan's Ambassador to the ROK, signed the MOU on behalf of CIPS.



## INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

# General Agreement of Cooperation between CIPS and UN Women Pakistan



NUST Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) signed an Agreement with UN Women Department for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment on 24 June 2022. The Agreement was signed by Principal NIPCONS, Maj General Muhammad Salim Raza (Retd) and UN Women Country Head Ms. Sharmeela Rasool.

The UN Women and the CIPS-NUST have agreed to work together to accelerate the goal of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The broader aim of the Agreement is to build a conducive environment for collaboration and integration of CIPS training pursuits with UN agencies and functionaries. The collaboration is also a step towards achieving the agenda of UNSC Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security. UNSCR 1325



affirms that peace and security efforts are more sustainable when women are equal partners in preventing violent conflict and delivering relief and recovery efforts.



## INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

# General Agreement of Cooperation between CIPS and Institute for Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), Islamabad

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Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS) and Institute for Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) signed an agreement for cooperation on 06 April 2022. The Agreement was signed by Principal NIPCONS, Maj Gen Muhammad Salim Raza (Retd), and Director General ISSI, Ambassador (Retd) Aizaz

Ahmad Chaudhry, at a ceremony held at the CIPS, NUST Main Campus. The collaboration between the CIPS and ISSI aims to strengthen academic and research cooperation concerning regional and global strategic issues affecting international peace and security.

## INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

# The Signing of the General Agreement of Cooperation between CIPS and Peace and Conflict Resolution Centre (PCRC) at the Fatima Jinnah Women University

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On 03 August 2022, a 'General Agreement of Cooperation' was signed between the Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) and the Peace and Conflict Resolution Centre (PCRC) at the Fatima Jinnah Women University (Pakistan). Both the centres agreed on establishing a formal mechanism for enhancing academic and research

cooperation and promoting sustainable and meaningful collaboration. The Agreement was signed by Professor Dr. Tughrul Yamin (Associate Dean CIPS) and Dr. Shoaib Akhter (Director ORIC, FJWU). Dr. Humaira Shafi from CIPS and Dr. Saima Ashraf Kayani from FJWU were appointed focal persons.



# CIPS HSF Research Collaboration

## CIPS-HSF Research Project

The Centre for International Peace and Stability and Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Pakistan signed a research project agreement on 16 June 2022 to explore the governance of Non-Traditional Security (NTS) challenges in Balochistan, Pakistan. The project was awarded to Dr. Muhammad Makki (PI) and Professor Dr. Tughrul Yamin (Co-PI): titled 'Postcolonial Ethno-Federalism and the Governance of Non-Traditional Security: Situating the 'Human Security' Agenda in Balochistan'. The six-month academic research project commenced on 16 June 2022 and concluded on 15 December 2022. ' This project aimed to examine the potential factors linking climate change and increased risk of conflict and how climate change interacts or is conditioned by political, socio-economic, and demographic settings.



## Student Research Fellowships

The student research fellowship was part of the academic research project agreement on 'Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Challenges' between CIPS and the HSF. Five students from MS PCS were awarded research grants for months of the project, i.e. 16 June 2022 to 15 December 2022, intending to produce critical research under the core theme. The objective of the collaboration was to allow student researchers to study NTS — encompassing themes such as food, economic, health, environmental, and societal security — which presents a dynamic configuration beyond the scope of traditional security.

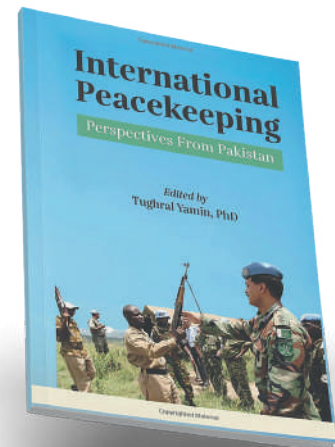
# CIPS Academic Publications in 2022

## Book

**International Peacekeeping: Perspectives from Pakistan** by Tughral Yamin. Institute of Policy Studies:

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/9694488281?ref\\_=pe\\_3052080\\_397514860](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9694488281?ref_=pe_3052080_397514860)

