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## Introduction

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The Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies organized a webinar titled “Indian Chronicles: India’s Disinformation against Pakistan” on 23 January 2021. The discussion focused on the following key areas.

1. Assessment of India’s disinformation campaign against Pakistan
2. Evaluation of global rules and norms against disinformation campaigns
3. Analysis of the political, legal and diplomatic consequences of disinformation in general, and India’s campaign in particular
4. How Pakistan can prevent or defeat such attempts now and in the future.

Ms Sitara Noor, the Senior Researcher at CASS, moderated the session and provided an overview of the EU DisinfoLab report and discussed its implications. Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr Moeed Yusuf was the Keynote Speaker. Other speakers included Mr Ejaz Haider, Ms Ramsha Jahangir and Mr Oves Anwar. President CASS Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat (Retd.) chaired the webinar and delivered the concluding remarks.

## Executive Summary

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*Following a preliminary investigation published in 2019, the EU DisinfoLab uncovered a massive operation targeting international institutions and serving Indian interests. “Indian Chronicles” — resurrected dead media, dead think-tanks and NGOs. It even resurrected dead people. This network is active in Brussels and Geneva in producing and amplifying content to undermine – primarily – Pakistan.*

The EU DisinfoLab report, co-authored by Gary Machado Alexandre Alaphilippe and Roman Adamczyk, brought to light a massive Indian disinformation campaign targeting Pakistan through fake news, false testimonies at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and malicious propaganda involving the European Union Members of Parliament. The webinar brought together diverse views as the experts analyzed the issue from a strategic, operational, media and legal perspective.

It was pointed out that despite Pakistan's continuous efforts to draw attention towards this issue, the world had paid no heed and even now remains unmoved after the disclosure of the Srivastava Group by the EU DisinfoLab report. It was pointed out that the unrelenting obsession of Hindutva-driven India to harm Pakistan was incomprehensible and the consequences of these tactics would be an unstable, insecure and underdeveloped neighbourhood.

The speakers listed down the challenges of the disinformation campaign and maintained that India had been ahead of Pakistan in the game of perceptions and narrative building.

*India's narrative had been bought hook, line and sinker by the United States and the Western world. As a result, it has been getting away with all kinds of malicious activities against Pakistan.*

There was a unanimous view on Indian state's direct involvement in this campaign going on for many years and seen as a failure of the United Nations transparency, monitoring and governance system. The speakers found it astounding that this campaign was allowed to work under the watch of international systems, and nothing

was done about it when the first revelation came out in 2019 about “EP Today”, a fake European Parliament magazine active in Brussels since 2006.

The debate also focused on the potential responses and recognized the need for Pakistan to come up with evidence-based research like the EU DisinfoLab report, more investment in fact-checking, media literacy and building a fresh narrative. A number of legal and diplomatic counter measures were also discussed that ranged from actions to get the dubious or fake NGOs delisted from the UN system, initiating lawsuits against individuals and entities involved in information theft and false personification under the relevant domestic laws of various countries.

The speakers agreed that there has been a push to regulate social media platforms at the international level as well as within states, but maintaining a balance between rights and responsibilities continued to be a great challenge. They stressed that Pakistan could play a leading role in pushing forward this trend against disinformation.

*Disinformation and information operations can be used for a multitude of reasons, from covering up both illegal activities and foreign interference in democratic processes to funding hate speech and promoting illegal medicines, etc. In order to examine the phenomena and mitigate their impact, cross-expertise cooperation between civil society practitioners, researchers, and policymakers is crucial.*

- EU Disinfo Lab 2019, “Influencing Policymakers with Fake Media Outlets: An Investigation into a Pro-Indian Influence Network.”

*We are alarmed to see the continuation of Indian Chronicles, which, despite our first report and wide press coverage, has pursued its 15-year long operation and even recently launched EU Chronicle, a fake EU outlet. This should serve as a call to action for decision-makers to put in place a relevant framework to sanction actors abusing international institutions. It is possible that the absence of messages from the institutions affected by Indian Chronicles provided the space and opportunity for the operation to reinvent itself and to continue doing “more of the same”.*

- EU Disinfo Lab 2020, “Indian Chronicles: Deep Dive into A 15-Year Operation Targeting the EU and UN to Serve Indian Interests.”

