



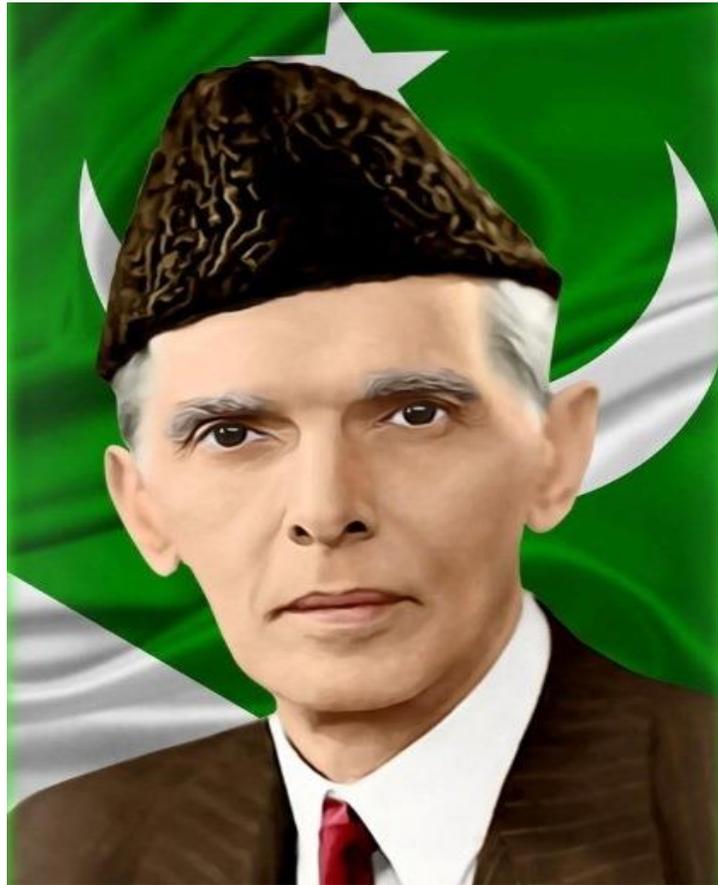
**National Security  
Division  
Government of Pakistan**

**Year Book 2018-19**

## National Flag



**Father of the Nation**  
**Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah**



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## FOREWORD

This booklet covers activities and achievements of the National Security Division (NSD) during financial year 2018-2019. It would not be out of place to mention at the outset that the National Security Division is relatively a new Division. It was established, on the directives of the Prime Minister, in January 2014. In its initial phase, the Division remained engaged in setting up administrative mechanisms to ensure its smooth functioning and to fulfill its mandate in line with its functions assigned under the Rules of Business 1973.

The immediate task before the Division, soon after its establishment, was to fulfill its function of providing secretariat support to the National Security Committee (NSC), the principal decision making body on national security matters. The Division discharged this responsibility efficiently and meetings of NSC were convened as and when desired by the political leadership. Since August 2013, the Committee has met on twenty-nine (29) occasions, with four (4) meetings falling in the period under review. The meetings afforded an opportunity to political and military leadership to discuss and make decisions on national security issues including situation in the Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IOJ&K); Pakistan's relations with Afghanistan and US, implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP), China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and other important matters of internal and external security.

Another task of the Division is to formulate, the first ever, National Security Policy (NSP) of the country. Linkages and coordination mechanisms with various ministries/departments of the government have been identified and put in place. The Division has embarked on comprehensive discussions to understand, homogenize and draw a coherent picture for preparation of the NSP.

Dialogue partners include Federal Divisions and Provincial Departments, parliamentarians, think tanks, professionals, and civil society.

As part of its overall mandate, the Division has initiated National Security dialogue with international counterparts for enhancing understanding and forging cooperation on security matters. Dialogues have been held with Japan, Iran and Russia. Contacts have been established with Afghanistan, India and US. Furthermore, regular meetings are also held with Islamabad-based foreign diplomats.

As regards the administrative structure of the Division, an important addition to it is the newly-created Strategic Policy Planning Cell (SPPC). Formalities for the establishment of the Cell, recruitment of its personnel and arrangement of requisite financial resources for the new set up are underway.