This book highlights UN peacekeeping as an important tenet of Pakistan's foreign policy. Pakistan began participating in peacekeeping operations in 1960 and since then has earned the distinction of being one of the most consistent and professional peacekeepers. Along the way, it has acquired the reputation of being one of the largest troop-contributing countries among the UN member states. However, very little has been written about the subject by Pakistani scholars. This book of collected works represents the ideas and thoughts of veteran peacekeepers and academics. It covers a wide array of topics ranging from foreign policy motivations to modern trends in peacekeeping and how Pakistan is adapting to these emerging challenges. The book also brings out the lessons learnt from various peacekeeping operations.



## Research Articles

**Beyond Return and Resettlement: The Impact of Exposure and Interactions on the Post-Conflict Development of North Waziristan** by Najimdeen Bakare, Faryal Khan and Syed Ali Akash. Migration Studies

<https://doi.org/10.1093/migration/mnac017>

**Abstract:** This article shares empirical data about the returned and resettled natives and communities of the North Waziristan Tribal District in Pakistan, which are undergoing the processes of post-conflict reconstruction and development. The article establishes new perspectives — admittedly controversial — where prolonged conflict-induced displacement has attributed to unintended 'development' for spatially excluded communities. Essentially, this article argues that the subject of displacement and post-conflict societies deserves further scrutiny beyond resettlement and return.

**Building Community Resilience to Violent Extremism through Community-Based Youth Organizations: A Case of Post-Conflict North Waziristan, Pakistan** by Muhammad Makki and Syed Ali Akash. Sustainability

<https://doi.org/10.3390/su14159768>

**Abstract:** This paper presents the case of endogenously generated community resilience to violent extremism by discussing the formation and functioning of community-based youth organizations (CBYOs) in post-conflict North Waziristan. In doing so, the paper deciphers a micro-sociological phenomenon underlining the community (re)organization through their new mode of interaction and connectedness, sustaining a resilient social change in the post-conflict setting. The social activities and engagement by youth, through education and awareness campaigns, are instilling a social change (by replacing the old ideas and customs with new ones) that aims at creating a peaceful society.



**Poverty, Regional Inequality, and the Role of Governance: Tracing Geographies of Violent Extremism in Pakistan** by Muhammad Makki and Syed Ali Akash. *GeoJournal*

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10708-022-10766-6>

**Abstract:** The article focuses on the convergence between the theoretical and empirical understanding of structural determinants of violent extremism in Pakistan. The prevalent drivers of violent extremism and terrorism in Pakistan are the economic, political, and governance-related factors that add to the existing sense of alienation; eventually leading to the deepening of grievances resulting in the violent mobilization of (ethno-religious) identities. Moreover, the economic drivers of violent conflict also seem to overlap with political drivers. Emanating from the cases of erstwhile FATA and South Punjab, this article also establishes the nexus between regional inequalities (i.e., spatial exclusion) and violent extremism.

**Water Energy Food Security Nexus: Perspectives and Challenges in Balochistan, Pakistan** by Warda Gul, Muhammad Makki and Tughral Yamin. *International Journal of sustainable Society*

<https://dx.doi.org/10.1504/IJSSOC.2022.10049584>

**Abstract:** This paper utilises the autoregressive distributive lag model to examine the interrelationship between the overall water availability in Pakistan with HDI to uncover the correlation between water insecurity and the standard of living. It further uncovers the different causes of water scarcity in Balochistan and helps understand the role of water property rights. Finally, coupled with high inflation and inadequate distribution of food resources within different regions of Balochistan, this paper reiterates the significance of the nexus and interconnects the WEF insecurities under one paradigm.

**'National Security' and the Construction of Digital Governance Models: Content Regulation in the Pakistani 'Digital Public Sphere'** by Faruzan Anwer Butt, Muhammad Makki and Tughral Yamin.

