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From the Chairman's Desk



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From the Chairman's Desk

The Senate Defence and Deence Production Committee, in keeping with its track record of a pro-active engagement on all security related issues, remained busy in the previous months. Apart from our normal meetings of the Senate Committee on Defence & Defence Production, there was interaction with the Defence Attaches of the European Union, a visit of delegation headed by the President of the Thai Senate, a briefing for a 75-men delegation of the Command & Staff College Quetta and a briefing for foreign trainee diplomats at Foreign Service Academy, Islamabad. This in keeping with the vision of the Senate Defence & Defence Production Committee to serve as a bridge between the Khaki & Mufti so that it can promote institutional civil-military harmony.

We are very grateful to the Chief Justice of Pakistan, the Honourable Justice Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhry, who responded to the report of the Senate Committee on Defence & Defence Production and he referred to the Committee's efforts "through new ideas and proactive leadership. He appreciated the resolve the resolve of the Committee to promote a new vision for national defence that takes cognizance of the 21st century realities of an emerging dynamic democracy in Pakistan, which is located in the most strategic part of the world and has a pivotal role in an era of change, uncertainty and turmoil."

The interaction with the EU Defence Attaches also focused on relations between the two sides with reference to Afghanistan and the upcoming withdrawal of NATO forces in 2014. The 13 Defence Attaches of the EU states were keen to know about the relations between civil and military in Pakistan.

During the period under discussion, the Committee was also briefed by the Defence Secretary on "Pakistan-India relations with reference to the violations of the LOC by India". The Committee also unanimously passed a resolution in this connection.

The multi-faceted role of the Defence Committee is also evident in the briefing given at Parliament House to the delegation of 39 foreign diplomats who are doing a course at the Foreign Service Academy where issues on Pakistan's national security came under discussion as well as Pakistan's role at the international level as a voice of the oppressed colonized people of the Third World.

As always I remain grateful to our team headed by Mr. Amjed Pervez, Special Secretary and Secretary of the Defence Committee, my SPS, Mr. Riaz Ahmad Khan and our research and website team, Miss Salma Chaudhry, Miss Eaman Ajmad and Miss Ayesha Khan for the hard work they put in, in the preparation of this report. I also wish to express our thanks to PILDAT for publishing this report and the SDPD (Strengthening Democracy through Parliamentary Developments) for providing necessary logistical support for our research staff.

Mushahid Hussain Sayed
Chairman



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Letter from Chief Justice of Pakistan Honourable Justice Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhry



CHIEF JUSTICE OF PAKISTAN

Islamabad
23 November 2012

My dear *Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed.*
محترم سینیٹر

I sincerely thank you for sending me a copy of the Report of the Senate Committee on Defence and Defence Production publication whereof coincided with two important occasions of our national life, viz., 14 August – "Independence of Pakistan Day", and 6 September – "Defence of Pakistan day". I am pleased to know that the Report highlights the concept of National Security and Defence, its correlation with errors of past in the reappraisal of the 1965 War, and also mentions and pays tribute to the recipients of *Nishan-e-Haider* who sacrificed their lives in defending our dear homeland. The Report shows that the Committee is keen to envisage an action plan to revamp the Defence Production Organizations through new ideas and proactive leadership. I also appreciate the resolve of the Committee to promote a new vision for national defence that takes cognizance of the 21st century realities of an emerging dynamic democracy in Pakistan, which is located in the most strategic part of the world and has a pivotal role in an era of change, uncertainty and turmoil.

From what is contained in the Report, it is hoped that it will be useful for everyone interested/concerned in the Defence and Defence Production issues of Pakistan.

Please accept my profound regards and best wishes on the eve of publication of the Report.

Yours truly,

(Signature)
(Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry)

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
Chairman, Committee on Defence & Defence Production
Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad

Executive Summary



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Executive Summary

This is the 5th Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production. Showing consistency, sustainability and commitment the Committee continues to publish regular Reports after every two months as envisaged in its annual work plan.

This Report covers diverse activities and events but all the Committee work, led by its Chairman Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed remains focused on the core goals and objectives set by the Committee in line with its self defined role and policy of bridging the actual and perceptual gaps among Khakis and Muftis within the country as well as building trust, confidence and cooperation with counterparts, visitors and delegates from abroad.

The first activity being reported is the meeting of the Committee held on January 31st, 2013. This meeting was summoned at a short notice by the Chairman Committee Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed to get accurate information regarding the worrying incidents of LOC violations and the following propaganda by a cross section of Indian society and media. The Committee not only got a first hand detailed account of actual events of unilateral LOC violations by the Indian Troops but details of a well calibrated propaganda campaign. The Committee passed a unanimous Resolution to express solidarity with the Armed Forces of Pakistan, urging upon the Indian political leadership and Parliamentarians to have a more positive attitude towards relations with Pakistan so that peace of the region is not disturbed which was vitally and equally important for the people of the two countries.

The 2nd meeting held during the period being reported upon was held on 4th March, 2013 wherein a number of specific issues as well as general policy issues were raised by the Committee covering a number of important defence controlled or managed organizations. The most important ones were the Defence Housing Authorities which appeared for the first time before a Parliamentary Committee for scrutiny. Not only all the heads of the DHAs appeared before the Committee they gave a detailed account about the evolution and the legal cover process. The Members of the Committee still had observations and reservations and it was decided that these will be answered in a following meeting.

The other organization about which the Members of the Committee had raised serious issues in the past as well as in this meeting was Military Land and Cantonments. The issues included denial of building rights to individuals by Cantonment Board Rawalpindi and inordinate delay in compensating the land owners in AFV Ranges Nowshera. The Committee Members were not satisfied with the position of subjudice nature of the cases and urged upon the relevant authorities to resolve the issues inline with clear cut Court decisions. The Ministry however wanted these cases to attain finality in the Supreme Court. The issues remain still unresolved and on the pending agenda of the Committee which in these case had been trying to play the role of effective oversight and amicable resolution of the issues faced by some sections of the Pakistani public.

The Committee in its maiden interaction with the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) undertook a review of the audit reports and alleged favoritism as discussed in the House and referred to the Committee. The Committee obtained all the required details and documents and reported back to the House in the matter within the stipulated time. Availing this opportunity the Committee undertook a review of the poor performance and functions of PIA specially looking into the frequent engine breakdowns and delays.

The new Managing Director of the Airline shared in detail the measures being taken by the new management for improving the basics of the corporation to convert it into a viable competitive airline. He also mentioned about the infrastructure improvement as well as procurement of new aircrafts on lease. The Members gave a number of suggestions to improve the performance of the airline which was national carrier and had been a national pride both in airline operations as well as in engineering. The Committee however decided to avoid in micromanagement issues leaving it to the management who would be held accountable if the performance is not visibly improved in reasonable time.

Another step taken by the Committee was followup on an earlier meeting decision regarding the restructuring of Airport Security



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Force. The Committee asked the Ministry for the promised plan of restructuring as per assurance given to the Committee at the time of consideration / approval of Airport Security Force (Amendment) Bill 2012. The Committee while approving the plan suggested a few changes and asked the Ministry of Defence to proceed further in the matter as per Rules and Procedures. This meeting of the Committee which lasted over four hours was open to Media and was widely reported.

Other than the two typical meetings in the traditional setting of Committee vis-à-vis the Ministry / Executive, during this period a number of non traditional activities and events were held. These included a meeting with the EU Defence Attaches held on March, 12, 2013. This was first of its kind event in which the Defence Attaches of the European Union countries were briefed in detail about the role and functions of the Defence Committee of the Senate which has set out a meaningful policy and role for itself in redefining the contours of the national security of the country in line with the changes taken place in Pakistan and region as well as other emerging challenges and ground realities. The Defence Attaches of the EU countries while highly appreciating the role assumed by the Committee under the leadership of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed asked a number of questions about the challenges for the Committee as well as the country. The Chairman Committee briefed them thoroughly about the Pakistan position on the emerging regional challenges in view of announced NATO withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2014.

An important engagement of the Committee during this period was with the visiting Thai Parliamentary delegation led by the President of the Senate of Thailand. In addition to the routine exchange of views and sharing of information about the composition role and functioning of the Parliament and its Committees, a detailed discussion took place about the challenges and issues faced by two countries in which they could learn from each other. Repeatedly mentioning the fact that the next century is going to be Asian century, the Chairman of the Committee underscored the importance of East-East cooperation especially in trade, tourism and economic development.

The two events being reported upon towards the end of the Report relate to the visits of delegation of Command and Staff College Quetta on April 26, 2013 and briefing held on May 16, 2013, for Mid-Career Foreign Trainee Diplomats at the Foreign Service Academy, who were given exposure to the Parliament and its functioning through a formal presentation by the Special Secretary Senate Mr. Amjed Pervez. However, the strategic and diplomatic overview given by the Chairman of the Committee and his detailed answers in the Q&A sessions were highly appreciated by the visitors. These activities and initiatives of the Defence Committee continue to build better understanding and remove misperceptions within the country and abroad.

*Minutes of Meeting
held on January 31, 2013.*



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND DEFENCE PRODUCTION HELD ON 31st JANUARY 2013

An in-camera meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production was held on 31st January, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was presided over by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman SSC on Defence and Defence Production. Following Members attended the meeting:-

- 1) **Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed**
Chairman
- 2) **Senator Sabir Ali Baloch, Deputy Chairman**
Member
- 3) **Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar,**
Leader of Opposition
Member
- 4) **Senator Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain**
Member
- 5) **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi**
Member
- 6) **Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq**
Member
- 7) **Senator Haji Mohammad Adeel Khan**
Member
- 8) **Senator Sehar Kamran**
Member

The Secretary M/O Defence attended the meeting.

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Sehar Kamran. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

“Briefing on the violation of LOC by the Indian Forces and response by the Armed Forces of Pakistan”.

The Chairman of the Committee Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed in his opening remarks thanked the Members of Committee and Secretary Defence for the meeting at short notice. He said that the meeting was summoned to get accurate information regarding the worrying incidents and propaganda by a cross section of India.

The Secretary Defence Lt. Gen. (R) Asif Yasin Malik briefing the Committee on the incidents of violation of LOC by the Indian forces in January 2013 said that for the past many years the situation at LOC has been normal and the ceasefire was generally being respected by both sides. He said that in the night between 5th and 6th January, 2013, there was violation of LOC by Indian troops in the Gulmarg sector. The intruding troops came about 600 yards in the territory and used small arms resulting in Shahadat of a Naek and injury to another soldier of Pak Army. However, since the Pakistan troops were vigilant, they retaliated in a timely and effective manner forcing the intruding troops to run away leaving arms behind.





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The Secretary Defence informed the Committee that on the very next day DGMO of Pakistan Army called his Indian counterpart and lodged complaint about the violation but till noon the Indian DGMO showed no knowledge of the incident. The Secretary said that suddenly the Indian side started a propaganda campaign accusing brutal killing of Indian soldiers and the campaign was so well calibrated that it reached from the LOC to Indian Parliament, media, Prime Minister and finally President within few days with constant escalation and barrage of acquisitions that were contrary to the facts of the incident as well as track record of Pakistan army. He said that being highly professional; Pakistan army can never do anything closer to the gruesome picture painted by the Indian army and political leadership and media. He said that hardly any such acquisitions had been leveled in the past by any side as professional armies normally avoid any such thing.

Giving his preliminary analysis of the reasons behind the acquisitions and propaganda campaign, the Secretary Defence said that, may be just to cover up the loss of arms

by the intruding Indian troops the whole story was concocted. He said that there were other assessments that the Indian media and the political leadership wanted to divert the attention of their own public from some recent incidents in India, which had left scares on the superficial image of India. The Secretary gave details of the few incidents of violations in the follow-up and said that altogether there were sixteen violations in five sectors. He said that for some time now the violations have stopped.

The Secretary Defence said that the response of the Pakistan Armed Forces was swift, vigilant and effective. He said that the cooperation and close coordination of the Defence Ministry with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also helped in stopping unwarranted propaganda. He said that the Indian High Commissioner was summoned more than once to the Foreign Office and a protest was launched.

The Secretary Defence said that from day one, Pakistan Army and Foreign office had been asking for an independent inquiry by the UN Observers Group which has





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not been agreed to by India thus showing the shallowness of the charges and acquisitions by the Indian army.

After the official briefing by the Secretary Defence, the Chairman of the Committee opened the meeting for comments by Members.

Senator Ch. Shujaat Hussain asked the Secretary Defence about the general practice and situation on the violation of LOC in the past. The Secretary Defence responded by saying that there had been a few minor violations and in view of the nature of LOC we had been living with that. However, he said that the recent incidents were different in nature, frequency and intensity.

Senator Sehar Kamran said that violations of LOC in Kashmir were furthering the violations of rights of people of Kashmir to which Pakistan has great commitment and solidarity. The Secretary Defence said that the recent incidents were more serious and attack on Pakistan's sovereignty both physically and through propaganda.

Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Senator Raja Mohammad Zafar-ul-Haq were of the view that while protecting and safeguarding Pakistan's interests and image we should not compromise on our principled stand and position on the Kashmir issue. Senator Raja Mohammad Zafar-ul-Haq underlined the need to verify and clarify the facts of the recent violations because these have adversely affected the environment and peace process. He





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said that Indian Prime Minister is on record that it is no more business as usual. Likewise, the visa and trade liberalization process has suffered. He said that in view of the serious nature of acquisitions and the negative developments it was all the more important for Pakistan to find out facts and make these public locally, regionally and internationally.

Senator Sehar Kamran and Senator Raja Mohammad Zafar-ul-Haq pointed out many incidents where Pakistan has not properly pursued positive developments at the United Nations and other forums which were in line with the principled position of Pakistan while India has availed each and every opportunity to distract the attention from just and peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue as per UN Resolutions. The Secretary Defence said that Foreign office was in better position to answer these comments.

The Chairman of the Committee Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed said that UNMOG was in best position to conduct an inquiry and find facts but unfortunately the Indian side was not cooperating in this regard. He asked the Secretary Defence whether the Military to Military contact was re-established after the incidents. The Secretary Defence responded that all along the contact was functional and now it was back to normal.

Senator Sabir Ali Baloch was of the view that the whole nation including the people from Balochistan were with Pakistan Defence Forces. However, in view of propaganda as well as covert activities in Balochistan by the enemies needed to be checked and genuine concerns of the people

needed to be addressed.

The Committee unanimously passed a Resolution on the violation of LOC by Indian Forces which is annexed.

Senator Haji Mohammad Adeel pointed out the absence of the Minister for Defence in all meetings of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee said that he was also unhappy on the fact that the Minister for Defence was not taking Parliamentary Committee Business seriously. The Committee Members unanimously expressed dissatisfaction on this and asked to convey to the Minister that he should try to attend Committee meetings in future.

Speaking on any other agenda item, Senator Haji Mohammad Adeel pointed out the growing difficulties being faced by the civilians living in cantonment areas and a disconnect between the Military Controlled Administration with the civilian population. He said that since elections for the Cantonment Boards were not held there was no representation of the people and till the elections the elected representatives including Members of Assemblies and Senate should be consulted by the Administration. Senator Col. ® Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi and Senator Sabir Ali Baloch also pointed out the insulting behavior of the persons at duty at the entry points in Cantonment areas despite clear cut identification and cooperation by the elected representatives. The Secretary Defence assured that he will pass instructions but said that it was for the security of the residents that checks were necessary. He also informed that in the light of the Supreme Court decision elections of the Cantonment





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Boards will be held as per the timeline specified by the Court. It was however decided that in the next meeting of the Committee, DG (ML&C) could answer the specific questions raised by the Members.

Senator Raja Mohammad Zafar-ul-Haq pointed out the difficulties in development work and employment of the local people of Kahuta area where due to sensitive installations free movement of foreigners was not allowed. He said that the people of the area had great sympathy and solidarity with the national defence cause but it was important for the organizations working in the area to give employment to local people. He said on the contrary some local people working on contract had been dismissed. Similarly, NGO or donor funded projects in these areas could not be initiated resulting in lack of opportunity and employment for the local people. Secretary Defence said that he would take up the matter with the quarters concerned. He however clarified that there were many ways to ensure that developmental work in such areas with the help of donors can be undertaken through prior scrutiny. Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar was also of the view that SOPs could be worked out to undertake developmental activities in sensitive areas.

The Chairman of the Committee appreciated the detailed professional briefing by the Secretary Defence and

informed that as Chairman of the Committee he will be writing to his counterpart Chairman of the Indian Parliamentary Committee on Defence in the matter of violations of LOC and the propaganda by cross section of Indian society including politicians and parliamentarians.

The Resolution adopted unanimously by the Committee is annexed.





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RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN ITS MEETING HELD ON 31.1.2013

Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production strongly condemns the repeated ceasefire violations and incidents of unprovoked firing by the Indian troops resulting into Shahdat of soldiers of Pakistan Army.