These and other such activities are being documented, in the pages that follow, towards the fulfilment of the requirement laid down under sub-rule (2) & (3) of Rules of Business, 1973. At the same time, it is hoped that this brief report would serve as a useful reference to public sector stakeholders, scholars, researchers and the general public.

Secretary,  
National Security Division  
Islamabad

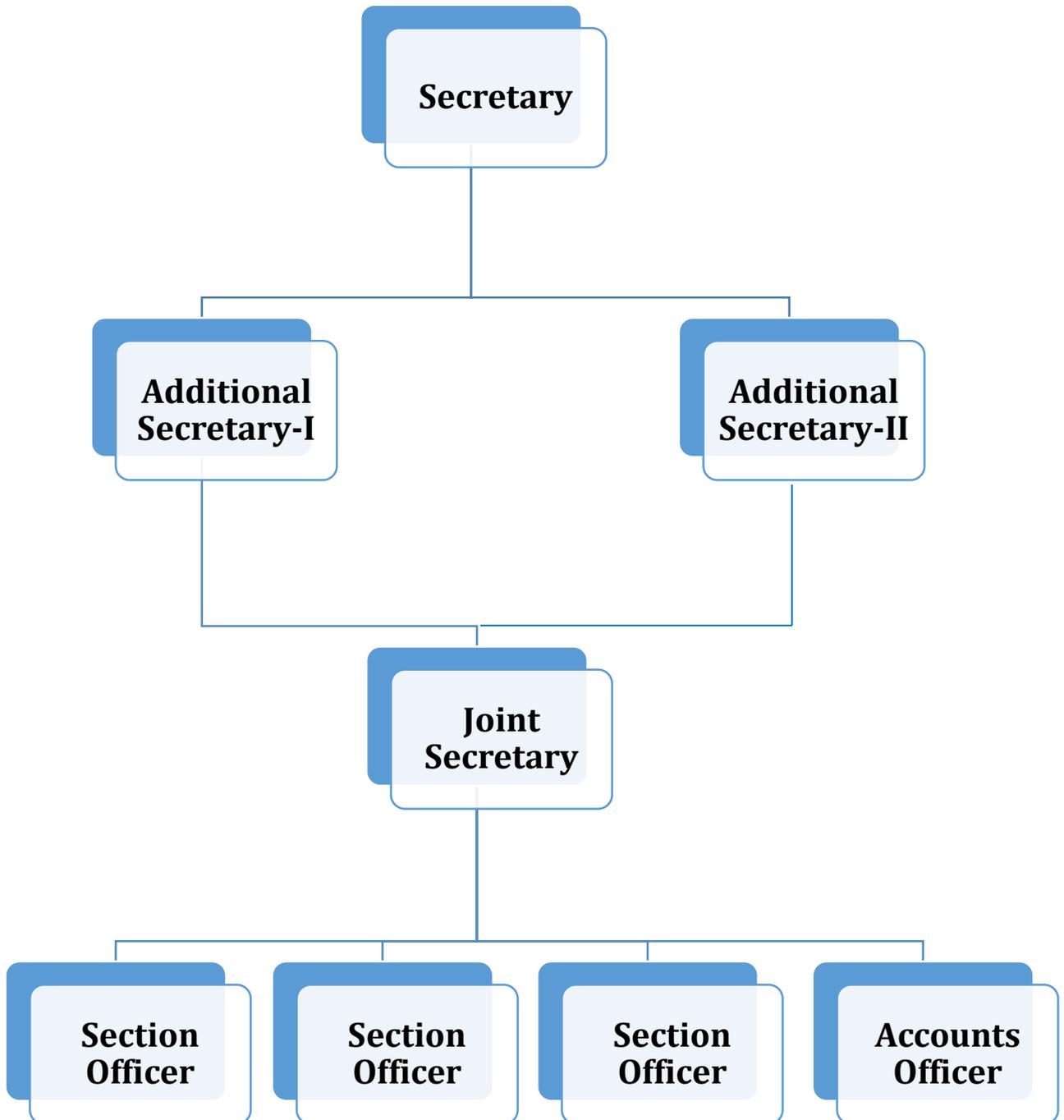
## **VISION**

We aim to develop a Pakistan that is safe from all external and internal threats and where all Pakistanis would live together in peaceful coexistence and freely utilize their energies and talents for their individual and national advancement.

