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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 Peacekeeping Training Courses at CIPS, the Magazine documents the role, commitment and contribution of Pakistan 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 which shed light on 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. The CIPS Magazine reflects this integrated synchronicity, organized so as to highlight both the individual and collaborative achievements of the Peacekeeping Training (PKT) and Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) Departments at CIPS. The Centre is a connected and driven community of seasoned professionals committed to character and excellence, as is reflected in the outreach and contributions outlined in the following pages. In its basic essence, a magazine is a compendium of information typically intended to engage with a particular trend or issue. The CIPS Magazine does this and more - it is meant to display the spirit of community and collaborative excellence that 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 continuing to prioritize teamwork, integration, and communication in the pursuit of peace and prosperity, we will strive to ensure that CIPS continues to develop as the region's prominent peacekeeping development institution with a global outlook and outreach.

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

Note from the Chief Editor

We are proud to present this latest issue of the CIPS Magazine and unveil a fresh look for the publication going forward! The aim of this Magazine is to shed light on the activities happening at CIPS - a unique institute offering both academic and practical teaching in the field of peace and conflict dynamics.

This issue features various training activities in the domain of peacekeeping and conflict studies conducted at CIPS. A substantial portion of this issue displays the contributions of Pakistani Peacekeepers in different UN missions, while showcasing the role of the PKT Department in engaging and training national and foreign peacekeepers earmarked for UN peacekeeping missions. Another milestone included in this issue is the historic visit by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on 17th February 2020. The centre is also visited by numerous national and international delegations. In sync with the vision of UNSG, special attention is paid to underscoring the increasing participation of female Pakistani peacekeepers, with the introductory display of Pakistani female peacekeeping superstars.

The CIPS Magazine outlines the Centre's achievements by calling attention to all recent activities such as conferences, lectures, seminars, and research collaborations etc. - engagements illustrative of a tireless attitude towards the pursuit of excellence. In addition to this, the Magazine considers it a source of pride to highlight the milestones achieved by its faculty and students.

I feel immense pride and exuberance in sharing the third issue of the CIPS Magazine with you, and I hope that the following pages do justice to commemorating the steady strides CIPS is making as an academic institute.

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



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CIPS is one of the most important institutions in the world that support peacekeeping activities in an extremely competent and professional way.

You are doing an important work in the service of peace!

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UN Secretary General

H.E. António Guterres

During inaugurating ceremony of
Regional Peacekeeping Training Centre
Islamabad, Pakistan - Feb 2020



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.

Our Faculty



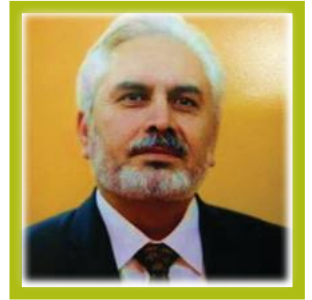
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DELEGATION VISITS

Historic visit of the United Nations Secretary General:

H.E. António Guterres



17th February 2020

His Excellency, the United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG), Mr. António Guterres, paid a visit to the Centre for International Peace and Stability on 17th February 2020. He addressed “Pakistan’s Peacekeeping Seminar”, inaugurated “UN Peacekeeping Photo Exhibition”, and laid the foundation stone for the “United Nations Regional Peacekeeping Training Centre”, which would soon be involved in conducting pre-deployment peacekeeping training for the countries within the region.

The UNSG shared his thoughts by stating, “Pakistan is one of our most consistent and reliable contributors to peace efforts around the world. I have seen for myself the professionalism and the commitment of Pakistan’s military, police and civilian personnel in our missions. I thank you for your important contribution to creating a safer and more peaceful world.”

The seminar was also addressed by Pakistan Army’s Director General Military Operations (DGM0), who enlightened the audience about Pakistan’s Contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. Furthermore, Lt Gen (Retd) Maqsood Ahmed, HI(M), shared his thoughts on contemporary challenges to peacekeeping and the need for a paradigm shift to action for peacekeeping. The seminar was followed by a photo exhibition, where pictures of Pakistani contingents from 1960 to 2020 were displayed, including those of 157 martyrs who laid down their lives for global peacekeeping during deployment under the blue UN flag. Intellectual pursuits by CIPS faculty were also displayed in the exhibition.

While inaugurating the photo exhibition, the UNSG said that CIPS is one of the most important institutions globally that support peacekeeping activities in an extremely competent and professional manner.

He maintained that such institutions improve our knowledge and understanding of threats to peace and sources of instability. He also expressed his confidence that students of NUST are making the

most of their education by aligning their academic endeavors with the broader goals of sustainable and inclusive development, equal opportunities, environmental protection and social progress.



DELEGATION VISITS

Visit of delegation from

National Institute of Security Studies (NISS) Nigeria



16th September 2021

A delegation comprising 24 members from the National Institute of Security Studies (NISS), a leading security training institute in Abuja, Nigeria, visited CIPS on 16th September 2021. The visit was a part of the Foreign Study Tour (FST). The delegation was given a comprehensive briefing on CIPS with a special focus on peacekeeping training.

The delegations from both sides discussed expansion in collaboration against violent extremism and the need for sharing a common experience and intelligence cooperation. The head of the delegation said that Pakistan and the Nigerian army had maintained close military ties for nearly 40 years. In particular, dozens of Nigerian army officers have attended various Peacekeeping courses in CIPS.





DELEGATION VISITS

Delegation of Moroccan Army

25 th October 2021

A four-member delegation representing the Moroccan army visited CIPS on 25th October 2021. The delegation members were briefed about Pakistan's contribution to UN Peacekeeping Missions since 1960. The delegation was also given a detailed briefing about UN Integrated Training

Service (ITS) methodology/regime, as per which training is conducted at CIPS. The officials from both the sides conversed bilateral defense and security cooperation and matters related to regional peace and stability between the countries.

DELEGATION VISITS

Delegation for 3rd round of Pak-Turkey Army staff talks

28th December 2021

A Turkish Army Delegation, headed by Lt. Gen. Veli Tarakci, visited CIPS on 28th December 2021. Head of Department PKT gave a detailed briefing on CIPS. Both sides discussed all avenues of mutual cooperation in peacekeeping training and education during the meeting. The two sides reaffirmed the resolve to further strengthen bilateral ties between both countries. A guided tour of NUST followed the briefing.



PEACEKEEPING TRAININGS

ONLINE COURSES

04th January – 08th October 2021

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Peacekeeping Training Department (PKT) at CIPS, suspended face-to-face training mode and replaced by digital online formats. Course at CIPS were offered online from 14th January to 8th October, 2021. Following is the list of courses that were offered online.

S.No.	Courses	Duration	Nationals	International
1	United Nations Female Engagement Team Course (UNFET-2) & United Nations Gender Advisor Course (UNGAC-2)	04th to 15 th January	26	-
2	United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC 30)	01st to 12 th February	13	11
3	United Nations Military Observers Course (UNMOC-26)	01st to 12 th March	07	16
4	United Nations Train the Trainer Course (UNTTC- 29)	12th to 30th April	24	-
5	United Nations Contingent Commanders Course (UNCCC-20)	3rd to 07th May	07	-
6	United Nations Logistics Officers Course (UNLOC-21)	17th to 21st May	09	-
7	United Nations Mil (UNSOC-31)	24th May to 4th June	27	-
8	United Nations Comprehensive Protection of Civilians Course (UNCPOC-6)	07th to 18th June	18	07
9	United Nations Senior Mission Leadership Course (UNSMMLC-10)	05th to 09th July	02	-
10	United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC-32)	23rd August to 03rd September	31	22
11	United Nations Military Observers Course (UNMOC-28)	27th September to 08th October	22	21

PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

United Nations Train the Trainers Course -30

11th- 29th October 2021

United Nations Train the Trainers Course (UNTTC-30) was conducted to train the “Master Trainers”, who subsequently form part of the team under respective contingent commanders. The course was attended by the 19 Pakistan army officers. An officer from UNITS also oversaw the training as this course was certified by United Nations Peacekeeping Training Department. The course was later awarded “Certificate of Recognition” by UN ITS, DPO, NEW YORK.



PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

United Nations Logistics Officers Course – 22 & United Nations Contingent Commanders Course- 21

1st to 12th November 2021



UN Logistics Officers Course (UNLOC) was conducted to train logistic staff officers on UN logistics and supply chain management in line with the UN support components in the mission areas.

Similarly, UN Contingent Commanders Course (UNCCC) was conducted to train the Commanding Officers of infantry battalions and UN enablers (doctors, engineers, aviators) on the function of the UN and its affiliated organizations/agencies for Peacekeeping/Peacebuilding operations in UN Mission areas. Both the courses were conducted concurrently and attended by 8 Pakistan army officers.

PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

United Nations Gender Advisor Course – 4

1st to 12th November 2021

In sync with the UN Secretary-General resolve, the United Nations Gender Advisor Course was conducted by the Department of Peacekeeping Training. It focused on subjects such as Women Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth Peace and Security (YPS), with a specific emphasis on the employment of female peacekeepers as Gender Advisor and Gender Focal in UN field missions. The course was attended by 13 civilian students of NUST and other universities.



PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

United Nations Staff Officers Course - 33

6th to 17th December 2021



United Nations Staff Officers Course-33 (UNSOC-33) was conducted by CIPS at NUST. It was attended by 7 officers, including 2 female officers. The course aimed to train the participants about the roles and responsibilities of the Peacekeepers as Military Staff Officers. More importantly, the course enabled the participants to develop a conceptual framework for performing their duties in a multidimensional peacekeeping mission/environment.

The UNSOC-33 mainly focused around UNITS modules which included core Pre-deployment Training Modules (CPTM 1,2 and 3) and Specialized Training Material (STM) for Staff Officers. Subject Matters Experts (SMEs) also delivered lectures.



PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

United Nations Female Engagement Team Course - 4

6th to 17th December 2021



This course is one of its kinds in the world and was introduced in 2019 to sensitize the women peacekeepers for the intended support exclusively. UN resolve of gender equality is met by keeping pace with desired representation of women peacekeepers while deploying military contingents, Staff Officers, and Experts on the Mission. The course was attended by 24 female peacekeepers who were proceeding to various multidimensional UN missions in DR Congo and CAR.