While expressing complete solidarity with the Armed Forces of Pakistan who checked the misadventures of the Indian troops, it prays to Almighty Allah to rest the souls of the Shaheeds in eternal peace and grant courage and fortitude to the members of the bereaved families to bear the loss.

Expressing its deep disappointment on the unilateral propaganda by the Indian leadership, institutions including media and civil society, the Committee urged upon the international community and unbiased observers to play their role in clarifying the factual position. The invitation by the Pakistan government to hold UNMOGIP inquiry into the incidents clearly shows that position of Pakistan's Armed Forces is correct and the whole propaganda by India is baseless.

The Committee records its apprehension that unabated unilateral violations of LOC by the Indian troops and the following propaganda to malign Pakistan's Armed Forces may cause serious damage to the peace process and prospects of better understanding and relations between the two countries so essentially required for the welfare of the common man of the two countries.

Highlighting the sensitivity of the nature of relations and the adverse possible effects, the Committee urged the Indian political leadership and Parliamentarians to have a more positive attitude towards relations with Pakistan so that peace of the region is not disturbed and such incidents do not recur.

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Senate body condemns ceasefire violations by Indian troops

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production Thursday strongly condemned repeated ceasefire violations and incidents of unprovoked firing by the Indian troops at the Line of Control (LoC).

In a resolution passed unanimously in its meeting at the Parliament House, the committee expressed disappointment over the unilateral propaganda by the Indian leadership, institutions, including media and civil society, and urged the international community and unbiased observers, including UNMOGIP, to play their role in clarifying the factual position to avoid any further escalation or recurrence of such incidents.

According to a press release, Mushahid Hussain Sayed, chairman of the committee, convened the meeting to get a briefing by the Ministry of Defence on the ceasefire violations by the Indian forces

and response by the Armed Forces of Pakistan.

The secretary defence gave detailed briefing to the committee on the incidents and answered questions of the chairman and members of the committee.

The Senate committee was informed that an incident of violation of ceasefire at the LoC by the Indian troops in the night of 5th and 6th January, 2013 was propagated about in a calibrated manner and it reached the highest offices in India in less than four days. The committee was informed that the incident of ceasefire violation was taken up very next day by the DGMO of Pakistan with his Indian counterpart who expressed his ignorance at that point. However, later a whole set of accusations was levelled to cover and legitimise the misadventure in which the Indian troops had fled away leaving their arms. The repeated invitation by the

Government of Pakistan to hold an independent inquiry in the matter is a clear proof that allegations by India are baseless.

Mushahid Hussain appreciated the vigilant role of the Pakistani troops.

The committee through a unanimous resolution condemned the repeated ceasefire violations and incidents of unprovoked firing by the Indian troops resulting into shahdat of soldiers of the Pakistan Army.

Expressing complete solidarity with the Armed Forces of Pakistan who checked the misadventures of the Indian troops, the committee prayed for the departed souls of the martyred soldiers.

The committee urged the Indian political leadership and parliamentarians to have a more positive attitude towards relations with Pakistan so that peace of the region is not disturbed and such incidents do not recur.



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Senate body condemns LoC violations by India

SHARAFAT KAZMI

ISLAMABAD—The Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production strongly condemned the repeated ceasefire violations and incidents of unprovoked firing by the Indian troops. In a Resolution passed unanimously in its meeting held at the Parliament House Thursday, the Committee expressed its deep disappointment on the unilateral propaganda by the Indian leadership, institutions including media and civil society and urged upon the international community and unbiased observers including UNMOGIP to play their role in clarifying the factual position to avoid any further escalation or recurrence of such incidents for peace in the region.

The Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed convened the special meeting of the Committee to get a briefing by the Ministry of Defence on the violation of LOC by the Indian forces and response by the Armed Forces of Pakistan. The Secretary Defence gave detailed briefing to the Committee on the incidents and answered questions of the Chairman and Members of the Committee. The Committee was informed that a local incident of violation of LOC by the Indian troops in the night of 5th and 6th Janu-

ary, 2013 was propagated about in a calibrated manner

and it reached the highest offices in India in less than four days. The hype built by the Indian media about the incident was also worrying.

The Committee was informed that the incident of violation of LOC was taken up very next day by the DG(MO) of Pakistan with his Indian counterpart who expressed his ignorance at that point. However, later a whole set of accusations was leveled to cover and legitimize the misadventure in which the Indian troops had fled away leaving their arms. The repeated invitation by the Government of Pakistan to hold an independent inquiry in the matter is a clear proof that allegations by India are baseless.

The Chairman of the Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed appreciated the vigilant role as well as restraint by the Pakistani troops. The close cooperation and coordinated response by the Pakistan Army, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other civilian institutions was appreciated. The text of the Resolution passed unanimously by the Committee is as below: "Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production strongly condemns the repeated ceasefire violations and incidents of unprovoked firing by the Indian troops resulting into Shaheedat of soldiers of Paki-

stan Army.

While expressing complete solidarity with the Armed Forces of Pakistan who checked the misadventures of the Indian troops, it prays to Almighty Allah to

rest the souls of the Shaheeds in eternal peace and grant courage and fortitude to the members of the bereaved families to bear the loss. Expressing its deep disappointment on the unilateral propaganda by the Indian leadership, institutions including media and civil society, the Committee urged upon the international community and unbiased observers to play their role in clarifying the factual position. The invitation by the Pakistan government to hold UNMOGIP inquiry into the incidents clearly shows that position of Pakistan's Armed Forces is correct and the whole propaganda by India is baseless.

The Committee records its apprehension that unabated unilateral violations of LOC by the Indian troops and the following propaganda to malign Pakistan's Armed Forces may cause serious damage to the peace process and prospects of better understanding and relations between the two countries so essentially required for the welfare of the common man of the two countries. Highlighting the sensitivity of the nature of relations and the adverse possible effects, the Committee urged the Indian

political leadership and Parliamentarians to have a more positive attitude towards relations with Pakistan so that peace of the region is not disturbed and such incidents do not recur".

During the meeting Senators Haji Mohammad Adeel and Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi raised the issue of making the Cantonment Boards more representative and democratic. The Secretary Defence responded that in the light of the decision of the Supreme Court, elections for the Cantonment Boards will be held within the given time frame. However, it was decided that a detailed briefing will be taken by the Director General Military Land and Cantonment on various issues raised by the Members.

The Chairman of the Committee appreciated the detailed professional briefing by the Secretary Defence, Lt. Gen. (R) Asif Yaseen Malik and termed it 'comprehensive and candid'. The Deputy Chairman Senate, Mr. Sabir Ali Baloch, Leader of the Opposition Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Senator Ch. Shujaat Hussain, Senator Raja Mohammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Senator Haji Mohammad Adeel, Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi and Senator Sehar Kamran attended the meeting besides the Secretary of the Committee Mr. Amjed Pervez, Special Secretary Senate.



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Ceasefire violations

Defence committee condemns India's 'unilateral propaganda'

Panel passes resolution against recent LoC skirmishes

OUR CORRESPONDENT
ISLAMABAD

A parliamentary panel cautioned on Thursday that the recent tension at the Line of Control (LoC) and India's "propaganda to malign" Pakistan's armed forces might cause serious damage to the peace process.

The Senate Standing Committee on Defence met at the Parliament House on Thursday to discuss the recent ceasefire violations at the defacto border and its likely implications on efforts to normalise ties between Pakistan and India.

Chaired by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, the committee was briefed by Defence Secretary Lt General (retd) Asif Yasin Malik about the LoC clashes that reportedly killed at least three Pakistani

and two Indian soldiers.

The committee was informed that a local LoC violation incident by Indian troops on the 5th and 6th of January was propagated about in a calibrated manner and reached the highest offices in India in less than four days.

"The hype built by the Indian media about the incident was also worrying," the defence secretary said.

He added that the incident was taken up the very next day by the DCMO of Pakistan with his Indian counterpart who expressed his ignorance at that point.

Later, however, a whole set of accusations was levelled to cover and legitimise the misadventure in which the Indian troops had fled, leaving their arms, he said.

The defence committee

strongly condemned the repeated ceasefire violations and incidents of unprovoked firing by the Indian troops.

In a unanimous resolution, the panel expressed its deep disappointment on what it termed a unilateral propaganda by the Indian leadership, institutions including media and civil society.

It urged upon the international community and unbiased observers, including UNMOGIP, to play their role in clarifying the factual position to avoid any further escalation or recurrence of such incidents.

The committee also asked the Indian political leadership and Parliamentarians to have a more positive attitude towards relations with Pakistan so that peace in the region is not disturbed in the future.



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Defence Secretary
Lt Gen (retd) Asif Yasin Malik



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Senate defence panel condemns Indian LoC violations

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ISLAMABAD - The Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production has strongly condemned the repeated ceasefire violations and incidents of unprovoked firing by the Indian troops at the Line of Control (LoC).

In a resolution passed unanimously in its meeting on Thursday, the Committee expressed its disappointment over what it dubbed as the 'unilateral propaganda' by the Indian leadership, institutions including media and civil society and urged upon the international community and unbiased observers including UN to play their role in clarifying the fac-

tual position to avoid any further escalation or recurrence of such incidents for peace in the region.

The Committee's Chairman Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed convened the special meeting of the Committee to get a briefing by the Ministry of Defence on the violation of LoC by the Indian forces and response by the Armed Forces of Pakistan. The Secretary Defence Asif Yasin Malik gave detailed briefing on the issue. Mushahid appreciated the role as well as restraint by the Pakistani troops. The close cooperation and coordinated response by the Pakistan Army, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other civilian institutions was also appreciated.

*Minutes of Meeting
held on March 4, 2013.*



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND DEFENCE PRODUCTION HELD ON 4th MARCH, 2013.

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production was held on 4th March, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, at the Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was presided over by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman SSC on Defence and Defence Production. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1. **Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed**
Chairman
2. **Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar,**
Leader of Opposition
Member
3. **Senator Farhatullah Babar**
Member
4. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi**
Member
5. **Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq**
Member
6. **Senator Haji Mohammad Adeel Khan**
Member
7. **Senator Sehar Kamran**
Member

The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

DHAs

- (i) Briefing on the functioning of and issues in Defence Housing Authorities in the country.

ML&C

- (ii) Update / correct position on the issue of building rights by Cantonment Board Rawalpindi to owners of plots near old jail.
- (iii) Update on the issue of AFV Ranges Newshehra in the light of Court decision/earlier deliberations.
- (iv) Alleged misbehavior of Military check post personnel with the Senators and elected representatives who are not given due respect and subjected to unwarranted security checks in the cantonment areas especially Peshawar and Malir Cantt.

PIA

- (v) Details/Documents regarding action taken against responsible persons by PIA for irregularities pointed out in the Audit Report and the alleged favoritism/maladministration in PIA (in light of assurance of MOS for Defence in reply to a Question in Senate on 22-01-2013)
- (vi) The poor performance and functioning of Pakistan International Airlines, the delay in flights, the frequent engine breakdowns and unsatisfactory dealing with the passengers.
- (vii) Update regarding acquisition of new aircrafts for PIA fleet.





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ASF

- (viii) Report to the Committee on steps taken for Restructuring of the ASF, as per assurance at the time of approval of Airports Security Force (amendment) Bill 2012.
- (ix) Any other item with permission of the Chair.

Taking up the agenda item No. 1, the meeting started with brief statements by the Administrators of each DHAs regarding legality, structure and functioning of the Defence Housing Authorities. Brig. Muhammad Abdullah Administrator DHA Karachi informed that Pakistan Defence Officers Cooperative Housing Society was registered in 1953 under the Society Act and was managed by a Managing Director, Executive Committee of the Club and the Education Foundation. In August 1980, the Cooperative Housing Society was dissolved and Pakistan Defence Officers Housing Authority was created through the Presidential Order No.7 of 1980. Later on, this Presidential Order was made part of the Constitution through a Constitutional Amendment. By the same Presidential Order, Karachi Cantonment Board was bifurcated into two, i.e., Karachi and Clifton Cantonment Board. Under Presidential Order No.7 of 1980, DHA Karachi has a Governing Body, whose Chairman is Secretary Defence. Its members include a three star officer from each Service. Present members are Adjutant General from Pakistan Army, an Air Marshal from Air Force, Rear Admiral from Pakistan Navy besides Co-opted members and the Administrator.

Brig. Haroon Malik Administrator DHA Lahore informed that the Civil and Defence Housing Society, Lahore was raised initially in 1973. The General Headquarters then directed the Lahore Corps Commander to take over the society. After the take over it was renamed as Lahore Cantt. Cooperative Housing Society and was registered with the Government of the Punjab in March 1975. The business of the Society was conducted through a Managing Committee. However, the Lahore High Court then suspended the Managing Committee and entrusted all its powers to the Lahore Corps Commander. The Society was subsequently converted to DHA, Lahore in September 1999 through a Provincial Ordinance. In September, 2002 DHA was federalized under the orders of the Chief Executive and it was validated by the Parliament in 2004. DHA Lahore has similar three tiers of management which are the Governing Body, the Executive Board and the Administrator. Secretary Defence is ex-officio Chairman of the Governing Body. The other members are the Lahore Corps Commander, the Administrator himself and two co-opted civilian members which at present are Mr. Ahmed Bilal Sufi, a lawyer and Brig. (R) Tausif-uz-Zaman, from the Corps of Engineers.

Brig. Saadullah Fatmi, Administrator DHA Rawalpindi and Islamabad, informed that DHA Islamabad was conceived as Army Welfare Housing Society back in 1988 and it was a subsidiary of AWT (Army Welfare Trust). It was made an Authority through Presidential Order of February 2005. Through 17th Amendment legal cover was given but then through 18th Amendment that cover was taken off and





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since then bills were tabled in the National Assembly. In September 2011, DHA Bill, 2007 was resisted by Opposition and after discussion it was decided that there should be two DHAs – one for Islamabad and other for Rawalpindi. A Bill with the name of DHA Rawalpindi was tabled in Punjab Assembly on 7th January, 2013 passed on the same day on 14th January, 2013 a gazette notification for DHA Rawalpindi was issued. In the National Assembly, the old Bill DHA 2007 was withdrawn and a new Bill with the name DHA Bill, 2013 was tabled. After going through the Standing Committee it was placed in Assembly on 25th February, it was unanimously passed by the National Assembly and now it has been tabled in the Senate for approval and shall come on the agenda in the next couple of days. Governing Body of DHA Islamabad and Rawalpindi Board is headed by Secretary Defence and as a member Adjutant General, Pakistan Army, DG (W&R), Chairman CDA and Commissioners Islamabad in case of Islamabad and DG RDA and Commissioner Rawalpindi in case of Rawalpindi, Executive Board, is headed by AG, DG(W&R), Administrator / Secretary, two co-opted members to be appointed by Federal Government and the Provincial Government.

The Chairman of the Committee thanked the Administrators of DHA for their briefing and said that it was for the first time that all DHAs had appeared before the Senate Committee and explained the legal status and other important aspects. He asked for the Members of the Committee for their comments.

Senator Farhatullah Babar was also appreciative of the fact that the DHAs have appeared and presented their view point about the legal evolution as well as functions and organization. He however said that the evolution had been marred by a number of controversial steps and in most of the cases legal cover has been provided through the dictatorship regimes during or around the Martial Law periods. He said that most prominent cover up was inclusion of the Presidential Ordinance through which societies were converted into authorities in schedule 7 of the Constitution thereby giving them protection from any normal Parliamentary review. He said that the cover given under 17th Amendment was nullified due to Supreme Court Orders and that is why, the Bill had to be laid in the Parliament for DHA Islamabad. He said that the civilian representation in the organizational structure and decision-making was totally missing and the two civilian members in DHA Lahore and Karachi had no voting rights.

The Leader of the Opposition Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar said that the Bill as originally introduced in the National Assembly had similar provisions and many other aspects to which the opposition strongly objected. He said that the government of Punjab had also taken a stand and as a result separate Rawalpindi Defence Housing Authority was created for the areas under Punjab. He said that it was after the tough stand of the opposition that changes were made in the Bill and not only the civilian officers such as Chairman CDA, Chairman RDA and Commissioners were included in Board but made voting members with equal rights.





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On the issue of appointment of DHA Administrators, Senator Farhatullah Babar and other Members were of the view that instead of Chief of Army Staff, Ministry of Defence / Secretary Defence should be the appointing authority. He said that the employees of the authorities were declared civil servants despite being employees of autonomous independent bodies which required review. He said that now that Parliamentary review of the DHAs has started and Bills have been passed by National Parliament and Provincial Assembly of Punjab, efforts should be made to create a civilian and military balance in the Authorities as well as ensure control of Government over the Authorities.

Senator Col. ® Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi highly appreciated the achievements and performance of Defence Housing Authorities but he raised questions about recent agreements of the authority with some private land developers who did not enjoy good reputation. He wanted to know whether the DHA was not competent enough to undertake projects on its own and why a risk was being taken that could damage great past performance and reputation. He also wanted to know whether the interest of Jawans and Shaheeds was still being protected especially in case of societies taken over from Army Welfare Trust.

The Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Defence Air Vice Marshall Arshad Quddus said that the questions raised by Senator Farhatullah Babar as well as Senator Col ® Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi required some time and deliberations before being fully answered. On his proposal

it was agreed that the questions of the two Senators as well as other Members will be answered in detail in next Committee meeting to be held in April.

The Leader of the Opposition Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar suggested another idea / issue regarding a complete ban on use of discretionary powers in any allotments or quotas. He said that as Minister for Commerce he had abolished all quotas in Textile sector and a Bill had been tabled in the National Assembly for abolition of quotas in all fields including plots. He asked about the opinion of Ministry of Defence regarding abolishing discretionary allotment of plots in DHAs. This question was also included in the list to be answered during the next briefing. Senator Raja Mohammad Zafar-ul-Haq suggested that the Ministry / DHAs should hold an in house session to assess and foresee all related and relevant questions and come up with a comprehensive briefing covering all aspects including the controversial issues and questions.

Taking up the second agenda item, the Chairman of the Committee asked the representative of Military Land and Cantonments to update on the issues of right to owners of plots in Block C of the former central jail area in Rawalpindi. The Director Military Land and Cantonment Rawalpindi Shaikh Shahid Bashir said that the Ministry was in best position to clarify the situation.

Senator Farhatullah Babar said that in his opinion Military Lands and Cantonment was in the best position to give an update. He said that again an attempt was being made to





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bypass the actual issue and although it was accepted in the previous briefing on the issue that factual position was not placed before the Committee especially regarding the High Court decision, again information was being withheld and misrepresented. He said that the actual issue was that the legal owners of the plots were not being allowed to construct houses despite clear orders of the High Court which had in fact asked the local police to provide protection and support to the owners but unfortunately, the owners were being denied their rights and no support was available from any quarter. He said that much more worrisome was a later in the Brief by Quarter Master General proposing that the land be acquired under land acquisition Act.

The Leader of the Opposition Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and other Members wanted to know the justifications on the basis of which land acquisition was being proposed as simple mentioning of security or national interest was not enough and there was a clear cut criteria for acquiring land under Section 4 of the Act.

Senator Sehar Kamran said that although in this particular case more details may be required to reach a conclusion but she had all along been proposing that there should be buffer zones around the important defence installations and high command residences. She said that there was no other way to safeguard and protect and events in the past have proved that. She said that ownership rights of a few individuals are important and they should be properly compensated but national security was of paramount importance.

The Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Defence acknowledged that in the previous briefing there was a misunderstanding and the then Secretary Defence apologized for the wrong information. He however said that there had been more than one Court decisions in the matter and in fact the matter was still in Court and not reached finality. He said that the Ministry was pleading in the Court that a different Order of the Court on an earlier decision had led to misunderstanding and we were seeking clarity in the matter. He however said that the proposal to acquire the land was from a subordinate office and it was yet to be processed. He assured the Committee with full authority that a decision in the matter was yet to be reached and if at all acquisition of land is decided detailed justifications and grounds will be shared with the Committee.

Senator Farhatullah Babar and Senator Col. ® Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi were skeptical and apprehensive that QMG or GHQ was subordinate offices and they thought that the land will be acquired. However the Committee was reassured that the Ministry / Secretary will examine the case on merit and the details of final decision will be shared with the Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed said that since the Ministry was saying on record with full authority and responsibility their intent to settle the matter in a just and fair manner the Committee would take them at their word till proven otherwise. He said that in the present day Pakistan all institutions needed to





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have transparency and responsiveness as cover up was not an option. He urged upon the Military Land and Cantonment Department to be more efficient and responsive to the Committee. He said that the Committee has assumed the big task of bridging gap between Khaki and Mufti and would act as first line of defence but at the same time it will perform the role of oversight of Security Establishment and its controlled organizations, as and when required.

The Chairman Committee asked for briefing on the next item of the agenda which was regarding compensation to the land owners of AFV Ranges Nowshehra in the light of Court decision. The representative of the Military Land and Cantonment said that the decision of enhancement of amount of award from Rs. 589 to Rs. 1500 per Marla has been challenged and four appeals are pending in the Supreme Court therefore the matter is subjudice.

Senator Farhatullah Babar wanted to know the exact dates of appeals and status, challenging the viewpoint of the Director MLC that the matter was subjudice. He said that they needed to revisit their position and statement because it was factually incorrect. He said that although appeal was filed but it was time barred and Supreme Court had neither granted stay nor even admitted the appeals so it was totally wrong to say that matter was subjudice. He read out from the latest (December, 6, 2012) decision of the Peshawar High Court which said "In the meanwhile the appellant shall start payment of principle amount to affectees while the status quo order shall be operative to the extent of 6%

interest". He said that the only stay was on the interest with the clear cut direction by the Court that payment of principle amount should be started. He said that if the stand and position of ML&C was juxtaposed with the earlier agenda item, a clear cut pattern can be established showing total disregard for the law and the Court orders and mispresenting facts.

The Leader of the Opposition Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar also expressed his shock and said that such a long delay in payment of amount of Award to the affectees was not understandable. He said that either the required amount was not allocated and transferred timely or there was some other blunder as no one can think of such a long delay in compensating the people. The representative of the ML&C said that the principle amount of Rs. 304.881 million had been transferred and was available but the issue was of increased rate of Award and interest for which funds were not available.

The Committee directed that the ML&C as well as Ministry of Defence should get a copy of the recent Peshawar High Court decision and if the decision had taken finality leaving no other legal course for review, they should initiate the process for allocation and release of additional funds required to be paid as per Court decision. The Chairman of the Committee, Leader of the Opposition and other Members urged upon the Ministry and the ML&C to keep in mind that human beings and citizens were involved whose legitimate rights were being denied for a long time. They said that while the case should be moved immediately for





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allocation of funds by the government, possibilities of compensation through some other internal adjustments/re-appropriation should also be examined.

The Chairman of the Committee asked Senator Col. ® Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi to speak on the next agenda item which was regarding misbehavior by the Military Checkpost Personnel with the Senators and elected representatives. Senator Mashhadi gave a detailed account of various incidents where elected representatives including past Defence Committee of the Senate where no respect was shown to the Members/Committee even on the eve of official visit to Wah and other Cantonment areas. He gave details of continuous disrespect and disregard by the junior officials posted in Malir Cantt to him and his family despite several times taking up the issue at the highest level. He said that each time the Secretary Defence had assured of passing instructions but either no instructions were passed or these were totally flouted as attitude and behavior of officials had further deteriorated subjecting the accompanying female members of the family to disrespect. He said that while some instructions were there to allow entry from gate No. 1 this gate was closed at 11pm. He said that the gate, which was close to his residence, was gate No. 5, therefore clear cut instructions and a proper identity card or sticker was required which should enable him to use gate No. 5 at any time.

The Additional Secretary Ministry of Defence promised to take up the matter with the Secretary Defence and pass

instructions a permanent solution of the problem. These instructions would ensure entry to the Senator subject to essentially required security check from gate No. 5.

Senator Haji Mohammad Adeel raised the issue of maltreatment with the civilian residents in Peshawar and other Cantonments and similar difficulties in entry of guests including media persons. He said that despite all the hue and cry about security of residents, a number of incidents had taken place where most secure offices have been attacked by the terrorists without any checking or resistance at the entry point. He said that the issue was not only of checking at the entry but even the developmental projects for which huge funds were got allocated through his personal efforts were not allowed to be completed. He said that he had got funds allocated for a freedom fighters memorial in the cantonment area but the local commander did not agree with the proposal. He said that there was need to study the 1924 Act and understand which uses were allowed and which were not allowed in the lands in cantonment area. He said that while commercial activities, cinemas and petrol pumps were allowed in these areas development projects of the MPs were not allowed.

The Chairman of the Committee Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed said that since the DG ML&C was abroad and was not present in the meeting, the Committee would take up the whole issue of cantonment areas management in another meeting and undertake a comprehensive review in the light of the Act.





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The Committee then took up the agenda item regarding the restructuring of the Airports Security Force as the Ministry of Defence had given an assurance at the time of approval of ASF Bill for re-designation in November, 2012 that the restructuring of the ASF will be planned within three months time and submitted to the Committee. The Director General of Airports Security Force gave a detailed presentation to the Committee for the restructuring and up-gradation of various posts.

The Committee unanimously approved the restructuring plan of the Airports Security Force and recommended up-gradation of various posts as well as creation of Regional Command in view of manifold increase in the number of personnel and airports as well as the security threat. The Committee asked the Ministry of Defence to take immediate further action for approval of new posts and budget by the Establishment and Finance Division.

There was some debate about the heading of the Committee by a serving Army officer. The Committee kept further discussion on this issue pending and advised the ASF and Ministry of Defence to focus on the restructuring and reorganization to undo the injustice to especially lower level officials (Sergeants) who had no or very limited chance of promotion. The Committee urged to find a way out to promote the low ranking officials whose time scale / selection grade was discontinued. The Committee urged upon the Ministry to move swiftly for necessary administrative approvals from Establishment Division including lifting of ban and financial allocation from the

Finance Division.

The Committee then took the agenda items relating to PIA. The details regarding action taken against responsible persons by PIA for irregularities pointed out in the Audit Reports were presented to the Committee. These details were required in the light of a question / matter referred by the House to the Committee in Session on 22.1.2013. The Committee decided to pass on the information provided by the PIA to the House.

The Chairman of the Committee welcomed the new Managing Director Capt. M. Junaid Younus and asked for the measures taken to improve the performance and functioning of PIA. The Managing Director gave a detailed account of the causes of losses to PIA which were the result of some wrong decisions and practices as well as inability of the Corporation to adjust to the new realities. He said that a merit based system and rationale decision making has been introduced under the new management and leadership and no political interference was being made. This, he said, has resulted in giving the space to the administration for improving the working and functioning. He said that competitive recruitment, mandatory training requirement, internal as well as external accountability, including MOU with Transparency International, were major decisions. He said that a number of decisions were made on the operational side to cut on the fuel cost, which was a major cost contrary to the notion of employees' cost. He said that through use of appropriate aircraft for smaller and longer routes the percentage of fuel cost to the total





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cost has been brought down from 60 – 70 to 55% which was still higher than some other efficient airlines, and efforts were underway to bring it further down.

The MD, PIA shared some other plans to increase efficiency which included lease of narrow body aircrafts instead of purchase. The Committee members asked about some of the decisions made in the past regarding purchase of big aircrafts. The MD said that this decision had been made in the past but now the policy was to get aircrafts on lease and go for narrow body aircrafts. He said that even the aircrafts that were purchased would be used optimally as a mix and match was required for short and long routes.

The MD also informed about some improvement in timings of flights but said that for PIA safety was very important and just for the sake of flying in time no compromise was made on safety and maintenance of aircraft. He said that some of the accidents of private airline's aircrafts had underscored the need for full satisfaction regarding safety and security. In reply to a question he said that European and North American standards were being maintained and the objections that were previously raised by European Civil Aviation Authorities had been removed.

Senator Sehar Kamran pointed out some serious difficulties in the days and times of flights between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia as well as very low standards of





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hygiene and service in these routes. She said that there was need to have at least a few business class seats and improve significantly on the hygiene and service. The Managing Director PIA noted down all the points including scheduling, improving on hygiene and service as well as possibility of some club class seats and assured of necessary action. He also shared the details of new routes being considered by PIA especially on the eastern routes where there was huge demand and potential. He said that due to visa restrictions routes to some certain Asian States were discontinued but promised to reexamine the possibility keeping in view the visa and other considerations.

The Committee Members asked various questions about flights on various sectors including Peshawar and Quetta. They asked about the fitness of ATR aircrafts as well as non- functioning of Parliamentarians counter. The MD promised to take necessary action and provide necessary information by next meeting including the information regarding per seat employees cost. He also assured to look into the matter of separating engineering wing from the employees list to reduce cost. However, the Senators asked the MD to take decisions keeping in view the operational requirements as they did not want interference in micro management as their main concern was to convey the difficulties and problems of the citizens as well as to reduce burden on the national exchequer. Senator Col. ® Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi asked the MD to look into the matter of bogus booking as well as the possibility of opening a route to Baghdad and Najaf which was in high

demand for the pilgrims. The Managing Director promised to look into both of these. The Chairman of the Committee said that he was a frequent flyer of PIA and was extremely happy with frequent flyer policy which was based on merit and was functioning very efficiently.

The Chairman Committee, in his concluding remarks, said that the meeting which lasted for more than 4 hours was open to media and though discussion has taken place on some of the controversial issues but in line with the declared policy of the Committee to build better understanding between civil and military. The meeting was conducted in sober, respectful manner, helping in addressing some serious issues amicably.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to and for the Chair.



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Appointment powers

Limit army chief's role in DHAs: panel

Senate defence committee proposes DHA administrators be appointed by the defence ministry

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A parliamentary panel questioned the legality of the Defence Housing Authorities (DHAs) in the country, while also proposing new measures to curtail the army chief's powers in the affairs of such housing societies.

The Senate Standing Committee on Defence met at the Parliament House to discuss issues related to DHA, military-owned property and cantonments. The meeting was chaired by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed.

The committee was given a detailed briefing on DHAs set up in different parts of the country. Administrators of the housing authority in Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi and Islamabad informed the committee about the legal



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status of DHAs.

According to a statement issued after the meeting, the Senate panel proposed that the administrators of DHAs should be appointed by the

defence ministry, instead of the army chief.

The committee also took exception to the alleged misbehaviour of military personnel with members of parliament.

It directed the Ministry of Defence to prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SPO) in this regard and also asked the ministry to issue fresh instructions to avoid unwarranted security checks in cantonment areas, particularly in Peshawar and Malir.

Members of the committee expressed their dismay over the poor performance of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and regretted the unsatisfactory treatment of passengers, including flight delays.

Senator Mushahid, on behalf of the committee, assured all-out support to the national

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flag carrier, while the committee directed PIA management to improve the quality of its performance and services.

PIA's Managing Director Junaid Yunus informed the committee about the acquisition of new aircraft and the opening up of new routes for the airline.

He said the induction of new aircraft would help uplift the organisation. During the meeting, the committee also approved the restructuring plan of the Airport Security Force.



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Senate DC expresses dismay over PIA losses

SHARAFAT KAZMI

ISLAMABAD —The Senate Defence Committee, in its meeting on Monday, deliberated upon various issues concerning Defence Housing Authorities, Military Lands and Cantonments, Pakistan International Airline and Airport Security Force. The Chairman of the Committee Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed said that living to its motto of bridging the gap between Khaki and Mofti, the Committee will try to resolve all the outstanding issues in light of new realities of changing Pakistan where more transparency and quick response are needed.

The committee was presided over by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed at Parliament House today. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed expressed the hope that the committee would proactively engage in such a discourse which would help in for-

mulating recommendations on new lines to improve functioning of the organizations and defence institutions.

The Committee asked about the legality of Defence Housing Authorities in the Country. It proposed that the administrators of a DHA should be appointed by the Ministry of Defence instead of Army Chief. The Committee also suggested to make the governing body of the DHA more representative and efficient. The Committee was updated on the issue of building rights by Cantonment Board Rawalpindi to owners of plots near Old Jail. However, the information provided was termed insufficient. It was decided to defer the item till next meeting. The Committee took exception to the alleged misbehavior of military check post personnel with the Senators and members of the Parliament. It directed the ministry of Defence to prepare a Standard Op-

erating Procedure besides issue fresh instruction to avoid unwarranted security checks in the Cantonments areas especially in Peshawar and Malir Cantt.

Members of the Committee expressed their dismay over the poor performance of Pakistan International Airlines and regretted the unsatisfactory dealing of the passengers and flight delays. Chairman Senate Defence Committee, on behalf of the committee, assured all-out support to the PIA to bring improvement in its working and performance.

The Committee directed the PIA management to improve quality of performance and services of the National Flag carrier.

The Committee observed that PIA is a National asset and there was a dire need to put the organization on the track of profitability through good governance, professionalism and transparency.



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Senate body okays restructuring plan for ASF

- Committee inquires about legality of defence housing authorities
- Says administrators should be appointed by Defence Ministry

Staff Report

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Defence Committee on Monday approved the restructuring plan of the Airport Security Force, as per assurance at the time of approval of Airports Security Force (amendment) Bill 2012.

The committee was presided over by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed at the Parliament House on Monday. Senator Sayed expressed the hope that the committee would proactively engage in a discourse which would help in formulating recommendations on new lines to improve functioning of the organisations and defence institutions. The meeting deliberated upon various issues concerning the defence housing authorities, military lands and cantonments, Pakistan International Airlines and Airport Security Force.

