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Events: 7

Research & Publications: 9 newspaper articles, 13 policy briefs, and 2 Analytics & Projection Memos.

Digital: 18 infographics.

Key Accomplishments:

- An international event was organized with **Dr. Hassan Abbas**, Distinguished Professor of International Relations at the Near East South Asia Strategic Studies Centre (NESAC), National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

- Seminar in collaboration with Ministry of Law & Justice and launch of IPRI's dashboard was covered by Gulf News as a ground breaking initiative of the Pakistan government utilising technology to tackle gender-based violence.
- Social Media Views: 3.2 Million
- Global Partnerships: Centre for International Studies (CE.S.I), Italy; Embassy of Pak in Italy; Near East South Asia Strategic Studies Centre (NESAC), National Defense University; Ministry of Law and Justice; UN Women Pakistan; Islamabad Police; Korean Embassy in Pakistan; Embassy of Kazakhstan in Pakistan; Habib University; and University of Karachi.

Seminar

Topic: Tech for Gender Protection: Launch of Interactive Map to Help Victims of Gender-Based Violence

Collaboration: Ministry of Law and Justice

Date: September 16, 2021

Speakers:

- **Barrister Maleeka Bokhari**, Parliamentary Secretary for Law and Justice
- **Dr. Fareeha Ummar**, Portfolio Manager, Women Economic Empowerment, UN Women Pakistan
- **Amna Baig**, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Islamabad
- **Dr Farzana Bari**, Human Rights Activist

Total attendants/ views: 3,500

Distinguished Lecture Series

Topic: Gauging Terrorism Threats in Post-Withdrawal Afghanistan & Implications for Pakistan: Future Scenarios

Date: September 17, 2021

Distinguished Guest Speaker:

Dr. Hassan Abbas, Distinguished Professor of International Relations at the Near East South Asia Strategic Studies Centre (NESAC), National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

Moderator:

Dr Farah Naz, Assistant Professor, National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST).

Total attendants/ views: 4,500

IPRI Roundtable

To assess the counter-terrorism threats in Afghanistan & their implications on regional security, IPRI hosted a roundtable, under the Chatham House Rule, with the diplomatic community & foreign journalists.

Date: September 30, 2021

Speakers:

- **General (R) Ehsan ul Haq**, former Head of ISI Directorate
- **Mr Amir Rana**, Director, PIPS
- **Ambassador (R) Aizaz Chaudhry**

Diplomatic community:

- **Samuel Raff and Andrew Somerville**, British High Commission
- **Counselor Ruslan Pirimbetov**, Embassy of Kazakhstan in Pakistan
- **Michael Kourteff**, Australian High Commission

- **Fatima A Zeb**, Political Specialist, US embassy in Pakistan

Foreign Journalists:

- **Ahmed Barakat**, Al Jazeera
- **Farhan Bokhari**, Financial Times
- **Shahzaib Wahlah**, France24 TV
- **Abdul Sattar**, John Wallace and Arzo
- **Kiwonei**, NPR Radio America
- **Maija Liuhto**, Finnish Broadcasting Company

IPRI Webinar Series

1. Assessing Current Situation in Afghanistan

Collaboration: Centre for International Studies (CE.S.I) & Embassy of Pakistan in Italy.

Date: September 30, 2021

Speakers:

Speakers from Italy

- **Andrea Margelletti**, Chairman, Ce.S.I.
- **Francesca Manenti**, Senior Analyst, Ce.S.I.
- **Claudia Annovi**, Junior Fellow, Ce.S.I.
- **Gennaro Migliore**, Member, Foreign Affairs Committee of Italian Chamber of Deputies

Speakers from Pakistan

- **H.E. Jauhar Saleem**, Ambassador of Pakistan to Italy
- **Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad**, former VC, University of Sargodha
- **Lt Gen(R) Naeem Lodhi**, former Defense Secretary
- **Ambassador(R) Ayaz Wazir**
- **Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani**

Total attendants/ views: 4,400

2. Government in Afghanistan: Prospects of Peace, & Stability

Date: September 14, 2021

Speakers:

- **Dr Zahid Hussain**, Senior Analyst
- **Amb (R) Riaz Mohammad Khan**, former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan
- **Mr Juma Khan Sufi**, former professor and author
- **Brig (R) Saad Mohammad**, Political and Security Analyst

Total attendants/ views: 9,100

3. Afghanistan's Economy in Crisis: Possible Scenarios

Date: September 8, 2021

Speakers:

- **Dr Aqdas Afzal**, Program Director & Assistant Professor of Economics, Habib University
- **Dr Samina Khalil**, Director AERC & Research Professor, University of Karachi
- **Dr Zahid Shahab Ahmed**, Research Fellow, Alfred Deakin Institute

Total attendants/ views: 3,200

Ambassador Lecture Series

Topic: Kazakhstan- Pakistan Relations: Future Prospects

Date: September 15, 2021

Guest Lecturer:

H.E. Mr Yerzhan Kistafin, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan.