PEACEKEEPING TRAINING

United Nations Comprehensive Protection Of Civilians Course - 7

20th to 30th December 2021



Consistent with its designation and UN Security Resolutions, the 'UN Comprehensive Protection of Civilians' course has a mixed blend of civilian, serving, and retired military personnel (potential peacekeepers) regarding their roles and responsibilities to protect the civilians in the conflict zone.

The course aims to impart the UN pre-deployment training to the participants about the functioning of the UN and the roles & responsibilities of the peacekeepers within the developed conceptual framework for Protection of Civilians (PoC).

The course was attended by 6 foreign army officers (online) and 17 Pakistan army officers and civilians (Face-to-Face).

Peacekeeping Outdoor Activities & Field Exercises

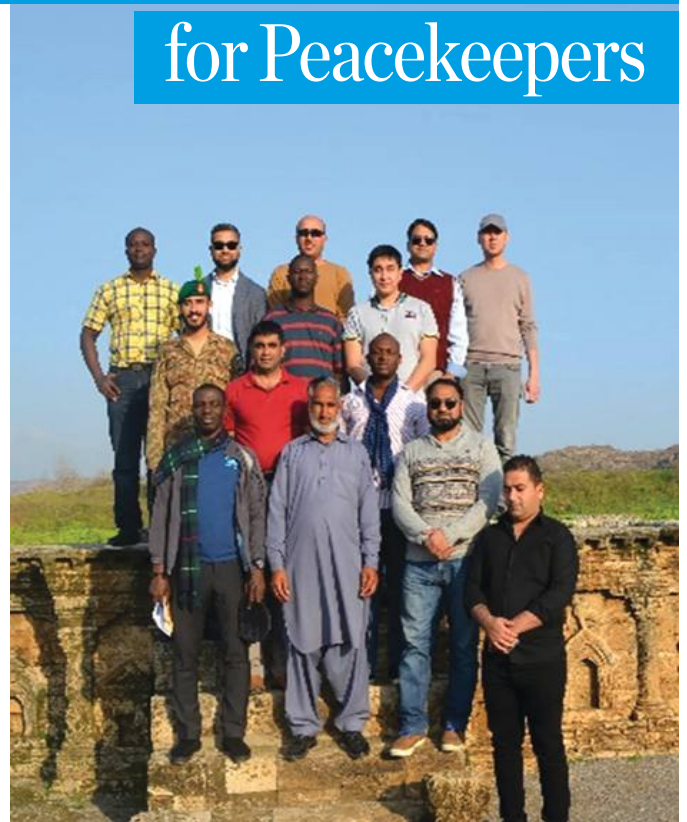




Indoor Activities & Interactive Sessions – Classrooms



Recreational Activities for Peacekeepers



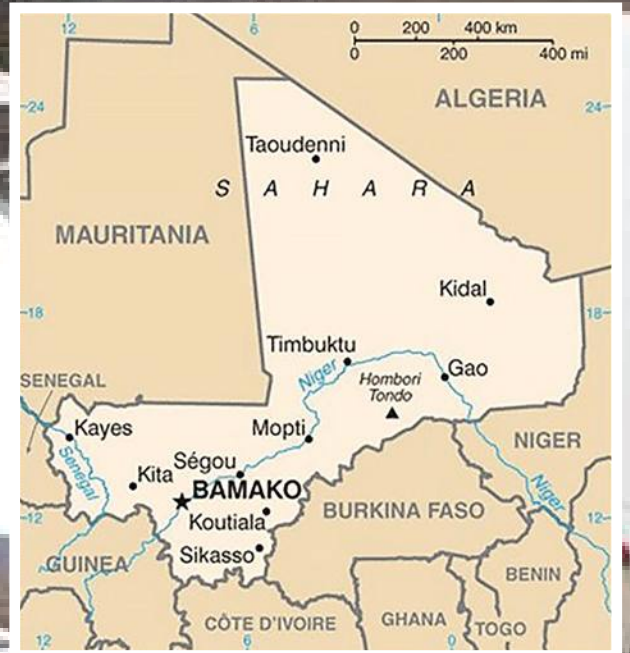
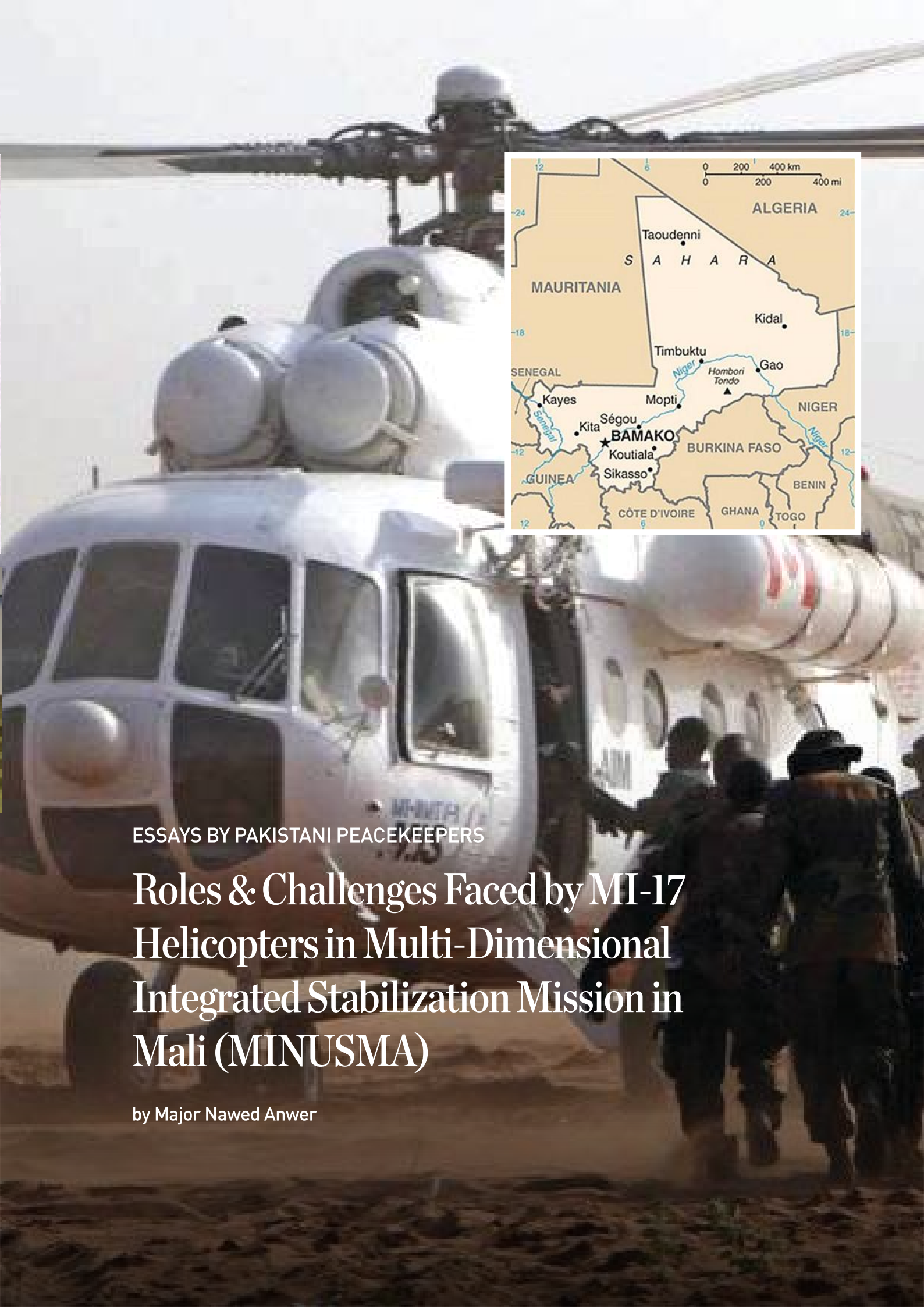


INSTITUTE ACCOLADES

Recognition of Peacekeeping Training at CIPS by United Nations

We are proud to announce that CIPS has been awarded the UN Recognition Certificate for its 'Pre-Deployment Peacekeeping Training'. This is the fourth UN Certificate of Training Recognition which the department has been conferred. The previous recognitions include the UN Military Observer Course, UN Staff Officers Course, and UN

Comprehensive Protection of Civilian Course. The latest certification by the UN Integrated Training Service (ITS) places Pakistan's Peacekeeping Training Department among the very few peacekeeping training institutes/centres that have been awarded Certificate of Training Recognition for conducting three or more courses.



ESSAYS BY PAKISTANI PEACEKEEPERS

Roles & Challenges Faced by MI-17 Helicopters in Multi-Dimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)

by Major Nawed Anwer



Multi-Dimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) was established in 2013 in the aftermath of civilian insurgency intrinsic with religious extremism that successfully overthrew the writ of the constituted government of Mali in the northern half of the country and became a de facto state. The Mission was asked to support the Malian government in the stabilization of the country and re-establishment of the State authority with a ceiling of 13,289 militaries and 1,920 police personnel.

Termed as the challenging UN mission, MINUSMA has the highest casualty numbers of fatalities i.e 344. Mali is engulfed in an insurgency, religious extremism, sectarian violence, civilian unrest, and tribal wars.