According to the restructuring plan of the ASF, proposed by ASF DG Brigadier Muhammad Azam, the force is to be headed by an officer of the rank of Lt General in Grade 21; deputy director general (brigadier), Grade 20; joint director, Grade 19; deputy director, Grade 18;

assistant director, Grade 17; sergeants, Grade 7; and corporal, Grade 5.

While approving the restructuring plan, Senator Farhatullah Babar stated that the authority for appointments should rest with the federal government. The chairman of the committee, Senator Sayed, said that living up to its motto of "bridging the gap between khaki and mufti", the committee will try to resolve all the outstanding issues in light of new realities of changing Pakistan where more transparency and quick response is needed.

The committee inquired about the legality of the defence housing authorities in the country. It proposed that the administrators of a DHA should be appointed by the Ministry of Defence instead of the army chief. It also suggested making the governing body of the DHAs more representative and efficient. The committee was updated on the issue of building rights by Rawalpindi Cantonment Board to owners of plots near Old Jail. However, the information provided was termed insufficient. It was decided that the item be deferred till the next meeting.

The committee took

exception to the alleged misbehaviour of military checkpoints' personnel with senators and members of parliament. It directed the Ministry of Defence to prepare a standard operating procedure besides issuing fresh instructions to prevent unwarranted security checks in the cantonment areas, especially in Peshawar and Malir Cantt.

The committee was earlier given a detailed briefing on the DHAs in the country. Administrators of DHAs of Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi/Islamabad informed the committee about the legal status of the DHAs. The meeting was attended among others by leader of the opposition in the Senate, Muhammad Ishaq Dar besides senators Farhatullah Babar, Sehar Kamran, Col (r) Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Haji Muhammad Adeel and Raja Muhammad Zafarul Haq. Ministry of Defence Additional Secretary Air Vice Marshal Abdul Qadoos, PIA MD, MLC DG and ASF DG, administrators of the DHAs and a senior officer of the Defence Ministry and its attached departments were also present. Senate Special Secretary Amjad Pervez also attended the meeting.



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/DHA administrators' appointment **Committee wants powers taken back from GHQ**

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD, March 4: The Senate Defence Committee proposed on Monday that powers to appoint administrators of Defence Housing Authorities (DHAs) be taken back from the General Headquarters and given to the ministry of defence.

"The committee asked about the legality of Defence Housing Authorities in the country. It proposed that the administrators of a DHA should be appointed by the ministry of defence instead of army chief," the Senate body said in a statement issued after the meeting.

"The powers to appoint administrators should vest in the ministry of defence instead of GHQ," Senator Farhatullah Babar proposed at the meeting.

Issues pertaining to PIA, restructuring of Airport Security Force, and Military Lands and Cantonments were also discussed.

The Military Lands and Cantonment Department (MLCD) came in for harsh criticism at the committee's meeting for not being clear on issues that had been long on the Senate body's agenda.

The members were told that the MLCD had decided to cancel the lease deed of allottees of 25 plots allotted to them

through open bidding in 1998 by the Punjab government at the site of the old jail in Rawalpindi and that the entire chunk of land would be acquired by it under the Land Acquisition Act 1984.

However, after criticism by senators, the MLCD officials changed their stance and said it was only a proposal and final decision had yet to be taken.

In the second case, also pertaining to land, it transpired that land measuring thousands of acres had been acquired in 1999 in Nowshera but the military lands department was unwilling to make payment to the affected people despite court verdicts. The case pertains to the acquisition of over 18,000 acres for AFV Range Nowshera at the rate of Rs88 per marla. The award was challenged in the court of district judge Nowshera and Peshawar High Court which raised the compensation to Rs1,500 per marla and number of other benefits.

Members of the committee expressed their dismay over the poor performance of PIA.

The committee approved the restructuring plan of the Airport Security Force, as per assurance at the time of approval of Airports Security Force (amendment) Bill 2012.



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Senator objects to DHA chief's appointment by COAS

Says authority governing body should also have civilian members; it's not fair to occupy lands for national security

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ISLAMABAD: A member of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence on Monday questioned the legality of Defence Housing Authority (DHA), observing that their administrators should be appointed by the Ministry of Defence and not by the army chief.

Senator Farhatullah Babar, who is also official spokesperson for President Asif Ali Zardari, raised the issue of DHA during the committee's meeting chaired by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed at the Parliament House.

The meeting discussed issues concerning the DHA, Military Lands and Cantonments (MLCs), Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and Airport Security Force (ASF).

"It should be the secretary of the Ministry of Defence and not the chief of army staff who should appoint the administrators of DHA," Babar said, adding that the DHA governing body was under-represented and it should be made more efficient.

Babar said there were only military officers in the governing body which should also have civilian members. He said the DHA were created during military regimes and it was not fair to occupy lands under the label of national security.

"The DHA Lahore was established in September 1999 only one month before Musharraf's takeover, while Pervez Musharraf also created DHA Islamabad in 2005 through a presidential ordinance," he said.

The administrators of DHA Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi and Islamabad informed the committee about the working of authorities and their legal status, saying their objective was the welfare of both serving and retired soldiers. The committee members were informed that the Military Lands and Cantonments had decided to cancel the lease deed of

allottees of 25 plots allotted to them through an open bidding in 1998 by the Punjab government at the site of the old jail and that the entire chunk of land will be acquired by it under the Land Acquisition Act 1984.

Senator Farhatullah Babar said the owners had made full payment, got the building plans approved and were also armed with a high court verdict directing that they (allottees) be permitted to build houses on the plots, but it was beyond comprehension that it had now been decided to acquire all the plots and much more under the Land Acquisition Act.

Two specific issues relating to lands, one in Rawalpindi and the other in Nowshera, were among the half dozen agenda items taken up by the committee on Monday.

The case of plots near the old jail site in Rawalpindi was first taken up by the committee in July last year on which the Defence Ministry had sought more time for examination and a detailed reply.

At that time the then secretary defence had withdrawn a written reply admitting that it was wrong and apologized for it also when it was challenged by a member of the committee.

Babar said the allottees had been complaining for the past 14 years that whenever they moved to build houses they were driven away by the cantonment authorities.

Some of the allottees have even died waiting to build their dream homes, he added.

With the latest decision to acquire the land, all the allottees will not only be dispossessed, but also forced to run from pillar to post for compensation which may take several years to decide, he added.

Mushahid said living to its motto of bridging the gap between the Khaki and the Mufti,

the committee will try to resolve all the outstanding issues in light of new realities of a changing Pakistan where more transparency and quick response was needed.

Mushahid expressed the hope that the committee would proactively engage in such a discourse as to help formulate recommendations about new lines to improve the functioning of organizations and defence institutions.

The committee took exception to the alleged misbehavior of a military check post personnel towards the senators and members of parliament and directed the Ministry of Defence to prepare a Standard Operating Procedure besides issuing fresh instructions to avoid unwarranted security checks in cantonments, especially in Peshawar and Malir Cantonment.

The committee members also expressed their dismay at the poor performance of PIA and the unprofessional dealing of passengers and flight delays.

Chairman Senate Defence Committee, on behalf of the committee, assured all-out support to the PIA to improve its working and performance.

The committee directed the PIA management to improve the quality of performance and services of the airline. The committee observed that PIA was a national asset and there was dire need for making it a profitable body.

The committee also approved the restructuring plan of Airport Security Force as per assurance at the time of approval of Airports Security Force (amendment) Bill 2012.

Managing Director PIA Muhammad Junaid Yunus informed the committee about the issue of acquisition of new aircraft for the airline besides opening of new routes for the airline to earn more profit.

*Meeting with Defence Attaches
of the EU Mission in Islamabad
held on March 12, 2013.*



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Minutes of the Senate Defence Committee's Meeting with the EU Defence Attaches held on March 12, 2013.

A delegation of Defence Attaches of the EU Missions in Islamabad, led by Mr. Pierre Mayaudon, called on Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman, Senate Committee on Defence & Defence Production at Parliament House, Islamabad. Senator Mushahid Hussain greeted the members of the EU military attaché. The Chairman in his opening remarks introduced the Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production. He stated that the committee had twelve members from over six different political parties. He stressed that the defence committee was one of the more active and important standing committees of senate with regular reports being published. He also revealed that in the following week the committee would be traveling to Kabul for the first parliamentary dialogue on defence between the two countries. Further, he underlined the aim of the committee to publish a Defence Strategy document. The purpose of this document was to suggest new ideas and initiatives that would co-relate to the new ground realities.

The Chairman asserted there was a need for a new definition of national security, one that was in line with the changed paradigm of the 21st century. He emphasized that human security needs to be included under national security, factors such as the economy, education, rule of law, judiciary, and human rights need to be considered. New threats such as climate change, cyber warfare, sectarian and ethnic terrorism as well as anti- Pakistan propaganda threatened the State more than a military attack from neighbouring India. He highlighted the importance of political parties that united a federation like Pakistan and stressed the role of the committee to bridge the gap between khaki and mufti. He asserted that there were no holy cows in the country anymore, but a diverse and autonomous mass media, active civil society, independent judiciary that helped define public opinion. He told the visiting delegation that for the first time in the country's history the parliament would complete its five years in power.

The Head of the EU Military Attaché Delegation, Mr. Pierre Mayaudon thanked the Chairman and stated that the EU had only been a partner in trade with Pakistan and they





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would like to add a different dimension to the relationship. The committee consisted of thirteen individuals from various member states of the EU. The committee appreciated the chairman's vision for the senate defence committee especially to reconcile the civil and military forces. Mr. Mayaudon expressed the desire of the delegation to find new avenues of cooperation between the EU and Pakistan.

The Chairman responded to their queries by first expanding on the role of the army comparing it to the Turkish military, which not only plays the role of defending the country but also ensures the stability of the State. He highlighted the new power and importance of the parliament by citing the example of the Salala check post; members of the committee who drafted the proposals for NATO were parliamentarians and at no point was there any pressure

from the army. He also cited example of the recent senate defence meeting with the Ministry of Defence on the defence housing issue, which was held in front of the media. The defense budget, he stated, had also been discussed by the senate defence committee. He explained the role of the ISI as the lead intelligence organization, which has played an internal and external role in the country; the head of the ISI is appointed by the Prime Minister, but it is the Army Chief who recommends three names.

Mr. Mayaudon expressed his gratitude for the Chairman. The delegation presented the chairman with a memento.



*Meeting with Thai Senate Delegation
Headed by President of Senate
held on April 23, 2013.*



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Verbatim Record of the Meeting of Senate Committee on Defence & Defence Production with Thai Delegation held on April 23, 2013.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman SC on Defence & Defence Production: As Chairman of the Committee, it is my profound pleasure to welcome His Excellency the Right Honourable Nikom Wairapanij and his distinguished delegation to Pakistan and also warm welcome to his Excellency Mr. Marut Jitpatima, the Ambassador of Thailand, Council General of Thailand from Karachi and other friends. It is a very diverse delegation reflecting the cultural and religious diversity of Thailand. In today's meeting the process will be that I will say a few words and introduce my colleagues. Then Excellency will have the floor and then we can have open discussion on a number of subjects in which we have mutual interest and cooperation.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij, President of the Senate, Kingdom of Thailand: I have the honour to meet the Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production. This is my first visit to your Parliament to exchange our ideas or opinions with reference to democracy in Pakistan and Thailand. I saw your Chamber and I appreciate it. I will have a meeting in the next month for renovation of Thai parliament which is under construction and shall decide rooms for the Chambers and the Committees. We have 35 Standing Committees of the Lower House and 32 of the Upper House. The two Houses have 67 committees and many sub committees which have to use the rooms for

discussing the issues.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Thank you Excellency, the latest report of our Defence Committee is before you. We issue regular reports, we have updated website. So Excellency, I think after introduction we will give you our view on politics and we will have a frank discussion on civil military relations because Pakistan and Thailand have similar experience. In today's meeting we have representation from all parties of Pakistan and besides Members of Defence Committee some other Senators are also present. We have struggled for democratic system. You know what the problems are. With Thailand, we have a very good affinity. We have regular interaction. In Pakistan, we are going through an interesting phase of transition. For the first time in our history, a democratically elected civilian government has completed its tenure. According to the Constitution of Pakistan, elections are being held under a Caretaker administration i.e., the Prime Minister and his Cabinet that is in Islamabad capital area and in the provinces was formed according to consultative and consensus process of the political parties. We have had in the past four occasions where the military had intervened directly and imposed Martial Law.

We know what has happened in 2006 in Thai when General Boonlert Kaewprasit imposed Martial Law and had this military coup. I know this because Thaksin Shinwarta is a good friend of mine, I saw him in Beijing, Phnom Penh, Dubai and also in London. So, I know, some of you may be for and against him but I have known him for a long time





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and he was the last Prime Minister to visit Pakistan in 2002 and her sister also.

So, in Pakistan we have now multiple power centers. Previously, we had the military establishment or the political establishment. Now, of course, the military establishment and the security establishment are still here as it is in your country. We have the political establishment also but we have a very powerful and a fiercely independent judiciary led by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who is probably the most powerful man today in Pakistan.

Then we have a very free and independent media; fifty privately owned news and entertainment channels in all languages of Pakistan and 104 FM Radio Stations spread all over Pakistan. Let me tell you that there are no holy cows; everybody can be attacked, criticized. We have the former Army Chief who is in prison these days facing cases and so forth.

We have also a lot of citizen activism - civil society especially the women and the youth have a population of hundred million of which about thirty million are on internet and about five million are on the social media including facebook and Twitter. So, this is very important element in the emerging situation of Pakistan.

The biggest challenge in election is not that they may not be fully free or fair but biggest challenge is security because Excellency, you remember the days of Vietnam. You are

next to China, Laos, Indo China, Cambodia, Vietnam, and your troops are fighting in Vietnam. We are facing the same situation, the American Army, the NATO are in Afghanistan and we are facing the consequences of that war directly. In the last 33 years, since 1979, when the Soviet Union invaded and occupied Afghanistan, Pakistan has been in the eyes of the storm. We have the world's largest and longest staying refugee population i.e., three million and over 3 decades. We know that you have refugees sometimes from Myanmar and other countries. You have refugees when Pol Pot was ruling Cambodia. You had some issues in those days of Golden Triangle Trucks, now we have issues of terrorism and extremism. We know that the Muslim Community in Thailand is very active in Yala Patani, Satun province and other provinces and we know there are issues like extremism sometimes. We hope that those issues can be resolved because in our part of the world, we have been facing those issues and as political parties, we are facing certain threats, especially this gentlemen Senator Haji Adeel, from the ANP - his party and people have been threatened, some have been attacked by the extremists and terrorists. The number one issue in the election campaign is terrorism. We expect that elections will otherwise proceed in a fair manner. The general assessment, and I will like to be very frank, that perhaps there may be a hung Parliament and we are not sure which party will be in majority. So, there may be another coalition government. We have had coalition government in the past and this culture of coalition government is likely to take place.





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After 11 May elections, we expect a coalition government and we expect a smooth, God willing, transfer of authority to the new elected government. The second challenge is more external i.e. Afghanistan. The American troops, the NATO troops have said that in 2014, they will withdraw from Afghanistan and that withdrawal means, it is a huge logistical nightmare, several hundred thousand items of equipment will pass through Pakistan in the next two years, worth about 35 billion dollars that equipment of NATO and ISAF of the 22 countries which are there. So that is a very important exit. Transit will primarily be 70% through Pakistan port of Karachi and 30% through the North, through Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia route, which is a longer route and takes twice much money and twice much distance that is a huge expense. So, it is a very huge exercise logistically. But more important for us Excellency is what happens after the war. This is not the first time we are facing a war here. There was a war when Soviet Union occupied Afghanistan and for 10 years money was pumped in by the CIA – 2.1 billion dollars to train two hundred thousand fighters known as Mujahideen in Afghanistan and 20 thousand Arab volunteers. Saudi Arabia gave matching funds 2.1 billion dollars which makes 4.2 billion dollars and one billion came from China. So, this money came from 1979 to 1989, five billion dollars. This is not the American aid to Pakistan; this is covert aid, secret aid to train these people. So, there was a proliferation of weapons what we call the culture of Kalashnikov. In 1989, we have faced, when the Red Army lost the war, they withdrew back to Moscow. We, Pakistan and Afghanistan were left in the lurch. You might have watched Hollywood movie Charlie Wilson's War, that

movie shows all. The US left us hay and dry. So, we are worried about that. This time around, will it be the same thing or will it be different? So, we hope and expect that lessons have been learnt by the US Administration and hopefully there will be a transition which will be smoother than that previous one and with lasting peace.

