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New Indian forces doctrine poses more overt threats

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IPRI President Abdul Basit said the presentation of India’s nuclear strategy in the doctrine is alarming since it has opted to use the terms “Credible Deterrence” instead of “Credible Minimum Deterrence”. He pointed out that as a reflection of India’s future political and military ambitions, the doctrine will have long-term implications for Pakistan’s threat perceptions and force posturing, and calls for serious contemplation by the government.

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Later, during questions and answers session, the audience of foreign dignitaries, former ambassadors, defence and strategic studies students and media was informed that in 2016-17, the Indian defence sector received USD 51 billion, 2.25 per cent of GDP. The United States spends 4.0 per cent of its GDP on defence, China 2.5 per cent, and Pakistan 3.5 per cent. Participants agreed that India is trying to harm Pakistan through kinetic and non-kinetic means, and the Government needs to stop its internal squabbles and focus on developing the country’s national strength by virtue of strong and resilient armed forces and by developing an indigenous scientific research and development culture. A strong economy hinges on strong politics and strong civil-military relations, Pakistan needs to cater to these facets holistically rather than see them in isolation for its own national interests and national security, it was stressed.

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Indian armed forces joint doctrine-2017: surgical strikes acknowledged as formal part of retaliatory toolkit: speakers

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Speaking on the occasion, former ambassador Abdul Basit, President of IPRI, said that despite grave importance of reviewing the joint doctrine of Indian Armed Forces (JDIAF), not much attention has been given to the subject in Pakistan. He said that given the recent debates on potential shifts in Indian nuclear strategy, the presentation of India's nuclear strategy in the doctrine is alarming since it has opted to use the terms "credible deterrence" instead of "credible minimum deterrence."

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Discussing the Doctrine itself, she remarked that while it is an effort at integration of India's political and military thinking and focuses on India's conception of its national security and its strategy for managing threats across the "full spectrum of military conflict" – everything from nuclear war to internal security and counterinsurgency, it was a poorly developed "copy pasted" manuscript made up of a hotchpotch of ideas that borrow heavily from the United States Defence doctrines. "One cannot ignore Modi's role in its development given the heavy political overtones," she remarked.

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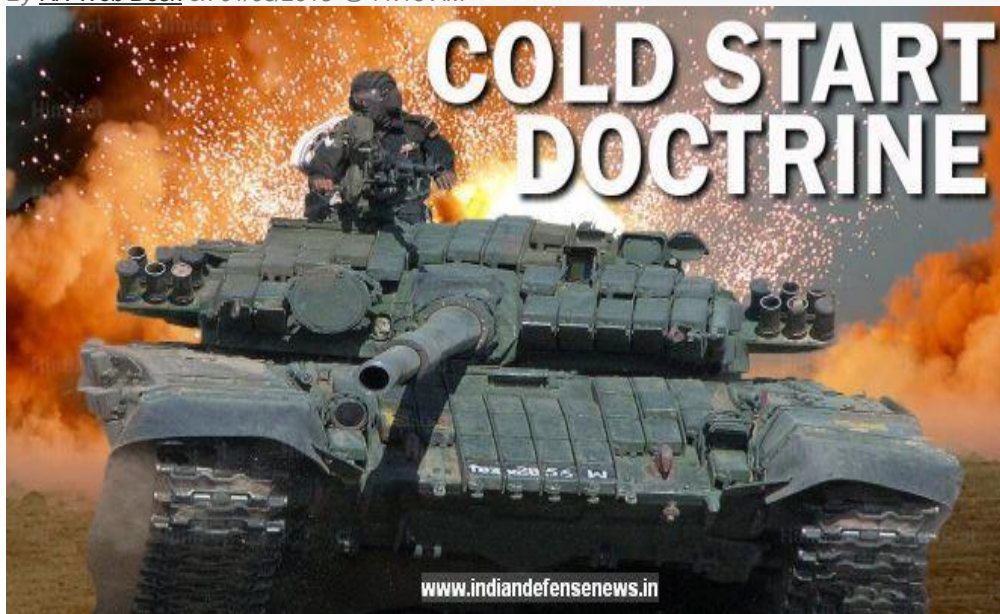
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