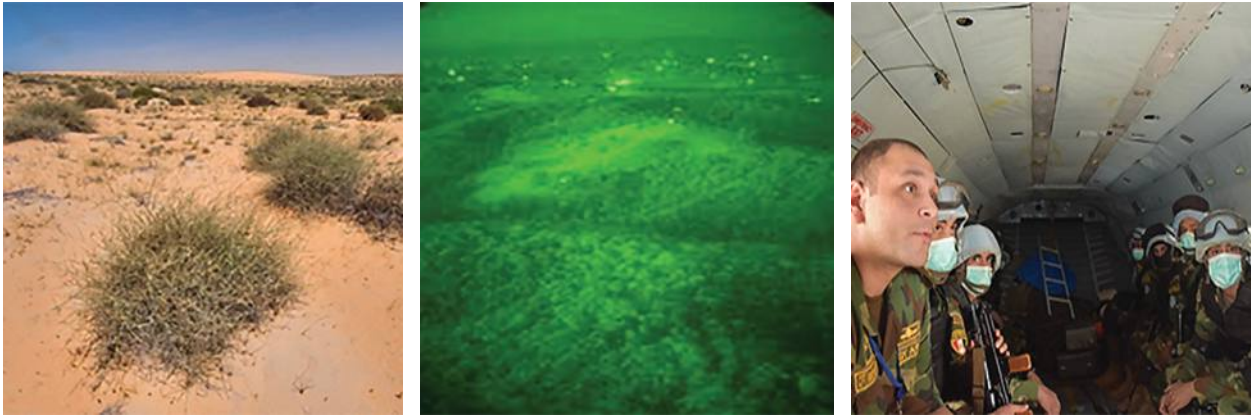
The poor economy of the country coupled with corruption has marred the progress and prosperity of the citizens, hence, strong anti-government resentment is prevailing in the people of Mali, who often take up arms against the government.

Importance of Air Assets in Mali: In the context of acute imbalance of force to ground ratio in the large geographical area of Mali, the role of air assets gains immense importance in MINUSMA. This factor is magnified circumstantially due to limited mobility of ground forces during annual flooding in Mali, poor road infrastructure in the country, difficult Sub-Sahara Desert terrain, and extensive use of roadside improvised explosive devices (IEDs) against the peacekeeping forces.

MINUSMA annual report 2020 cites an acute shortage of air assets vis-à-vis the threat spectrum and recent security developments. Many countries were asked by the UN to contribute aviation assets to MINUSMA. Pakistan responded forthcomingly by contributing Mi-17 squadron despite the dire challenges, and one more aviation squadron of Bell-412 helicopters is being deployed by early 2021.

Role of Helicopters in Combat: The use of helicopters gives immense mobility, flexibility in planning, providing effective firepower and vertical envelopment at the point of decision and eliminating the time-space barrier by rapid insertion/extraction of forces in the battleground. The role of helicopters in counter-insurgency operations is a force multiplier in terms of escort and protection of ground troops, reconnaissance and surveillance, limited firepower support, and casualty evacuation. Helicopters also give psychological ascendancy over insurgents while proving as a morale-boosting element for friendly forces by their mere presence in counter-insurgency operations.

PAU-1 in MINUSMA: 3xMi-17 ex Pakistan Army Unit – 1 (PAU-1) centrally located in Timbuktu retains the key role of taking action across the entire theatre of the troubled central part of Mali. The area has an overwhelming presence of terrorist armed groups with a very high number of terrorist attacks on peacekeeping forces. Recently, Sector West was subjected to 2xmortar attacks in Gao and Timbuktu.



PAU-1 is providing essential support to Sector West in terms of both movement and firepower. With the high proclivity for flooding due to River Niger flowing through the Sector and the scarcity of decent roads, the terrain in Sector West provides increased friction to operational mobility of the troops. The fact is evident during the recently conducted operations in Sector West, where Egyptian Special Forces routinely covered 10 kilometers distance in 4–5 hours on average.

Hence, PAU-1 helicopters are not only ensuring the increased movement of friendly ground troops by bypassing the terrain barriers but are also evading the threat of IEDs. The utility of PAU-1 helicopters is enhanced by the ability to provide close fire support through onboard PKM guns and the ability to operate in the night on Night Vision Goggles (NVGs).

Contributions of PAU-1 in MINUSMA: PAU-1 is one of 4 military aviation units operating in MINUSMA. The nature of flying missions varies in nature into both military and civilian categories.

Due to the prevailing security environment in Mali, all inter-city movement for peacekeeping personnel is carried out by air mode only. Fixed-wing aircraft convey the peacekeeping personnel between the cities with the proper runways, however the majority of MINUSMA garrisons have no proper runways at the camp locations, therefore, helicopters provide a connection for the traveling from those camps to major cities for transit on to fixed-wing aircraft.

Timbuktu to Ber Camp is only 55 kilometers distance; however, Mi-17 helicopters of PAU-1 conduct regular weekly flights for the conveyance of peacekeeping personnel between these two locations among other camps as well.

Surveillance of Convoys:

PAU-1 provides armed cover to ground forces convoys operating in the field. These long-haul flights also consist of air ambulance facilities for medical evacuation of troops in case of any mishap.

The MINUSMA convoys moving on main supply routes are always prone to ambushes and IED attacks. Mi-17s provide flank protection, observation, and direct support to the convoys and ensure speedy movement. Without aerial protection, convoys generally cover a distance of 430 kilometers from Mopti to Timbuktu in 6–8 days.

Armed Flights: The mandate of MINUSMA explicates robust response for protection of civilians, which requires a proper show of force flights not just a show of presence flights. Surveillance missions are often flown by Mi-17 helicopters with fully armed configuration over troubled areas. PAU-1 participated in Operation Mongoose-II in this regard and the contribution of the unit was hailed at the top tier of MINUSMA command.

QRF/EOD: One Mi-17 aircraft is always placed as part of an Air Quick Reaction Force (QRF)/ Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team, to be flown at the shortest notice of just 30 minutes at any given time of the day/ night.



Rapid deployment of QRF troops at any place achieves favorable domination over the insurgents and Mi-17 ex PAU-1 can deploy up to 18 troops within 2.5 hours at the extremes of Sector West area of operations. EOD team can be transported at minimal reaction time to diffuse the IED before any harm can be done.

Medical Evacuation/Casualty Evacuation: Medical evacuation is directly related to MINUSMA's mandate to protect civilians and evacuate wounded civilians and peacekeeping personnel. The unit has its own highly trained Aero-Medical Evacuation Team (AMET) with ready equipment to be flown within 30 minutes' notice for 24/7 operations.

NVG Operations: The hallmark of Pakistani Mi-17 helicopters is NVG flying. The helicopters are capable to land at any field at any time of night on NVG.

Contributions in Operations:

Mi-17 helicopters ex PAU-1 have actively participated in all operations of Sector West. So far contributions of PAU-1 in all of 7 different operations have been hailed and due recognition of professional competence was conveyed by Force Commander MINUSMA.

Challenges Faced by Mi-17: Mi-17 helicopter operations in Mali are highly demanding in nature due to the paucity of resources, terrain, weather, and security situation.

- Sector West area of operation has a paucity of airstrips, certified helipads, and hangars. The field operations are generally being carried out on unprepared landing sites. Though the UN report illustrates the ongoing negotiations between the UN and Malian government for the acquisition of land to construct the helipads at various sites, however, it would be a year or more before the plan is materialized.
- The sore point affecting the operations of PAU-1 aircraft is the non-availability of a maintenance hangar at the main operating base Timbuktu. A makeshift skeleton hangar is renovated to bare minimum acceptable standards as a temporary measure to conduct all kinds of maintenance work as a one-time measure.
- Mali is located in the Sub-Sahara Desert region. The region presents peculiar terrain challenges i.e. paucity of landmarks for visual flying. This factor becomes vital, especially on NVG.
- Mali presents a harsh environment, with factors such as heat, dust, and sandstorms all capable of taking a heavy toll on helicopters as well as aircrew. Due to the small size of a sand grain of the Sahara Desert, about 20µm, dust-in-suspension, and brown-out conditions during hover are frequent phenomena.
- Haboobs are the real challenge for air assets operating in MINUSMA. A traveling sand wall



with a speed of more than 50 knots and a height of 2000' above ground level can significantly jeopardize the mission and flight safety. The fact which makes it more dangerous is that it cannot be predicted.

- The prevailing security environment is highly challenging for Mi-17 operations, especially during field operations. A significant risk is posed to Mi-17 operations during the low-level flying in support of ground troops. In July 2020, MD-500 helicopters ex El Salvador were fired upon by insurgents, however, no damage occurred. The reports of insurgents' possession of anti-aircraft guns are regularly issued.

Miscellaneous: PAU-1 is currently the sole bearer of the green crescent flag in Mali. It is fulfilling its due responsibility of true projection of the country's

soft image through various optics in the camp, frequent interactions with contemporary military units, and through various visits of high-ranking officials of MINUSMA. The pre-induction training of PAU-1 by CIPS remained a guideline for the display of the highest standards of conduct and discipline during the stay and travel in the mission area.

Conclusion: UN Resolution 2480 instructs the MINUSMA to "take mobile, flexible, robust and proactive steps to protect civilians, including through the deployment of ground and air assets." To fulfill the mandate of MINUSMA in the light of instructions of the Pakistan Government, PAU-1 is actively contributing to its full potentials with utmost dedication and due professionalism. Owing to its professionalism and commitment, PAU-1 has become the first choice aviation unit for any intricate mission in MINUSMA.



ESSAYS BY PAKISTANI PEACEKEEPERS

Combating Covid - 19 in Darfur a Global Calamity

by Lieutenant Colonel Noshad Ali & Major Amna Abbas Malik

Since December 2019, the world is in the grips of a pandemic that is shaping up to be the biggest public health calamity in a century. Patients with unexplained pneumonia were first reported in Wuhan City in the Hubei Province of China, with the World Health Organization eventually recognizing the pathogen, SARS-Cov-2, as having resulted in a global pandemic. The disease caused by SARS-Cov-2 is called Coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The virus is highly infectious and pathogenic; human-to-human transmission causing a rapid

spread in cases around the world. In this very modern epoch of medical evolution where we claim that mankind has the cure for everything, this monstrous disease has stunned us and proven that knowledge accumulation necessitates continual exploration and discovery.

Thousands of people are getting affected by and dying of this deadly virus every day. Although the number of new cases of disease in Pakistan declined over the period of time but a new surge in cases is being observed since the pandemic is



still not over and precautionary measures must continue to be followed. In Sudan the situation has improved in last few months owing to strict lockdowns and movement restrictions, however, the cases may again rise in near future.