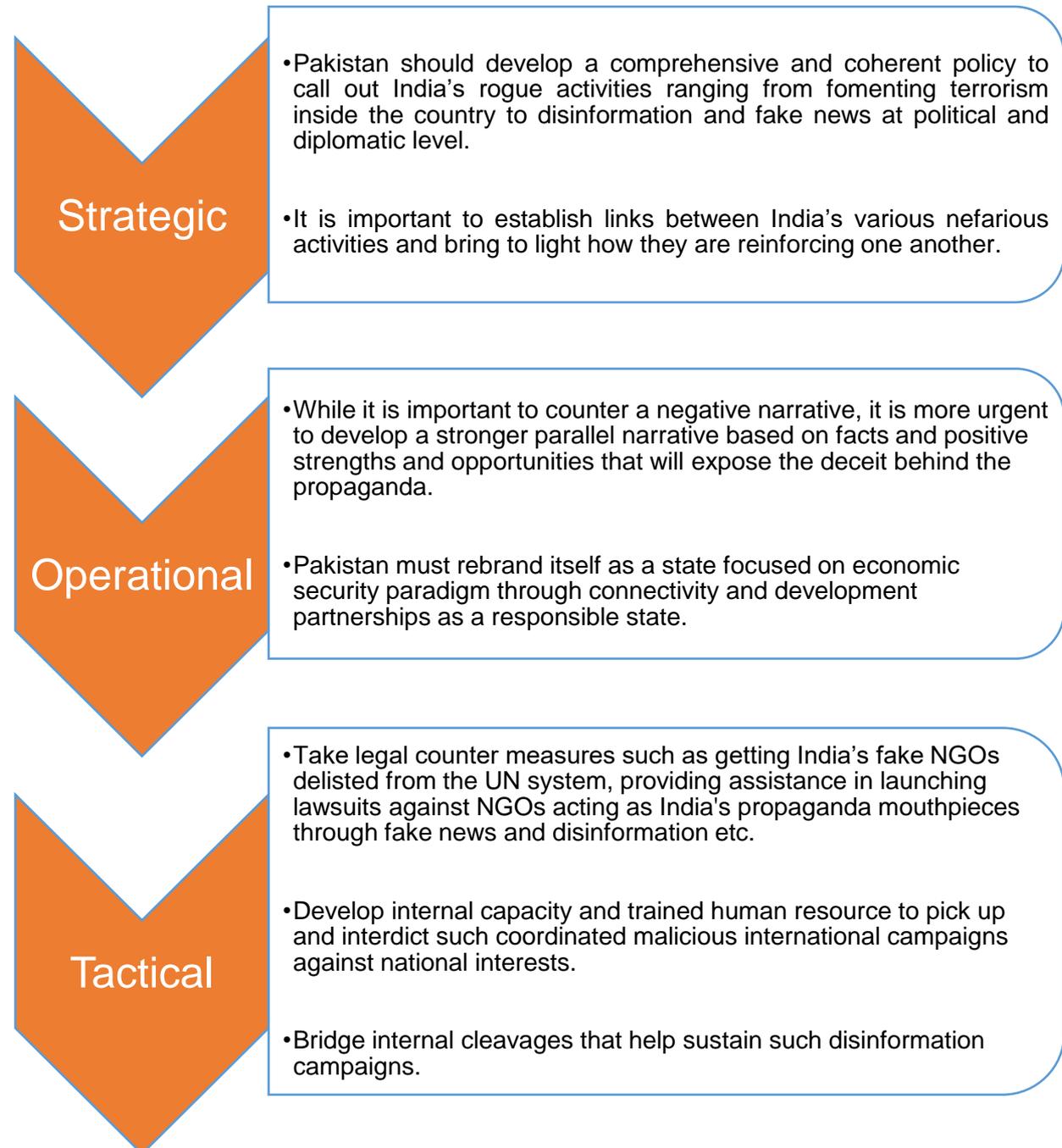
## Key Takeaways

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- To develop a coherent and futuristic policy, Pakistan must bridge the gap between policymaking and policy input. The state must seek the support of the think tank community and academia for research-based solutions on issues concerning national security and policy.
- Pakistan should adopt a coherent national narrative and should not waste its resources on defensive measures and building counternarratives.
- Consistency is key in order to counter Indian propaganda and shift the global narrative in Pakistan's favour. Pakistan must take an unapologetic approach at international forums.
- Digital space has given a new and far more sinister dimension to information dominance and manipulation. This challenge should be dealt with a new strategy, keeping in mind the evolving nature of the threat.
- Lies and deceit have a short shelf life, Pakistan should avoid the lure of following the same path of disinformation as a response, and instead, invest in evidence-based research, fact-checking, media literacy and counter disinformation by identifying it. For example, the regulatory discussion on data transparency from platforms now taking place should be broadened to include greater scrutiny of domain names.
- Controlling information and acute censorship is not the right approach to counter disinformation. Any infringement on freedom of speech would have far greater consequences than any benefit that control might bring.
- Disinformation campaigns are very insidious tools and should not be viewed from a myopic lens. The campaign against Pakistan has been part of an overall antagonistic strategy which has had far-reaching implications beyond military battles or conflicts as it aimed to erode people's trust in state institutions.
- At the moment, there is no international mechanism to deal with fake news and propaganda. However, there is a growing trend towards that, and Pakistan could play an important role in pushing and advancing decision-makers to put in place a relevant framework to sanction actors abusing international institutions.

## Policy Directions

To respond to the revelations in *Indian Chronicles*, Pakistan needs to develop a three-pronged policy:



## Dialogue Analysis

### Opening Remarks

**President CASS Air Chief  
Marshal Kaleem Saadat (Retd.)**

*India's disinformation campaign has proven, if ever any proof was required of Indian hatred and animosity towards Pakistan.*

Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat underscored the risks of the multi-domain hybrid war being waged against Pakistan. He noted that even though Pakistan had been drawing attention towards this issue, the world had paid no heed to it; even after the disclosure of this network by the EU Disinfo lab report, the world remained unmoved. He added that the unrelenting obsession of Hindutva-driven India to harm Pakistan was incomprehensible.

*India could live, and let live Pakistan in peace, but it cannot and would not. Consequences of these tactics would be an unstable, insecure and underdeveloped neighbourhood.*

### Keynote Address

**Dr Moeed Yusuf - Special  
Assistant to the Prime Minister  
on National Security Division and  
Strategic Policy Planning**

In his Keynote Address, Dr Moeed Yusuf laid out Pakistan's vision for the future. He stated that Pakistan was a country squarely focused on an economic security paradigm that was based on three pillars:

1. Connectivity: to use its geo-economic location to the best effect possible.
2. Development Partnership: focused on opportunities for real development and investment partnerships.
3. Responsible State: a state responsible for its citizens as well as beyond its borders.

The pre-condition to economic security paradigm, Dr Yusuf emphasized, was peace in the region.

*Unless there is peace in the region, connectivity and economic resource cannot be optimized to fulfil the vision of an economic security paradigm.*

He highlighted that the overarching concept behind this new government policy was a strong push towards economic diplomacy when it comes to Pakistan's engagement with the world. He proclaimed that this was a major shift in the government's vision.

Dr Yusuf declared that India was pursuing an ideology exclusive of all other thought processes except *Hindutva*; and fit the description of "rogue state" on six counts:

1. *Hindutva*, the ideology India was "hell-bent on", is self-proclaimed expansionist philosophy.
2. Indian officials were publicly talking about military actions against Pakistan.
3. India had become a country that was in conflict with every single one of its neighbours.
4. There was a mafia of pathological Pakistan-haters designing India's foreign policy.
5. India was taking unilateral decisions on bilateral disputes.
6. India had "rubbished" all international law obligations and agreements such as the Simla Agreement as far as Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir was concerned.

***While India has an expansionist agenda at the strategic level, it has been plotting against Pakistan at the tactical level, including cyber and terrorist activities as well and that was being done from the very top level.***

According to Dr Yusuf, the Indian leadership had been making its utmost efforts to undermine, destabilize and hold Pakistan back from economic development and stability.

Outlining the challenges of the disinformation campaign, he said that India has been ahead of Pakistan in the game of perceptions and narrative building and New Delhi's narrative had been bought by the US and the Western world. With the help of this narrative, India had portrayed itself as a bulwark against China and managed to get away with its activities against Pakistan, including terrorism. He stressed that malicious campaigns against Pakistan had been going on even before these latest revelations of "Indian Chronicles" and were "just the tip of the iceberg."

***Although the DisinfoLab report did not categorically implicate the Indian state, Pakistan has evidence that this was being carried out under the instructions of the Indian government and its intelligence agency RAW.***

Specifying the various crimes committed under India's disinformation campaign, Dr Yusuf pointed towards identity theft, intellectual theft, misrepresentation, and fraud in multiple European jurisdictions. He asserted that not only did India commit these crimes, but had also violated international conventions and bilateral agreements. He further added that all of its disinformation activities were not just unethical, they were crimes under the law and perpetrators were liable for prosecution under multiple jurisdictions.

Talking about Pakistan's response, Dr Yusuf revealed that the Government wrote to the President of the EU Parliament, and there was an internal inquiry already underway. He also shared that the entire Board of the South Asia Development Forum (SADF) – one of the listed entities in the EU DisinfoLab report – had resigned stating that they were duped into becoming part of this disinformation campaign.

While articulating what actions remain to be taken, he mentioned that Pakistan would push for delisting dubious NGOs from the UN ECOSOC system. He added that it was a failure of the UN system that allowed such fake NGOs to

function, and also raised the question whether such a country (India) should even be sitting on the UN Security Council. He also highlighted the involvement of some Pakistani expatriates who were willingly or inadvertently aiding India's campaign to malign Pakistan.



*This campaign has been a full-fledged attack against Pakistan short of war in every possible way as it included cyberspace, information space and terrorism space, and also included international space such as FATF.*

He further added that the dossier prepared by Pakistan established clear links of India's involvement in terror financing and using this disinformation campaign to cover that up. In his opinion, if this was not enough for the world to wake up, then the world did not care for peace in the region.

Lastly, he stressed that in order to bring peace in the region, India must stop its subversive activities against Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue under the international law, as there was no scope for peace under the current circumstances. He shared that India was in a quandary as a result of Pakistan's perseverance.

*India's knee-jerk responses are not going to stop Pakistan. We will continue to go ahead pragmatically and consistently and continue to show the world India's true face and demand Pakistan's rightful position unapologetically.*

Dr Moeed Yusuf's keynote speech was followed by an animated **Question and Answer** session.

Responding to a question on employing fact-checking methods, he explained the challenges in dealing with an issue such as this, that's not physical but resides only in virtual space. He explained that if the operation was continuing for 15 years, it did not mean that the state was not doing anything.

*Pakistan was taking some measures even before the revelation. However, we are starting late, and need to strengthen our information warfare space. However, that does not mean that Pakistan should pursue illegal and unethical activities. As a responsible state, we will act within legal limits.*

Dr Yusuf added that Pakistan should adopt the approach of building a coherent national narrative and not counter-narratives against the talking points prepared by the Western countries. He identified that one major problem and weakness was that Pakistan's policymaking and policy input space was not been interlinked.

He informed that work was underway on this front and the NSD was launching a nationwide think tank/university portal where both could provide policy input on any issue in a structured format.

On the correlation of evidence published in the dossier with that of building a case against India at FATF, he said that he would be shocked if India was not put on the list given the abundance of evidence against it.