The only complication is on 5th April, 2014, Afghanistan will have Presidential Elections. Mr. Karzai cannot contest the elections because according to the Constitution of Afghanistan only two terms are allowed. So, in that context what kind of vacuum will be there? Secondly, when there will be peace talks with the Taliban. In Vietnam, as you know there were talks between the US and the Saigon Regime, Nuen Won Thew and Noen Kaoki as you know and also with the Vietcong, the Paris Peace Talks and they went on and on and on. At the end there was a peace agreement. So, those peace talks have not begun as yet in Afghanistan but there is an only agreement that the Taliban can now have a political office in Doha, capital of Qatar and that will be opened with the support of Pakistan, the United States, the Arab countries and also with the concurrence of the President of Afghanistan Mr. Karzai. So, these are some of the challenges that are being faced.

Lastly, I would like to say about Pakistan. We, the people of Pakistan, have faced lot of difficulties. Excellency, we live in 2013, everybody says that the 21st Century is an Asian Century and you, the Thailand, are the part of the Asian Century. We are part of the Asian Century and there is an Asian's spirit of strength and resilience. They face the crises, they face difficulties, they overcome the crises,





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they move on and then they have a spirit of hope, confidence and faith in the future. This is the strength of not just the people of Pakistan, I would say the people of Afghanistan also. They are very tough and steady people. They have faced a lot but they are looking with some degree of optimism, may be that future will be bringing up better tomorrow. In that we need the support of friends like Thailand. You are in ASEAN, we are grateful for your support for Pakistan being in the Asian Cooperation Dialogue. The ASEAN regional forum and the last meeting which took place in Phnom Penh Cambodia, we were there also. We took an active part in the last Summit.

We have very good relations in the region and countries like China which is also a very close friend and trading partner of Thailand and lot of Pakistani entrepreneurs are now going to Thailand. Two months ago, I had a meeting in Bali Island with Dr. Nalini Tabecin, trade representative of Thailand and I have invited her also to Pakistan. I said, Dr. Nalini, we need to have an Free Trade Agreement (FTA). I think it is important that the trade and commerce which is now one billion dollars, can be a building block for closer economic, political and strategic interaction with Thailand and I am very happy to note that you have a very distinguished delegation, the delegation that reflects your diversity and in the past I used to be the Minister for Information, Culture and Tourism. As Tourism Minister, I specially invited a delegation of Buddhist monks from Thailand, from Japan and from Korea and we took them to Taxila, where you are going tomorrow, it is 25 minutes distance from Islamabad. We took them to Takhtbai, where some of the most historical sites of Buddhism are located.

This site has the oldest university in the world, the Buddhist University which is 2007 years old. We hope you will have an enjoyable stay and I look forward to be talking to your colleagues.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij, President of the Senate: Thank you for detailed and candid briefing about Pakistan and we have learnt a lot about democracy in Pakistan. In Thailand sometime we had military regime and sometime we have civilian Government. Now, the Army is not allowed in Thailand. We only have Thai party. In upper House, there is no party, it is independent and neutral. We have with us General Kanchavit who is Vice Chairman of the Committee on constitutional organs Affairs. You have withdrawal of Americans in 2014 but you have mentioned America – Vietnam War. After Vietnam war many refugees left the country and went to Thailand. We have refugees everywhere but after the withdrawal of Americans from Afghanistan which will involved huge amount weapons transportation.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: 35 billion dollars worth of equipment and the equipment No. is 700,000 items and all of it will not go back, some of it will stay back because about 15 to 20 thousands troops want to stay back. So, there is a lot of similarity between Indo-China in the seventies and in South-West Asia.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij, President of the Senate: You have to study all steps taken in Vietnam and Thailand.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: We have been very





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close ally of America but every 5-10 years our relationship with America breaks. Then we are on our own and when they need us then they come back. Now we are used to being without American aid and we have got alternatives - with China, the Muslim world and also our own people are our major resource.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: You should to make alliance with the Asian countries not European.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Therefore, it is Asian century. There is ASEAN, Central Asia, South Asia, China and even Russia. Europeans are on the decline. His Excellency, the West is in decline. America is in decline. Europe is in decline economically, politically and culturally and other things. So, that is why we have to work together and from Islamabad to Bangkok a new world is rising.

His Excellency, look at the Thai cuisine. Thai Restaurants are very popular in Islamabad. There are three Restaurants in Islamabad, Lemon grass, green curry, all these things are very popular here and sea foods, all these things are very popular here. So, this is a new world and Chinese food and Thai foods are very popular here in Pakistan.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: I would like to work with your country but your neighbour country is your enemy and it is difficult for you how to live peacefully.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: We have problems, you have had problem with Cambodia on the temple and other things also, we know that. But we have to live

together. We want to live in peace especially with our neighbours, India, China, Iran, Afghanistan, these are our neighbours and we want a good relationship with them. We want to have closer interaction with your parliament. There should be regular exchanges between the Senate of Thailand and the Senate of Pakistan and our parliamentary committees. You are the first to take the initiatives. His Excellency, you should send your delegations, send people here. Let us exchange our experiences. We have common history.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: Therefore, we want to work with your parliament.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Yes, we would like that. Thank you Excellency for that.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: We think about that and about corruption, we don't worry about corruption if there is good governance.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: But if there is corruption, Madam Sumol, who is the head of anti-corruption and good governance will not allow it, she will catch the corruption. Senator Najma says, can we borrow her for six months? Women are supposed to be more honest than men are.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: The Thai government has a policy of good governance. We as Senators have to impeach some rich and high ranking in Thai Government but we cannot impeach anybody except four people.





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Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Only four?

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: Yes.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: For how many years?

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: Nobody can be impeached because the proportion of number of voters is too high. The required number for corruption is $\frac{3}{4}$ of 154; it means 114 votes required for impeachment.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: You mean 112 out of 150?

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: Yes, but if you want impeachment against Prime Minister or the President you have to $\frac{3}{5}$, its mean you have to 90 voters to vote which is impossible.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Will you allow Thaksin to come back? He is very homesick. Whenever, I meet Thaksin in London and Dubai, he says, I want to go back to Thailand.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: Let him be homesick, if he comes back to Thailand, the situation is not in his favour.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Will you arrest him like we have arrested Mr. Musharraf or you will give him general amnesty?

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: He is responsible to make political situation worse. People are in his opposition. We keep talking on this but when he comes back he would face.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: But his party is in power now.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: Many countries have their situation like in Thailand despite of Southern crises.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Please tell if we can help in the southern crisis. There are two gentlemen who are pukhtoons and 90% of the prayer leaders in the Mosques of Thailand are from our part of the world. So, if you need a peace mission, these people can help promote peace, seriously, because issue of extremism and terrorism is there. We do not want Thailand to have problems like you have in Myanmar, (Budhist and Muslims) or in Sri Lanka. Thailand is more tolerant and they believe in non-violence, so they are followers of Budha's teaching. So, you see, his Excellency, seriously I am saying, if you need any help because we are Muslims and we can play a role.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: It is unfair to say such thing because they are allegiants. Not Muslim and Buddhist are extremists. This is not the issue.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: But some guerilla insurgencies are there like Patani etc.

Mr. Nikom Wairapanij: We have 90% Muslim and 10% Buddhists.

Another delegate: Excellencies, I would like to tell you something about the tolerance. You are informed about our





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country but you look as the outside viewer and for us we are inside. The problem in the Southern Thailand is not religious but it is about human rights and also about politics. There are two kinds of politics; one is the local politics and other is federal politics. We try to understand the problems of people, give them peace, give them jobs, give them education and also give a chance to local people to have jobs because they need jobs. There is lack of jobs. Every student would want to get a job after getting graduation. So, I think this is the way to solve the problem.

The second one is to give them a chance to play a role in politics.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: You are talking about the Muslim of Southern Thailand.

Thailand Representative: Not only Muslim, we have three kind of people; the Buddhists, Chinese and Muslims. They stay together. They have an open field to play their role in politics.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: So their issues are economic and of autonomy for the region.

Mr. Abdullah: No autonomy. We have to stay in the same government. People are given chances to work together with the government.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: We understand that we have similar problems in Pakistan especially province of Balochistan. There are a lot of natural resources but they

do not have opportunities for jobs and employments and economic development. Then there is unrest and insurgency sometimes.

Senator Kalsoom Parveen: Mushahid *sahib*, what are the ways to solve these problems?

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: She has asked a very good question. She says we would like to learn because she hails from the Balochistan province which is economically under-developed. What are the Thai Government and political leaders doing to resolve the issues in Southern Thailand? What steps are you taking? What is your strategy for the solution?

Mr. Abdullah: Our emphasis is on the education to solve these problems. As far as the corruption is concerned, we have the merit system. We have to scrutinize the person who want to work as Government officer or in the private sector. We have to find the fit person but not the closer person.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Excellency, do you have any question about Pakistan or Pakistan's problems or politics or foreign policy, please feel free to ask.

A Thai Delegate: If anyone pays a visit to your country then the money he spends is made to increase your revenues? What are you doing to encourage tourists?

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Excellency, I tell you. I have been Tourism Minister of Pakistan and with the help of





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World Tourism Organization in Madrid and the UNDP, I prepared the first Tourism Master Plan in Pakistan in 1988-89. I also declared that we will have visit Pakistan year. But we are not located in South specific. If Pakistan was in South Pacific our neighbour would have been Towaloo, Fiji, Greebathee; nice beaches, no problem, no wars. But we are located in difficult part of the world which is an area of competition and confrontation. This area has seen conflict for thirty four years. Tourism only thrives in a peaceful environment. Maldives, there is no problem and we will go to Maldives. Island is small one, very easy to go there. Although we have some of the best places and I am saying it without fear of contradiction, some of the best tourism sites in the world. We have beaches, we have deserts, mountains, we have historic cites of different religions, not just Islam but Buddhism, Sikhism, Hinduism, Jewism because this area has civilization which is 8 thousand years old. The first civilization was Meregrah in Balochistan. Indus civilization is five thousand years ago. So, you can see that it is thousand years old land. You can go to Moenjodaro. You will see they had a sewerage system Excellency, five thousand years ago. They had paved roads five thousand years ago and Senator Haji Adeel's area KPK is beautiful. Naran valley is very beautiful area. Border to close to China is like haven on earth. You will love it because it is so good. It is natural beauty but we are a victim of terrorism, Afghan war, refugees, bomb blasts. So, actually we face fundamentalism, extremism. You see, every religion and every society has extremists, even in America – in Boston what happened and see 9/11 and all these things, so we have these problems. So tourism prospers in peace. It is not just to have a tourism

plan. We do have a good infrastructure but the environment of peace, security and stability is pre-requisite which is missing. That is why Pakistan and our people have a strong stake in Afghanistan that what happens there. The exit of American troops should be smooth, stable and peaceful. So, if there is peace in Afghanistan, it means peace in Pakistan. Our population is 180 million and that is the biggest strength because our people are highly educated, very talented, very skilled, you go to London, Excellency, the best doctors are from Pakistan. You go to America the best Engineers are of Pakistan. The best doctors and professionals, you go to Ukraine, you go to Malaysia top leadership all of them have Pakistani roots. Mahateer Mohammad has roots of Pakistan. Dun Najeel Razaq' grandfather came from Pakistan. Anwar Ibrahim Ameen he has roots in Pakistan. In Hong Kong, there are lot of people from Pakistan. So our people are the biggest resource. We have 7.7 million Pakistanis who live outside Pakistan and they are spread all over; in South East Asia, Central Asia, Gulf Countries, North America and in Europe. They are members of Parliament. We have a Member of Parliament in New Zealand, we have a member of Parliament in Norway. We have a member in British Cabinet, she is a lady from Pakistan, Saeeda Warssi, she is a Member of Parliament.

Mr. Nikom Wairatpanij: We have to learn from the mistake in Vietnam War or any war that Americans did.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: I have been four times in Vietnam and five times to Combodia and I am going again to Vietnam because I have studied that, it is very





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interesting. South East Asia in the 70s and South West Asia in the 21st century, lot of similarities. The Americans have made same mistakes in Pakistan and Afghanistan what they made in Vietnam.

Mr. Nikom: It is very critical issue for your country.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Yes, very critical so we want to learn from our past experiences.

Mr. Nikom: What could be the opportunity after American troops withdraw from Afghanistan?

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: That is what we want, that there should be a peace dividend and that peace dividend should help the people of Pakistan because we have suffered enough. Wars, conflicts, terrorism, bomb blasts as Excellency, Haji Adil the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was saying 45000 Pakistanis have lost lives in Pakistan after 9/11, including 7000 military and paramilitary, more than Americans, more than Indians, more than NATO, we are the biggest victims of terrorism. None of us can walk freely and move out in Peshawar or other places because there are threats to public figures but they are all very brave and courageous people they face terrorists.

Mr. Nikom Wairatpanij: You said you have specialists Pakistanis who work outside your country so, what you do to bring them back to country?

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: We have a special

program for visiting professors, a lot of them have come back to serve their own country. People, who retire in America, retire in Canada, retire in Europe they want to teach here. So our biggest resource is the people of Pakistan, the professionals of Pakistan, the educated people of Pakistan, the middle class of Pakistan because who have been educated here and now serving outside with a lot of skills.

Mr. Nikom Wairatpanij: You may have strategy for the development of Pakistan. What strategy you are adopting to take your people join together to do a lot of work for the development.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Even now lot of Pakistani people who are overseas. You see Excellency we learn from China when Deng Xiaoping said he will open up China in 1978-79 what is the first thing he focused on? He focused on the overseas Chinese, he focused on Taiwan, he focused on Chinese in Thailand, Chinese in Indonesia, Chinese in Hong Kong. They invested and the first investment in Chin Gin near Hong Kong was overseas Chinese. Next over in India when they started the investment, NRIs (Non Resident Indians), who were outside, so this is a very important model for us also because I said earlier there are 7.7 million Pakistanis who live outside Pakistan but their families, homes, business, linkages and relations are in Pakistan. So, we have to capitalize all that. That is why the most important thing, I repeat again, is peace, security and stability in the region because peace cannot be compartmentalized. It has to be comprehensive and we need the support of Thailand, we





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need your Excellency's support, people like you who are senior statesmen, who were senior leaders with vision, particularly your Excellency Mr. Nikom Wairatpanij, you worked so hard in Thailand. You were in San Jose university in California, you are educated, you are a professional, you have transformed the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration with your skills in different fields.

Mr. Nikom Wairatpanij: I have made best decisions for Bangkok.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Bangkok is a very much tourism friendly city for the middle class tourists, for the average tourists also not as the rich tourists and everybody loves to go especially people from third world countries. A lot of Pakistanis now have their honeymoon in Bangkok and their marriages in Bangkok. Last year Mr. Leghri's nephew got married there. You should ask your Counsel General how many visas they issue everyday in

Karachi and in Islamabad.

Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: Mr. Chairman, our overseas Pakistanis are remitting foreign exchange up to 15 million dollars, so this is the backbone of Pakistan. Most of our foreign exchange is because of our Pakistanis abroad.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: Americans give us aid for five years 7.5 billion dollars, this is a great package from America. Every week, the war in Afghanistan cost them 2.5 billion dollars. So what they give us in 5 years, they spent in three weeks in Afghanistan. So this is the Americans aid and every year what they give in five years double of that we get from our own people who work outside. So, it you are asking about if we can stand on your own feet. Yes, we can. American aid is mostly political, it is not economic. They have their own interests and we know what their interests are and we know how to handle that and we have other options also - Asia, China regional trade.





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Mr. Haji Adeel is an old Parliamentarian from the KPK, he wants to say something.

Senator Haji Adeel: Your Excellency, in your country there are red shirts. My party is also called red shirts but we believe in non-violence. I will request the lady Sumol if she tells us how she controls corruption in Thailand because it is a big problem in Pakistan.

Ms. Sumol: Many Thai people in offices have corruption cases but we try to control it through education and the best way to control is to work together.

Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja: Pakistan was created in 1947 and some of our population migrated to about 22 countries, from Punjab, from Sindh, from KPA and Balochistan. Now they are settled in different countries of the world and they are economic giants. Our knowledge is that some people from Sindh and KPK are settled in Thailand and they are now economical might. Our commercial attaches are finding those people so that they may come here and do trade, commerce and business here. So, we need your support for this purpose through our Embassy in Thailand.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed: You see, we are looking to Thailand and Thailand is so important. You know, you went through a difficult period; instability problems but you are consolidated and that is why we want very good relations with people of Thailand and still one of the most popular visits of any foreign head of State was king Pomy Mong and Queen Sirikit very famous visit. It is still remembered along with the visit of Queen Elizabeth. We are grateful are very grateful to royal family of Thailand because they have played a big role in promoting Pakistan's image and the people of Thailand. Please convey our message from the Parliament of Pakistan to the royal family. We have lot respect for them.

A Representative of Thai Embassy: You need information about your Pakistanis in Thailand. Actually at the moment there is Thai-Pakistan Association in Thailand working with the Embassy. I remember the last time you have flood situation and then the earthquake situation, these Pakistanis who are living in Thailand they come here and provided food and they are working with the embassy closely. Actually I believe this association in Thailand now is working with your embassy in Bangkok.

