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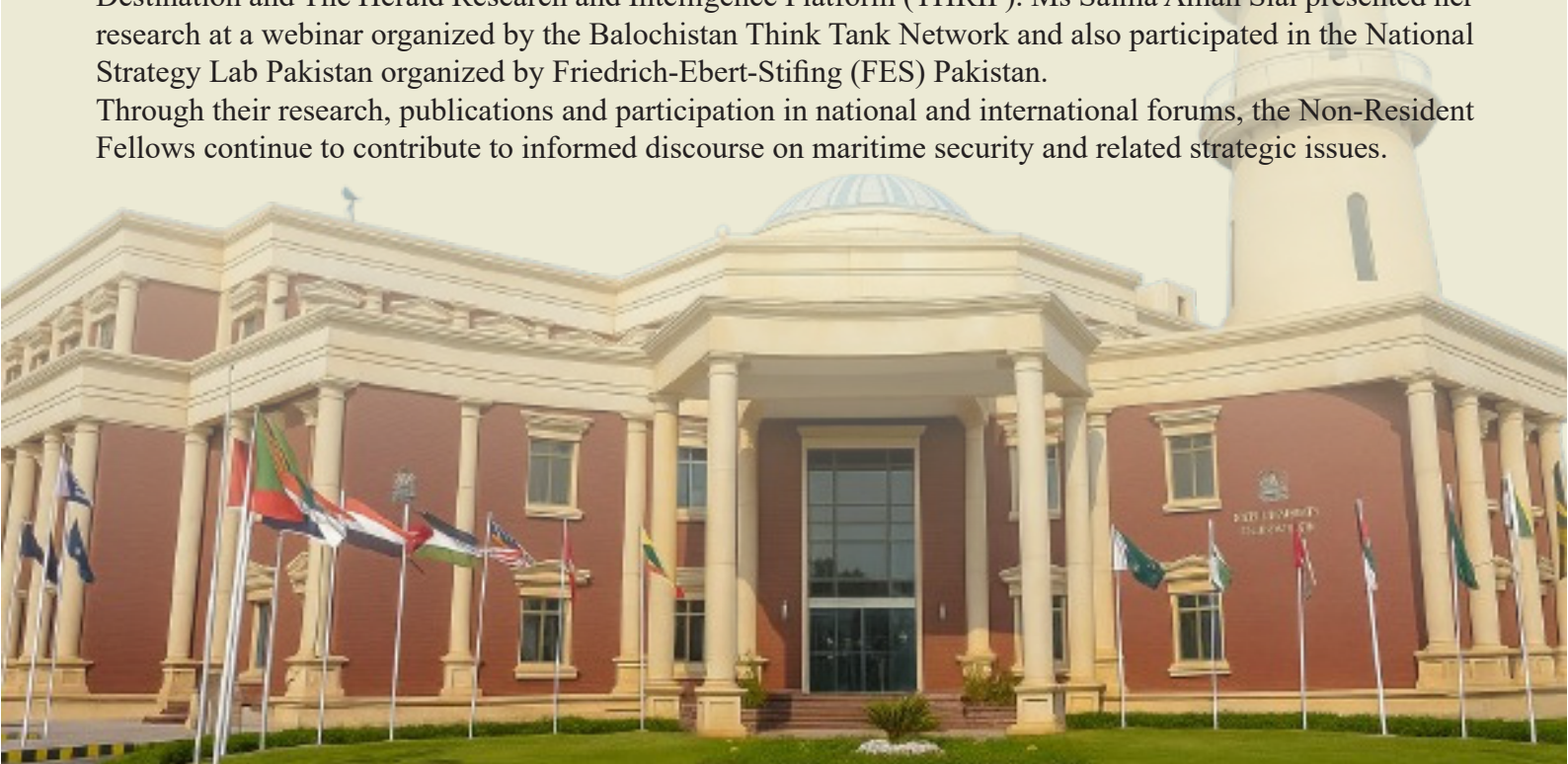
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Maiden Non-Resident Fellow Program at MCE



The Maritime Centre of Excellence (MCE) initiated its maiden Non-Resident Fellow Program (NRFP) on 1 May 2026. The six-month program provides a platform for academics, policy professionals and practitioners with expertise in security and related domains to contribute to research, analysis and strategic discourse. Since its inception, the Non-Resident Fellows have actively contributed to academic and public discourse through publications and participation in conferences and strategic forums. The fellows have published articles in prominent platforms including Daily Spokesman, Pakistan Observer, The Friday Times, Stratheia, The Destination and The Herald Research and Intelligence Platform (THRIP). Ms Saima Aman Sial presented her research at a webinar organized by the Balochistan Think Tank Network and also participated in the National Strategy Lab Pakistan organized by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Pakistan. Through their research, publications and participation in national and international forums, the Non-Resident Fellows continue to contribute to informed discourse on maritime security and related strategic issues.



