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Experts urge strong deterrence as warfare evolves

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Top strategic officers experts on Monday said Pakistan must keep its deterrence credible and adaptive, warning that future conflicts in South Asia are likely to be more complex and dangerous than past crises due to rapid technological change and evolving modes of warfare. The speakers were addressing a book launch hosted by the Centre for International Strategic Studies (CISS), Islamabad, held as part of the first anniversary commemorations of Operation Sindoor-am-Marmoos under Marka-e-Haq.

The book, 'Marka-e-Haq: Deterrence, Preservation, and Strategic Maturity in South Asia', brings together writings by scholars, diplomats and retired military officers on deterrence stability, crisis management, shifting strategic doctrines and broader regional security challenges.

Organisers described the book as an academic contribution focused on the pressures created by Indian military posturing, disinformation campaigns and changing regional dynamics.

Former Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Gen. (retd) Zubair Mahmood Hayat said strategic maturity and institutional readiness were essential to maintaining stability, adding that future conflicts would increasingly involve hybrid tactics, cyber capabilities and narrative warfare alongside conventional operations. Sen. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, who has in the past headed Senate foreign affairs and defence committees, stressed the importance of intellectual debate and regional engagement in addressing emerging security challenges. Lt. Gen. (retd) Khalid Ahmad Kidwai, adviser to National Command Authority (NCA) said recent developments had highlighted both strengths and vulnerabilities in deterrence stability and called for responsible nuclear stewardship and strategic restraint. Lt. Gen. (retd) Nadir Javed, Adviser Development to NCA, said India's evolving offensive doctrines required Pakistan to maintain a calibrated and cohesive deterrence approach while avoiding escalation. Lt. Gen. (retd) Sarfraz Sattar, Adviser Development to NCA, said regional crises had shown the importance of understanding adversarial behavior and sustaining credible deterrence through coordinated political and military signaling. Amb. (retd) Zamir Akram, Adviser at the Strategic Plans Division, said India's shifting strategic posture had increased uncertainty in the region and that growing militarisation and lack of meaningful dialogue continued to deepen mistrust between the two nuclear-armed neighbors. Brig. (retd) Dr. Zafar Karim, Adviser Arms Control at SPD, said deterrence in modern times went beyond military capability and also depended on strategic communication, political resolve and cognitive resilience.

CISS Executive Director Amb. (retd) Ali Sarwar Naqvi said South Asia's strategic environment was becoming increasingly volatile due to India's posture and aggressive signaling, emphasising the need for responsible statecraft, sustained dialogue and credible deterrence to preserve peace.

TENDER NOTICE

1. Ordnance Depot Sujawala Cantt invites sealed bid from registered and non-registered firms with this Depot to supply of Tool / Tool Equipments and Miscellaneous Ordnance Stores for which details are available on PPRA website: www.ppra.org.pk.
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Loss of Property Documents

Original Booking Form of Plot No 9VS-R6-0-25-R-3-117 measuring 5 Marlas of Lake City Holdings Pvt. Ltd. Lahore in the name of Dawood Ahmad S/o Sultan Ahmad CNIC No. 35202-2868175-1 R/o House 513-G4 Johar Town, Lahore has been misplaced. If anyone finds please send to the Secretary Lake City Holdings Pvt. Ltd. at the above mentioned address. Contact : [illegible]

IHC suspends order of Justice of Peace for registration of FIR against CRO, Girdawar

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The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has suspended an order of Justice of Peace for registration of a First Information Report (FIR) against Circle Revenue Officer and Girdawar Islamabad. A single bench of IHC comprising Chief Justice of IHC Justice Sardar Muhammad Sarfraz Dogar stayed the FIR orders and also issued the notices to the respondents in a petition filed by Ali Javed presently posted as Circle Revenue Officer, Islamabad and Chaudhry Muhammad Mubeen presently posted as Girdawar Circle through their counsel Zubair Asif Chaudhary Advocate. In the petition, counsel for the petitioners contended that a citizen Abid Abbas respondent No.2 filed an application under Section 22-A/22-B Cr.PC seeking direction for registration of FIR against the petitioners before the Ex-Officio Justice of Peace, who passed the impugned order dated 28.04.2026 without applying the judicious mind. Further he argued that Respondent No.2 had never moved any application for registration of FIR before the SHO but filed a time application alongwith petition U/s 22-A of Cr.P.C, which is violative of Section 154 of Cr.P.C as well as law laid down as PLD 2016 SC 581, which required an informant to approach Station House Officer of concerned Police Station and other superior Police Officers but said fact has been ignored by the Ex-Officio Justice of Peace while passing the impugned order, which is liable to be set aside. Counsel Zulfiqar stated that the petitioners being aggrieved from the impugned order Dated 28.04.2026, passed by the Justice of Peace (M) Ex-Islamabad-East, invoked the inherent jurisdiction of this court for setting aside the said order. He maintained that the impugned order, with due respect, is absolutely illegal, unlawful, contrary to Law, against the facts & circumstances of the case, result of clear violation of the statutory provisions of law and the principles laid down by Honourable Superior Courts. The counsel submitted that Justice of Peace East, has not considered that as per mandate of section 154 & 155 of Cr.P.C, the informant is bound to firstly approach to the concerned Police Station for conveying any information regarding commission of cognizable or non-cognizable offence, if no action is taken by the concerned Police then he has to approach to the superior Police Officers or Forum for redressal of his grievance but in the instant matter, no application has been moved by respondent No. 2, either to the concerned SHO or to any other superior Police Officer, which is clear violation of the basic Law alongside the judgment of August Supreme Court cited in PLD 2016 SC 581.

RAVI URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ravi Urban Development Authority Lahore has been offered land measuring 09 Kanal 17 Marla 200 Sqft of House Awan Dhaye Wala, Tehsil Shalimar, District Lahore by following Land Owners for sale to RUDA :-

Land Owners	Khewat Nos	Land		
		Kanal	Marla	Sqft
Muhammad Husain etc.	655	04	11	0
Rehmat Ali	650	8	17	100
Abdul Majeed	1653	4	12	0
	1651	5	7	113
	1654	5	8	0
Allah Ditta	629	5	3	0
Muhammad Yousaf	38	14	18	0
	35	5	3	113
	43	5	14	0
Muhammad Ashraf	1644	1	14	150
	1643	3	1	66
Hanifan Bibi etc	51	8	8	0
Muhammad Aslam etc	1654	5	18	113
	1655	5	2	113
Mehran etc	628	2	3	179
Parveen Bibi etc	1714	4	8	0

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