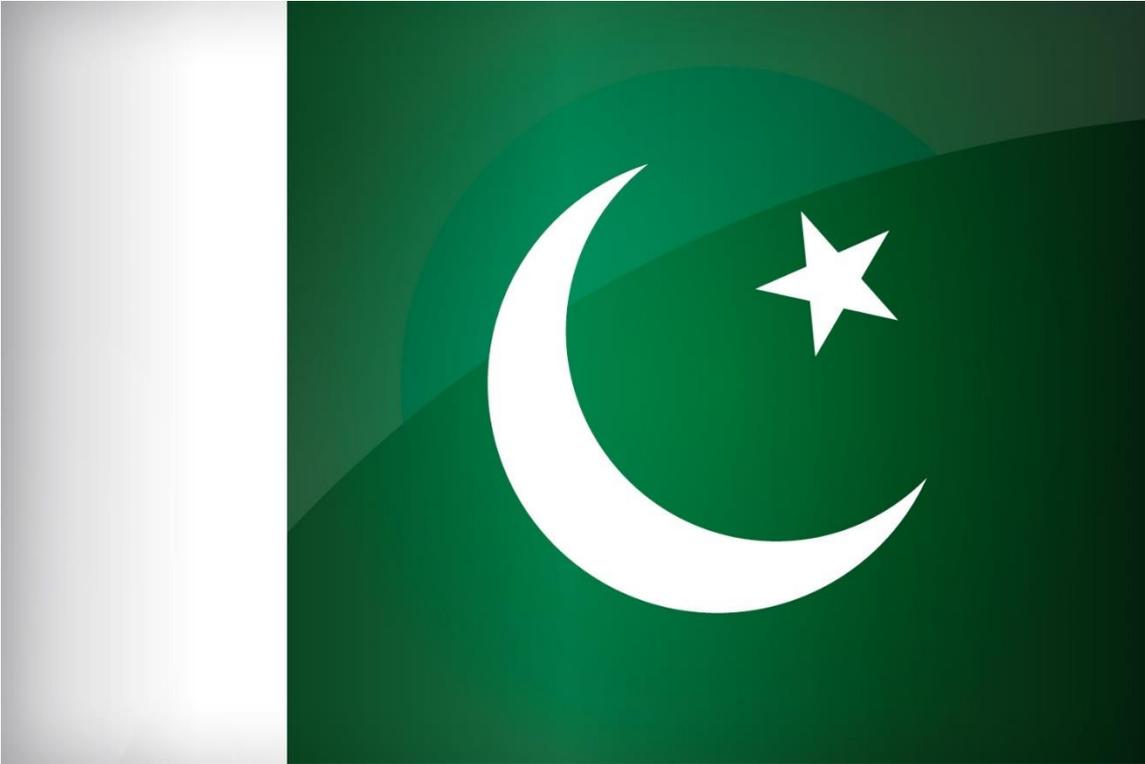




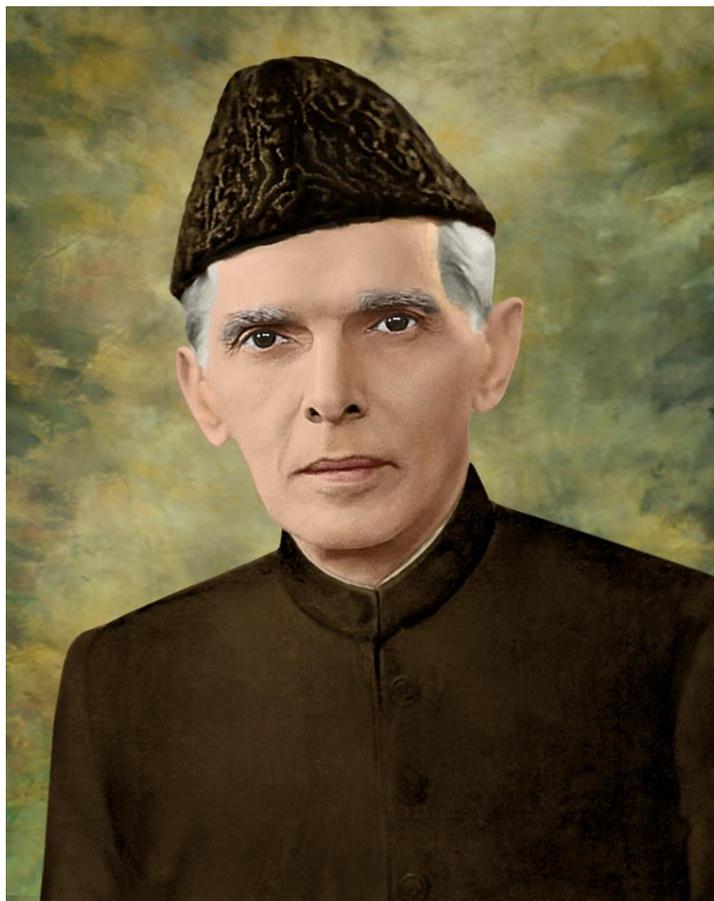
**National Security
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Government of Pakistan**

