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Silver Linings – General Elections 2024

By RA-Asfandyar Khan

Where proceedings and outcomes of February 8 General Elections remained more or less the same, there were a lot of positives that cannot be ignored. Polls ended with great hue and cry over massive rigging and discrepancies between forms 45 and 47.

The ICJ Ruling: What it Means?

By RA- Asfandyar Khan

The International Court of Justice in Hague in a judgement announced that Israel must take action to prevent genocidal violence by its armed forces in Palestine.

Ram Mandir: Significance for the Muslims of India

By Rabia Anwaar

The grand opening of Ram Mandir at the site of demolished Babri Masjid symbolizes Hindu cultural domination in a so-called secular India. The construction of Ram temple is the fallout of Indian Supreme court's decision taken back in 2019 due to a longstanding Masjid-Mandir dispute.



This Week in Law & Security

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres Monday called on Pakistani authorities and political leaders to resolve the issues related to last week's election through established legal procedures and to avoid any action that raised tensions.
- The Supreme Court has asked federal government to come up with a report highlighting what initiatives it took to cope with the climate change challenges faced by the country.
- India on Sunday signed a free trade agreement (FTA) with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) which will bring about \$100 billion in investments in the country, according to the nation's Trade Minister Piyush Goyal.

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Article 370 and 35A: Historical Background and Significance on Kashmir

By Maryam Jabeen

At the heart of Kashmir's intricate history and narrative lay Articles 370 and 35A, provisions within the Indian Constitution that granted Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) a unique, semi-autonomous status. However, these articles were abrogated in August, 2019, causing intense debate, reigniting age-old questions about identity, belonging, and the path forward for this sensitive region.

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The Center for Law and Security (CLAS) organized webinar on 16th February, 2024 on the Economic Recovery of Pakistan Post Elections 2024

Guest Speakers:

- i. Dr. Usman Chouhan, CASS
- ii. Dr. Shujat Farooq, PIDE

Moderator: Rehman Azhar, ED CLAS

Host: Asfandyar Khan, RA CLAS

Pakistan's economic woes are deepening as political uncertainty, unprecedented inflation, public debt and rising prices of gas and electricity loom over the country.

In this regard, CLAS held a webinar to

 Assistant Secretary of the US Department of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Donald Lu, has been called to testify on the fairness of Pakistan's general elections, held on February 8, before a Congress panel.

The hearing will take place on March 20 and Lu's testimony will be important as he has been accused by former prime minister Imran Khan of being involved in the toppling of his government in 2022.

- Pakistan slammed the Indian government's move to implement 2019 controversial citizenship law, (CAA), saying the discriminatory legislation "further expose the sinister agenda" of Modi regime.
- In an attempt to stabilize natin's faltering economy, the newly elected government has embarked on crafting a detailed five-year strategy aimed at rejuvenating key economic sectors.

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The Center for Law and Security (CLAS) organized webinar on 5th March, 2024 on the Economic Recovery of Pakistan Post Elections 2024

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Ashfaque Hassan Khan, DG NUST Institute of Policy Studies

Pakistan recently had its general elections on 8th February 2024. For the new government, dealing with a host of economic challenges such as skyrocketing inflation, currency devaluation, shrinking industrial sector, rising levels of debt, lowering growth rate, and unemployment remain primary concerns. Possibility of any relief for the inflation hit masses in the next two years seems to be unrealistic. this lecture, renowned economist, Dr. Ashfaque Hassan Khan discussed the measures that the new government needs to adopt to avert the looming economic crisis.



Dr. Ashfaque delivering lecture to the students at Friedman Hall, TMUC



Interactive session at the end of the lecture