MCE Two-Day International Conference on “Emerging Technologies and the Future Warfare” at Karachi

The two-day MCE Conference was organized as a continuation of an earlier seminar on the subject “Emerging Technologies and the Future Warfare”, held in January 2026 at PNWC Lahore, expanding its scope to include practitioners from the Pakistan Navy, industry representatives and media experts. Structured around the OODA framework, Day-1 focused on the “Observe” and “Orient” phases, aiming to understand evolving warfare dynamics, while Day-2 addressed “Decide” and “Act,” emphasizing actionable strategies for integration among academia, industry and the military to enhance indigenization of emerging technologies.



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Session-I of the first day, titled “Conceptual Underpinnings of Emerging Technologies and the Future Warfare,” featured five presentations from renowned speakers. The session-II, an industrial seminar, focused on panel discussion on topic “Digital Maritime Frontier: AI-Enabled Smart Naval Ecosystems and Autonomous Capabilities”.



Day-2 shifted focus to actionable strategies under the OODA framework, with Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf NI NI(M) T Bt gracing the event as the Chief Guest. Session-I, themed “National Technology Ecosystem for Future Warfare,” featured talks from five distinguished speakers. Session-II consisted of a panel discussion titled “Forging Pakistan Defence Innovation Ecosystem for Future Warfare.”

The conference concluded that effective integration of academia, industry and military (AIM) through a Triple Helix framework, supported by government policies and incentives, is essential for developing a sustainable and self-reliant defense innovation ecosystem.



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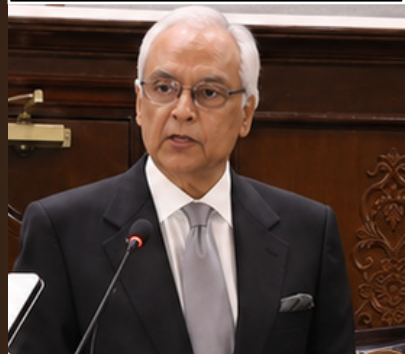
**Vice Admiral Raja Rab
Nawaz HI(M) S Bt, COS**

Seminar on “Marka-e-Haq After One Year: Deterrence, Diplomacy and Narrative in South Asia”

MCE organized a one-day seminar on 11 May 2026 to commemorate Marka-e-Haq anniversary. The seminar facilitated high-level discussions among senior military practitioners, diplomats, academicians and strategic analysts to critically analyze the evolving strategic environment in South Asia, focusing on multi-domain warfare, technological integration, maritime security, information warfare and the growing complexities of nuclear deterrence. It highlighted the need for stronger integration of military preparedness, diplomacy, strategic communication, technological innovation and economic resilience to effectively manage future crises and ensure national security. V/Adm Raja Rab Nawaz HI(M) S Bt, COS graced the event as the Chief Guest.



**R/Adm Sohail Ahmad
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President MCE**



Amb Shahid Malik



Dr. Maria Sultan



**Air Marshal Shahid
Akhtar Alvi HI(M) (R)**



**Maj Gen Ausaf Ali
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Virtual University Webinar

An Open Talk Webinar was organized by the Character-Building Society of Virtual University on 8 May in recognition of Marka-e-Haq. Cdre Ehsan Ahmed Khan and Lt Abdullah Rehman Butt PN highlighted the role of Pakistan Navy during Operation Bunyan-um-Marsoos in deterring aggression from Indian Navy and the significance of maritime sovereignty and the enduring values of Honour, Courage, and Commitment in character development.

