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### **BLOGS**

## MECHANISM OF WHEAT PRICING AND COORDINATION BETWEEN PROVINCES

By Research Associate, Asfandyar Khan

In Pakistan, the distribution of wheat among provinces involves a coordinated effort between federal and provincial governments. This allocation considers the production capacity of each province and their respective deficits. Overall, the system is designed to ensure food security and price stability across the country.

### Wheat Crisis and Food Security: Consequences for Farmers and Citizens of Pakistan

By Research Associate, Rabia Anwaar

Food security is core to basic human security; any disruption in the supply chain can cause instability within the country and insecurity among the citizens of Pakistan. For averting any crisis in Pakistan, discouraging imports while encouraging domestic production is the remedy to many economic and financial problems of Pakistan.



## **This Week in Law & Security**

- Addressing a press briefing in Washington, State
  Department Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant
  Patel said that the US has been in regular
  communication with Pakistani leaders on
  counterterrorism issues. The spokesperson's
  statement came when responding to a question
  about the martyrdom of Pakistani soldiers
  conducting operations along the Afghan border.
- A 13-member full-court bench of the Supreme Court has been formed to hear a plea filed by the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) challenging the Peshawar High Court's (PHC) verdict that denied the party reserved seats for women and minorities.
- Former President Donald Trump has been found guilty on all 34 counts in his New York criminal hush money trial, making him the first former US president to be convicted in the country's history.

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### WEBINAR SERIES

# Future Trajectory of Pakistan India Relations



CLAS held a webinar titled **Future Trajectory of Pakistan India Relations** on Wednesday, 15th May 2024.

The focus of this webinar is to explore the future trajectory of Pakistan-India relations in light of recent developments in both countries, geopolitical shifts, and emerging trends.

### Speakers:

- 1. Dr. Mujeeb Afzal, Asst. Prof. SPIR, QAU
- 2. Amb. Shahid Kiani, Former Additional Secretary, MOFA
- 3. Mr. Rehman Azhar, ED CLAS

### Pakistan and its Western

### **Frontiers**



CLAS held a webinar titled Pakistan and its Western Frontiers on Monday, 27th May 2024.

The current situation is not different; Pakistan is once again grappling with the challenge of menace of terrorism on its western frontiers. With the Afghan Taliban and its backing of TTP on one side and militancy along its western belt; Pakistan's security and its relationship with neighboring states is vulnerable to security threats even more now.

#### Speakers:

- 1. Maj Gen. Samrez Salik (R) HI(M)
- 2. Brig. Ishaq Ahmed Khattak (R)
- 3. Mr. Rehman Azhar

- Pakistan's advanced communication satellite, PAKSAT MM1, has been launched into space in collaboration with China, making it Islamabad's second satellite to be sent into orbit. The satellite, launched from China's Xichang Satellite Launch Center (XSLC), will help usher Pakistan into the digital era by helping to provide internet to remote areas, told by the Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (Suparco).
- The Supreme Court has severely criticised British High Commissioner to Pakistan Jane Marriot's recent speech targeting the South Asian nation's general elections in 2024, calling on the UK to learn from past mistakes and move on.
- The Shehbaz Sharif administration has formed a high-level body to devise a special package for 13 districts of Balochistan bordering Iran and Afghanistan through which it has been proposed by traders to legalise importing oil from Iran with a levy of Rs30 or Rs50 per litre.