Talking about hybrid warfare and internal cleavages, he acknowledged that information warfare was a new space and Pakistan needed to learn and improve a lot. He agreed that there were internal problems in Pakistan that must be fixed, but that should not be an excuse for not addressing other pressing issues.

In response to a question about the international response, Dr Yusuf shared that the dossier was a real indictment with solid details and proofs that Pakistan had put out even at the expense of its sources. While it did not receive a response that it should have in any just world, Pakistan was going to push ahead unapologetically and consistently. He added that the burden of evidence was so large that the world would have to listen eventually.

*If we look at it carefully, we see that India had been called out, maligned and questioned by the Western press and media in a way that had not been done in the past 20-30 years.*

### **Ejaz Haider - Executive Editor, Indus News**

Mr Ejaz Haider offered his observations about the effectiveness and significance of influence operations. In his talk, he deliberated upon the uniqueness of India's influence operations against Pakistan and subsequently discussed how Pakistan could strengthen itself against such tactics. He highlighted that the digital space had made it difficult to examine what one encounters on the Internet forensically.

Referring to multiple studies, he expressed that perceptions were formed quickly, but were resistant to change.

*The digital world's lightening pace allowed fakery to snowball, where impressions stayed even after something had been debunked. Due to artificial perceptions, fake identities, organizations, and publications can be created or re-created in no time, even if exposed.*

Sharing his views on fake operations, he argued that they had become sophisticated, making it even more difficult to reveal or evaluate them. In his view, perception management was not a new phenomenon, neither was information war or operations.

*Digital space had given information dominance, and manipulation, a new and far more sinister dimension. It has become a powerful tool in the hands of a nation-state to exploit its adversary.*

He presented a theoretical dimension of how and why influence operations were effective. Referring to one of his articles, where he quoted the work of Nobel Laureate Daniel Kahneman, Mr Haider explained the dichotomy between two modes of thinking: fast (system 1) and slow (system 2). He discussed that the fast was instinctive, emotional, and informed by one's cognitive biases and the requirement to immediately restructure the world. Nevertheless, he believed it was not deliberative and logical. In contrast, system two analysis required one to train oneself to overcome one's immediate responses and biases. He said that an overwhelming majority of humankind went through life without

developing the ability to work in and through system two.

***The nature of war does not change, its conduct does. The conduct of war has changed throughout history with changes in technology. From contact war, the world has moved to no-contact war. We now have weapons whose central operating principles are distance, stealth, and surprise. They are the product of cutting-edge research and development and they require not just doctrinal changes but also specialized training. War used to be about fighting and winning. That has largely changed. It is now more about deterrence, keeping the adversaries away. And, when need be, meting out unacceptable punishment to an aggressor.***

He illustrated his point by saying that we seem to have forgotten that India's approach towards Pakistan and efforts to undermine it, is not a recent phenomenon. It was a structural problem, as the "Indian Chronicles" dates back to 2005 when India was ruled by Dr Manmohan Singh. Referring to what the EU Disinfo Lab had explained about the operation, he suggested that given the scale, scope, and sophistication of the operation, it would be naive to think that a state actor or the state actor's intelligence

agency was/is not involved in such an operation.

He highlighted that in average influence operations, the actors target a particular event, move in, operate, and get out. For example, the Russian operation to influence the 2016 US Presidential Election. On the flip side, he added the Indian operation against Pakistan, exposed by the EU Disinfo Lab, was complex, layered, and sustained. He further reminded that India and Pakistan were locked in a conflictual paradigm; hence, Indians would do whatever it took to undermine Pakistan. He was of the view that instead of waiting for the EU Disinfo Lab to expose such heinous influence operations, Pakistan needed to develop the capability to plan its influence operations to counter India.

Mr Ejaz also deliberated upon the significance of the world's perception of a state entity. He argued that it was about what one could draw out of the world to one's advantage.

***Modern wars are not a direct contest of arms. They are waged at multiple levels and primarily through non-kinetic means. Facebook, Amazon, Google etc. are now as important as a blue water navy and carrier battle groups.***

During the **Discussion Session**, Mr Haider addressed the question of the role of media and censorship. He was of the view that censorship might not be effective in controlling disinformation. However, it was important to build the capacity of mainstream media personnel to be able to identify fake news.

Talking about the need for psychosocial interventions, he reiterated that terms like hybrid and 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Warfare augmented the perception that the nature of war had undergone a change but in reality, this was not the case. The non-kinetic means of waging war such as espionage, deception, perception management and manipulation were in use since ages.

*5<sup>th</sup> Generation or 6<sup>th</sup> Generation war, irregular war, call it what you will, will only bring victory to people who can think, question, experiment, explore and research.*

### **Ramsha Jahangir – Journalist and Scholar**

Building upon the previous discussion, Ms Ramsha Jahangir highlighted that this was not the first investigation that the EU DisinfoLab had done.

*The first investigation came out in 2019, where they uncovered 265 fake news outlets operating in 65 countries, and, in a follow up to that in 2020, the bigger investigation uncovered that the same network was, in fact, running 750+ fake news outlets, covering 119 countries.*

The DisinfoLab report stated that the network had used a mix of methods where they also used traditional platforms like the European Union and the United Nations, defunct NGOs and also revived Prof. Louis B. Sohn, a prominent figure in human rights, deceased in 2006; to further their agenda. At the same time, they had used a lot of fake domains and fake news websites, so it was a mix of traditional methods, cyber warfare methods and also on-ground activity like side-events and demonstrations.

*That is what sets this whole network apart, this combination of virtual and on-ground, physical disinformation for over 15 years.*

In her assessment, the most astounding part was that when the first investigation came out in 2019 there was no noise at the international level. In fact, the investigators of EU Disinfo Lab had even highlighted in their follow-up report that despite raising the issue and alerting the United Nations, the European Union and all the

stakeholders involved, including the Indian government, nothing was done, and no investigation took place.

Shedding light on some of the tactics being used, she explained that some of the domains highlighted in the 2019 report involved in spreading fake news against Pakistan such as EP Today, re-registered under a different name.

As a result of the muted international response, the network got stronger; they were allowed to reproduce and strengthen and expand to around 119 countries from 65 countries. She stated that the lack of accountability of the stakeholders involved and the lack of coverage in international media was partly to blame for the rapid and malicious expansion of the network.

*If the Government of Pakistan had generated the same response in 2019 that was given this time, maybe they could have done something earlier on because the evidence was overwhelming in the first report as well.*

She further stated that the investigators had pointed out that it took more than a few computers to do something like this, as it was not limited to fake news websites, but also fake NGOs and fake journalists that were lobbying on the ground even at the UN. This also raised a question about the credibility of the

UN as to why they let those NGOs, or their platform be misused for disinformation.

*Apart from fake entities, mainstream Indian media was also involved in this campaign, e.g. ANI one of India's largest wire service had been circulating fake news and negative news about Pakistan in 95 countries with the help of other fake news media outlets. Had it been Pakistan that was exposed, the level of coverage internationally and the consequences would have been far larger than what India had been treated with.*

Focusing on the countermeasures, she stressed that Pakistan does not need to indulge in disinformation as a counterattack or as a counter-response.

*It is important to invest in evidence-based research, fact-checking, media literacy and countering disinformation by identifying it. Pakistan needs to improve its research landscape that can counter and identify what disinformation really is as there are still a lot of networks that need to be identified.*

While responding to a question regarding the power of social media companies to police free speech and to suspend certain world leaders' accounts (e.g. Trump's) but not others (like Narendra Modi), Ms Jahangir responded that Twitter had been criticized for making a political

statement by banning a sitting President. According to Ms Jahangir, most people realize that the social media companies have a bias. For example, many of these platforms have a pro-Indian bias. But, she acknowledged that it was only now that there was more widespread criticism of such bias and that they were not doing enough to counter disinformation in other parts of the world.

While responding to a question regarding the risk of exaggerating how sophisticated the Srivastava Group really was, she stated that the sophistication and drive of this campaign was very coordinated, it was very technical but at the same time, little aspects of the investigation were not difficult to identify.