In the current situation which entails considerable risks, the role of healthcare providers has been globally acknowledged as vital. In UNAMID Pakistani healers are at the forefront in combating COVID-19. Pakistan Field Hospital-11 (PFH-11) deployed in Sudan is the biggest and best medical facility across UNAMID and very well reputed in the upper echelons. History has witnessed time and again that whenever and wherever the services of Pakistan Army Healers are called for, they are always ready to risk their lives in saving others as an obligation towards Pakistan Army and their service to humanity.

While working in an international environment and representing Pakistan, the responsibility to handle

COVID-19 is enormous and challenging. Ever since this outbreak was in its initial stages, PFH-11 took immediate steps and most effective preventive measures against COVID-19 at Kabkabiya Team Site and Forward Surgical Team (FST) Zalingei. For a world reeling from a Coronavirus outbreak, these measures hold lessons and strategies to prevent this global pandemic. The measures that have been taken in this regard are as under:

COVID-19 Control Teams: These teams have been constituted by PFH-11. Each team consists of the following members: Medical specialist (COVID-19 coordinator), Anesthetist/Intensivist, Public health specialist, Pathologist, Deputy Commanding officer, Logistics officer, Medical Officer (Training of Trainers qualified).

Appointment of COVID-19 Coordinators: Officers have been nominated as COVID-19 Coordinators by PFH-11 at Kabkabiya Team Site and FST Zalingei. They are to mainly carry out necessary coordination and work out amicable solutions in the event of an outbreak of a pandemic (God forbid) in the mission area.

Infrastructure Modification: Infrastructure modification of the hospital was carried out so that we could segregate Non-COVID from COVID cases.

Hospital infrastructure was modified by establishing a temporary partition to create separate COVID and Non-COVID portions of the hospital. We also modified indoor facilities to the mild isolation ward, HDU & COVID ICU along with a dedicated donning-doffing and autoclave area. Moreover, we also converted our emergency dept to additionally function as a Non-COVID general ward.

Establishment of Quarantine Facilities: Quarantine facilities have been established in hospital premises at Pakistan Field Hospital Level 2+ Kabkabiya and FST Zalingei. Standing operating procedures made in this regard are: 14-day quarantine starting from 1st day of contact is mandatory;

Quarantine of all ranks falling back from relief/rotation and annual leave; Separate modules, washrooms along with bedding, clothing, and

Emphasis on social distancing and non-essential gatherings has been imposed.

Workshop on Corona Stress Management

To improve the mental health status of UNAMID staff, a workshop on Corona stress management was also held. The interactive sessions emphasized measures such as:

Exercise, book reading, good diet and sleep, interacting with family and friends, exploring hidden talents within, pursuing hobbies, and positive thinking.

Evaluation of Pakistan Field Hospitals' preparedness against COVID-19:

On 11 August 2020, the Clinical Governance Team of UN Division of Health Care Management and Occupational Safety and Health (DHMOH), New York conducted a virtual tour to evaluate the preparedness of Pakistan Field Hospital to combat COVID-19. Virtual Assessment Team from UN Headquarters headed by Dr. Adarsh Tiwathia conducted an approximately 3 hours' virtual video walkthrough of fever clinics and COVID portion of the hospital (including reception, triage area, isolation wards, high dependency unit (HDU), intensive care unit, donning and doffing areas and monitoring rooms) to evaluate hospital protocols for COVID patient management, use of PPE, training modalities, disinfection, waste and stress management.

The team was overwhelmed by the preparedness of the hospital to counter the corona pandemic. Efforts of the hospital with regards to indigenously produced PPEs, training aspects, disinfection, and waste management were exclusively appreciated.

As the world is facing a global pandemic, UNAMID staff working in different sections have shown extreme confidence in the proficiency of Pakistan Army doctors for taking the initiative of timely and significant preventive measures against COVID-19.

The endeavours of Pakistani healers were also applauded internationally through tweets by United Nations Headquarters and UNAMID and by the publication of PFH-11 brief report on COVID-19 on UNAMID's website.

By the grace of Allah Almighty, Pakistan Field Hospital-11 is up keeping its long, rewarding and rich legacy not only by taking exceptionally valuable and robust steps to tackle this deadly virus with resilience and courage but also by raising awareness against COVID-19 time and again across UNAMID.

Moreover, all ranks of Pakistan Army Contingent in Darfur, despite being far away from their loved ones and homeland with an indefinite timeline of going back, are fully determined to work for the call of duty, keeping their worries as a tertiary after the health of UNAMID peacekeepers and staff, keeping the flag of Pakistan fluttering high.

The government and people in Pakistan are also expected to follow the guidelines and restrictions to fight against this pandemic as the examples of other countries are in front of us. China tackled it very well and controlled the pandemic and the resulting fatalities, whereas the U.S, India, Brazil, Russia, a few other European and South American countries could not tackle it amicably and are suffering from the perilous outcomes of this pandemic.

The choice lies with the Pakistani Government as well as the people to follow the footsteps of their choice, keeping the peculiar economic and social structure of the country and people in mind.

The Coronavirus pandemic is by its nature a global health crisis, COVID has taught us that once a pandemic start, it's very hard to control but if timely preventive measures are taken, that is one way to mitigate the likelihood of this current and recurrent pandemics.



utensils are being made available for quarantined individuals; Catering services are being provided at quarantine facilities instead of messes; Record of all individuals under quarantine is being maintained.

Establishment of Isolation Wards: Separate isolation wards have been established for suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the hospital complex. Moreover, recreational facilities like television and the internet have also been provided to reduce the element of stress among patients. Additional space inside the hospital has also been earmarked in case of an increase in the number of patients.

Establishment of Fever Clinics:

Three fever clinics for screening of individuals entering Team Site/Level II+ hospital have been established, where the temperature of all individuals is checked before entering the Team Site. Record of all individuals entering Team Site/hospital complex along with their body temperature is also being maintained. The locations of these clinics are listed below:

- Team Site main gate.
- Pakistan Field Hospital gate.
- Team Site helipad.
- Hand Washing Facilities

In addition, hand sanitization/washing facilities have been provided at hospital entrance, Pakistan Field Hospital entrance, Team Site helipad, and Messes

Personal Protective Equipment: Personal protective equipment (PPE) kits have also been made available including face masks, goggles, caps, etc. Moreover, keeping in view the expected shortage of PPE, Pakistani Healers produced improvised PPE specially designed and prepared from available reusable and disposable materials for the safety and protection of health care professionals.

This innovative idea was highly appreciated by UNAMID's higher echelon and the same was published in UNAMID photo of the day.

Provision of Medical Services to Civilian Populace:

The provision of medical services to the civilian populace of Kabkabiya has been completely suspended since March 18, 2020, as a preventive measure against COVID-19.

Display of Posters Regarding COVID-19: Awareness posters on COVID-19 and SOPs on infection control and protective measures have been displayed at prominent places in the hospital.

Training on COVID-19: A series of lectures and workshops are being conducted by COVID coordinators and Training of Trainers (TOT) qualified officers to troops in small groups on a weekly basis. UNAMID staff and all troops are being trained on measures for their safety, safe management of cases, and proper donning and doffing of PPE.

Restriction of Movement of Military Personnel:

The movement of military personnel to and from the Kabkabiya Team Site has been restricted.

ESSAYS BY PAKISTANI PEACEKEEPERS

Sojourn of First Female Medical Specialist in Darfur – Sudan

by Lieutenant Colonel Naghmana Mudassar (Classified Medical Specialist).



Oprah Winfrey once said, “As you become more clear about who you really are, you will be better able to decide what is best for you – the first time around.” This is exactly what this article is all about. A year-long journey that helped me discover the diverse aspects of myself, and make decisions for my utmost satisfaction as a doctor; in the best interest of my patients and for the well-being of humanity as a whole.

My dedication to providing the best patient care helped me transform my career as a medical specialist and Lady Officer in the prestigious Army Medical Corps. A Lady Officer performs her duties without any gender discrimination. A physician provides treatment to ailing patients the same way he or she provides medical treatment to his or her own family.

Our personal experiences and our values make up who we are today. Throughout my life, I experienced several life-changing events, one of which was my working as a first lady medical specialist in Pak Field Hospital-11, Darfur, Sudan.

The decision to serve at a place so far removed from my homeland and family was quite challenging and demanding. Having to leave her children behind is one of the most difficult decisions for a mother. Nevertheless, my family supported me in taking up the task assigned to me by Pakistan Army, and I started preparations for the assignment with enthusiasm and excitement. Well-planned pre-departure formalities were essential in training us for the journey in just one and a half months. It was very reassuring to meet new colleagues who were supportive and friendly. By the time we reached our destination, we had jelled into a strong and motivated team ready to deliver our responsibilities with dedication and devotion.

I vividly remember the day when I first stepped out of the airplane at El Fasher International Airport, Sudan. I was the first female medical specialist in Pak Field Hospital in the last 10 years. I felt apprehensive about the upcoming challenges and the situations I might encounter during my stay. My passion to serve in the UN was among the most humbling but rewarding experiences of my life. It is only after you have stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow and transform.

As Head of the Department of Medicine, handling various medical emergencies and dealing with difficult patients was a huge responsibility. My colleagues always supported me in my noble cause of serving humanity. The United Nations Mission provided me with innumerable opportunities to help improve the lives of patients of all ages. Although there was a discernable language barrier, I was able to expand my opportunities to connect with patients and families during their most vulnerable times. Here in Kabkabiya, my domain of duty was to treat UN employees, military and police personnel, which I did efficiently and devotedly. However, poor health infrastructure, scarce resources, and the suffering of the ailing people of the region compelled me to

work beyond my charter of responsibility.

Various diseases are prevalent in Darfur but malaria remains the chief threat, presenting a high mortality rate. While I look back on many personal medical achievements some events still stand out in my memory, one being the story of a 14-year-old boy Abdullah. He was suffering from complicated malaria and was brought to us in quite a serious condition. Our medical team worked hard day and night and provided meticulous treatment to help him recover in a remarkably short time. A smile on the face of his family was the sweetest reward for the tiring efforts and devotion that my team and I put in. I recall feeling blissfully content to see their joy.