## **MISSION**

Our endeavors are focused on integrating various initiatives for national peace, security and stability as well as social progress and economic prosperity into a common master plan based on principles and purposes of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Formulation and implementation of this master plan is a high priority for this newly created Division. In this connection, promotion of national consensus on various elements of national security is also important. As security becomes complex, need to promote international dialogue on its various facets is further highlighted. The Division also aims to build international synergies and cooperation in areas pertaining to the security domain.

# ORGANOGRAM



## **FUNCTIONS UNDER RULES OF BUSINESS 1973**

Following are the core functions assigned to the National Security Division under Government of Pakistan, Rules of Business 1973:

- Function as Secretariat of the National Security Committee (NSC).
- Convene meetings of the National Security Committee.
- Collect, coordinate and collate proposals and input from all relevant Ministries and organizations for consideration of the NSC.
- Formulate comprehensive National Security policy for approval of the National Security Committee.
- Coordinate the implementation of strategies and policies approved by the NSC through relevant Ministries and organizations.
- Formulate strategies and implement them in collaboration with Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage, to counter negative propaganda against Pakistan, and its institutions through its internal and external publicity wings, under the guidance of NSC.
- Seek, analyze and utilize policy inputs from the Planning Committee on National Security, public and private sector think tanks and other experts in the fields of internal and external security, foreign affairs, defence and economy.
- Brief the Parliament and its Committees on national security related issues.
- Conduct national security dialogue with other countries in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
- Interact with counterpart National Security Councils of other countries.

## National Security Committee

National Security Committee (NSC) is the principal decision making body of the country on national security matters. Composition of NSC is as follows:

1	The Prime Minister	Chairman
2	Minister for Defence	Member
3	Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization	Member
4	Minister for Foreign Affairs	Member
5	Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control	Member
6	Minister for Information and Broadcasting	Member
7	Minister for National Security Division	Member
8	National Security Adviser	Member
9	Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee	Member
10	Chief of the Army Staff	Member
11	Chief of the Naval Staff	Member
12	Chief of the Air Staff	Member
13	Secretary, Cabinet Division	Co-Opted Member

The NSC, at its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting (held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014) approved composition and functions of its following two supportive arms:-

- i) Planning Committee
- ii) Advisory Board

### ***Planning Committee***

#### **Composition**

- National Security Adviser (NSA); Chair
- Secretary Foreign Affairs;
- Secretary Defence;
- Secretary Interior;

- Secretary National Security;
- Heads of the relevant intelligence agencies;
- Chief of General Staff; and
- Any other official by special invitation.

### **Functions**

- Identify security issues on which research is required;
- Make arrangements for carrying out research by public and private sector institutions;
- Prepare necessary policy briefs and working papers for consideration of the NSC; and
- Prepare material on national security issues for presentation to the Parliament.

### ***Advisory Board***

#### **Composition**

- National Security Adviser (NSA); Chair
- Secretary, National Security Division; Deputy Chair
- Director General, Institute of Strategic Studies (ISS), Islamabad;
- President, Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), Islamabad;
- Director General, Institute of Strategic Studies, Research & Analysis (ISSRA) of the NDU, Islamabad; and
- Any other think tank or person of eminence with expertise in strategic and foreign policy issues.

#### **Functions**

- Conduct research on national security issues under the supervision of the National Security Division;
- Brief the Planning Committee on national security issues as and when required; and
- Organize national and international seminars on national security issues.

## **ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR**

### **Meetings of National Security Committee**

National Security Division acts as Secretariat for the National Security Committee and coordinates its meetings convened from time to time on the directive of the Prime Minister. The Committee has met twenty-nine (29) times since its establishment in August 2013.

The NSC held four meetings during the period under review. These meetings deliberated on issues such as overall economic situation of the country, National Action Plan, situation in Indian Occupied Kashmir, situation of Afghanistan, US & Iran standoff and FATF.

### **Formulation of National Security Policy**

National Security Division has also been assigned to conduct nation-wide consultations on developing the first ever National Security Policy (NSP) for the country. The NSP would be an overarching comprehensive document encompassing all issues relating to national security including challenges to national sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as issues concerning human security i.e. energy, water, food security, protection of rights of all citizens, governance and economic empowerment of the people of Pakistan.