*Webology*

[https://www.webology.org/data-cms/articles/20220419075906pmwebology%2019%20\(2\)%20-%20586%20pdf.pdf](https://www.webology.org/data-cms/articles/20220419075906pmwebology%2019%20(2)%20-%20586%20pdf.pdf)

**Abstract:** This paper situates the construction of 'unlawful content' in the Pakistani state's design of legal frameworks under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA) 2016 and the Removal and Blocking of Unlawful Online Content Rules (RBUOC) 2021 in the broader context of state-centric 'security' argumentation. The paper engages with the idea of 'situated meanings' underlying policy design whereby social media platforms, as a phenomenon, hold different meanings for separate groups, and may give rise to divergent perspectives when it comes to prioritizing the objectives of public policy. In doing so, interpretive policy analysis (IPA), as a multidisciplinary approach, is adapted to explore the discursivity underlying policy design, with the language employed in PECA and RBUOC drafts seen as exercising a formative or generative influence in shaping the action of state and rights-based actors in digital content creation 'spaces.'

**Health Security, Vaccine Hesitancy and Post-Truth: A Case of COVID-19 in Pakistan** by Hajira Arif and Najimdeen Bakare. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*

<https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096221130344>

**Abstract:** This paper uses COVID-19 vaccine as a reference case and tries to understand vaccine hesitancy in urban communities through the conceptual lens of post-truth. Thematically, this paper identified two themes: 'mistrust' and 'misinformation', revealing the coupling effect of the themes and the intersection of vaccine hesitancy and post-truth in two urban (Islamabad and Rawalpindi) communities of Pakistan. This paper epistemically shows that the reality of COVID-19 was blurred by misinformation which

translated into cynicism, mistrust and hesitancy for COVID-19 vaccine and the outcome proved why health security must be taken seriously, especially in the post-truth era.

**Iran-US Relations: From Exceptionalism to Containment Policy by Siraj Uzma and Bakare Najimdeen. *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs***

<https://doi.org/10.1177/23477970221076969>

**Abstract:** This article takes Iran as a case study and explores the transition of Iran from being a recipient of the American exceptional code, a strategic tool of the American containment policy, to becoming an object of containment itself. The article applies George Kennan's exceptionalism and containment strategy on the USA-Iran relations in both Shah's rule and the post-revolution era. Authors conclude that decades of US exceptionalism in the region have multiplied into regional challenges for the

USA itself and raised the importance of Iran and increased its security threats.

**Demographic Changes in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK) and the Future of UN Resolutions by Adeela Ahmed, Arsim Tariq & Rashida Abbas. *International Journal of Kashmir Studies***

<http://ojs.prfjk.org/index.php/openjournalsystem/article/view/59>

**Article:** The study explores the future of UNSC resolutions (in the case of IOJK) and answers the questions under debate (a) are UNSC resolutions still relevant? (b) if not, then what will be the future of Kashmir? India transforming domestic politics is an appalling mark for the stability of Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir. This research will be deductive and qualitative, integrating historical and descriptive methods to examine and interpret data.

## Opinion Articles

**Understanding and Incorporating Local Perspectives into UN Peacekeeping Operations by Fatima Iqbal. *Strafasia***

<https://strafasia.com/understanding-and-incorporating-local-perspectives-into-un-peacekeeping-operations%ef%bf%bc/amp/>

**Peacekeeping Operations and Sustainable Development Goals: Counterbalancing Neo-Colonialism by Ayesha Syed. *Strafasia***

<https://strafasia.com/peace-keeping-operations-and-sustainable-development-goals-counterbalancing-neo-colonialism/>

## Book Chapters

**Cybersecurity Challenges for Pakistan in Living under Hybrid War by Tughrul Yamin. *NUST Press*.**

**Public Policy, Government Legitimacy, Covid-19 and Public Response: The Case of the Nigerian Government and Populace in Effective Public Administration Strategies for the New Normal Environment by Bakare Najimdeen. *Springer***