Another such moment fell on 28th July 2019, when the mother of a 10-year-old IDP girl, Saim, hugged me after I helped relieve the agony of her daughter from severe liver disease. Doing so took 24-hours of focused treatment. Being a physician trained to treat adult patients, undertaking the task of treating a child was never easy. However, the seriousness of her condition compelled me to take action, as there was no possibility of transferring her to a pediatric facility. All of my colleagues helped me through the course of her illness, as she gradually recovered enough to go home.

There was another patient, Hawa, a 22-year-old girl bitten by a highly neurotoxic snake. She came to us on the verge of impending breathing failure and collapse. You can well imagine the expected prognosis for such a patient in a remote area of Sudan, with almost nonexistent medical facilities. My team rushed to ensure that she receive timely treatment for her potentially dangerous condition. Under my supervision, she was soon well enough to go back home, happy and on the mend.

The Pakistan Army uniform and bond takes us beyond ethnicity and borders. Ganesh Gaur, an Indian UN IT staff member, was full of praise for Pakistan Army Contingent after getting dedicated medical care in our hospital. He was having severe heart problems combined with respiratory failure. Our hospital team made every possible effort to help him recover from his illness. Numerous



appreciation letters by military and civilian patients were a source of motivation for me.

Treating the patients at our hospital was just one part of our efforts to provide health facilities to our clients. I decided to take a step beyond this role and promote health awareness among military and civilian people. My commanding officer encouraged me to conduct different awareness campaigns and interactive community sessions, all the while compiling a pocket handbook of common diseases. Reaching out to local communities helped me gain knowledge of the living and health conditions of

the local people, and kept my team motivated to do more for them in our given domain and capacity.

Pakistan Army arranged quite a few free medical camps to benefit the general public of the surrounding area of Kabkabiya. Being a physician, I actively participated in those camps, an experience that allowed me to deal with a variety of patients suffering from diseases that are not so common in our country. Providing treatment to the underprivileged local population was very satisfying, and I felt content to be able to ease some of the suffering I saw around me.



Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create. Being away from my family was difficult, but it also gave me leisure opportunities to indulge myself in various healthy activities. I spend time doing yoga, working out in the gym, cooking, managing the decor of various team events, and learning Arabic. I made arrangements to make a kitchen garden beside my accommodation and it was a decidedly exciting experience to grow a variety of vegetables and plants.

Working with people from forces of other countries in the United Nations was also a new experience

for me. During my tenure, I treated several patients related to other contingents. I was able to earn their respect not only for myself but for my country as well. I received numerous letters of appreciation from those patients which kept me encouraged to discharge my duties with more dedication and sincerity. Another memorable aspect of my tenure was to work for ensuring quality health care in our hospital. I arranged different workshops and courses to teach emergency treatment protocols to nursing staff and paramedics. This helped me build a seasoned team ready to deal with day-to-day challenges in our workplace. I also delivered lectures to UN staff on topics like the Ebola virus and Corona Virus. All these activities helped me boost my self-confidence.

Treating patients and dealing with emergencies are part and parcel of the daily routine of a physician. But getting an opportunity to perform duties other than those of a medical specialist was a unique learning experience. I remained actively involved in routine administrative duties related to medical stores, ward management, hospital visits, and audit of the medical records as and when required. Leading the department of medicine inculcated in me a sense of responsibility and leadership.

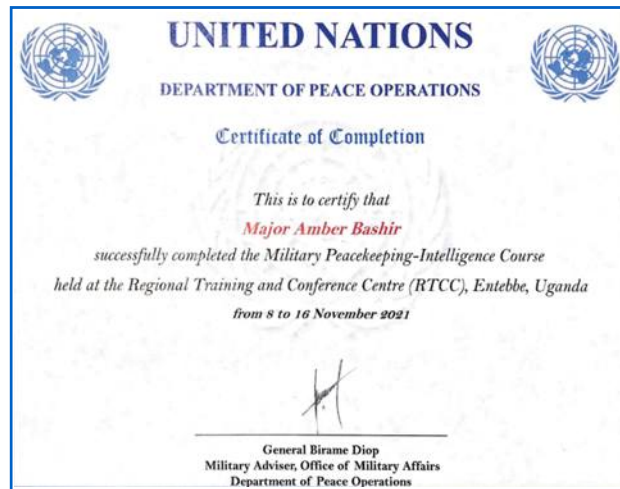
Lastly, exposure to traditional military mess life was wonderful for me as a lady officer. It helped me interact closely with other lady officers, helping encourage each other to minimize the homesickness and developing good friendships in the process. I heard somewhere that a friendship in the field lasts long and I foresee that this is quite true.

Now my tenure in the United Nations is drawing to an end, and I am lost in reminiscing several such cherished moments. Despite the sweet sorrow of parting, I leave content. It was a wonderful experience for me to interact with people of diverse cultures, races, and ethnicities. The long-lasting experience of serving the poor and needy humanity in Darfur is forever imprinted on the chapter of my life and remains a lifelong source of inner peace and contentment. I can now say, with little doubt, that the decision to consent to the mission was one of the most rewarding decisions of my life.

SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE

Military Peacekeeping Intelligence Course-5 (MPKI)

6th to 17th December 2021



Fifth Military Peacekeeping Intelligence Course (MPKI) was organized by the Office of Military Affairs (OMA) and Department of Peace Operations (DPO), New York, from 8 to 16 Nov 21 at the «United Nations Regional Service Centre Entebbe» (RSCE), Uganda. The course was offered to 20 officers (male: 15 & female: 5), selected from MINUSCA, MINUSMA, MONUSCO, UNMISS, UNIFIL, UNDOF and UNISFA. The objective of the course was to

train officers in Military Peacekeeping Intelligence Cycle (MPKI) during the pre-deployment training to ensure a common approach to threat evaluation, situation integration and Intelligence Assessment Plans (IAP) at the FHQ, SHQ and Infantry Battalion/company level. Maj Amber Bashir was the only Pakistani Female Peacekeeper to attend the Fifth Military Peacekeeping-Intelligence Course.

PEACEKEEPING STARS

Female Peacekeeping Superstars of Pakistan



MAJOR SAMIA REHMAN - MONUSCO

Pakistan's Major Samia Rehman received the United Nations Special Representative for Secretary-General Certificate 2019. MONUSCO Force Acting Commander, General Thierry Lion, presented Samia Rehman the award in recognition of her services. The award symbolizes Pakistani women's exceptional skills and potential to shine at international platform.



HELENA SAEED - UN POLICE COMMISSIONER SUDAN

Helena Saeed has registered her name in history books after becoming country's first ever female AIG of Police. Helena is the 1st individual to have been promoted to the rank of AIG (BPS-21) from the southwestern Baluchistan province. She was appointed as the first Pakistani woman UN Police Commissioner in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum.



MAJOR BEENISH HASSAN - UNMISS

As a recognition to her services, Commendation Certificate was awarded to Maj Beenish Hassan on 30th November, 2019 by Force Commander United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in recognition of her outstanding work as Staff Officer in UNMISS (2018/2019)



LT COL YASMIN ZULFIQAR - UNMISS

Commendation Certificate was awarded to Lt Col Yasmin Zulfiqar Bhatti on 30th July, 2021 by Force Commander United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in recognition of her outstanding work as FMO in UNMISS (2020 / 2021)

SPECIAL VISIT

National Security Adviser Dr. Moeed Yusuf Visits CIPS for “CIPS-NSD Security Dialogue: Special Session on Afghanistan”



Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS), in collaboration with the National Security Division (NSD - Pakistan), organized a “Security Dialogue: Special Session on Afghanistan” on Thursday, 30th September 2021.

Dr Moeed Yusuf, National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, addressed the session and identified complexities pertaining to the current Afghan situation and policy implications for Pakistan.

Further, he explained Pakistan’s position in the post-US withdrawal Afghanistan scenario. He elaborated that, at the policy level, Pakistan’s relations with Afghanistan prioritize “connectivity, development, and peace”. Dr Yusuf also held a detailed discussion session with students and faculty members of CIPS.

JOURNAL PUBLICATION

NUST Journal Of International Peace And Stability (NJIPS)



2019: NUST Journal of International Peace & Stability (NJIPS) received "Y" category recognition under the Higher Education Commission Recognition System (HJRS).

The NJIPS, which represents a hybrid effort of the National Institute of Peace & Conflict Studies (NIPCONS) and the Department of Peacekeeping and Training (PKT) at the Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS), published its inaugural issue in November 2017. Ever since, CIPS has been publishing the Journal consistently on bi-annual basis. Aiming to provide research-based knowledge through the scholarly papers written by national and international authors, NJIPS is committed to publishing original and timely research from around the world.

As always, we are grateful to our contributors for their cooperation throughout the editorial process. Together we hope this issue has the effect of better informing ongoing discussions on emergent trends in peacekeeping, peacebuilding, and conflict resolution, in terms of both policy development and needed academic engagement.

NJIPS FEATURED ARTICLES

- Civil Military Relation and Stabilization in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), Pakistan" by Tughrul Yamin: <https://njips.nust.edu.pk/index.php/njips/article/view/35>
- United Nations, Peacekeeping Operations, and Peacebuilding Framework: A Critical Analysis of 'Security- Development' Nexus" by Yosuke Nagai: <https://njips.nust.edu.pk/index.php/njips/article/view/36>
- Cyber Peacekeeping: Critical Evaluation of Digital Blue Helmets Program" by Fahad Nabeel: <https://njips.nust.edu.pk/index.php/njips/article/view/53>
- The Need for Post-Conflict Rehabilitation: A Psycho-social Approach towards Curbing Extremism in Pakistan" by Mahrukh Mustansar: <https://njips.nust.edu.pk/index.php/njips/article/view/59>
- Intervention Brigades in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and Challenges Posed to International Humanitarian Law" by Verda Ahmed: <https://njips.nust.edu.pk/index.php/njips/article/view/75>
- Global Geopolitical Dynamics and Prospects for Afghanistan's Regional Connectivity" by Pashmina Mughal, Sadia Suleman: <https://njips.nust.edu.pk/index.php/njips/article/view/93>
- Belt and Road Initiative in Central Asia and its Implications for Pakistan" by Sarwat Rauf, Adam Saud: <https://njips.nust.edu.pk/index.php/njips/article/view/95>

LECTURES, VISITS & WORKSHOPS

RTC on the “Dynamics of Forced Migration in Pakistan”

10th October 2019



A roundtable titled “Dynamics of Forced Migration in Pakistan: Addressing Internal Displacement and Refugee Movements” was convened by CIPS at NUST, in cooperation with Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), Pakistan Office, on October 10th, 2019. The gathering was graced by the presence of Mr. Igor Ivancic, Assistant Representative (Protection) at the United Nations Higher Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), as the keynote speaker.