Year Book 2022-23

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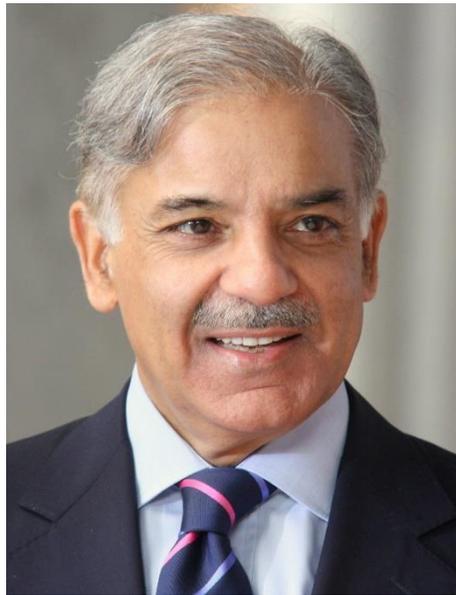


**Father of the Nation
Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah**



Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

Prime Minister of Pakistan
Minister in Charge, National Security Division



Engr. Aamir Hasan
Secretary, National Security Division



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FOREWORD

This booklet covers activities and achievements of the National Security Division (NSD) during financial year 2022-2023. 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 Forty-Two (42) occasions. 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, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and other important matters of internal and external security.

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. Two notables (Tashkent (in person) and Delhi (virtual)) international meetings of SCO were attended by Secretary NSD along with Joint Secretary, NSD. 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 Strategic Policy Planning Cell (SPPC) which comes under National Security Division.

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

Pakistan is envisioned as an Islamic welfare state, internationally relevant and aligned with universal principles of justice, equality and tolerance. Seeking a peaceful neighborhood based on mutual co-existence, regional connectivity and shared prosperity. A secure and economically resilient Pakistan, empowered by diversity of culture, and demographic dividends, while ensuring fundamental rights and social justice without discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or belief. Promoting good governance through strengthening of institutions, transparency, accountability and openness as articles of faith.

MISSION

The National Security Division endeavors to promote and integrate initiatives on national security and strategic policy planning under a holistic National Security Policy based on the principles of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The Division seeks to promote a unified national narrative on a broad-based conception of National Security, and remains committed to providing administrative and intellectual support to the National Security Committee (NSC), Pakistan's premier decision making forum on national security, and all relevant stakeholders. Appreciating Pakistan's complex security requirements, the Division is geared to build international synergies by holding security dialogues with partner countries to strengthen Pakistan's global cooperation on matters of security.

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:

1. Function as Secretariat of the National Security Committee (NSC).
2. Convene meetings of the National Security Committee.
3. Collect, coordinate and collate proposals and input from all relevant Ministries and organizations for consideration of the NSC.
4. Formulate comprehensive National Security policy for approval of the National Security Committee as well as ensure its sustainability through monitoring of its implementation and undertaking periodical review / updation in consultation with all the stakeholders as required.
5. Coordinate the implementation of strategies and policies approved by the NSC through relevant Ministries and organizations.
6. Develop national narrative to promote the national security vision outlined in the NSP and counter the negative and obscurantist ideology of the extremists, terrorists, and militants.
7. Provide administrative and financial management support to the functionally independent Strategic Policy Planning Cell (SPPC) and coordinate all intellectual / research and dialogue – based activities through the SPPC.
8. Brief the Parliament and its Committees on national security related issues.
9. Conduct national security dialogue with other countries in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
10. Interact with counterpart National Security Councils of other countries.
11. Organize Islamabad Security Dialogue on regular basis.

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:

The Prime Minister	Chairman
Minister for Defence	Member
Minister for Finance and Revenue	Member
Minister for Foreign Affairs	Member
Minister for Information and Broadcasting	Member
Minister for Interior	Member
National Security Adviser	Member
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff	Member
Chief of Army Staff	Member
Chief of Naval Staff	Member
Chief of Air Staff	Member
Secretary, National Security Division	Secretary
Secretary, Cabinet Division	Co-opted Member

Three (03) meetings of the Committee held in 2022-23.

The NSC, at its 3rd meeting (held on 17th 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:-

Two meetings held in 2022-23.