Total attendants/ views: 3,500

Meetings

A meeting was held between Deputy Chief of Mission at the Korean Embassy in Pakistan, and IPRI team. During the meeting, bilateral relations and collaboration between IPRI & Korean think tanks were discussed.

Inspector General of Islamabad Police visited IPRI office on September 23, 2021 to meet with IPRI team. Collaboration between IPRI and ICT Police was discussed in order to improve public service delivery and capacity building of ICT police.

IPRI Online Certifications

IPRI has launched an online certifications programme. Lectures of the first course titled "Policy Design & Strategic Communications for National Security" will be delivered by:

1. **Dr Moeed Yusuf**, National Security Advisor
2. **Brig (R) Raashid Janjua**, Acting President, IPRI
3. **Dr Hussain Nadim**, Executive Director, IPRI
4. **Dr Umar Taj**, Executive Teaching Fellow, LSE
5. **Dr Waqas Ejaz**, Assistant Professor, NUST
6. **Mr Imran Ghazali**, General Manager, Digital Media Wing
7. **Ms Javeria Masood**, Head of Solutions Mapping, UNDP
8. **Mr Hussain Khawaja**, Data Scientist, G5iO
9. **Mr Asim Aziz**, Sales Analyst, APIMatic.io

IPRI Publications

Policy Brief:

Dr. Khurram Shahzad Mughal Research Fellow

1. "National Poverty and Social Vulnerabilities: Required Interventions for Poverty Alleviation / Mitigating Strategies"
2. "Pakistan's Industrialization Imperatives – Shift towards Export Oriented Industries; Comparative Models and Recommendations / Way Forward"
3. "Private Sector Development Strategy to Enhance Economic Competitiveness of Pakistan in Local / Global Markets"
4. "Pakistan's Public Debt/Retirement/Rescheduling – Issues, Challenges and Possible Strategies"
5. "Effect of Crypto Currency on Pakistan's Economy"

Khalid Chandio

Research Fellow

"Likely Contours of 'US South Asia Strategy' and Options for Pakistan"

Dr. Khurram Abbas

Research Associate

1. "Case Studies of Successful Freedom Movements: Important Lessons Learnt and Way Forward to Resolve Kashmir Dispute"
2. "Armed Clashed between Assam and Mizoram"

Amna Ejaz Rafi

Research Associate

"Prospects of Religious Tourism to Pakistan under CPEC Tourism Corridor"

Waleed Yawer

Assistant Research Associate

1. "Taliban's Transition to Governance: Implications of Sanction Regimes and Challenges to Recognition"
2. "Implications of UNSC Sanctions on the Taliban Regime"

Gulshan Rafique & Usama Nizamani

Assistant Research Associate

"End of Secularism: India needs another 1947"

Usama Nizamani

Assistant Research Associate

"Importance of Data Localization & Protection in Pakistan"

IPRI Scholars' Opinion Articles:

Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani

Senior Research Fellow

1. "Should Pakistanis be Concerned Because of the Afghan Taliban Takeover?"
Narratives

2. "Blaming Pakistan is No Solution"
The News

Dr. Khurram Abbas

Research Associate

"Why are Some Pakistanis Celebrating the Taliban Takeover?"
Balochistan Times

Adeel Mukhtar Mirza

Assistant Research Associate

"Why did America Fail in Afghanistan?"
Geopolitica

Kashoon Leeza

Advocacy and Editorial Specialist

"For Pakistan, a Changed Afghanistan Requires a New Approach"
National Interest

Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri

Assistant Editor

1. "Taliban Should Erect a Coherent State"
Express Tribune
2. "No One Owns Karachi, but All Fleece It"
3. "Iran's New President and Policy Challenges"
Defense Journal
4. "Abdicating Global Leadership"
The Nation

IPRI welcomes new Digital Production Specialist

Saad Abbas is the new Digital Production Specialist at IPRI. He has more than 7 years of experience in creative video production, and is former Producer at Indus News.

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Digital and Communications

Impact:

3.7 Million views, 83,000 profile visits, and 5,200 mentions. Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn followers increased to 29,000, 54,830 and 22,410 respectively.

IPRI on Television

- **Brig (R) Raashid Wali Janjua**, Acting President, IPRI, spoke to PTV World about the new government being formed in Afghanistan, and the fighting in Panjshir Valley.
- **Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani**, Senior Research Fellow, IPRI, gave an interview to Tehran Times, and was part of several panel discussions appearing on PTV World, Capital TV, Indus News, GTV, and Channel 92. He shared his views on the security situation in Afghanistan and implications on the region.

IPRI Interactive

IPRI launched 4 dashboards during the month of September. These dashboards highlighted the atrocities by the Government of India in IIOJK since 1989; key developments in India and Pakistan's narratives at UNGA; and key events & turning points that shaped the trajectory of the Afghan conflict over the last 50 years. An interactive map was also designed in collaboration with Ministry of Law and Justice providing locations of service providers to help victims of gender based violence.