PTV World Program on the Opening of Kartarpur Corridor

20th November 2019



The opening of the Kartarpur Corridor on 9 November 2019 granted Indian pilgrims access to the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in the Narowal district, the second holiest site in Sikhism. The Corridor illustrates the potential of religious tourism in the region, as well as the significance of religious ‘diplomacy’ as a means for instating improved trade and diplomatic relations. A television program on the symbolism of the move and its impact on India-Pakistan Relations was held by PTV in collaboration with PCS-CIPS.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Impacts of Conflict-Induced Forced Migration & Prospective Responses

2nd Decemeber 2019



An International Conference, jointly organized by CIPS and the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), on “The Impacts of Conflict-Induced Forced Migration & Prospective Responses”, was held on December 2nd, 2019. The gathering was graced by H.E. Mr. Bernhard Schlagheck, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Pakistan, who was invited as the Chief Guest to the event.

The exceedingly informing convention on forced migration included eminent guests and speakers, such as Major General Muhammad Jaffar HI (M)

(Retd), Rector NUML, Mr. Igor Ivancic (UNHCR), Ambassador Farukh Amil, Prof. Dr. Martin Sökefeld, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman, a renowned journalist from Bangladesh who has covered the Rohingya crisis, and many other national experts. The international conference aimed to push the boundaries concerning debates and cognizance on the subjects surrounding conflict-induced forced migration(s) and produce pragmatic and implementable solutions.



CIPS WEBINAR SERIES

Nigeria-Pakistan amidst Covid-19 Global Pandemic

29th July 2020

CIPS Webinar Series-2020

Nigeria-Pakistan amidst COVID-19 Global Pandemic: Challenges and Way Forward

ARRANGED BY
CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE & STABILITY (CIPS)

Date: July 29, 2020 **Time:** 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

The event is exclusively open for registered students of Summer Course 2020 "Introduction to International Peace & Security (CIPS)"

GUEST SPEAKERS

- **Dr Adelaja Odukoya**
Head of Department (HoD), Department of Political Science, University of Lagos, Nigeria
- **Dr Jamiu Oluwatoki**
HoD, Department of History and International Studies, Lagos State University, Nigeria
- **Dr Joshua Olusegun Bolarinwa**
Head of Division of Security and Strategic Studies Research, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos, Nigeria
- **Dr Shaista Tabassum**
Chairperson, Department of International Relations, Karachi University
- **Dr Rana Ejaz Ahmad**
Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Punjab, Lahore
- **Dr Rasool Bakhsh Rais**
Professor of Political Science at LUMS
- **Dr Bakare Najimdeen**
HoD, CIPS NUST

Link to access webinar:
<https://tinyurl.com/CIPSWebinarJuly29>

20N20 NUST
Defining futures

The webinar marked the initiation of a series of online 'webinars' by CIPS, following the Pakistani state's 'smart lockdown' strategy to check the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The session undertook a comparative analysis of the Nigerian and Pakistani response to the pandemic and the need for a 'paradigmatic' shift.

Discussants included Professor Rasul Rais (LUMS), Prof Rana Ejaz (Punjab University), Professor Shaista (Karachi University), Professor Jamiu

Oluwatoki (LASU Nigeria), and Dr Najimdeen Bakare (CIPS, NUST). The themes under discussion included the impact of the pandemic on the rise of nationalist sentiment in countries around the globe and the need to address the same.

In commenting on relations within the Muslim world, panelists analyzed the role of corruption, and the lack of effective collaborative Scientific Centre(s) for Excellence across states, impeding cooperation needed to slow the spread of the virus.

CIPS WEBINAR SERIES

An International Humanitarian Law Perspective on UN Peacekeeping in the Covid-19 Pandemic

3rd September 2020

An International Humanitarian Law Perspective on UN Peacekeeping in the COVID-19 Pandemic

EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION

ARRANGED BY
CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE & STABILITY (CIPS)
H-12, ISLAMABAD

Date: September 03, 2020 **Time:** 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

PANELISTS

- Imogen Canvan (LLM)**
Country Manager and Research Fellow for Asia at the Max Planck Foundation
- Raquel Saavedra (LLM)**
Research Fellow, International Peace and the Rule of Law, Max Planck Foundation

MODERATOR

- Professor Tughral Yamin**
Associate Dean, CIPS

Supported by:

- NUST
- MAX PLANCK FOUNDATION for International Peace and the Rule of Law
- Hanns Seidel Foundation

The title webinar focused on the novel challenges presented by the global coronavirus pandemic for some of the central concepts that guide UN peacekeeping operations. Featuring a discussion between Imogen Canvan and Raquel Saavedra, both from the Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, the session highlighted the need for a flexible approach toward peacekeeping to respond to these new threats.

Using real-world examples, discussants examined how all three UN peacekeeping principles (consent of the parties; impartiality; non-use of force except in self-defense and defense of the mandate) can be balanced in practice in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and how international law can adapt to the ever-changing security threats. The session concluded with a lively question and answer session.

CIPS WEBINAR SERIES

Palestine and Kashmir in the Emerging World Order

14th September 2020



The Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS), NUST, and the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), University of Peshawar, jointly organized an online expert panel discussion on September 14th 2020, with participants from Pakistan and Kashmir (Indian Occupied) taking part. Lt. Gen. Naeem Khalid Lodhi (Retd), Former Federal Defense Secretary; Professor Dr. Tughrul Yamin, Associate Dean at CIPS; Professor Hussain Shaheed Soherwardi, Former Director of IPCS; and Ms. Farzana Yaqoob, Former Minister AJK government, were among the speakers.

The speakers analyzed how the geopolitical situation around Pakistan is changing rapidly, making it imperative that the state take a more proactive approach to address emergent challenges.

Discussants highlighted the deleterious impact of the abrogation of articles 370 and 35a by the Indian Parliament on the people of Kashmir, condemning the blatant terrorism perpetrated by the Indian state, as well as the silence of the international community in response.

CIPS WEBINAR SERIES

The Security-Development Nexus in Post-Conflict North Waziristan

27th October 2020

The Security-Development Nexus in Post-Conflict North Waziristan
Online Research Seminar

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY
NUST Centre for Peace & Stability (CIPS)
and Hanns Seidel Foundation Pakistan (HSF)

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 **Time:** 03:00 pm - 04:45 pm

Registration Link:
<https://forms.gle/jxZDgvGemv68t1s48>

PANELLISTS:

▲ Lt Gen Muhammad Masood Aslam HI(M), (Retd) Member Advisory Council, NIPS	▲ Dr Ingrid Nyborg Assistant Professor Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway
▲ Maj Gen Furrukh Bashir, HI(M), (Retd) Principal, NIPCONS	▲ Dr Muhammad Makki Assistant Professor, CIPS, NUST
▲ Professor Tughral Yamin Associate Dean, CIPS, NUST	▲ Dr Bakare Najimdeen Assistant Professor, CIPS, NUST

Graduate Research Symposium on Civil-Military Coordination

4th November 2020

An online Graduate Research Symposium, jointly organized by HSF-CIPS, was conducted on November 4th, 2020. This collaborative venture showcased the importance of exploring a key area in the Pakistani context: civil-military coordination and collaboration.

A group of research students from the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, CIPS-NUST, presented

their findings on core themes falling within the ambit of CIMIC. These presentations culminated in a six-month research project that saw selected grant holders engage with emergent issue areas under the core theme. Presenters included Ms. Aisha Ali; Ms. Rabeea Jabbar; Ms. Faruzan A. Butt; and Mr. Abdul Wassay. The session was moderated by Brig (Retd) Dr Waseem Ishaque (NUML).

CIPS WEBINAR SERIES

Africa Project – UN Peacekeeping Operations in Africa

24th December 2020



Africa Project:
UN Peacekeeping Operations in Africa

Arranged by
NUST CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE & STABILITY (CIPS)
IN COLLABORATION WITH INSTITUTE OF POLICY STUDIES

Speakers

Professor Dr Tughrul Yamin
Associate Dean CIPS, NUST

Brig Mirza Salim Baig (Retd)
HoD Peacekeeping Training (PKT) Department at CIPS, NUST

Brig Imran Rasheed (Retd)
Faculty member at PKT Department at CIPS, NUST

Brig Azam Agha (Retd)
Faculty member at PKT Department at CIPS, NUST

Date: December 24, 2020

Time: 10 AM - 11:50 AM

Register at
<https://tinyurl.com/UNAFOPS>

In collaboration with the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad, CIPS organized the title webinar to highlight Pakistan's peacekeeping operations in Africa and their contribution to peace and stability in the region.

The session held on December 24th, 2020, featured faculty members from the Peacekeeping Training Department (PKT) sharing their experiences of on-

ground peacekeeping operations (PKOs), followed by an interactive Question and Answer session with online attendees. Key speakers included Professor Dr. Tughrul Yamin, Associate Dean CIPS; Brig Mirza Salim Baig (Retd), HoD PKT CIPS; Brig Imran Rashid (Retd), Faculty Member at PKT CIPS; and Brig Azam Agha, also a member of the faculty at the PKT.