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

National Security Policy:-

National Security Division has formulated the 1st ever Comprehensive National Security Policy of Pakistan which was approved by the Federal Cabinet on 28-12-2021 and launched on 14-01-2022. The implementation of the National Security Policy is a longstanding continuous process and to this effect the meetings are being conducted across the country with quarter concerned from time to time. Furthermore, this Division has been providing research based policy inputs to the Prime Minister's Office and other stake holders for policy formulation.

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.

Islamabad Security Dialogue:-

This division also arranged 3rd Edition of Islamabad Security Dialogue on 10th and 11th May 2023 to initiate a debate of Pakistan's National Security Narrative at international level and establish Pakistan as an international thought leader. The Islamabad Security Dialogue included National Security Advisors of China, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Military Heads of China and Indonesia, who presented their remarks at the conference, in addition to over 40 high profile international and national speakers, including Senior Federal Ministers. The videos and post event report of Islamabad Security Dialogue can be accessed at www.islamabadsecuritydialogue.com

Automation through Deployment of E-Office System:-

Automation of file keeping and communication protocols within the Division as well as with other Ministries/Divisions have been brought in line with NITB's E-Office System. The NSD is currently ahead of the digitization timeline as it is operated on Level-4 of the E-Office system with respect to its daily functioning.

Adoption of Security Protocols

In light of the cyber-security threats faced by NSD and other Ministries/government agencies, the NSD has been able to implement rigorous and updated security protocols for data protection and cyber-security. Staff from NSD and SPPC have been trained on and provided with Standard Operating Procedures developed to ensure safety of sensitive data.

Rejuvenating Advisory Board

NSD has focused specially on activating the Advisory Board to ensure input from partnering think tanks on relevant and vital issues policy input for premieres. In addition, this has enabled NSD to work closely with think tanks to provide direction.

Building a Culture of Excellence

Significantly, the NSD continues strive to operate with a degree of professional excellence, befitting of the responsibility placed upon us. The NSD and SPPC strive to think and work with a strong emphasis on functioning as a collective unit that does not promote any undue hierarchy to work for real time policy formulation.



6th July, 2022

Ambassador of Kazakhstan H.E. Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin called on Secretary NSD, Engr. Aamir Hasan on 6th July, 2022 to discuss issues of mutual concern and explore avenues of enhancing cooperation in different fields.



11, August 2022

Engr. Aamir Hasan, Federal Secretary, National Security Division (NSD) shall be attending the 17th Meeting of the Security Council Secretaries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States



18-20 August 2022

Secretary NSD, Eng. Aamir Hasan attended the 17th Meeting of the Secretaries of the Security Councils of the SCO member states held in Tashkent

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Climate Security And International Environmental Law



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30, September 2022

National Security Division hosted a special conversation titled, Climate Security and Environmental Law on 30th September, 2022.



04, October 2022

Secretary NSD, Eng. Aamir Hasan chairing the 27th meeting of Advisory Board



03, November 2022

Panel Discussion: "Managing Natural Disasters in Pakistan"



29, November 2022

Vice Admiral (R) Ahmad Saeed HI(M), DG NIMA called on Secretary NSD, Engr. Aamir Hasan on 29th November, 2022.



21, March 2023

The Russian Ambassador H.E Mr. Danila Ganich called on the Secretary National Security Division, Engr. Aamir Hasan on 21st March, 2023 in his office to discuss issues of mutual interest



29, March 2023

18th Meeting of the Secretaries of the Security Council of the SCO Countries.



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07, April 2023

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs 41st meeting of the National Security Council



02, May 2023

Engr. Aamir Hasan, Federal Secretary, National Security Division (NSD) chairing the 28th meeting of the Advisory Board



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11, May 2023

Engr Aamir Hasan, Secretary NSD presenting a souvenir to the Chief Guest, Mr Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives at the inauguration of the Islamabad Security Dialogue organized by the NSD in Pak China Friendship Centre Islamabad on 10-11 May, 2023



16, May 2023

42nd meeting of the NSC was held in Prime Minister's House on 16th May, 2023



29, May 2023

Engr Aamir Hasan, Secretary NSD chairing a meeting on Non-Traditional Security at the Prime Minister's Office today

قومی ترانہ

پاک سرزمین شادباد کشورِ حسین شادباد
تو نشانِ عزمِ عالیشان ارضِ پاکستان !
مرکزِ یقین شادباد

پاک سرزمین کا نظام قوتِ اخوتِ عوام
قوم ، ملک ، سلطنت پائندہ تابندہ باد
شادباد منزلِ مراد

پرچمِ ستارہ و ہلال مہرِ ترقی و کمال
ترجمانِ ماضی شانِ حال جانِ استقبالیہ !

سایہ خدائے ذوالجلال

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*