*In order to examine how disinformation works and mitigate its impact, cross-expertise cooperation between civil society practitioners, researchers, and policymakers is crucial.*

### **Oves Anwar, Director, Research Society of International Law**

Mr Oves Anwar provided his analysis from a legal lens and reiterated that this was not a new phenomenon, rather Pakistan and the international community was waking up to it now.

*Development of a policy, at the international level within states as well as at the domestic level, is at a very nascent stage.*

He noted that from the legal point of view, it was a very difficult question, especially from the perspective of freedom of speech. Referring to the findings of the Committee of Experts in the European Union formed to deal with foreign influence, he informed that the committee decided not to take any action as they were of the view that any infringement on freedom of speech would have far greater consequences than any benefit that control might bring. Nonetheless, there was a push to regulate the information and social media sector at the international level as well as within the states, but creating a balance continues to be a great challenge.

Discussing another aspect, he raised an interesting point that the states involved in disinformation campaign as a policy such as India, Russia and China know that it plays both ways, which why they maintain control over information inside their country. India was an exception in this regard, as it does not have as strong a structure to control information as China does, which is why it was labelled the “number one source of disinformation” by a Microsoft 2019 survey.

*The level of disinformation within India itself is causing loss of life and causing very serious issues with regards to the social fabric of the country, but continues to be used as a tool.*

Narrowing down his talk specifically on “Indian Chronicles”, Mr Anwar stated that India was doing a number of things against Pakistan, including targeting the state, individuals through identity theft, defamation as well as misuse of NGO status. To elaborate his point, he offered two levels of analysis involving international law and the domestic laws and proposed the following actions:

- Cases like defamation were dealt with under domestic laws. Various countries, especially in Europe had laws against identity theft, and

Pakistan should challenge these fake entities on these grounds.

- There are mechanisms in various countries to report and ban or deregister NGOs and other entities abusing or misusing their role. Pakistan must work on that.
- In order to get registered at the UN, NGOs need to acquire consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). While India and Pakistan keep a strict check on one another and hinder new registrations, India used already registered dead NGOs to bypass the rigorous checks.

*Pakistan should use the mechanism under ECOSOC Resolution 31 of 1996 to check the abuse of these functions to take down fake or dubious NGOs at the UN.*

Pakistan could also invoke additional reporting requirements to keep a supplementary check on the functioning NGOs.

- Media watchdogs, such as Ofcom in the United Kingdom, could also be utilized to take down fake news and penalize their sources, e.g India’s Republic TV and its host were fined

for fake/abusive language against Pakistan.

Lastly, he stressed that India's disinformation campaign was not really a covert operation, it was actually a seamless transition from covert to mainstream media that was playing an active role in this entire saga.

*While there is no international mechanism to deal with fake news and propaganda. However, there is a growing trend towards that, where, Pakistan could play an important role in pushing and advancing its narrative.*

Responding to a question on the role of big companies in tackling fake news, Mr Anwar shared that domestic regulation functions only within the borders of a state, and any fake material, if not internationally regulated, would continue to be available to an international audience. He stressed upon the need for collective international action like the EU Code of Practice for social media giants.

*The recent Digital Service Act and Digital Markets Act would lay out strict conditions for doing business in the EU's 27 member countries as authorities aim to curb the spread of disinformation and hate speech online, as well as technology giants and their business dominance.*

Reflecting on the use of terminologies like "hybrid warfare" and "5<sup>th</sup> Generation Warfare" in the context of disinformation, Mr Anwar stressed that the impact of disinformation was far wider than any military battle or conflict as it eroded people's trust in public institutions. He warned against using these terms in a narrow sense and looking at them as a mere security issue as it limits understanding of how insidious this tool could be.

Weighing in on the evidence provided by Pakistan in its recent dossier, Mr Anwar commented that the dossier was very persuasive as it provided proof of Indian funding to terrorist entities.

*However, there is a difference in material that is obtained as intelligence, and the material that is obtained as evidence. Intelligence is gathered for operational purposes, whereas evidence has to be admissible in court.*

Various international entities designate terrorist organizations based on intelligence information. But this has to be backed by a process as well as influence, he said.

On the question of a relevant venue for legal prosecution, he added that while India accepts ICJ's jurisdiction, it has limited powers, and hence, curtails Pakistan's ability to take every issue to

the ICJ despite having a very strong case. Another option could potentially be the International Criminal Court but neither India nor Pakistan accepts its jurisdiction. He further added that this should not be seen as a zero sum paradigm since international condemnation and isolation can be most important tools at the international domain.

*If we can repeatedly show that India is utilizing irresponsible methods that are endangering the peace and security of this region, we could strengthen our narrative.*

## Concluding Remarks

### President CASS Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat (Retd)

In his concluding remarks, President CASS thanked all the speakers for their insightful comments and shared key takeaways from the discussion. He agreed that India's disinformation campaign was a sophisticated operation spread over many domains - physical, cyber, diplomatic etc.

*It is evident that the entire operation had covert support of the state. An individual or a group effort would not have had the resources and perseverance to go on for 15 years with such an integrated operation.*

Air Chief Marshal Saadat lamented that the while the Indians would be unhappy that they were caught, they would perhaps be satisfied that they continued undiscovered for nearly 14 years, and in the process, definitely adversely impacted Pakistan's narrative and image. He was also of the view that it was also more disconcerting that the first report in 2019 did not spur Pakistan into action. "Even now, there has not been an official response to this damaging Indian activity," he remarked.

*Information warfare requires a well-conceived and executed strategy by multiple ministries working in coordination and collaboration. Sadly, that remains Pakistan's weakest link.*

He underscored that fake news was a powerful tool, and pointed to what Donald Trump and his supporters had done to America. "Democracy was on the run from insurrectionists. And America has not seen the last of Trumpism - not yet at least," he opined.

*Social media has to be used intelligently because otherwise it can destroy reputations, institutions and credibility. It is a veritable tool in the conduct of contemporary politics and affairs of the state.*

President CASS remarked that Donald Trump governed through Twitter, whether it was diplomacy, COVID-19, trade, or immigration etc. He made over 30,000 false statements in his

four years in office. But, even though Twitter ultimately silenced him, both actually and metaphorically, he cautioned that:

*What Mr Trump inflicted on America through false allegations of the elections having been stolen, will not be easy to undo even if it is possible. The question remains for us: where do we go from here? What have we learnt from this sad saga and how do we respond?*

## Annexures

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### **Annexure I: Profile of the Speakers**

#### **Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat (R), NI (M), Former Chief of Air Staff, President Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies**



Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat (R), NI (M) is President Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies (CASS) and former Chief of Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force. During his service of 38 years, he has held operational, command and staff appointments. He has a Master's degree in defence and strategic studies and is also a graduate of the Ecole Superiore de Guerre Inter Armees (ESGI) and Cours Superiore Inter Armees (CSI) at the Ecole Militaire at Paris, France. He was the member of directing staff at Air War College, Pakistan Air Force and Chief Instructor of National Defence Wing of the then National Defence College, now called the NDU, Islamabad. He is now Patron-in-Chief of Thinkers Forum Pakistan, of which he had been President and contributing writer for six years. He has also been the Patron of Pakistan Ex- Servicemen Association.



