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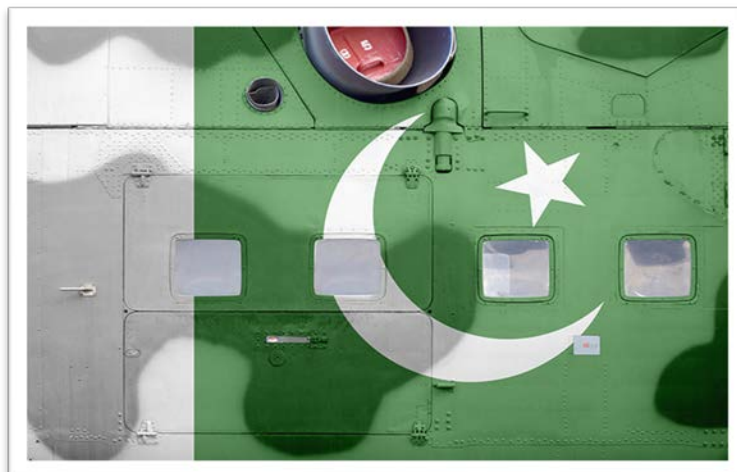
BLOGS

The Trump Factor in International Politics

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Donald Trump's influence on international politics has been substantial, and his presidency (2017-2021) marked a significant shift in the U.S.'s approach to global affairs. Will Trump recognize the ongoing genocide of Palestinians, killing of children, and the complete mockery of international humanitarian laws by Israeli defence forces? Since there is no Afghanistan to deal with, the main question at the international front would be that of Palestine. For long, the US has been the guarantor of Israel's security in the Middle East. How far will Trump go to protect their historic alliance with the State of Israel? If it is about stopping wars, then the first thing will be to leash Netanyahu.



This Week in Law & Security

- After Islamabad received an extension on loan tenure from friendly nations, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will give its final nod to the \$7 billion loan programme for Pakistan. In this regard, Pakistan requested its three largest bilateral partners — Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, China, and United Arab Emirates — to grant rollover in deposits of \$12 billion for three to five years.
- The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the amendments to the Election Act 2017, aiming at "circumventing" the apex court's July 12 ruling on the reserved seats issue, which were passed by both the National Assembly and the Senate.

Which leadership will be favorable to Pakistan: Democrats VS Republicans (Overview)

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Whether Democrat or Republican government will be in favor of Pakistan, seems a binary question. Each party brings its strengths and challenges to the table in a particular environment. It is not a matter of support presented to Pakistan by U.S. leadership in an event or two but involves a series of historical events, diplomatic strategies, and geopolitical complexities. In international relations, states act according to international environment and every action is context specific.

The Efficacy of Cybersecurity Laws of Pakistan

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Pakistan has developed an array of cybersecurity laws over a course of more than two decades though many of these laws are not proving to be compliant with the technological advancements of the current times. The institutions responsible for a safer cyberspace include FIA (Federal Investigation Agency), PTA (Pakistan Telecommunication Authority) and The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). However, whether these laws along with these designated institutions secured the cyberspace of Pakistan is a question under consideration.

- The on-going protest by Gilgit-Baltistan traders against the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) AND Pakistan Customs has intensified, with protestors blocking the Karakoram Highway (KKH), also a key CPEC route, suspending travel and trade between China and Pakistan through Khunjerab Pass.
- As Bangladesh witnesses a historic uprising that has toppled over a decade of Sheikh Haseena's rule, Pakistan extended solidarity with the people of the country on 7th August, 2024, wishing for peace and normalcy in their state of affairs.
- The Foreign Office spokesperson said that Islamabad was in touch with the authorities in Washington and awaiting further details after reports emerged of a Pakistani national's alleged involvement in the foiled assassination attempt on former US president Donald Trump.

WEBINAR SERIES

Understanding Political Crisis in Bangladesh



CLAS held a webinar titled **Understanding Political Crisis in Bangladesh** on Friday, 9th August 2024.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has stepped down from office, ending 15 years of what the opposition says was “authoritarian rule” and sparking celebrations across the country. General Wakar-uz-Zaman, the chief of army staff, said in a statement that an interim government shall be formed and grievances of protestors will be addressed. Hasina resigned after weeks of protests against quotas for government jobs flared into nationwide unrest. At least 280 people were killed and thousands injured as the government cracked down on the demonstrations. Hasina reportedly fled the country in a military helicopter to India, a strong ally of the former leader.

Speakers:

1. Amb. Shahid Kiani
2. Mr. Rehman Azhar