Deputy President MCE as Keynote Speaker in KCW

Cdre Ehsan Ahmed Khan participated in an event by Kinnaird College for Women University, Lahore on 14 May as the keynote speaker on the theme: “From Bunyan-um-Marsoos to Islamabad Talk: Pakistan’s Strategic Transformation.” He evaluated Pakistan’s evolving strategic outlook particularly post Marka-e-Haq, and discussed the transforming regional geopolitical environment. He also focused on strategic deterrence, maritime security, technological transformation, diplomacy, economic resilience and the role of youth in shaping Pakistan’s future strategic trajectory.



Director MCE Lecture at GCWU Faisalabad

Lt Cdr Dr. Sufian Ullah PN delivered a lecture at Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) on 19 May titled “Indo-Pacific in Transition: Maritime Rivalries, Regional Security, and Pakistan’s Strategic Outlook.” He explored the evolving strategic landscape of the Indo-Pacific, focusing on intensifying great-power competition, emerging maritime security challenges and shifting geopolitical dynamics across the region. His talk also highlighted Pakistan’s maritime interests, strategic priorities and the importance of regional cooperation in promoting stability and security in the Indian Ocean Region.





Deputy President 28 April University of Sargodha



A delegation from MCE, led by Cdre Ehsan Ahmed Khan, visited the University of Sargodha on 28 April for participation in seminar titled, “Iran Conflict – Geopolitical Dynamics, Regional Security Challenges, and Pathways to Stability.” As the keynote speaker, Cdre Ehsan Ahmed Khan provided insights into the evolving regional dynamics surrounding the Iran conflict’s broader implications. The session examined geopolitical tensions, regional security challenges and prospects for peace and stability.

