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BLOGS

Why Pakistan is sending back illegal immigrants?

By Malaika Shamim Alam

Pakistan has opted to repatriate undocumented migrants due to national security concerns. Despite Pakistan's assertion that its October 3 directive, mandating the deportation of unauthorized asylum-seekers doesn't specifically target Afghan refugees, yet a widespread misconception lingers about its intent.

An Analysis of Legal and Policy Framework of Pakistan on Refugees

By Humna Majeed

Legislation and policy are meaningless without execution. Despite its significant role as a host nation, the legal and policy framework concerning refugees in Pakistan is marked by inconsistencies.

Tale of Bleeding Palestinian Issue: Explainer

By Khalid Javed

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a long and deep-rooted conflict that dates back to the late 19th century. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a long and multifaceted struggle for territorial control, self-determination and political sovereignty.



This Week in Law & Security

- Pakistan has demanded the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to conduct a thorough investigation to find out how the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) acquired advanced military equipment.
- Pakistan is a country of consequence both from geopolitical and geoeconomic perspective. COAS General Asim Munir has said that Pakistan eschews bloc politics and seeks to maintain balanced ties with all friendly countries including China and the United States.
- In a major blow to former US president Donald Trump, another state removed him from the 2024 primary ballot in line with the 14th Amendment's "insurrectionist ban".

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Role of Narrative Building in Shaping Opinions during Israel-Palestine Conflict

By Humna Majeed

Narrative building plays a pivotal role in shaping public perceptions and influencing individual opinions amidst Israel-Palestine conflict. To make sense of their reality and identity, people construct and convey narratives.

WEBINAR SERIES



The Center for Law and Security (CLAS) organized webinar on 18th December, 2023 on the UN COP-28: Achievable Goals.

Guest Speakers:

- i. Dr. Arif Goheer, Director GCISC
- ii. Miss. Zainab Naeem, Associate Research Fellow at SDPI

Moderator: Rehman Azhar, ED CLAS

Host: Rabia Anwaar, JRA CLAS

The recent UN COP 28 within the UNFCCC presents solutions to all climate driven problems by setting targets regarding net zero greenhouse gas emissions, etc.

In this regard, CLAS held a webinar to assess whether the goals on COP-28 agenda are achievable through experts' views, who have been present of COP-28.

 Pakistan's current economic model is not working since it has fallen behind its peers, significant progress in poverty reduction has now started to reverse and the benefits of growth have accrued to a narrow elite, says World Bank.

- The previous draft vetoed by US, prompted a swift response in General Assembly, member-states overwhelmingly vetoed in favor of a non-binding resolution, urging for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire.
- Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) sent an SOS (Save Our Ship) to the State Bank of Pakistan, requesting to arrange Rs15 billion loans from commercial banks to help it deal with the prevailing financial crisis, upon which the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has granted Rs5 billion facility to keep the national flag carrier afloat and avoid halting its operations.
- India designated the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir MLJK-MA faction as unlawful association under the unlawful activities Prevention Law while alleging Pakistan of providing funds for the unlawful activities.
 - The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) has launched GHAR (Green Housing Affordable resilient), an initiative aimed at enhancing the technical capacities of government institutions and renowned academia to design, construct and manage climate-resilient housing.
 - The Washington Post, has revealed that the Indian government has been using the notorious Pegasus spyware to target prominent journalists. Developed by Israeli firm NSO Group, this spyware allows access to a phone's messages, emails, photos, call recordings, location data and even its camera.
- Senators from different political parties questions the caretaker government's move to legislate, with just 45 days left before the elections.

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CLAS organized another webinar as part of the series titled Legal Developments on Article 370 and Status of Kashmir' on 22nd Dec, 2023.

Guest speakers:

- i. Barrister Taimur Malik, Founding Partner Courting the Law.
- ii. Dr. Ikram Ul Haq, AdvocateSupreme Court of Pakistan.

Moderator: Mr. Rehman Azhar, ED, CLAS. Host: Asfandyar Khan, RA CLAS.

Indian Supreme Court in upholding Modi government's decision of abrogating Article 370 has declared Indian occupied Kashmir (IOK) as its integral part, constitutionally.

In this regard, the Centre for Law and Security (CLAS) seeks to host a webinar to analyze the implications of the decision on the status of Kashmir and legal challenges that India will face by violating the terms of a historical promise.

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- The Islamabad High Court (IHC) Friday reprimanded the caretaker government, stating that a "terrible system" is prevailing in the country and questioned its neutrality.
- The previous draft vetoed by US, prompted a swift response in General Assembly, member-states overwhelmingly vetoed in favor of a non-binding resolution, urging for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire.
- Responding to a question during a daily press briefing, United States has reiterated its support for free and fair elections in Pakistan, saying Washington does not take a position on any political party in the country.
- Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar announced that all celebrations related to the New Year are banned across the country as the South Asian nation stands in solidarity with Palestinians who have been facing the worst Israeli brutality since October 7.