Mr. Chairman: Those Pakistanis who belong to this

country and are living in Thailand, they, during the floods and the earthquake, contributed for the rehabilitation in Pakistan. It is very good but he wants a data based information about Pakistanis living in Thailand. Now General wants to say something.

May I give some information about southern border, province of Thailand. When we talk about that area, it is about only 10,000 square kilometers of five hundred thousand square kilometers of Thailand and the people in that area only 2 million people of 65 million of Thailand. Thai Embassy will provide you documented information about what happened in the southern part of Thailand. The anthropologists for 7 years spent about 200 thousand million to support the people in that three provinces about 2 million people In Yala, Patani and Satun etc.

Yes, there are a lot of issues. The situation was exploited by few at random. The Thai men try to have a dialogue with the groups but the fury continues. They can't control the insurgents or the groups 100 percent. So, there are several problems. We try to solve internal problems but as a matter of fact cannot solve the internal problem. Some Leaders had talked about Malaysia and some money from Malaysia come into the southern part of Thailand, in the southern border provinces. So, the issue is not only the human right or only the problem about economic issues. Two important member countries in OIC are Indonesia and Pakistan, so we need to keep you correct information about the southern part of Thailand. The Embassy will provide to you.

The meeting ended with exchange of souvenirs and thanks.

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امریکی دوستی مفاد پر مبنی ہے، مفاہات پورے ہوتے ہی امریکہ پاکستان کو تہہ چھوڑ دیتا ہے افغانستان میں ویتنام کی غلطیاں دہرا رہا ہے پاکستان اور تھائی لینڈ کی پارلیمنٹ کے نمائندوں کا باہمی اقتصادی اور معاشی شعبوں میں تعاون اور تجارت کو فروغ دینے پر اتفاق

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دوسرا میں مسلسل اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔ اسلام آباد اور بنگالہ کے درمیان نئی دنیا ظاہر ہو رہی ہے، امریکہ افغانستان میں دہی غلطیاں کر رہا ہے جو دو بیڑا میں کر چکا ہے، امریکی دوستی پاکستان کے ساتھ مفاد پر مبنی ہے، مفاہات کے حصول کے بعد امریکہ پاکستان کو تہہ چھوڑ دیتا ہے۔ مسئلہ کے دور میں کی کاٹھ لکشی برائے دفاع اور وفاقی چیدوار اور پاکستان کے دورے پر آئے ہوئے تھائی لینڈ کے پارلیمنٹ وفد کے درمیان پارلیمنٹ میں ایک ملاقات ہوئی جس میں وفد کے سربراہ ٹیوم اریٹ کچا کہا تھا کہ پاکستان کو مغرب کی طرف لہ لٹیلے لینے کی بجائے مشرقی ممالک کی طرف توجہ کرنی چاہیے۔ یورپ اور امریکہ ذوال پذیر ہیں جبکہ مشرقی ممالک اقتصادی طور پر ابھر رہے ہیں۔ پاکستان کو لہ لٹیلے لینے کے بجائے مشرقی ممالک کے ساتھ تجارت پر توجہ دینی چاہیے۔ بینٹ کی کاٹھ لکشی کے چیئر مین مشاہد حسین سید نے بتایا کہ پاکستان میں امن افغانستان میں امن و سلامتی کے ساتھ شراط ہے۔ پاکستان کا ہزار ہا فوجیوں میں سات ہزار فوجی جوں میں شامل ہیں ان کی جانوں کے خزانے امریکہ کی دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں قربان کر چکا ہے اور ان کی زیادہ قربانیاں امریکہ نے بھی نہیں دی ہیں۔ پاکستان میں تمام مذاہب جن میں بدھ مت، ہین مت، ہندو مت اور سکھ مذہب کی تدریجی عمارتیں موجود ہیں پاکستان میں دنیا کی قدیم ترین تہذیبیں پائی جاتی ہیں آٹھ ہزار سال قبل دریاے سندھ کی تہذیب اور ہائی ہزار سال قبل کی تہذیب سیاحوں کیلئے بہت زیادہ دلچسپی کا باعث ہیں لیکن دہشت گردی اور عسکریت پسندی کی وجہ سے سیاحت کیلئے مزار کا ماحول دستیاب نہیں ہے۔

*Briefing for delegation of
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Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed has said that Pakistan today is a vibrant democracy and there are multiple power centers playing effective role in strengthening democracy and democratic traditions in the country. He was expressing these views in a meeting with a delegation comprising of 75 officers from command and Staff College Quetta led by Colonel Saqib Ali Cheema at Parliament house here today.

In his briefing, Mushahid referred to proactive role of Senate including policy making in such areas related to defence and defence related issues. Talking about Senate as an equally representative body of all federating units, the role of Senate hence becomes very crucial in this regard. Mushahid cited the example of Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production which is very strong committee with its own website, generates regular reports and for the first time in Parliamentary history is holding public hearing on such issues like civil military relations and the need for new defence strategy in light of new emerging security environment.

Senator Mushahid Hussain praised the role of armed forces saying that our valiant men in Khaki are giving tremendous sacrifices in war against terrorism and extremism and definitely fighting the battle for Pakistan. He reiterated, "We are all proud of professionalism of our

armed forces. In this regard, it is mentioned in the constitution of Pakistan that judiciary and armed forces were national institutions which should not be subjected to any kind of criticism."

An animated question answer session followed the briefing and souvenirs were exchanged. The questions pertained to civilian vision of civil military relations as well as national defence strategy. The delegates also questioned why education did not seem to be high priority in policy making as well as sought reasons for lack of legislation about terrorism. Responding, Senator Mushahid said that unfortunately certain sections of political elites did not deem education a top priority, the way forward is allocation of development funds to education and health which are often wasted otherwise. Expressing his views regarding lack of legislation to curb terrorism, Senator Mushahid said that this is an issue of legislature, government and judiciary. The Senator accepted the criticism on the Parliament and said that it had unfortunately been slow to find relevant legislation in this regard.





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Senior officers take exception to ridiculing Army

Tahir Khalil

ISLAMABAD: The senior army officers Friday expressed concern over ridiculing the army as an institution. What is all this happening, they questioned.

A 75-member delegation of Command and Staff College, Quetta, with Lieutenant Colonel Saqib Ali Cheema in the chair had a dialogue with Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence Syed Mushahid Ali Sayed at the Parliament House.

During the conversation, the army officers raised many questions regarding the situation and asked what was going on in the country because the army could not be ridiculed as enshrined in the Constitution of Pakistan.

Mushahid said that the way the situation

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was being run was highly regrettable and the red line should not be crossed in any case lest the situation reaches the point of no return. He said that any individual or institution should not be targeted in any case but it

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should also be kept in mind that the whole institution could not be punished for the mistake committed by an individual.

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قومی ادارے جمہوریت کے فروغ کیلئے اپنا کردار ادا کر رہے ہیں، مشاہد حسین
فوج دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ اور ملک کیلئے بے شمار قربانیاں دے چکی ہے
بدقسمتی ہے کہ بعض سیاسی افراد تعلیم کو ترجیح نہیں دیتے، وفد سے گفتگو
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برائے دفاع اور قومی پیداوار کے چیئرمین مشاہد حسین
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ہے اور اس حوالے سے پاکستان کے قانون میں بھی درج
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ترقیاتی فنڈ جو ضائع ہو جاتے ہیں کو تعلیم اور صحت کے لئے استعمال کیا جانا چاہیے

اسلام آباد (واقعہ نگار) سینیٹ کی قائم شدہ کمیٹی برائے دفاع اور دفاعی پیداوار کے چیئر مین مشاہد حسین سید نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان ایک جمہوری ملک ہے اور قومی

دفعہ جس کی سربراہی کرنل قاضی علی چیمہ کر رہے تھے سے پارلیمنٹ باؤس میں ملاقات کے دوران کیا۔ مشاہد حسین سید نے وفد کو سینیٹ کے معاملات کے متعلق تفصیلی بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ سینیٹ میں چاروں صوبوں کی برابر نمائندگی ہے اور قانون سازی میں سینیٹ کا کردار انتہائی اہم ہوتا ہے۔ سینیٹ کی دفاعی کمیٹی کے بارے میں انہوں نے وفد کو بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ یہ ایک اہم کمیٹی ہے اور اس کی اپنی ویب سائٹ بھی ہے۔ یہ کمیٹی ریکورڈ پر پورٹ تیار کرتی ہے اور عوامی اور ملٹری مسائل سے متعلق عوامی سنوٹی کے اجلاس بھی منعقد کرواتی ہے۔ فوج کے حوالے سے بات کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے وفد کو بتایا کہ پاکستان کی آرمی دہشت گردی کی جنگ اور پاکستان کے پتہ کیلئے پیش قدمیاں کر رہی ہے۔ ہمیں اپنی فوج پر فخر ہے اور اس حوالے سے پاکستان کے قانون میں بھی درج ہے کہ عدلیہ اور فوج قومی ادارے ہیں اور ان پر تنقید کی اجازت کسی کو نہیں دی جا سکتی۔ سینیٹر مشاہد حسین سید نے وفد کے سوالوں کے تفصیلی جوابات بھی دیے۔ تعلیم سے متعلق سوال کے جواب میں انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان کی بد قسمتی ہے کہ کچھ سیاسی افراد تعلیم کو ترجیح نہیں دیتے جس کی وجہ سے تعلیم اور صحت کے شعبے فروغ نہیں پا رہے ہیں۔ لہذا ترقیاتی فنڈ جو کہ ضائع ہو جاتے ہیں ان کو تعلیم اور صحت کی بہتری کے لئے استعمال کیا جانا چاہیے۔ دہشت گردی کے کنٹرول کے حوالے سے قانون سازی کے سوال کے جواب میں انہوں نے کہا کہ دہشت گردی کے کنٹرول کے متعلق قانون سازی کی رفتار سست رہی۔



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عدلیہ اور فوج قومی ادارے، تنقید نہیں ہونی چاہیے، مشاہد سید
دہشت گردی کے کنٹرول کے متعلق قانون سازی کی رفتار سست رہی، وفد کو بریفنگ
اسلام آباد (آن لائن) سینیٹ کی قائمہ کمیٹی اور قومی ادارے جمہوریت کے فروغ کیلئے اپنا کردار ادا
کرنے چاہئے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے کوئٹہ کے
برائے دفاع اور وفاقی پیداوار کے چیئر مین سینیٹر مشاہد
حسین سید نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان ایک جمہوری ملک ہے
کٹاؤ اینڈ سٹاف کالج کے (باقی صفحہ 5 بقیہ نمبر 44)

75 رکنی وفد جس کی سربراہی کرنل ثاقب علی چیمبر کر
رہے تھے سے پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس میں ملاقات کے دوران
کیا۔ مشاہد حسین سید نے وفد کو سینیٹ کے معاملات
کے متعلق تفصیلی بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ سینیٹ
میں چاروں صوبوں کی برابر فرمائش کی ہے اور قانون
سازی میں سینیٹ کا کردار انتہائی اہم ہوتا ہے۔ سینیٹ
کی وفاقی کمیٹی کے بارے میں انہوں نے وفد کو
بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ یہ ایک اہم کمیٹی ہے اور
اس کی اپنی ویب سائٹ بھی ہے۔ یہ کمیٹی ریگولر
رپورٹ تیار کرتی ہے اور عوامی اور ملٹری مسائل سے
متعلق عوامی سنوٹی کے اجلاس بھی منعقد کرواتی ہے
۔ فوج کے حوالے سے بات کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے
وفد کو بتایا کہ پاکستان کی آرمی دہشت گردی کی جنگ اور
پاکستان کے ہتھیار پیشہ قربانیاں دے چکی ہے ہمیں
اپنی فوج پر فخر ہے اور اس حوالے سے پاکستان کے
قانون میں بھی درج ہے کہ عدلیہ اور فوج قومی ادارے
ہیں اور ان پر تنقید کی اجازت کسی کو نہیں دی جاسکتی۔
سینیٹر مشاہد حسین سید نے وفد کے سوالوں کے تفصیلی
جوابات بھی دیے۔ حکیم سے متعلق سوال کے جواب
میں انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان کی بد قسمتی ہے کہ کچھ
سی ایس ای افراد تعلیم کو ترجیح نہیں دیتے جس کی وجہ سے
تعلیم اور صحت کے شعبے فروغ نہیں پا رہے ہیں۔ لہذا
ترقیاتی فنڈ جو کہ ضائع ہو جاتے ہیں ان کو تعلیم اور
صحت کی بہتری کے لئے استعمال کیا جانا چاہیے۔
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*Briefing for Mid-Career Level
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Briefing for Mid-Career Level Foreign Trainee Diplomats at Foreign Service Academy, held on May 16, 2013 at Parliament House

On the request of Foreign Service Academy, Islamabad, a briefing was arranged for the mid-career level foreign trainee diplomats at Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad. The 39-member delegation included diplomats from 28 countries of Asia, Central Asia, Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman, Senate Committee on Defence & Defence Production briefed the delegation on recent general elections in Pakistan and informed the participants that Parliament in Pakistan has played a significant role in strengthening democracy and its continuity as depicted by holding of recent elections in the country and peaceful transition from one democratically elected government to another elected government. The transition is indeed a milestone in our chequered political history where political process was hindered time and again by military intervention. He told the delegates that in Pakistan, President, National Assembly and Senate make up the Parliament and play significant role in legislation, accountability and policy guidance. He told the delegates that oversight role of Parliament over executive is increasing which will definitely lead to improved governance in the country.

Senator Mushahid Hussain said that Parliament has given foreign policy guidelines to the government viz-a-viz US

and NATO. He told the diplomats that we have established Pakistan Institute of Parliament Services that provides training and support to legislatures in order to facilitate their legislative work. Senate Committees are mini legislatures and are playing proactive role in legislation, accountability and oversight and policy guidance to the concerned ministries.

Senator Mushahid Hussain said that international transformation is taking place and consequently, the balance of economic, political and cultural power is shifting from West to East and this is high time that we must utilize this opportunity for making 21st century as Asian Century.

An animated Q&A session pertaining to Pakistan's role in war against terror and role of Parliament followed the briefing and souvenirs were also exchanged.

Earlier, Special Secretary Senate, Mr. Amjed Pervez gave a comprehensive briefing on the role of Parliament particularly the Senate of Pakistan.





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پرامن افغانستان سے ہی دہشتگردی کا خاتمہ ممکن ہے: مشاہد

بھارت کشمیر یوں کو زیادہ عرصہ محکوم نہیں رکھ سکتا، غیر ملکی سفارتوں کے وفد سے گفتگو

اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر) سینٹ کی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے دفاع کے چیئر مین سید مشاہد حسین نے کہا ہے کہ بین الاقوامی سطح پر تہدیبیوں ہو رہی ہیں جسکے نتیجے میں معاشی اور سیاسی طاقت مغرب سے مشرق میں منتقل ہو رہی ہے، ایشیائی ممالک کیلئے موقع ہے کہ وہ اس سے فائدہ اٹھائیں، غیر ملکی سفارتکاروں کے وفد سے 39 رکنی وفد سے ملاقات میں مشاہد حسین نے انہیں پاکستان کی فائن پالیسی موجودہ ایشیائی امنیت اور دنیا کی موجودہ صورتحال میں پاکستان کی پوزیشن کے بارے میں آگاہ کیا، افغانستان اور جمہوریت دشمنوں کو شکست دینی۔

سے فوجی اتحاد بارے مشاہد حسین نے کہا کہ ہم افغانستان میں امن کے خواہاں ہیں، پرامن اور مضبوط افغانستان سے دہشتگردی کا خاتمہ ہوگا اور غشیات کی روک تھام بھی ممکن ہوگی، انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان مسئلہ کشمیر کو اقوام متحدہ کی قراردادوں کے مطابق حل کر چکا خواہاں ہے، بھارت زیادہ عرصہ تک کشمیر یوں کو محکوم بنا کر نہیں رکھ سکتا، انکیشی کے حوالے سے انہوں نے کہا کہ ٹرن آؤٹ میں اضافہ مثبت پیشرفت ہے، عوام نے ووٹ امن اور ترقی کیلئے دیا اور جمہوریت دشمنوں کو شکست دینی۔



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Balance of power shifting from West to East

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ISLAMABAD—Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed has said that international transformation is taking place and consequently the balance of economic, political and cultural power is shifting from West to East and this is high time that we must utilize this opportunity for making 21st century an Asian century.

He was expressing these views in a meeting with a group of 39 mid carrier foreign diplomats from Asia and African region at Parliament House here Thursday. The foreign diplomats were given comprehensive briefing regarding the

role of the Parliament particularly Senate by special Secretary Senate, Amjad Pervaiz.

He informed the participants that Parliament in Pakistan has played significant role in strengthening democracy and its continuity as depicted by holding of recent general elections in the country and peaceful transition from one democratically elected government to another democratically elected government.