[https://ideas.repec.org/h/spr/sprchp/978-981-19-3116-1\\_10.html](https://ideas.repec.org/h/spr/sprchp/978-981-19-3116-1_10.html)

**European Union-Pakistan Relations: A Critique of Strategic Engagement Plan in Pakistan's Foreign Policy: Contemporary Developments and Dynamics by Bakare Najimdeen. *Routledge***

<https://www.routledge.com/Pakistans-Foreign-Policy-Contemporary-Developments-and-Dynamics/Ali/p/book/9781032169057>

**Cybersecurity culture at nuclear facilities in Pakistan in Exploring nuclear and radiological security in South Asia A case study handbook by Haleema Saadia. *Centre for Science & Security Studies***

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/csds/assets/exploring-nuclear-radiological-security-south-asia.pdf>



## CONVOCATION 22

# 4th Convocation of Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS) PHD & MS in Peace & Conflict Studies

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08th December, 2022





## Students Spotlight

### Ms. Maryam Akhtar

We congratulate Ms. Maryam Akhtar (PCS 2022 batch) on becoming a member of the Changemakerxchange Community. It is a platform for young change-makers to gather, connect and co-create positive action to serve the well-being of people and the planet.

Ms. Maryam attended ChangemakerXchange Climate Action Summit 2022 in Egypt from 19th to 24th November 2022. She was the only Asian among Arabs to participate and also conducted a workshop on "Finding yourself while living in the moment".

*For more details: <https://changemakerxchange.org/>*

### Noor-Ul-Huda

Ms. Noor-Ul-Huda, a PhD candidate at CIPS, presented a paper at the 7th World Disability and Rehabilitation Conference 2022 (WDRC 2022), which took place from 11-10 November 2022. The title of her paper was: Stigmatized identity as an impediment to activism: A reconceptualization of disability through social change. The paper critically examined the related policy and practice

and how important it is to create an inclusive environment where people with disabilities can actively participate in national socio-economic development and growth.

### Shah Muhammad

Mr. Shah Muhammad, a student of MS PCS2021-, was selected as a delegate to the 'Yenching Global Symposium' (YGS). YGS is a global forum for emerging leaders organized annually by Peking University China. Mr. Muhammad was also invited as a guest speaker to lecture at a Global Goals Week conference organized in September 2022 by a Nigerian NGO called Social Good Lagos. The discussion was about the world's progress on SDG 2030 Agenda and related challenges.

### Ms. Warda Gul & Ms. Amna Ashraf Khan

CIPS congratulates distinction holders Ms. Warda Gul and Ms. Amna Ashraf Khan for successfully completing their post-graduation with a perfect 4.0 CGPA. CIPS wish them the best of luck with their future endeavors.



# Successful PhD. Thesis Defense

Seven PhD candidates at CIPS successfully defended their doctoral thesis. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavors. The names of successful candidates are as follows:

## Dr. Muhammad Usman Asghar

**Dissertation Title:** Study of religious extremism in Pakistan: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Religious Speech Acts (Fatawa)

## Dr. Musharaf Zahoor

**Dissertation Title:** Impact of international media: Coverage of Palestine-Israel Conflict

## Dr. Khan Zeb

**Dissertation Title:** Conflict, Governance and Prospects for Peace in pre-merger Federally Administrated Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan

## Dr. Waseem Iftikhar

**Dissertation Title:** Deciphering ISIS/ Daesh Ideology and Conflict: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Dabiq Magazine 2016-2014