#### **Dr Moeed W. Yusuf, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning**

Dr Moeed W. Yusuf is the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning. Before joining the government, Dr. Yusuf was the Associate Vice President for Asia at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. He was previously a Fellow at the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future at the Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University, and concurrently a Research Fellow at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center at Harvard University's Kennedy School. He has also worked at the Brookings Institution. In 2007, he co-founded Strategic and Economic Policy Research, a private sector consultancy firm in Pakistan. Dr. Yusuf has also consulted for a number of Pakistani and international organizations including the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, the United Nations

Development Programme and the Stockholm Policy Research Institute, among others. From 2004-2007, he was a full-time consultant with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in Islamabad. He has published widely in national and international journals, professional publications and magazines. His latest book, *Brokering Peace in Nuclear Environments: U.S. Crisis Management in South Asia*, was released by Stanford University Press in May, 2018. His other books *South Asia 2060: Envisioning Regional Futures* (co-edited) and *Getting it Right in Afghanistan* (co-edited) were published by Anthem Press, UK and U.S. Institute of Peace Press respectively in 2013. He has also served on a number of important task forces, advisory councils, working groups, and governing boards, both internationally and in Pakistan. He holds a Master's in International Relations and PhD in Political Science from Boston University, U.S.A.

### **Ejaz Haider, Executive Editor, Indus News**

Ejaz Haider has been a newspaperman since 1991, starting his career at The Frontier Post, Lahore. During this time he has held several editorial positions. Haider has also done television and hosted political and policy talk-shows at Dawn



News (2007), Samaa TV (2009-10) and Capital TV (2013-2018). He was a Ford Scholar at ACDIS (Programme in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1997) and a visiting fellow at the Foreign Policy Studies Programme at the Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. (2002-03). Haider has written extensively for publications at home and abroad. He is a regular commentator on national and foreign TV channels. His areas of interest include defence and foreign policies, nuclear strategy, theories and concepts of war, international relations, statecraft, literature, and satire. He is currently Executive Editor at Indus News and writes a weekly column for The Friday Times, Lahore.



**Ramsha Jahangir, Journalist and Scholar**

Ramsha Jahangir is an award-winning journalist and Erasmus Mundus scholar. She writes on disinformation, internet rights and digital politics.

**Oves Anwar, Research Society of International Law (RSIL)**

Oves Anwar serves as Director of Research at the Research Society of International Law. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre of Excellence for International Law at the National Defense University, Islamabad. Mr Anwar is also Co-



Founder of a law and technology company - LAWGIC. His research interests include International Law, Criminal Justice, and National Security. He routinely lectures at the National Defense University, the Pakistan Foreign Service Academy, the Pakistan Naval War College, and the Federal, KP, Punjab, and Sindh Judicial Academies. Mr Anwar holds an LLB (Hons.) from the University of London, an LL.M with distinction from the School of Oriental and African Studies, an LL.M in International Legal Studies from the University of Vienna, and a Post-graduate Diploma in International Nuclear Law from the International School of Nuclear Law/University of Montpellier.



**Sitara Noor, Senior Researcher, Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies**

Sitara Noor is a senior researcher at the Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies, Islamabad, Pakistan. She is also a South Asian Voices Visiting Fellow 2019-2020 at the Stimson Centre, Washington DC. Previously, Sitara was a Research Fellow at the Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) in Vienna, Austria (2016-17). Prior to joining the VCDNP, she worked at the Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority as an International Relations Analyst. She has served as a faculty member at the National University of Modern Languages for two years. She was also a visiting faculty at the National University of Science and Technology (NUST), the Foreign Services Academy of Pakistan, and the Information Services Academy of Pakistan.

## Annexure II: Press Release

### CASS Webinar Press Release

#### ***Indian Chronicles: India's Disinformation Campaign Against Pakistan***

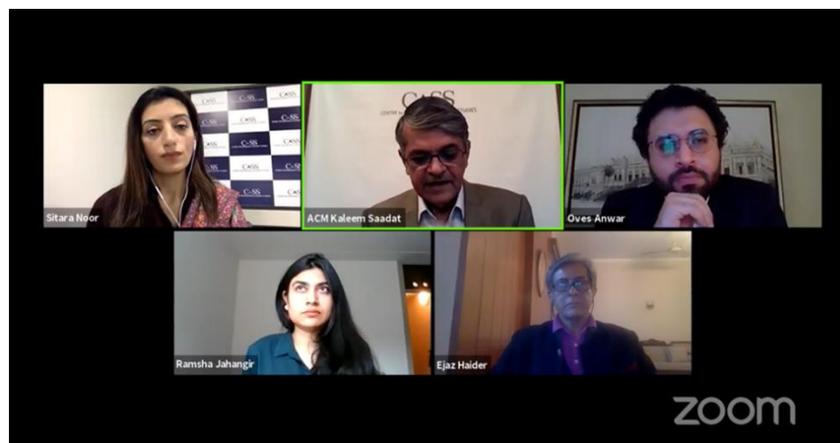
*Should a rogue state, like India, be part of the UN Security Council? Indian Chronicles is just the tip of the iceberg. Pakistan has irrefutable evidence of RAW and the Indian state's implicit involvement in spreading disinformation campaign against Pakistan. This has been a full-fledged attack on Pakistan short of war. - Dr Moeed Yusuf*

The Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies organized a webinar entitled “Indian Chronicles: India’s disinformation campaign against Pakistan”, here in the capital. In his Opening Remarks, President CASS Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat underscored the risks of multi-domain hybrid war being waged against Pakistan. He noted that despite the fact that Pakistan had been drawing attention towards this issue, the world had paid no heed to it; even after the disclosure of this network by the EU Disinfo lab report, the world still remained unmoved. He added that the unrelenting obsession of Hindutva-driven India to harm Pakistan was incomprehensible and stressed that India could live, and let live Pakistan in peace, but it cannot and would not. He cautioned that the consequences of these tactics would be an “unstable, insecure and underdeveloped neighborhood.”



The Keynote Speaker, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Security and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr Moeed Yusuf said that Pakistan is a country squarely focused on the economic security paradigm. In contrast, India was pursuing Hindutva ideology with an expansionist agenda, and had a conflict with every single neighbor, and had broken all international law obligations – the classic example of a rogue state. Listing down the challenges of the disinformation campaign, he maintained that India has been ahead of Pakistan in the game of perceptions and narrative building which had been bought by the US and the Western world: “With the help of this narrative, they always get away with their malicious activities against Pakistan, including terrorism.” He stressed that the malicious campaign against Pakistan had been going on even before the latest revelations of “Indian Chronicles” which was just the tip of the iceberg. Although the DisinfoLab report did not categorically implicate the Indian state, Dr Yusuf shared that Pakistan has irrefutable evidence of RAW and Indian government’s involvement. He further added that India’s activities were not just unethical, they were crimes

under the law from identity theft to defamation, and the perpetrators were liable for prosecution under multiple jurisdictions. Talking about Islamabad's response, he informed that Pakistan had written to the EU Parliament and investigations were already underway. He said that this was a failure of the UN system that allowed such fake NGOs to function, and questioned whether a country, like India should even be sitting on the UN Security Council. "This has been a full-fledged attack on Pakistan short of war," he remarked. Dr Yusuf further added that the dossier presented by Pakistan established clear links regarding India's involvement in terror financing and using this disinformation campaign to cover that. India must stop its subversive activities against Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue under the international law to bring peace in the region as there was no scope for peace under the current circumstances. He criticized India's kneejerk responses to Pakistan and stated that Pakistan would continue to take down Indian lies pragmatically and unapologetically and act as a responsible state.



Other speakers in the webinar included Mr Ejaz Haider, Executive Editor Indus TV, Ms Ramsha Jahangir, a journalist and research scholar and Mr Oves Anwar, Director at the Research Society of International Law.

According to Mr Ejaz Haider, the nature of warfare had not changed, its means had. It had now become a sum-total of kinetic and non-kinetic actions that can be taken to target an adversary's sociopolitical, cultural, economic and military spheres. Disinformation, espionage, psychological warfare is not a new phenomenon. The KGB is utilized such means, so did the CIA. States use misinformation as a policy tool domestically and globally, and Pakistan should also be prepared for this. Mr Oves Anwar urged that Pakistan needs to be at the forefront of developing and shaping the narrative against fake news and disinformation campaigns and also look at the dangerous role the media has played in this area in India, while Ms Ramsha Jahangir recommended that it is also important to conduct evidence-based research to take this forward, especially from Pakistan in terms of how disinformation is defined and its long-term and deep repercussions. The webinar was moderated by Ms Sitora Noor, Senior Researcher at CASS.