This transition is indeed milestone in our chequered political history where political process was hindered time and again by military intervention. He told the delegates that in Pakistan President, National Assembly and Senate make up the Parliament and

plays significant roles like legislation, accountability and policy guidance. He told the delegates that oversight role of Parliament over executive is increasing which will definitely lead to improved governance in the country.

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اب پارلیمنٹ عدلیہ اور میڈیا طاقت کے مراکز ہیں، مشاہد حسین
پبل فوج طاقت کا مرکز تھی، سوڈان کا مسئلہ قراردادوں سے حل ہو سکتا ہے تو کشمیر کا کیوں نہیں؟

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی)۔ آن لائن (پینٹ کی) دفاعی اور دفاعی پیداوار کمپنی کے چیئرمین مشاہد حسین سید نے کہا ہے کہ امریکہ اور اتحادی بیشتر مواقع پر اپنی غلطیوں کا الزام پاکستان پر دھر دیتے ہیں امریکہ اور عالمی طاقتیں دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں پاکستان پر انحصار کرتی

ہیں۔ پاکستان نے نائن الیون کے بعد دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں کسی بھی ملک سے زیادہ جانی و مالی نقصان اٹھایا۔ 45 ہزار سے زائد افراد اس جنگ کی نذر ہو گئے۔ انہوں نے یہ بات فلان سرورس اکیڈمی کے وسط ایشیا اور بائی صفحہ 5 نمبر 30

افریقی ممالک کے زیر تربیت سفارت کاروں پر مشتمل وفد سے پارلیمنٹ باؤس میں ملاقات کے دوران کہی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں پبل فوج طاقت کا مرکز ہوتی تھی تاہم اب پارلیمنٹ عدلیہ اور میڈیا بھی طاقت کے مراکز ہیں۔ تسلیم کرتا ہوں کہ پاکستان کو اجتہاد پسندی اور دہشت گردی کا سامنا ہے اقوام متحدہ دو ہر امعیار ختم کرے اگر سوڈان کا مسئلہ اقوام متحدہ قراردادوں کے تحت حل ہو سکتا ہے تو پھر کشمیر کا کیوں نہیں؟۔ کشمیری عوام کو حق رائے دہی ملنا چاہیے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ عالمی منظر نامہ تبدیل ہو رہا ہے امریکہ اور اتحادیوں نے عراق اور افغانستان کی جنگوں پر 2 ہزار ارب ڈالر خرچ کر دیئے۔ مشاہد حسین سید نے کہا کہ حالیہ انتخابات میں ٹرن آؤٹ 60 فیصد دہشت گردی کے ماحول میں عوام نے حق رائے دہی استعمال کیا اور ثابت کیا کہ پبلٹ بٹ سے زیادہ طاقتور ہے۔ پچھلے سیکرٹری سینٹ امجد پرویز نے وفد کو بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ کئی مل اور دزیر عظم کے انتخاب کے علاوہ قیام قانون سازی کے لئے دونوں ایوانوں میں پارلیمنٹ اور قومی اسمبلی کی منظوری ضروری ہے۔ وفد نے معلوم کیا کہ دونوں ایوانوں میں سے کون سا زیادہ طاقتور ہے امجد پرویز نے کہا کہ اگرچہ قومی اسمبلی کو زیادہ طاقتور کہا جاتا ہے تاہم سینٹ کچھ ممالک کی طرح نمائندگی نہیں۔ ان لائن کے مطابق مشاہد حسین نے کہا کہ سارک عظیم بھارت کی بہت دھری سے فعال نہیں ہو سکی۔



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جمہوریت کے تسلسل اور بقاء کیلئے پارلیمنٹ نے انتہائی اہم کردار ادا کیا
معاشی سیاسی اور ثقافتی طاقت مشرق میں منتقل ہو رہی ہے فائدہ اٹھانا ہوگا
پاکستان افغانستان کے تمام ایشوز پر امن طریقہ سے حل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے مشاہد
اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر) سمیٹ کی کانفرنسی برائے میں تھل ہو رہی ہے اور یہ کہ 21 ویں صدی انجین صدی
دفاع اور دفاعی پیداوار کے چیئر مین میجر مشاہد حسین سید نے ہے ان ممالک کے لئے انتہائی اہم موقع ہے کہ وہ اس سے
کہا ہے کہ بین الاقوامی سطح پر جدیلیاں ہو رہی ہیں جس کے فائدہ اٹھائیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے ایشیاء اور
تیجے میں معاشی و سیاسی اور ثقافتی طاقت مغرب سے مشرقی افریقہ سے تعلق رکھنے (صفحہ 10 پیر 5.8)

والے ڈیپلیٹس کے 39 رکنی وفد سے پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس
میں ملاقات کے دوران کیا۔ سمیٹ میں تھل بکر بٹری
امجد پریز ملک نے وفد کو پارلیمنٹ اور خاص طور پر
سمیٹ کے بارے میں تفصیلی بریفنگ دیے ہوئے بتایا
کہ جمہوریت کے تسلسل اور بقاء کیلئے پارلیمنٹ نے انتہائی
اہم کردار ادا کیا ہے جس کا جوت 2013 کے پر امن
انتخابات سے لگا جاسکتا ہے کہ ایک جمہوری حکومت سے
اقتدار جمہوری طریقے سے دوسری حکومت کو منتقل ہو گیا اور
یہ تبدیلی پاکستانی سیاست کی تاریخ میں سنگ میل کی
حیثیت رکھتی ہے۔ مشاہد حسین سید نے ڈیپلیٹس کو
پاکستان کی تاریخی حوالوں سے فارن پالیسی موجودہ ایشیئن
اور اسی سیاسی و تاریخی اہمیت اور پاکستان کی موجودہ
صدر جمال میں پوزیشن و نقطہ نظر کے بارے میں تفصیلی
آگاہ کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان ترقی پزیر پسماندہ
ممالک کی بہت سپورٹ کی ہے پاکستان نے فلسطین کے
کس میں ساکھ افریقہ میں کس میں منط کا کوز مہا بے اور
یومینا کے مسلمانوں اور کشمیر کے مسئلے پر دہے ہوئے
لوگوں کی جدوجہد کو سپورٹ کیا ہے اور سویت یونین کی
تکست کے بعد پاکستان نے بین الاقوامی افغان مجاہدین کو
پناہ دی۔ افغانستان میں فوجی انخلاء کے بارے میں مشاہد
حسین سید نے کہا کہ پاکستان افغانستان میں امن کا
خواہاں ہے اور افغانستان سے متعلق تمام ایشوز پر امن
طریقے سے حل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ
پاکستان ماضی میں بھی سوویت یونین کے خلاف فرنٹ
لائن ٹیمٹ کے طور پر بہت جگت چکا ہے اور 9/11 کے
بعد پاکستان نے دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے پیشہ
قربانیاں دی ہیں۔ پر امن اور مضبوط افغانستان سے نہ
صرف دہشت گردی کو کنٹرول کرنے کی پالیسی کی
ضرورت ہے بلکہ تیشات کی روک تھام کی پالیسی کی بھی
ضرورت ہے۔ کشمیر ایشو کے حوالے سے مشاہد حسین
سید نے کہا کہ پاکستان بھارت کیساتھ کشمیر کے مسئلہ کو
اقوام متحدہ کی قراردادوں کے مطابق حل کرنے کا
خواہاں ہے۔ سارک کو ایک موثر تنظیم بنانے کے سوال
کے جواب میں انہوں نے کہا کہ سارک میں شامل
بڑے ممالک کو بڑے دل کا مظاہرہ کرتے ہوئے
چھوٹے ممالک کی مدد کرنی چاہیے۔

Profiles of Committee Members



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Mushahid Hussain Sayed

Education:

- Bachelor of Arts from Forman Christian College, Lahore.
- Master of Science in Foreign Service (MSFS) from School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

Organizations:

- President, Punjab University International Affairs Society, 1973.
- President, Pakistan Students Association in America, 1974-75.
- Co-Chairman, Conference of the Non-Aligned Media (NAMEIA), 1993.
- Member of Federal Cabinet, served as Minister for Information and Culture, 1997-1999.
- Founder/Chairman, Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), 1998.
- Member, Commission of Eminent Persons, Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), one of 15 persons nominated by their respective governments to reform the OIC, 2004-05.
- Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 2004-2009.
- Secretary General, Pakistan Muslim League, 2005 onwards.
- Elected Member of Eminent Persons Group of Think-Tanks of the Islamic World, during meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan, March 2012.
- Chairman, Pakistan-China Institute, 2009 onwards.
- Secretary General, Centrist Asia-Pacific Democrat International (CAPDI).
- Special Rapporteur, International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP).

Award and Honours:

- Awarded Congressional internship by the US Congress in Washington, Summer of 1974.
- Represented Georgetown University at the prestigious Student Conference on US Affairs (SCUSA), US Military Academy, West Point, November 1973, and the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC), April 1974.
- Youngest Editor at age 29, of any major national English daily in the region, as Editor of "The Muslim".
- Leader of Pakistan Delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, Geneva, 1993.
- Declared 'Prisoner of Conscience' by Amnesty International, world's leading human rights organization as political prisoner without any charge for 440 days.
- Awarded the Congressional Medal of Achievement by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Philippines, January 2006.
- Awarded Honorary Doctorate by the Royal Academy of Cambodia in Political Science, 2010.
- Awarded The Star of Achievement for Service to Humanity by the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), 2011.
- Received highest Cambodian award, Grand Order of the Kingdom of Cambodia, for contribution to Asian causes, May 2011.

Current Status:

- Author of 3 books on Pakistan's Foreign Policy and domestic politics as well as issues of governance.
- Currently a Senator, Member of Parliament. Chairman, Senate Committee on Defence and Defence Production.
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Committee(s):

- Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production
- Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics, P&D and Privatization
- Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control
- Standing Committee on Religious Affairs

Details:

Tenure = March 2009 to March 2015

Achievements:

- Chaudhry Shujat Hussain, President of Pakistan Muslim League and former Prime Minister of Pakistan, has been playing a leading role in the politics of Pakistan for nearly twenty-four years.
- Born on 27th January, 1946 in Gujarat, Pakistan, Chaudhry Shujat Hussain is a graduate of Forman Christian College, Lahore. He went to London for further studies in Industrial Management. Thereafter he returned to Pakistan and joined the family business comprising of industrial units in textiles, sugar, flour milling and agricultural farms. The eldest son of the late Chaudhry Zahoor Elahi, he is married, with three children, a daughter and two sons.
- His late father was a highly respected parliamentarian who played a prominent role in the restoration of democracy and human rights in the country. A firm believer in democracy, he was imprisoned by various

governments for nearly eight years for his stance on restoration of political institutions. He was declared "Prisoner of Conscience" by Amnesty International. Chaudhry Zahoor Elahi's life came to a tragic end when he became the first political victim of terrorism in Pakistan.

- Upon his father's assassination in 1981, Chaudhry Shujat Hussain entered politics. He became a Member of the Federal Parliament (Majlis-e-Shoora) in 1982. Since then, he has had an illustrious political career, although he himself underwent political imprisonment for a second time in 1994 by the then government in power. During his political life, Chaudhry Shujat Hussain has held several important positions: Throughout his political career, he has remained in the Pakistan Muslim League, a party which created Pakistan.
- Member of National Assembly four times (1985, 1988, 1997, 2002)
- Minister for Information and Broadcasting (1986)
- Minister for Industries and Production (1987-1988)
- Leader of the IJI Parliamentary Party, National Assembly (1988-1990)
- Minister for Interior (1990-1993)
- Member of Senate of Pakistan (1993)
- Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Defence, Production and Civil Aviation (1993-1997)
- Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (1997-1999)
- Parliamentary Leader of Pakistan Muslim League in the National Assembly (December 2002)
- Chairman Standing Committee on Defence of National Assembly
- President, Pakistan Muslim League (January, 2003)
- Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan (June 2004-August 2004)
- Chairman National Sufi Council (2006)

Awards:

- Awarded "Sitara-e-Isaar" by Government of Pakistan (for his contribution for Earthquake Relief 2005)
- Awarded highest diplomatic award "HEUNG-IN MEDAL" from the President of Republic of Korea.
- Honourary Consul General of Republic of Korea (1982- till date)



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- Standing Committee on Industries and Production
(Chairman Committee)
- Standing Committee on Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs
- Standing Committee on Religious Affairs
- Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production

Details:

Tenure = March 2009 to March 2015

Achievements:

- Born in November 1935.
- Graduated from, Government College, Lahore in 1956.
- Master Degree in Political Science from Punjab University.
- LL.B from Punjab Law College 1958.
- Practised Law from 1958 to 1981 and from 1987 to-date as Advocate Supreme Court.
- Elected President Rawalpindi Bar Association 1977-78. Elected Vice President High Court Bar 1981
- Placed on the Panel of Experts for Pakistan Law Commission
- Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Religious Affairs 1981-85.
- Served Ambassador of Pakistan to Egypt 1985-86.
- Political Adviser to the Prime Minister of Pakistan with the status of a Federal Minister 1986-87.
- Represented Pakistan in the United Nations General Assembly in the 45th Session in 1990-91.

- Elected Member of Pakistan Senate in 1991 for a term of six years.
- Elected Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Religious Affairs of the Senate 1991-94.
- Appointed Member Board of Trustees, Islamic International University, Islamabad in 1992-97.
- Elected Secretary General, Motamar Al-Alam Al-Islam (World Muslim Congress) in 1992. The oldest International Organization of Muslims, established in 1926 which is a Class-I Consultative Status Observer with the UN and its allied bodies and Observer Status with the O.I.C.
- Elected Leader of the Opposition, Senate of Pakistan from May 1994-1996.
- Elected Leader of the House, Senate of Pakistan in 1997-99.
- Appointed Federal Minister for Religious Affairs in July 1997-October 99.
- Re-elected Secretary General, Motamar Al-Alam Al-Islami in 1997-2002
- Elected Chairman, Pakistan Muslim League (N) 2000-todate.
- Again elected Secretary General, Motamar Al-Alam Al-Islami in December 2002 for another five years.
- Re-elected Secretary General of Motamar 2007-2012.
- Elected Member of the Senate 2009-2015 term.
- Elected Leader of the (Six Parties) Independent Opposition Group 2009.

Visited the following countries to attend International Conferences:

(1) United Kingdom, (2) United States of America, (3) Kuwait, (4) Japan, (5) Indonesia, (6) Egypt, (7) Libya, (8) Morocco, (9) Tunisia, (10) Maldives, (11) Nigeria, (12) Switzerland, (13) France, (14) Austria, (15) Malaysia, (16) Bangladesh, (17) Thailand, (18) Korea, (19) Ivory Coast, (20) UAE, (21) Oman, (22) Iran, (23) Azerbaijan, (24) Uzbekistan, (25) Kazakhstan, (26) Turkmenistan, (27) Tajikistan, (28) China, (29) Turkey, (30) Jordan, (31) Lebanon, (32) Guinea, (33) Chad, (34) Benin, (35) Sudan, (36) Canada, (37) Sri Lanka and (38) India.



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Committee(s):

- Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan
- Standing Committee on Commerce
- Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production
- Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics, P&D and Privatization

Details:

Tenure = March 2012 to March 2018

Achievements:

A leading financial-cum-economic expert, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar holds the important portfolio of Leader of the Opposition, Senate of Pakistan.

A senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League (N) from Punjab, Senator Dar bears an impressive profile detailing an unprecedented track record finely bedecked and evenly interspersed with illustrious achievements and services on various fronts of human endeavor.

From his enviable educational record to professional acumen, and from his peerless political career to holding various important portfolios, Senator Dar stands out par excellence, and is widely recognized as

a technocrat-politician.

His commitment to national interests, democracy, rule of law, profession, and humanitarian pursuits, combined with impeccable knowledge of finance, economy, trade and industry, has resulted in numerous accolades and achievements during his career.

On the academic front, Senator Dar has had renowned institutions among his alma maters, including Government College (now Government College University), Lahore, and Hailey College of Commerce, University of Punjab, Lahore (1966-69).

He was awarded two Gold Medals and a Roll of Honour for First position in B. Com. (Hons) at the University of Punjab.

Senator Dar's professional acumen and remarkable understanding of complex financial, economic, social, trade, investment and industrial issues are his forte, which not only earned him wide acknowledgment, but also helped him earn his spurs as a thorough professional.

He has 42 years of professional experience in audit profession, financial advisory, management consultancy, business, commerce and industry, both in private and public sectors, in Pakistan and abroad. Making a career start as a Trainee Chartered Accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) in 1970, he became an Associate Member (ACA) of ICAEW in 1974, and of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) in 1975.

His post-qualification professional experience earned him Fellowship (FCA) of ICAEW in 1980 and of ICAP in 1984. Subsequently, he also became a Fellow Member (FPA) of the Institute of Public Finance Accountants of Pakistan. Currently, Senator Dar has been bestowed Life Membership of ICAEW in January 2012.