Dialogue with concerned stakeholders is underway to make the policy-formulation exercise objective and inclusive. Eleven consultative meetings of Drafting Committee on National Security Policy have been held with concerned stakeholders for formulation of draft National Security Policy. A draft NSP has been prepared and is being reviewed by the Chairperson, Strategic Policy Planning Cell (SPPC). After the review, it will be presented to the NSC for its approval.

### **Security Dialogue with International Counterparts**

Another essential/core function of National Security Division is to establish linkages and initiate dialogue with national security agencies of other countries with a view to enhance understanding for Pakistan's security situation and promote bilateral/multilateral cooperation on counter-terrorism and security matters. In this regard, the Division has initiated national security dialogue with international partners.

### **14th Meeting of the SCO National Security Council Secretaries (15 May 2019, Bishkek, Tajikistan)**

The Division attended 14th Meeting of Security Council Secretaries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States took place in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on 15 May 2019. The meeting afforded an opportunity to the Additional Secretary, Mr. Zafar Iqbal, for interaction with other participants namely, Deputy National Security Adviser of the Republic of India Pankaj Saran, Presidential Aide and Security Council Secretary of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kalmukhanbet Kasymov, Member of the State Council of the People's Republic

of China Zhao Kezhi, Security Council Secretary of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan Damir Sagynbaev, Security Council Secretary of the Russian Federation Nikolai Patrushev, Security Council Secretary of the Republic of Tajikistan Mahmadali Watanzoda, Secretary of the Security Council under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Viktor Makhmudov, SCO Secretary-General Vladimir Norov and Director of the Executive Committee of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure Jumakhon Giyosov.

### **Establishment of Strategic Policy Planning Cell (SPPC)**

The Division has quite a lean structure. Yet the tasks assigned to it are highly important and sensitive. To supplement the work of the Division, an independent Strategic Policy Planning Cell (SPPC) has been established within the Division. The Cell would be headed by a Chairperson who would be assisted by a team of experts hired on merit on contractual basis.

### **Functions**

The SPPC would perform the following functions:

- To operate as an intellectual hub for evidence-based policy inputs on issues relevant to the National Security Committee (NSC).
- To assess comprehensive security situation in its various dimensions including traditional, economic and human security etc.
- Provide input / advice on strategic response to Pakistan's internal and external challenges.
- Proactively produce scenarios, forecasts and multiple alternative policy options on issues specific to national security.
- Proactively conduct original research and prospective analysis on issues of immediate and long term importance to Pakistan that may not be receiving the requisite attention within the system.
- Absorb inputs from all relevant Ministries/agencies, further analyze and distil them and present holistic view on the issues under consideration by the Prime Minister/ NSC.
- SPPC will present its inputs at the NSC meeting when required. SPPC will also continue channeling /reporting its work directly to the Prime Minister, members of the NSC, regardless of the frequency of the NSC meetings.
- SPPC will engage with and present Pakistan's perspective at intellectual policy forums held internationally under the auspices of various independent organization/INGOs.
- SPPC will act as an official channel to receive scholarly input from independent stakeholders, analysts, think tanks working on various aspects of security by regularly convening policy discussions and dialogues.
- SPPC will act as an independent body and will not fall under the hierarchy of the National Security Division. National Security Division will support SPPC in terms of financial and administrative management.

SPPC shall work in close liaison with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Security Division and all other relevant Ministries / Agencies/ Departments working on issues of national security and foreign policy. SPPC shall have access to analysis prepared by relevant agencies on the issues under discussion at the NSC.

The mainstay of SPPC will be a Council of experts consisting of think tanks, universities and independent Pakistani experts. This Council of experts will support SPPC's analysis through intellectual input and undertake original research for the Cell where possible.

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# **National Anthem**

*Blessed be the sacred land*

*Happy be the bounteous realm*

*Thou symbol of high resolve*

*O Land of Pakistan!*

*Blessed be thou centre of faith*

*The order of this sacred land*

*Is the might of the brotherhood of the people*

*May the nation, the country, and the state*

*Shine in glory everlasting!*

*Blessed be the goal of our ambition*

*The flag of the crescent and star*

*Leads the way to progress and perfection*

*Interpreter of our past, glory of our present*

*Inspiration of our future!*

*Shelter of God, the Glorious and Mighty*