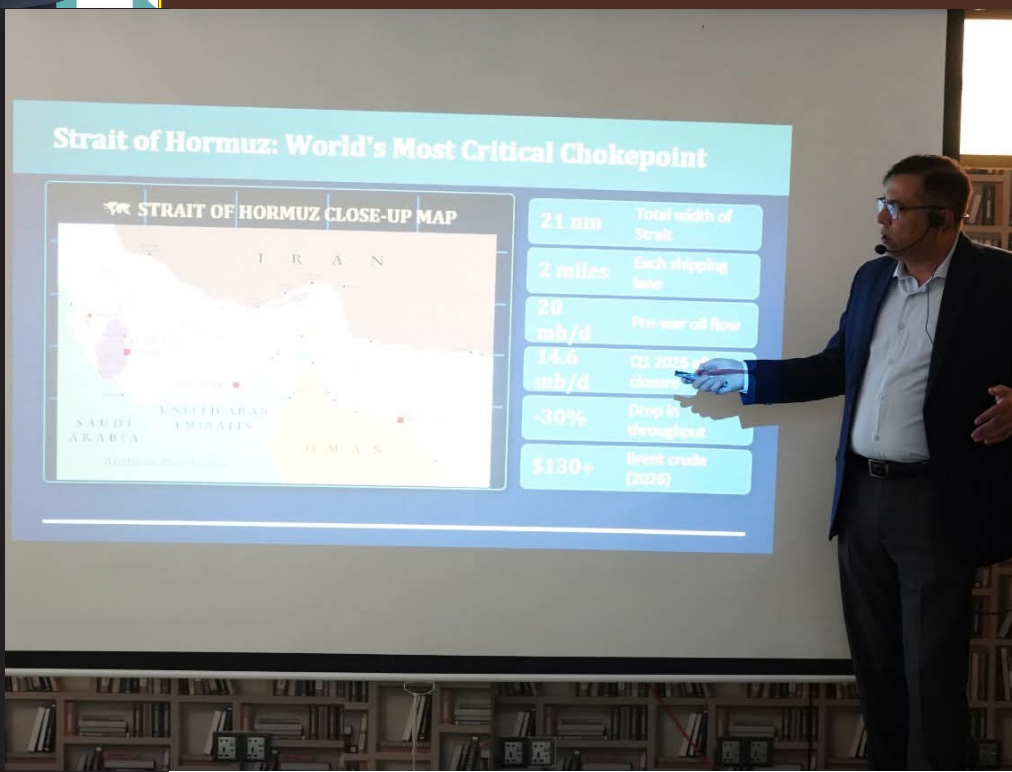


MCE at PCF Climate Youth Summit Lahore 2026

MCE delegation, comprising of Cdre Ehsan Ahmed Khan SI(M), Mr. Ahmad Ibrahim and Ms. Javaria Shaikh, attended the Climate Youth Summit Lahore titled “Youth, Climate, and the Future: Shaping Pakistan’s Climate Leadership,” on 11 June 2026. The one-day event was organized by the Progressive Climate Foundation (PCF) at University of Engineering and Technology (UET). The summit focused on providing awareness about threat of climate change and the need to develop climate resilience through eco-friendly sustainable development practices. In his remarks, Cdre Ehsan, highlighted how climate change poses an existential threat to humanity and how youth can play vital role in combating climate change and mitigating the climate-induced threats through awareness and innovation. The event was attended by university students, faculty, practitioners, and policymakers.

DP MCE Lecture at World Times Institute

Cdre Ehsan Ahmed Khan delivered a guest lecture at World Times Institute (WTI) about the strategic implications of the evolving dynamics of Iran-US conflict. He analyzed the diplomatic, informative, military and economic dimensions of the conflict. His lecture provided participants with a nuanced understanding of the conflict’s broader implications for regional stability, great-power competition and international security dynamics.





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MCE launched the “Sea Boot Camp” on 29 June 2026 as a pioneering initiative to develop maritime awareness among young school students. Through a structured blend of interactive lectures, practical demonstrations and group activities, the programme introduces young participants to the fundamentals of maritime domain including maritime trade, maritime security, maritime geography, navigation, marine safety and the strategic importance of the oceans. Beyond enhancing maritime knowledge, the Sea Boot Camp cultivates essential leadership, communication, teamwork, and critical thinking skills, inspiring the next generation to recognize the maritime domain and its vital role in national and global prosperity.



MCE Media Appearance

Deputy President MCE, Cdre Ehsan Ahmed Khan, appeared on multiple television channels and podcasts to provide expert analysis on the ongoing US-Israel-Iran conflict and its ramifications on global scale. Drawing upon his extensive strategic and maritime expertise, he provided insightful analysis and perspectives on the conflict's evolving dynamics, with particular emphasis on its strategic, geopolitical, and maritime dimensions of the conflict. He specifically explored how the escalation or the resolution of conflict would correspondingly impact regional geopolitical environment, particularly the security dynamics of Pakistan.

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1	Agenda 5	Channel 5 News	01 Apr 2026
2	Khabar Hai	GNN	02 Apr 2026
3	Subh ki Soch	ABN News	03 Apr 2026
4	War Room	Duniya News	04 Apr 2026
5	Jaiza Hussain Thebo ky Sath	GTV	05 Apr 2026
6	World This Morning	Pakistan TV	08 Apr 2026
7	War Room	Duniya News	08 Apr 2026
8	News Edge With Fareeha Idress	GNN	08 Apr 2026
9	Hum News Exclusive	Hum News	09 Apr 2026
10	Aamnay Samnay	Aab Tak	09 Apr 2026
11	Ground Zero	365 News	12 Apr 2026
12	Subh ki Soch	ABN News	20 Apr 2026
13	Situation Room	Duniya News	27 Apr 2026
14	Bakhabar Savera	Ary News	29 Apr 2026
15	Red lines with Fariha Farrukh	Red Lines	29 Apr 2026
16	Marqa e Haq	Pakistan TV	05 May 2026
17	Marqa e Haq	GNN	05 May 2026
18	Agenda 5nel 5 News	Channel 5 News	12 May 2026
19	Face to Face	GNN	22 May 2026
20	World This Morning	Pakistan TV	29 May 2026
21	Agenda 5	Channel 5 News	09 Jun 2026
22	The Last Hour	92 News HD	21 Jun 2026



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1	International Law Stands in Tatters	Dawn	14 Apr 2026
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1	US National Strategy 2025: Key Implications for South Asia	Global Defense Insight	26 Jun 2026
2	South China Sea: A Maritime Theatre of Geopolitical Contestation	Global Defense Insight	30 Jun 2026
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4	Diffused Polarity: A Transitional Phase in the Contemporary International Order	West Asia Watch	30 Jun 2026
5	Taiwan: The Strategic Pivot of Sino-Japanese Rivalry in the Asia-Pacific Region	Global Defense Insight	30 Jun 2026
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2	Adapt or Perish: Emerging Technologies and the Future of Pakistan Navy	Global Defense Insight	06 May 2026
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