After having worked as Director Finance of a British Textiles Group in London during 1974-76, Senator Dar accepted an offer in 1976 of the Government of Libya, and joined as Senior Auditor in the Auditor General Department at Tripoli.



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On returning to Pakistan in December 1977, he became National Partner in a Chartered Accountants firm, having offices at Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi, dealing with Tax, Corporate and Financial Management, Audit and Consultancy matters of the clients, including public sector and public-listed companies. In 1980, he became Financial Advisor to a multinational construction company having operations in Pakistan, Libya, Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. From 1989 till 1997 (except when a Minister), Senator Dar acted as Chairman/Chief Executive and/or Director of a Non-Banking Financial Institution (Public-Listed) in Pakistan.

From February 2002 till March 2008, he acted as Financial Advisor to a Member of the Ruling Family of the United Arab Emirates. In addition, he has also served till date as Director of World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Islamic Development Bank. Senator Dar has been a Parliamentarian in the last 20 years, currently serving fifth term as Member Parliament. He was elected Member National Assembly twice (1993–96 and 1997–99), and, subsequently, for three consecutive terms, he has been elected Senator and appointed as Parliamentary Leader of PML (N) in the Senate. His current term as Senator expires in March 2018.

He held first public office (1992–1993) as Minister of State/Chief Executive of Pakistan Investment Board (PIB). He served as Federal Minister for Commerce & Investment (1997–1999). He was twice Federal Minister for Finance, Economic Affairs, Revenue and Statistics (1998–99 and 2008).

Senator Dar Served as Convener (Punjab Government's Committee), National Finance Commission (NFC). He is also Member of the Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Reforms, which finalized 18th, 19th and 20th Constitutional Amendments.

He is also a Member of the Parliamentary Committee on the Judges Appointment in the Superior Courts as well as Parliamentary Committee on National Security.

In Senate, Senator Dar has held the important portfolio of Chairman, Standing Committee on Industries and Production, in addition to working as

Member of a few Standing Committees, including Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Planning and Development, Commerce and Investment.

He is also a Member of Senate Finance Committee, Executive Committee of Senate Employees Welfare Fund and Board of Governors, Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPS). In recognition of his Parliamentary services, the Government of Pakistan conferred on him Nishan-e-Imtiaz (the highest civil award for Pakistani nationals) in 2011.

Senator Dar's engagements on the political front go a long way back. Since late 1980's, he has been a Member of the Central Executive Committee of PML-N. He has also been President, International Affairs, PML (N), since 2002.

He is a former President of Lahore Chambers of Commerce and Industry and former Vice-President/Council Member of ICAP. Currently, he is Chairman of Board of Governors, University of Health Sciences, Punjab, which has been ranked Number 2 among top medical universities in Pakistan by the Higher Education Commission.

Senator Dar's praiseworthy contributions to the social sector are rooted in his humanitarian and philanthropic zeal and commitment, which is the driving force behind the two charitable trusts that he heads and runs in the name of Hajveri Trust and Hajveri Foundation. While the former is widely known as a shelter home for over 100 orphans, who are being provided complete boarding, lodging and educational facilities for the last many years; the latter institution has been actively involved in arranging pool marriages of destitute couples, helping needy students through scholarships and financial assistance, and providing medical assistance to non-affording patients requiring dialysis and other medical treatment.

Senator Dar also holds the unique distinction of being the biggest individual donor who provided assistance to the victims of the cataclysmic earthquake that devastated the northern areas of Pakistan in 2005, and also to those Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) affected by the ravaging flash floods that swept through the country in 2010 and 2011.



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Committee(s):

- House Committee (Chairman Committee)
- Standing Committee on Ports and Shipping
- Standing Committee on National Regulations and Services
- Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production
- Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Resources

Details:

Tenure = March 2009 to March 2015

Achievements:

- B.A
- President, District Punjgoor, PPP: (1973-1975)
- President Makran Division, PPP: (1975-1980)
- Vice President Balochistan, PPP: (1980-)
- Member Provincial Assembly (MPA: 1973-1977)
- Member Provincial Assembly (MPA: 1977-1977)
- Member Provincial Assembly (MPA: 1988-1990)
- Minister: (1988-1989)



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Professional positions including,

- Managing Editor of English National daily The Frontier Post
- Speech Writer to the Prime Minister
- Press Assistant to Prime Minister
- Manager Royal Saudi Air Force Project, Transarabia, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Participation/presentation of papers in scores of national/international seminars, UN meetings and conferences on multilateral and bilateral issues including the following

- United Nations Regional Conference on Disarmament, Beijing, China
- International conference on Nuclear Non-Proliferation in South Asia, ISS
- Third Bilateral Pak-US Forum at Berkeley, USA,.
- 7th OIC summit Casablanca,
- Global Forum Singapore,
- UN General Assembly Session,

Publications: Ten volumes of press articles, columns, research monographs.



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Committee(s):

- Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production
- Standing Committee on Human Rights
- Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions
- Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control

Details:

Tenure = March 2009 to March 2015



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Committee(s):

- Library Committee
- Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production
- Standing Committee on Human Resource Development
- Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis
- Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan

Details:

Tenure = March 2012 to March 2018

Achievements:

- Mrs. Sehar Kamran Muddassir (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz)
- Objective : To serve and promote my beloved country Pakistan, using all my abilities, position and status with true dedication, devotion and commitment.

PROFILE

- Recipient of the National Civil Award "Tamgha-e-Imtiaz" in recognition of the contributions in the field of education, social work and for promoting Pakistan in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



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- Experienced Educationist with an extensive background in School Management, Student Guidance, Career Counseling and Administration. Specialized in maintenance of Statutory Records, Financial Controls, Procurement, Personnel and Public Relations.
- Strong communication, leadership, management and problem solving skills. Dedicated professional who enjoys the challenge of identifying and solving working problems.
- A Team Leader and Confident person with diversified experience, highly capable of handling multinational staff, grooming students and youth to build their personalities as a responsible citizen and successful person.
- Extensively engaged in research and study being the member of various International Think Tanks.
- A respected social worker, who has commendable skills and passion for successfully carrying and accomplishing social and philanthropic projects.

General Information:

- Member International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS)
- President PPP Human Rights Wing (Overseas) Middle East
- Member of Pakistan Kashmir Committee Jeddah
- Associated with the Pakistan People's Party since 1984.
- 1987 - 1988 : President of Peoples Student Federation (PSF-Girls Wing) Karachi University.
- Accompanied Shaheed Bibi during her last Umrah on 18th June 2007.
- Also accompanied Shaheed Bibi on 18th October 2007 during her return journey from Dubai to Pakistan, and was among the victims of that bomb blast, got injury in the left limb.
- Presently working as the Principal of Pakistan International School, English Section Jeddah (PISJ-ES). PISJ-ES is a British Curriculum School, founded by Shaheed Bibi in 1995.

Contributions for the School

- Processed and acquired License for the Pakistan International School (English section) Jeddah in the Year 1999 and played a major role in uplifting of this institution. Over the years, this institution has grown extensively, and today, it occupies a prominent and unshakeable position in the fields of academics, co-curricular activities and sports. It is recognized as one

of the best educational institutions in the Middle East. PISJ-ES is a British Curriculum school, Cambridge International Examination (CIE) registered & British Council attached centre, Affiliated Member of Cambridge Primary Programme (CIPP) and Provisional Member of (CIS) Council of International Schools. The School offers Undergraduate Programme through the University of London. The institution endeavours to impart quality education through latest techniques in a healthy and stimulating environment. We pay high emphasis on the overall grooming of the students; their personality building is an integral and vital part of our educational endeavours.

- Introduced IGCSE, A Level and Undergraduate Education Programmes at the School.
- Established Elected Student body (PISJ-ES Student Council) in the Year 2008.

Social and Humanitarian Work:

- Actively participated in all National Events and Welfare Projects.
- Worked as "Overseas Coordinator" for Pakistani Women in Saudi Arabia.
- Represented Pakistan in various Saudi and International Social and Cultural Event held in Jeddah.
- Was appointed Coordinator Overseas Pakistani Women Network-Saudi Arabia in 2005.
- Attended Regional Conference on Violence against Women in Islamabad-Pakistan (September 2005).
- Carried Fund raising and collecting donations for victims of Earth Quake 2005.
- Purchased of tickets for 11 Pakistani women left abandoned in Saudi Arabia 2006 and arranged their safe dispatch back home.
- Contributed and carried the Fund raising campaign for the rehabilitation of the displaced people of Bajour.
- Adopted needy children and launched scholarships for students of Bakhtawar School Nodero.
- Carried fund raising campaign for Internally Displaced People of Swat and Buner in 2009.
- Member Kashmir Committee-Saudi Arabia, worked for highlighting Kashmir cause and projecting Pakistani point of view.
- Organized Pakistan corners and cultural displays to promote Pakistan in Saudi Arabia.
- Participated in Pakistan Investment Conference-2009.



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Professional and Educational Accomplishments

- (Sub editor-Reporter) at PPI News Agency, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Reporter & Stringer at Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation, Karachi, Pakistan.
- News Reporter at VIS News (Division Of BBC International)
- Attended a Course on "American Literature" the Novel conducted By American Center, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Attended And Participated in Technical Seminal of W.T.O.'S Commission in South Asia.
- Conducted & Coordinated Visit and study for the delegation of project "PECHAN" from Nottinghamshire U. K, headed by Sheriff of Nottinghamshire.
- Attended First Educational Forum of Arab Countries held in Dubai in 2006 and represented Pakistan International School (English Section) Jeddah).
- Participated in the IISS Annual Conference the Global Strategic Review (GSR)-2011, held in Geneva 9-11 September 2011.
- Participated in the Council of International Schools (CIS) forum-2011 on Student Guidance and Admissions in Lisbon, Portugal.
- Participated in The Gulf Forum-2011, The Gulf and the Globe held in Riyadh, 3-5 December 2011) organized by the Gulf Research Council and Diplomatic Institute KSA.
- Participated in lectures and forums organized by the King Faisal Research Center.

Articles & Publications

- Pakistan and Gulf Relations
- Public Relations in Private Commercial Organizations in Pakistan.
- Practice of Public Relations.
- Public Relation in Government Organizations.
- Write-up for Newspapers and Magazines.



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Committee(s):

- House Committee
- Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan
- Standing Committee on Human Resource Development
- Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges **(Chairman Committee)**
- Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control
- Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production

Details:

Tenure = March 2012 to March 2018



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Committee(s):

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- House Committee
- Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics, P&D and Privatization
- Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production
- Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges

Details:

Tenure = March 2009 to March 2015

Achievements:

B.A

Haji Muhammad Adeel s/o Hakeem Abdul Jalil (Hakeem Sahib) was actively involved in the non violence movement against the British Empire in the Sub continent and was the president of All India National Congress Committee Peshawar District and a close colleague of Bacha Khan and Mahatma Gandhi, & Member of Central working committee of Congress, in 1919 jailed at INDEMAN (Kala Pani) for three years.

Current Position:

- i. Senator
- ii. Parliamentary Leader in Senate of Pakistan
- iii. Senior Vice President, Awami National Party (ANP) Pakistan.
- iv. Chairman Election Commission of ANP.
- v. Coordinator ANP Lawyers.
- vi. Member Central & Provincial Executive Committees of ANP.
- vii. Member, National Executive Committee, Pakistan India People's Forum for Peace and Democracy.
- viii. Member of National Steering Committee INSA (Imagine a New South Asia).

Previous Positions held:

- i. Acting President of ANP, Pakistan
- ii. Member of Provincial Assembly in 1990, 1993, and 1997.
- iii. Minister Finance in NWFP Provincial Cabinet in 1993.
- iv. Deputy Speaker NWFP Assembly in 1997-1999.
- v. Deputy Parliamentary Leader of ANP in Provincial Assembly.
- vi. Vice President of ANP, Pakistan.
- vii. Additional, General Secretary ANP.
- viii. Information Secretary of ANP/NDP, Pakistan.
- ix. President ANP/NDP/NAP City District, Peshawar.
- x. Chaired Special/Standing Committee in Provincial Assembly on Education, Procuring Rules of Business, Industry, C&W, Health Task Force.
- xi. Remained Member of Public Accounts (1993-97,99) Committee, Finance Committee and Law Reform Committee.
- xii. Senior positions in various organizations like:
 - a. Vice President, Abaseen Arts Council
 - b. Secretary General, Edwards College Student Council Peshawar.
 - c. President Fine Arts Society, Edwards College.
 - d. Chairman Frontier Ghee Manufacturers Group.
 - e. Member Managing Committee All Pakistan Ghee Manufacturers Association.
 - f. Executive Member of Zonal Committee, Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan.
 - g. Executive Member, Sarhad Chamber of



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- Commerce and Industry.
- h. Founder Director of :
 - a. Khyber Eye Foundation.
 - b. Ittifaq Kidney Centre.
 - c. Children rehabilitation Centre.
 - d. Anti diabetes society.
 - xiii. Man of the year Award (1997) by American Biographical Institute USA.
 - xiv. Country visited (Afghanistan, Iran India, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey, Malasia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Greece, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Germany, France, UK, Canada, USA, Japan, Azbukistan etc).



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- Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication
- Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production

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Achievements:

- B.A, B.B.A
- Business (Import & Export), (Director & Chief Executive: 1997-To date)
- President Pakistan People Party, Karachi Division: (2008-To date)
- Member Central Executive Committee: (2008-To date)
- Al-Zulfiqar Group of Companies, Karachi. C.E.O: (1997-To date)



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Committee(s):

- Standing Committee on Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs
- Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production
- Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges
- Standing Committee on Ports and Shipping

Details:

Tenure = March 2009 to March 2015



Malik Amjad Pervez

Special Secretary/Secretary Committee

Mr. Amjed Pervez Malik holds the position of Special Secretary (BS-22) in the Senate of Pakistan Secretariat. He is overall in-charge of the Parliamentary Committees of the Senate, besides being ex-officio Secretary of the Senate Standing Committees on Defence and Defence Production and Foreign Affairs and Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan. He has over 28 years service out of which more than 17 years is in the Parliament.

Before joining the Senate Secretariat as Deputy Secretary in 1995, he had 10 years service as a CSS Officer. He had Teaching experience at University and College Level, Research at Development Studies Institute and Systems Limited, Lahore besides work as Assistant Director (Administration) WAPDA, in the early part of career. While remaining in the Parliamentary Service, he worked for about a year each (on deputation / leave) in top positions of Country Program Manager of IFES, a US based international NGO working on USAID Project, Chief Coordinator, Ministry of Information and Joint Secretary (Implementation) in Prime Minister's Secretariat.

He is holder of two post graduate degrees; one in Economics with distinction from Punjab University and one in Mass Communication from Leicester University, UK and is a registered Scholar at Maastricht University, Graduate School of Governance in dual career PhD Program on Governance and Policy Analysis. He is also holder of a graduate (LLB) Degree.

His work experience is divided in Parliamentary and Executive Service as well as Research, Teaching, Project Management and Administration. In Parliamentary service his experience includes; Inter-Parliamentary Relations, Parliamentary Administration and support to the various Committees, Members and Parliamentary Leadership / Delegations. He has worked as team leader in major donor



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funded Legislative Strengthening Projects as well as a number of internal Parliamentary initiatives and Projects. He has quite a few articles / papers at his credit besides lead role and contribution in electronic media productions and campaigns.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

- Degrees:** M.A. Economics (with distinction) and LLB from Punjab University
M.A. Mass Communication from Leicester University the UK
- Diplomas:** Harvard University JFK School of Government, Executive Education Program, 2006.
Diploma in Legislative Drafting, Tulane University, Public Law Centre, **New Orleans**
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Training Courses:

Civil Services Academy, CTP, Information Academy, STP (1st in FPOE) & NIPA

OTHER WORK

- Research Assistant, Development Studies Institute and Systems Ltd.
- Lecturer (Economics) (University of AJ&K and Degree College Murree (PPSC Selectee)
- Assistant Director (Administration / Commercial) WAPDA

Civil Services of Pakistan (1985-1995):

Qualified Central Superior Services (CSS) Examination and worked as Information Group Officer of Government of Pakistan from 1985 to 1995.

International NGO Service (2004):

Worked (on leave from the Parliamentary Service) as Country Representative of IFES, US based International NGO working on US AID funded Legislative Project

Media Development Work (2002-3):

Worked (on deputation) as Chief Coordinator with the Minister for Information and Media Development (2002-

2003). Besides state level media management on the occasion of National Elections / Referendum, conceived, planned and conducted a national **Workshop on Media Development** involving print & electronic media in Lahore in 2002.

Public Affairs Wing, Prime Minister Secretariat:

Worked as Joint Secretary (Implementation) Public Affairs Wing, Prime Minister Secretariat on deputation in 2008. Monitored implementation of 100 days Program of the newly elected government, Prime Minister's Directives and MPs Schemes.

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