## Dr. Tariq Mehmood

**Dissertation Title:** Pakistan's Foreign Policy Objectives for Troops Contribution to Peace Operations

## Dr. Rashid Wali Janjua

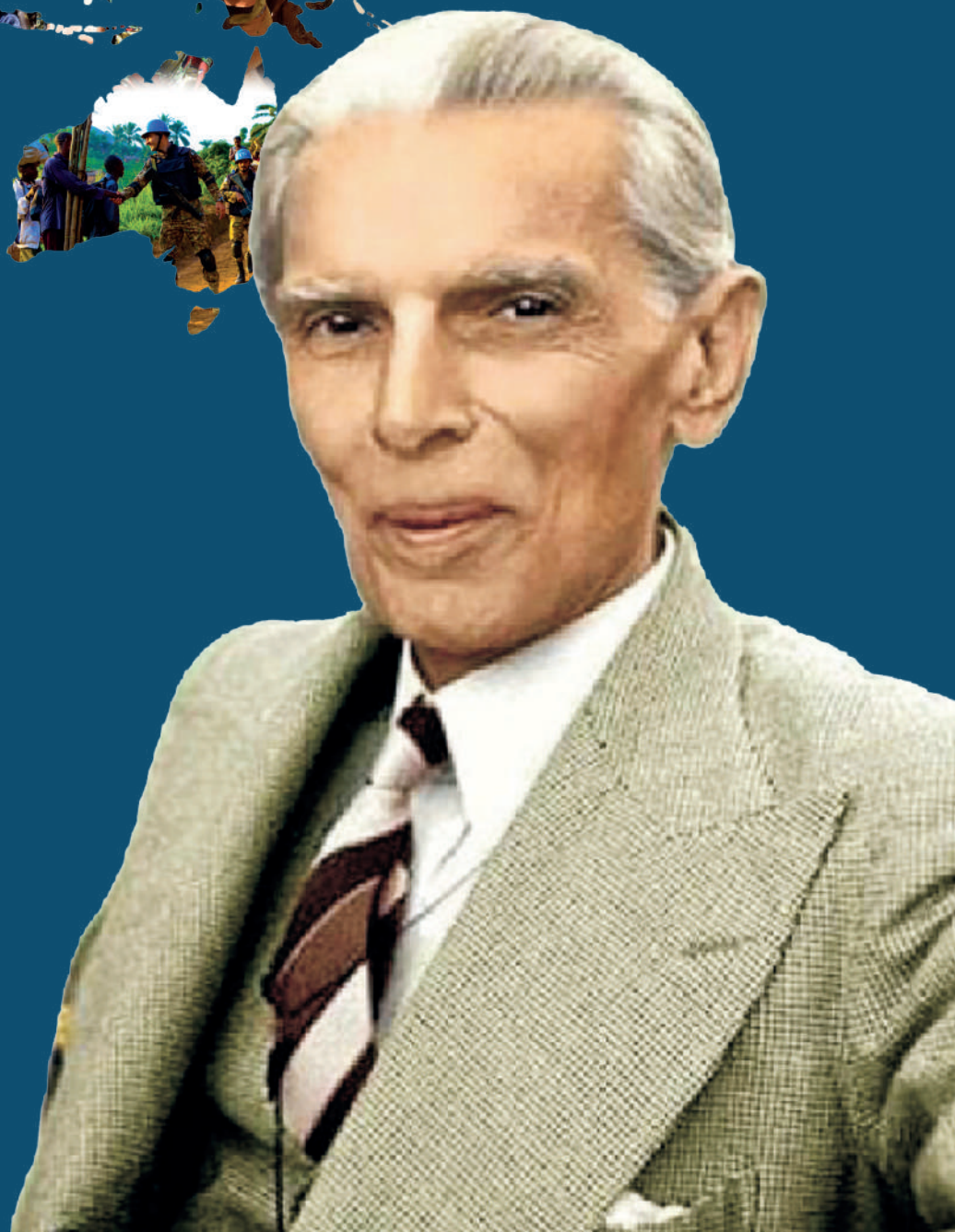
**Dissertation Title:** Kargil Conflict: Civil-Military Relations and Security Decision Making

## Dr. Khurshid Ali Singay

**Dissertation Title:** Sociology of Killing: A Qualitative Study of Mob Lynching in Pakistan









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