CIPS WEBINAR SERIES

CIPS 'Hybrid' Seminar: Understanding the Palestine Conflict

4th June 2021



Held on June 4th, 2021, at the CIPS Board Room and over Microsoft Teams, the seminar included Mr. Nader Al Turk, the Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Palestine, Islamabad; Dr Farah Naz, Assistant Professor at S3H, NUST, Islamabad; Dr Martin Kear, Senior Lecturer, the University of Sydney, Australia; Ms. Leila Hatoum, Beirut based Journalist; Mr. Ejaz Haider, Senior Journalist and



Analyst, Islamabad; Dr Imran Syed, Chairperson at the Center for Policy Studies, COMSATS University, Islamabad; and CIPS MS candidates Ms. Kainat Kamal and Ayesha Ali. Panelists discussed the impact of Israel's May 2021 brutal crackdown on Palestinians residing in Al-Jarrah, East Jerusalem, and the need for the international community to take immediate action on the same.

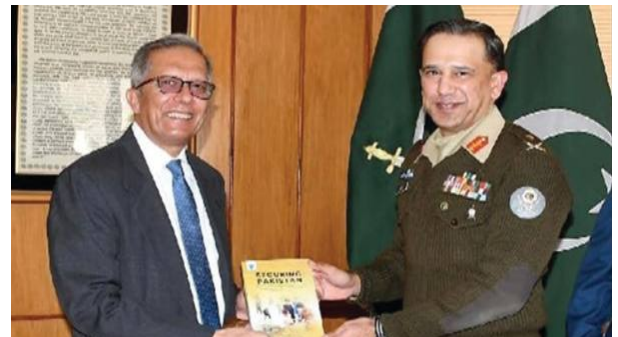
SPECIAL VISIT

Visit to Command & Staff College Quetta

4th June 2021



Visiting faculty from public sector universities, including NUST, called upon the Commandant Command & Staff College Quetta Major General Amir Ahsan Nawaz on November 24, 2021, and



discussed matters of mutual interest. On the occasion, Prof Dr Tughral Yamin, Associate Dean CIPS, presented the book "Securing Pakistan" that he and Dr Muhammad Makki had co-authored to the Commandant.

CIPS WEBINAR SERIES

Challenging Norms and Times: Normalization of Ties between Israel and Gulf States

28th June 2021

**CHALLENGING NORMS AND TIMES:
NORMALISATION OF TIES BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES AND THE
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD**

Arranged by
NUST Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS) and Adam Mickiewicz University (AMU), Poland

Date: June 28, 2021 **Time: 11 AM PST; 8 AM CEST**

Platform: MS Teams

Link to Webinar:
<https://tinyurl.com/CIPSWebinarJune28>

SPEAKERS

- Dr Rafal Ozarowski**
E. Kwiatkowski University of Business and Administration, Poland
- Dr Tughrul Yamin**
CIPS, NUST
- Dr Karol Bieniek**
Institute of Political Sciences and Administration, Pedagogical University of Cracow, Poland
- Dr Przemyslaw Osiewicz**
AMU, Poland
- Dr Bakare Najimdeen**
CIPS, NUST
- Dr Radoslaw Fiedler**
AMU, Poland
- Dr Ejaz Akram**
Southwestern University of Politics and Law, China

The title webinar analyzed how the 'normalization' of Arab-Israeli ties must not be treated as a novel phenomenon but rather a reconstruction of the past geared at regional stability, signifying a wider shift in the structure of the global international system. Panelists addressed the international perspectives of the changing dynamics through the lens of US domestic politics/disengagement

plan(s) and China's increasing understanding of the geopolitics of the Abrahamic world. It was argued that irrespective of such initiatives as the 'Abraham Accords', normalization aimed at peace in the Middle East hinges fundamentally on resolving the Palestine conflict through a combination of diplomacy and a global peacekeeping mission.

SPECIAL VISIT: DRC CONGO

Visit to DRC Congo by Brig Mirza Saleem Beig (Retd)

6th to 14th October 2021

The primary purpose of visiting the Pakistani Peacekeepers was to witness their operational commitment to the mandate assigned by the UN in DRC. In addition, the objective was to identify any gaps in the training being imparted to the potential peacekeepers so that the deficiency could be comprehensively addressed. According to Brig Mirza Saleem Beig (Retd), it was heartening to note that all the units are aware of the UN resolve based on important studies such as the HIPPO Report (16 Jun 2015), identifying inadequacies in addressing

the concerns of the vulnerable and affected population; Santos Cruz Report (2017) on improving the security of the peacekeepers focusing on three main areas operational behaviour and mindset, capacity building and readiness, and support issues; and the A4P initiative aims to strengthen peacekeeping through collective actions by all peacekeeping stakeholders. Such visits certainly enhance the awareness level of the faculty and are expected to continue.



SPECIAL VISIT: CAR (MINUSCA)

Visit to Central African Republic (MINUSCA) by Brig Imran Rashid (Retd)

28th October to 02nd November 2021

The purpose of the visit was to observe the evolving peacekeeping mission area environment and remain abreast with the emerging mission-specific threats. This visit also provided the opportunity to project Pakistan's peacekeeping contributions and thereby suggesting opportunities for further contributions. During the stay, Brig Imran Rashid (Retd) met the Force Commander, Deputy Chief of Staff, Director of Mission, and the Force Headquarter Training Team members.

All the critical appointments shared that the Pakistan troops are well respected, display the highest standard of professionalism and conduct, and satisfactorily carry out their mandated tasks. The visit also provided an opportunity to identify areas where Pakistan's contributions can be further enhanced. Overall, the visit was rewarding in recognising the latest challenges faced by the peacekeepers, which would be helpful for the Peacekeeping Training Team to incorporate into the training modules.



VISIT: ENTEBBE, UGANDA

Military Intelligence Officer: Training of Trainers, Regional Training & Conference Centre (RTCC)

23rd August to 03rd September 2021



Birg Imran Rasheed (Retd) attended the Training of Trainer (ToT) Course. The course was conducted at Regional Training & Conference Centre (RTCC) in Entebbe, Uganda, from 23 Aug 2021 to 03 Sep 2021.

The objective of the course was to train selected officers in Military Peacekeeping Intelligence Cycle (MPKI) during the pre-deployment training and in-mission training to ensure a common approach to threat evaluation, situation integration and Intelligence Assessment Plans (IAP) at the FHQ,

SHQ and Infantry Battalion/company level. Officers from several troops contributing countries attended ToT.

The training was imparted by the Integrated Training Services (ITS) team of officers ex DPO. MIO course is now mandatory for all officers going on Intelligence staff appointments at Force Headquarters (FHQ), Sector Headquarters (SHQ), and Infantry Battalions.

SPECIAL VISIT: CIPS-HSF

Visit to NATO HQ, Brussels

15th to 20th November 2021



Prof Tughrul Yamin and Dr Muhammad Makki attended an Exchange Visit Programme in Brussels with EU institutions and NATO HQ (15-20 November 2021), organized by the Hanns Seidel Foundation, Pakistan.

The delegates had discussions with MEPs, senior NATO officials, and think tanks on Pakistan-EU relations pertaining to key non-traditional security challenges (climate change, migration, cyber security, food security, digitization etc.). Various issues related to the NATO 2030 Agenda (strategic vision towards non-traditional security) were also discussed.

The delegation also met with the Pakistani Ambassador in Brussels, Ambassador Zaheer Aslam Janjua, and Counsellor Mr. Raheel Tariq at the Pakistani Embassy. Professor Yamin particularly discussed the issues concerning EU DisinfoLab and how Pakistan is increasingly confronted with several security challenges which are non-traditional in nature.



CIPS WEBINAR SERIES

International Webinar on 'Gender, Peace, and Security'

1st Decemeber 2021

GENDER, PEACE AND SECURITY

Organised by
International Peace Research Association (IPRA) in collaboration with National University of Science & Technology (NUST) and Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

Date: December 1, 2021 **Time:** 2:00 PM PKT (9:00 AM GMT)

MODERATOR
 Isloma Kermakoff
International Peace Research Association Foundation (IPRAF) Board Member

SPEAKERS

Farah Naz Assistant Professor, NUST	Bernedette Muthien Co-founder, African Peace Research & Education Association	Mirza Saleem Balg HQ, Peacekeeping Training Department, CIPS NUST
Abosede Omowunmi Babatunde Assistant Professor, University of Ilorin, Nigeria	Huma A. Chughtai UN Women	Vidya Jain Eminent Gandhian Feminism Scholar, Convener, Nonviolence Commission

For registration, visit <https://tinyurl.com/genderpeaceandsecurity>

The webinar discussed the implementation of key gender policies in international peace and security, with discussants highlighting the need to increase the participation of women in decision-making processes.

The session addressed vital themes such as the impact of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women's participation in peace processes and peace operations, as well as the meanings 'peace' may hold for different genders given the nature of

their 'lived experiences' of conflict. Discussants commented on the need for transformative organizational structures for addressing the issues linked to gender mainstreaming and peacebuilding.

The role played by civil society organizations and key member states were also discussed, focusing on strengthening women's empowerment, forwarding equal protection, and making better use of the gender perspective through mainstreaming.

SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE

African Union and Peacekeeping

22nd Decemeber 2021



On 22nd December 2021, CIPS organized a guest lecture titled: «African Union and Peacekeeping». H. E Paulo Neves Pocinho delivered the lecture to discuss the role of the African Union as a multilateral organization for the security of the African continent.

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATIONS AT CIPS

Celebrating the Spirit of Christmas

25th Decemeber 2021



WORKSHOP

Workshop on Deterrence

23rd Decemeber 2021



CIPS organized a workshop on deterrence on December 23rd, 2021, in order to educate scholars, students and practitioners of arms control and disarmament about the salience and relevance of deterrence as part of our national security doctrine.

The three key speakers for the session were Brig Dr. Naeem Salik, Senior Research Fellow CISS; Prof Dr. Tughrul Yamin, Associate Dean CIPS; and Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow CISS. A simulation exercise held as part of the session allowed the audience to practically formulate responses to a crisis scenario.



INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP

General Agreement of Cooperation between CIPS and the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad

29th March 2021



The Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS) and the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) entered into a general agreement for cooperation. The agreement was signed between the Associate Dean CIPS Professor Tughrul Yamin and Chairman IPS Khalid Rehman during a ceremony held at the NUST Islamabad campus on March 29, 2021.