Annexure III: Media Coverage





### 'Pakistan can work as a bridge between US, China'

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister's Special Assistant on National Security Dr Moeed Yusuf Saturday said that Pakistan was beginning talks with new US administration on new dimensions to further enhance the bilateral ties and collaborate on global challenges of common interest.

"Our concerns about India will also be put forth to newly elected US president but our prime focus will be on the issues of global health, investment in Pakistan and others", he said while speaking to Radio Pakistan's current Affair program. He said we are going to adopt a different approach in strengthening Pak-US relations. There is a possibility of cooperation for the implementation of climate change agreements, he mentioned. Pakistan can work as a bridge between the US and China in the evolving global order in the coming years, he hoped. Dr Moeed, Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr Moeed Yusuf, has said that Pakistan is a country squarely focused on the economic security paradigm while India, in contrast, is pursuing Hindutva ideology with an expansionist agenda. He said this while addressing a webinar titled "Indian Chronicles: India's Disinformation Campaign against Pakistan" organised by the Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies (CASS) here yesterday. He said that India must stop its subversive activities against Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue under the international law to bring peace in the region as there was no scope for peace under the current circumstances. "In contrast, India was pursuing Hindutva ideology with an expansionist agenda, and had a conflict with every single neighbour, and had broken all international law obligations – the classic example of a rogue state," he added. He stressed that malicious campaign against Pakistan had been going on even before the latest revelations of "Indian Chronicles" which was just the tip of the iceberg.

Talking about Islamabad's response, he informed the participants that Pakistan had written to the EU Parliament and investigations were already underway. He said that this was a failure of the UN system that allowed such fake NGOs to function, and questioned whether country, like India should even be sitting on the UN Security Council. "This has been a full-fledged attack on Pakistan short of war," he remarked. Dr Yusuf said that India must stop its subversive activities against Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue under the international law to bring peace in the region as there was no scope for peace under the current circumstances. Other speakers in the webinar included Ejaz Haider, Executive Editor Indus TV, Ms Ramsha Jahangir, a journalist and research scholar, and Oves Anwar, Director at the Research Society of International Law. According to Ejaz Haider, the nature of warfare had not changed, as it had now become a sum-total of kinetic and non-kinetic actions that could be taken to target an adversary's socio-political, cultural, economic and military spheres." They opined that India must stop its subversive activities against Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue under the international law to bring peace in the region as there was no scope for peace under the current circumstances. Earlier, in his opening remarks, President CASS Air Chief Marshal (Retd) Kaleem Saadat noted that despite the fact that even after the disclosure of this network by the EU Disinfo lab report, the world is still unmoved. He cautioned that the consequences of these tactics would be an "unstable, insecure and underdeveloped neighbourhood." Oves Anwar urged that Pakistan needed to be at the forefront of developing and shaping the narrative against fake news and disinformation campaigns. Ramsha Jahangir recommended that it was also important to conduct evidence-based research to take this forward, especially from Pakistan in terms of how disinformation was defined and its long-term and deep repercussions. The webinar was moderated by Ms Sitara Noor, Senior Researcher at CASS.

<https://nation.com.pk/24-Jan-2021/pakistan-can-work-as-a-bridge-between-us-china>



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Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies organizes a webinar titled, Indian Chronicles: India's Disinformation Campaign against Pakistan

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**<https://dailytimes.com.pk/716324/centre-for-aerospace-security-studies-organsies-a-webinar-titled-indian-chronicles-indias-disinformation-campaign-against-pakistan/>**



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### **India pursuing expansionist agenda: Moeed**

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning Dr Moeed Yusuf said Pakistan was a country squarely focused on the economic security paradigm, in contrast, India was pursuing Hindutva ideology with an expansionist agenda. India had a conflict with every single neighbor, and had broken all international law obligations that was the classic example of a rogue state, the SAPM was addressing a webinar organised by the Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS) titled "Indian Chronicles: India's Disinformation Campaign against Pakistan", here a press release said.

In his Keynote address, Dr Moeed Yusuf stressed that the malicious campaign against Pakistan had been going on even before the latest revelations of "Indian Chronicles" which was just the tip of the iceberg. Talking about Islamabad's response, he informed that Pakistan had written to the EU Parliament and investigations were already underway. He said that this was a failure of the UN system that allowed such fake NGOs to function, and questioned whether country, like India should even be sitting on the UN Security Council. "This has been a full-fledged attack on Pakistan short of war," he remarked. Dr Yusuf further added that India must stop its subversive activities against Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue under the international law to bring peace in the region as there was no scope for peace under the current circumstances. In his welcome remarks, President CASS Air Chief Marshal (R) Kaleem Saadat noted that despite the fact that even after the disclosure of this network by the EU Disinfo lab report, the world still remained unmoved. He cautioned that the consequences of these tactics would be an "unstable, insecure and underdeveloped neighborhood." Other speakers in the webinar included Executive Editor Indus TV Ejaz Haider, Ramsha Jahangir, a journalist and research scholar and Mr Oves Anwar, Director at the Research Society of International Law. According to Ejaz Haider, the nature of warfare had not changed, as it had now become a sum-total of kinetic and non-kinetic actions that could be taken to target an adversary's socio-political, cultural, economic and military spheres. Oves Anwar urged that Pakistan needed to be at the forefront of developing and shaping the narrative against fake news and disinformation campaigns, while Ramsha Jahangir recommended that it was also important to conduct evidence-based research to take this forward, especially from Pakistan in terms of how disinformation was defined and its long-term and deep repercussions. The webinar was moderated by Sitara Noor, Senior Researcher at CASS.

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23 Jan 2021

## **Pakistan Focuses Economic Security Paradigm, India Pursues Expansionist Agendas: Dr Moeed Yusuf**

ISLAMABAD, (UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - APP - 23rd Jan, 2021 ) :Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning Dr Moeed Yusuf said Pakistan was a country squarely focused on the economic security paradigm, in contrast, India was pursuing Hindutva ideology with an expansionist agenda. India had a conflict with every single neighbor, and had broken all international law obligations that was the classic example of a rogue state, the SAPM was addressing a webinar organised by the Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS) titled "Indian Chronicles: India's Disinformation Campaign against Pakistan", here a press release said. In his Keynote address, Dr Moeed Yusuf stressed that the malicious campaign against Pakistan had been going on even before the latest revelations of "Indian Chronicles" which was just the tip of the iceberg. Talking about Islamabad's response, he informed that Pakistan had been going on even before the latest revelations of "Indian Chronicles" which was just the tip of the iceberg. Talking about Islamabad's response, he informed that Pakistan had written to the EU Parliament and investigations were already underway. He said that this was a failure of the UN system that allowed such fake NGOs to function, and questioned whether country, like India should even be sitting on the UN Security Council. "This has been a full-fledged attack on Pakistan short of war," he remarked. Dr Yusuf further added that India must stop its subversive activities against Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue under the international law to bring peace in the region as there was no scope for peace under the current circumstances. In his welcome remarks, President CASS Air Chief Marshal (R) Kaleem Saadat noted that despite the fact that even after the disclosure of this network by the EU Disinfo lab report, the world still remained unmoved. He cautioned that the consequences of these tactics would be an "unstable, insecure and underdeveloped neighborhood. "Other speakers in the webinar included Executive Editor Indus tv Ejaz Haider, Ramsha Jahangir, a journalist and research scholar and Mr Oves Anwar, Director at the Research Society of International Law. According to Ejaz Haider, the nature of warfare had not changed, as it had now become a sum-total of kinetic and non-kinetic actions that could be taken to target an adversary's socio-political, cultural, economic and military spheres. Oves Anwar urged that Pakistan needed to be at the forefront of developing and shaping the narrative against fake news and disinformation campaigns, while Ramsha Jahangir recommended that it WAS also important to conduct evidence-based research to take this forward, especially from Pakistan in terms of how disinformation was defined and its long-term and deep repercussions. The webinar was moderated by Sitara Noor, Senior Researcher at CASS.

