



## Newsletter - Centre for Law and Security

### BLOGS

#### **Changing Global Order: Myth or Reality**

*By Research Associate,  
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The contemporary global order is undergoing some critical changes brought-forth by China, however, this change may not completely replace U.S. with China as the leading global power. China's incremental challenge to U.S. dominance through economic, diplomatic and financial strategies may seek coexistence rather than outright replacement of the status quo.

#### **Trump and Trade War 2.0**

*By Research Officer,  
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The revival of trade war under Trump's second presidency holds full potential to deteriorate bilateral relations of the two. There are chances that this might drive the world into two quasi-opposing blocs and shift China's policy from cooperation to strategic competition. With Trump's "America First" policy, some observers see the tariff threat as a bargaining tool, while others see it as a harbinger of a more serious push toward economic independence. The world economy is preparing for a possible confrontation in any case.



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

- Israeli forces bombed the UNRWA-run Ahmed bin Abdul Aziz School in southern Khan Younis, killing at least 20 people, including children.
- With a resolve to eradicate the menace of terrorism, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024, paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the militant attack on the Army Public School (APS) in Peshawar, as the nation observed the 10th anniversary of the tragic event.
- The Punjab Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) has provided information to the higher authorities that on December 16, the banned terrorist organization Jamaat-ul-Ahrar may carry out terrorist acts similar to the Army Public School (APS) attacks in the cities of Lahore, Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

## WEBINAR SERIES

### Ceasefire in Lebanon



CLAS held a webinar titled **Ceasefire in Lebanon**, on **December 13, 2024**, Friday.

Amidst the ongoing tensions between Israel and Lebanon, the recent Israeli ground invasions into southern Lebanese territories have brought widespread destruction and displacement. In response, calls for a ceasefire have gained momentum, aiming to alleviate the immediate crisis and prevent further escalation. The ceasefire agreement, brokered through international mediation, seeks to halt hostilities and allow for humanitarian relief efforts. However, ensuring compliance from all parties remains a challenge, as sporadic violations threaten the fragile truce.

#### Speakers:

1. Dr. Amna Mehmood  
(Prof. Defense and Strategic Studies, QAU)
2. Dr. Salma Malik  
(Former Dean FSS & Prof. Political Science & International Relations, IIUI)

#### Moderator:

Rehman Azhar (ED, CLAS)

#### Host:

Rabia Anwaar (RA, CLAS)

- Turkey is ready to provide military support to Syria's new Islamist-led government set up by rebels who overthrew Bashar al-Assad if it requests it, Defence Minister Yasar Guler said.
- As the incumbent government continues efforts to review agreements with the independent power producers (IPPs) amid concerns over rising electricity tariffs, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Power Muhammad Ali has denounced the power firms for "not allowing regulators to audit their books".
- South Korea's Constitutional Court will shortly be reviewing the impeachment of President Yoon Suk Yeol over his December 3 martial law attempt, while investigators said they plan to question him this week.
- A seven-day anti-polio vaccination campaign is set to commence in Punjab from December 16. The drive will continue until December 22 in Lahore, Rawalpindi, and Faisalabad, while in the remaining 33 districts, it will conclude on December 20.
- Spaniards took to the streets following a call from the Solidarity Network Against the Occupation of Palestine and another pro-Palestinian group demanding a halt to the transfer of weapons that fuel the genocide against Palestine and a ban on the sale of military equipment to Israel.