The agreement intends to establish one-on-one cooperation between the two institutions in the specific fields of research, publication, and capacity building related to their mutual interests. The broader aim of the collaboration is to build a conducive environment for academic, research, and exchange collaborations. IPS is an autonomous, not-for-profit, civil society organization dedicated to promoting and producing policy-oriented

research. And CIPS, as an academic think-tank, strives for a deeper understanding of the peace and conflict dynamics worldwide. Through its scholarly endeavors, CIPS aims to come up with pragmatic solutions to contemporary issues to foster an environment of peace and stability nationally as well as internationally.



INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP

General Agreement of Cooperation between CIPS and the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) Islamabad

25th January 2021



Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS) and Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) Islamabad entered a general cooperation agreement on January 25, 2021. The agreement was signed by Associate Dean CIPS, Professor Dr Tughrul Yamin, and President IRS, Ambassador Nadeem Riyaz, at a ceremony held at the NUST Main Campus.

The agreement intends to establish one-on-one cooperation between the two institutions in the

specific fields of mutual interest. The broader aim of the collaboration is to build a conducive environment for academic, research, and exchange collaboration to reap sustainable and meaningful benefits. With the slogan “know thy neighbor”, the IRS was established in 1982 to analyze regional developments critically and objectively and to effectively address the emergent complexities and challenges.

CIPS-HSF RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Non Traditional Security Paradigms Informing National Security

1st May - 31st Decemeber 2021



The post-COVID-19 moment in both academia and state practice emphasizes the need to explore articulations of security emanating from multifaceted “nontraditional” quarters. Thus, a state-centric “top-down” delineation of traditional national security is insufficient for addressing emergent sectors and variables associated with an increasingly dynamic threat matrix.

In light of this, a CIPS-HSF research collaboration for 2021 aimed at facilitating creative research initiatives examining the deterritorialization of security away from static or traditional understandings and in the context of institutional harmonization. The objective was to allow budding researchers to transcend a preoccupation with state boundaries in order to engage with

security externalities reflecting a broad array of stakeholders and regimes, including relevant government entities.

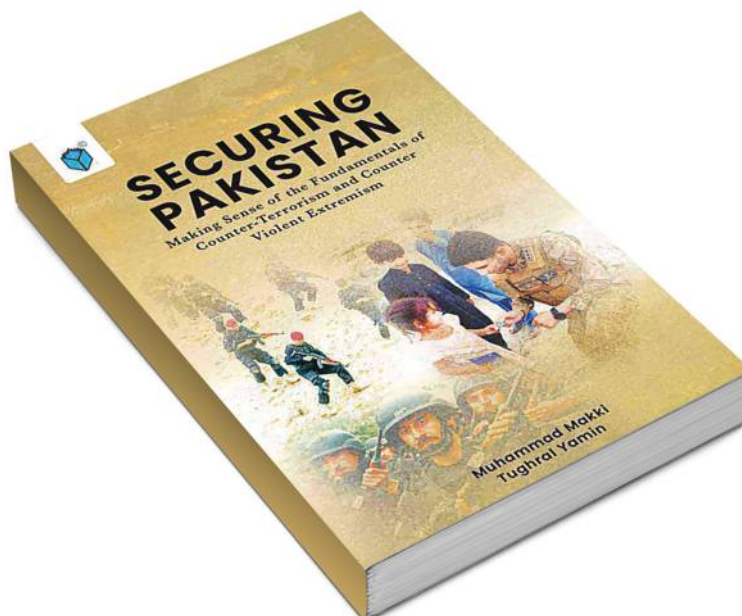
The project targeted the identification of broad-ranging epistemologies challenging myopic “hard-power” accounts of positivist traditional security analysis. Five students from MS PCS were awarded research grants for the six-month duration of the project, i.e., 01 May to 31 October 2021, with the aim of producing critical research under the core theme. Research initiatives were geared towards examining normative goals and resultant policy recommendations in confluence with security needs embedding in on-ground “lived” experiences and supporting institutional cooperation and coordination.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books Published by CIPS Faculty



Dr Imdad Ullah book titled “Terrorism and the US Drone Strikes in Pakistan: Killing First” was published by Routledge in March 2021.



Dr. Muhammad Makki and Prof Dr. Tughrul Yamin published “Securing Pakistan Making Sense of the Fundamentals of Counter-Terrorism and Counter Violent Extremism” with Paramount in February 2021.

CONVOCATION'21

Second Convocation of MS Peace & Conflict Studies

19th November 2021



CONVOCATION'20

Third 'Virtual' Convocation of MS Peace & Conflict Studies

4th December 2020



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

CIPS MS & PhD Students

**Mr. Amanullah Khan**

CIPS Ph.D. Public Defense was held on 29th September 2020, thesis titled “Challenges of Peace building in Afghanistan: Competing Interests of International and Regional Players” under the supervision of Dr. Ahmed Waqas Waheed. The candidate successfully defended the thesis and we wish him best of luck for his future.

Ms. Minahil Tahir

CIPS is proud to announce the award of DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) Scholarship to MS PCS gold medalist Ms. Minahil Tahir to pursue her PhD in Social Anthropology at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. The CIPS faculty wishes her all the very best in her future endeavors.

Mr. Khurram Abbas

Successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis on 19th May 2021. His dissertation mapped the resilience of weak democracies against political agitation in the context of Pakistan.

Ms. Rubab Aftab

CIPS congratulates Ms. Rubab Aftab, gold-medalist MS PCS, on achieving a merit-based scholarship to train towards her PhD in Politics at the New York University (NYU). We are proud of Ms. Aftab’s achievement and wish her the best of luck with all her future endeavors.

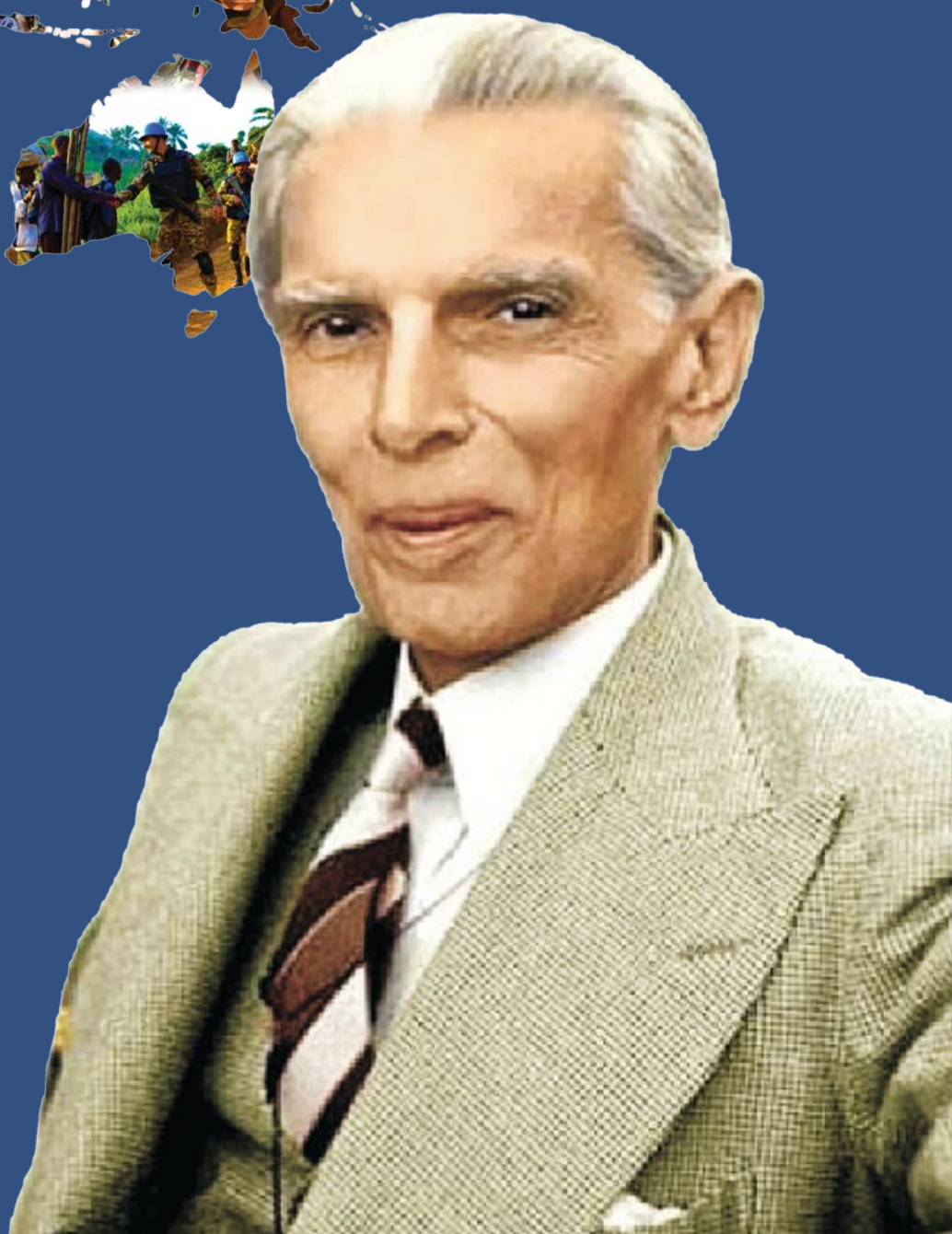
Mr. Shah Muhammad

We congratulate Mr. Shah Muhammad, MS student at CIPS NUST, for being selected in the British Council’s Future Leaders Connect Programme 2021. The program has selected 50 people globally and only 4 people from Pakistan as future policy leaders. This programme is being held in collaboration with Moller Institute of Cambridge University UK.

Brig Fiaz Hussain Shah (Retd)

Successfully defended his PhD Thesis titled: “Climate Proofing Indus Water Treaty: An Instrument of Peace Building in South Asia” on 29th November 2021. The defence was also attended by Mr. Joudat Ayaz (Additional Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change [MoCC]).







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