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### **India a rogue state: Moeed Yusuf**

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security Dr Moeed Yusuf said on Saturday that Pakistan was a country squarely focused on the economic security paradigm, in contrast to India's Hindutva ideology with an expansionist agenda. Addressing a webinar titled 'Indian Chronicles: India's Disinformation Campaign against Pakistan', organised by the Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS), the SAPM said India had a conflict with every single neighbour, and fits the classic example of a rogue state. Dr Yusuf, while delivering a keynote address, stressed that the malicious campaign against Pakistan had been going on even before the latest revelations of "Indian Chronicles", which was just the tip of the iceberg. Talking about Islamabad's response, he said that Pakistan had written to the European Union Parliament (EP) and investigations were already under way. He added that this was a failure of the UN system that allowed such fake NGOs to function. "This has been a full-fledged attack on Pakistan, short of war," he remarked. He then posed the question whether a country, like India, should even be sitting on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Dr Yusuf further stressed that India must stop its subversive activities against Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue under the international law to bring peace to the region as there was no scope for peace under the current circumstances. Earlier, in his welcome remarks, CASS President Air Chief Marshal (ret'd) Kaleem Saadat noted that despite the fact that even after the disclosure of this network by the EU DisinfoLab report, the world still remained unmoved. Other speakers in the webinar included Ejaz Haider, Ramsha Jahangir Oves Anwar. The webinar was moderated by Sitara Noor, Senior Researcher at CASS.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2281096/india-a-rogue-state-moeed-yusuf>



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### **Pakistan can work as bridge b/w US and China in evolving global order: Moeed**

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The Special Assistant on National Security expressed the hope that Pakistan can work as a bridge between the United States and China in the evolving global order in the coming years. Meanwhile, addressing a webinar, Dr. Moeed Yusuf said Pakistan is squarely focused on the economic security paradigm, while on the hand; India is pursuing Hindutva ideology with an expansionist agenda. He said India has a conflict with almost its neighbouring countries, and has broken all international law obligations, which is a classic example of a rogue state. Dr Moeed Yusuf stressed that the malicious campaign against Pakistan has been going on even before the latest revelations of Indian Chronicles which is just the tip of the iceberg. He said that Pakistan has already written to the EU Parliament regarding DisinfoLab revelations and investigations are already underway.

The Special Assistant on National Security said it is a failure of the UN system that allows such fake NGOs to function. He said this has been a full-fledged attack on Pakistan short of war and added that India must stop its subversive activities against Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue under the international law to bring peace in the region.

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## PAKISTAN TODAY

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## PK News

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## سینٹر فار اٹرو سپیس اینڈ سیکورٹی سٹڈیز (کیس)

وینار - پریس ریلیز

### بھارتی سرگزشت: پاکستان کے خلاف غلط اطلاعات پر مبنی بھارتی مہم

کیا بھارت جیسی غیر ذمہ دار ریاست کو اقوام متحدہ کی سیکورٹی کونسل کا رکن بننا چاہیے؟

"بھارتی سرگزشت اصل حقیقت کا معمولی انکشاف ہے۔ ہمارے پاس را اور بھارت کے پاکستان کے خلاف غلط اطلاعات پر مبنی مہم کے ناقابل تردید ثبوت موجود ہیں۔ یہ جنگ نہیں البتہ پاکستان پر ایک بھرپور حملہ ہے" وزیر اعظم کے معاون خصوصی ڈاکٹر معید یوسف

اسلام آباد۔

سینٹر فار اٹرو سپیس اینڈ سیکورٹی سٹڈیز نے اسلام آباد میں " پاکستان کے خلاف غلط اطلاعات پر مبنی بھارتی مہم " کے نام سے ایک وینار کا اہتمام کیا۔

اپنے ابتدائی کلمات میں ائیر چیف مارشل کلیم سعادت (ر) صدر کیس نے پاکستان کے خلاف ہمہ جہت ہائبرڈ جنگ کے خطرات پر روشنی ڈالتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاکستان کی جانب سے مسلسل توجہ مبذول کرانے کے باوجود دنیا کا دھیان اس طرف نہیں ہے۔ یورپی یونین کی ڈس انفولیب کی حالیہ رپوٹ کے منظر عام پر آنے کے باوجود دنیا جمود کا شکار ہے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ ہندوتوا کے زیر اثر بھارت کا پاکستان کو مسلسل نقصان پہنچانے کا جنون سمجھ سے بالا تر ہے۔ انہوں نے زور دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ بھارت کو اپنے ساتھ ساتھ پاکستان کو بھی امن سے جینے دینا چاہیے مگر بھارت نہ ہی ایسا کرنا چاہتا ہے نہ ہی کرے گا۔

انہوں نے تنبیہ کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ یہ حربے ہمسائیگی کے لیئے عدم استحکام ، عدم سلامتی اور ترقی کی راہ میں مزید مشکلات کا موجب بنیں گے۔

وزیر اعظم کے معاون خصوصی برائے قومی سلامتی اور سٹریٹجک پلاننگ ڈاکٹر معید یوسف نے اپنے کلیدی خطاب میں کہا کہ پاکستان معاشی سلامتی کے نظریے پر پُر خلوص انداز میں کاربند ہے۔ اس کے برعکس، ہندوتوا نظریے کے زیر اثر بھارت ایک توسیع پسندانہ ایجنڈے کے درپے ہے جس کے نتیجے میں ہر ہمسائے کے ساتھ اس کے تنازعات ہیں اور بھارت نے تمام بین الاقوامی قوانین اور فرائض کو ایک غیر ذمہ دار ریاست کے طور پر بالا طاق رکھ دیا ہے۔ غلط اطلاعات کی بھارتی مہم کے حوالے سے چینجز کا احاطہ کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ بھارتی تاثرات اور بیانیے کے کھیل میں پاکستان سے کہیں آگے بے جسے امریکہ اور مغربی دنیا میں قبول کیا جاتا رہا ہے۔

"اس بیانیے کی مدد سے وہ پاکستان کے خلاف بدنیتی پر مبنی حرکات جن میں دہشت گردی بھی شامل ہے کے باوجود ہمیشہ بچ نکلتے ہیں۔"

انہوں نے اس بات پر زور دیا کہ پاکستان کے خلاف بدنیتی پر مبنی مہم بہت پہلے سے جاری ہے اور بھارتی سرگزشت کے حوالے سے سامنے آنے والے حالیہ انکشافات مکمل حقیقت کا ایک مختصر حصہ ہے۔

اگرچہ ڈس انفولیب کی حالیہ رپوٹ بھارتی ریاست کو براہ راست مورد الزام نہیں ٹھراتی البتہ ڈاکٹر یوسف کے مطابق پاکستان کے پاس بھارتی حکومت اور را کے ملوث ہونے کے حوالے سے

نا قابل تردید ثبوت موجود ہیں۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ بھارتی سرگرمیاں نہ صرف غیر اخلاقی ہیں بلکہ قانونی اعتبار سے کئی جرائم جن میں شناخت کی چوری اور ہتک عزت شامل ہیں میں ملوث افراد اور اداروں کے خلاف قانونی چارہ جوئی ہوسکتی ہے۔

اسلام آباد کی جانب سے جوابی کاروائی کے بارے میں انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان نے یورپی پارلیمنٹ کو لکھا ہے اور اس حوالے سے تحقیقات جاری ہیں۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ یہ اقوام متحدہ کے نظام کی ناکامی ہے کہ جس نے جعلی این جی اوز کو کام کرنے کا موقع دیا۔ انہوں نے سوال اٹھا یا کہ کیا بھارت جیسی ریاست کو اقوام متحدہ کی سلامتی کونسل میں شرکت کا موقع ملنا چاہئے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ "یہ جنگ نہیں البتہ پاکستان پر ایک بھرپور حملہ ہے۔"

ڈاکٹر یوسف کے مطابق پاکستان کی جانب سے پیش کردہ دستاویزات کا مجموعہ بھارت کی دہشت گردی کی مالی معاونت اور اس کو چھپانے کے لیے غلط اطلاعات پر مبنی مہم کی کڑیاں واضح کرتا ہے۔ بھارت کو پاکستان کے خلاف تخریبی سرگرمیاں ترک کرنی چاہیئے اور مسئلہ کشمیر کو بین الاقوامی قوانین کے مطابق حل کرنا چاہیئے تاکہ خطے میں امن قائم ہوسکے کیونکہ موجودہ حالات میں قیام امن کے امکانات نہیں ہیں۔ انہوں نے پاکستان کی جانب بھارتی ردعمل پر تنقید کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاکستان ایک ذمہ دار ریاست کی حیثیت سے بھارتی جھوٹ کا عملی اور غیر معذرت خواہانہ انداز سے سامنا کرتا رہے گا۔

اس ویبنار کے دیگر مقررین میں انڈس ٹیلی وژن کے ایگزیکٹو ایڈیٹر اعجاز حیدر، صحافی اور محقق رمشا جہانگیر اور بین الاقوامی قوانین کی تحقیقی تنظیم کے ڈائریکٹر اویس انور شریک تھے۔

اعجاز حیدر کے مطابق فن حرب کی فطرت کے بجائے محض اس کے ذرائع میں تبدیلی آئی ہے موجودہ دور میں یہ متحرک اور غیر متحرک اعمال کا مجموعہ بن چکا ہے جس کے ذریعے حریف کے سماجی، سیاسی، ثقافتی، معاشی اور فوجی اہداف کو نشانہ بنایا جاتا ہے۔ غلط معلومات کا استعمال، جاسوسی اور نفسیاتی جنگ کوئی نئی چیز نہیں ہے۔ کے جی بی اور سی آئی اے ایسے ذرائع استعمال کرتے رہے ہیں۔ ریاستیں غلط اطلاعات کو پالیسی کے ایک آلے کے طور پر داخلی اور عالمی سطح پر استعمال کرتی ہیں اور پاکستان کو اس کے لیے تیار رہنا چاہیئے۔ اویس انور نے کہا کہ پاکستان کو جھوٹی خبروں اور غلط معلومات پر مبنی مہم کے خلاف ایک بیانیہ مرتب کرنے میں سبقت حاصل کرنی چاہیئے اور بھارت کے میڈیا کے حوالے سے خطرناک کردار پر کڑی نظر رکھنی چاہیئے۔

رمشا جہانگیر نے اس موقع پر تجویز پیش کی کہ غلط معلومات کی نوعیت اور ان کے طویل المعیاد اور گہرے اثرات کے حوالے سے پاکستان میں ثبوت پر مبنی تحقیق کی جانی چاہیئے۔ اس ویبنار کی میزبانی کے فرائض سینئر ریسرچ سٹارہ نور نے ادا کئے۔

## Print Media Highlights

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Other speakers in the webinar included Mr Ijaz Haider, Executive Editor India TV, Mr. Kamsha Jahangir, a journalist and research scholar and Mr Oves Anwar, Director at the Research Society of International Law.

According to Mr Ijaz Haider, the nature of warfare had not changed, its means had, it had now become a sum-total of kinetic and non-kinetic actions that can be taken to target an adversary's socio-political, cultural, economic and military systems.

Mr Oves Anwar urged that Pakistan needs to be at the forefront of developing and sharing the narrative against fake news and disinformation campaigns, while Ms Kamsha Jahangir recommended that it is also important to conduct evidence-based research to take this forward, especially from Pakistan in terms of how disinformation is defined and its long-term and deep repercussions.

The webinar was moderated by Ms Sikandar Noor, Senior Researcher at CASS.

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## Pakistan focusing on economic security while India pursuing expansionist agenda: Moeed

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning Dr Moeed Yusuf said Pakistan was a country squarely focused on the economic security paradigm, in contrast, India was pursuing Hindutva ideology with an expansionist agenda.

India had a conflict with every single neighbor, and had broken all international law obligations that was the classic example of a rogue state, the SAPM was addressing a webinar organised by the Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS) titled "Indian Chronicles: India's Disinformation Campaign against Pakistan", here a press release said.



In his Keynote address, Dr Moeed Yusuf stressed that the malicious campaign against Pakistan had been going on even before the latest revelations of "Indian Chronicles" which was just the tip of the iceberg. Talking about Islamabad's response, he informed that Pakistan had written to the EU Parliament and investigations were already underway.

He said that this was a failure of the UN system that allowed such fake NGOs to function, and questioned whether country, like India should even be sitting on the UN Security Council.

"This has been a full-fledged attack on Pakistan

short of war," he remarked. Dr Yusuf further added that India must stop its subversive activities against Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue under the international law to bring peace in the region as there was no scope for peace under the current circumstances.

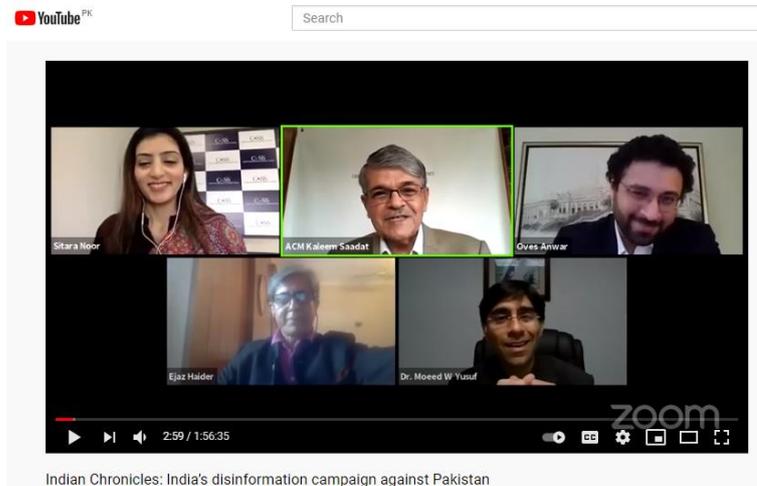
In his welcome remarks, President CASS Air Chief Marshal (R) Kaleem Saadat noted that despite the fact that even after the disclosure of this network by the EU Disinfo Lab report, the world still remained unmoved. He cautioned that the consequences of these tactics would be an "unstable, insecure and underdeveloped neighborhood."—RT/Agency

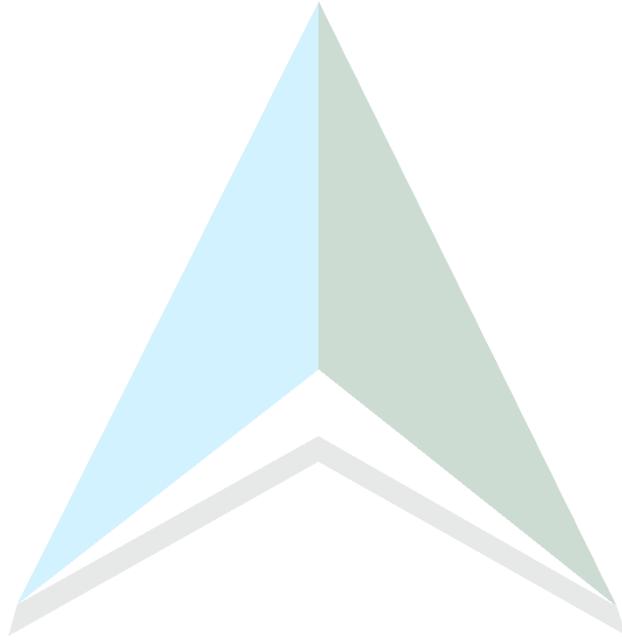
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