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## **Three Days Seminar/Capacity Building Workshop on “National Security, Deterrence and Regional Stability in South Asia” from 30th May 2016 to 1st June 2016**

**National Security, Deterrence and Regional Stability in South Asia**

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### STRATEGIC VISION INSTITUTE (SVI), ISLAMABAD

Strategic Vision Institute (SVI) organized a three day capacity building workshop/seminar on —National Security, Deterrence and Regional Stability in South Asia from 30th May to 1st June 2016 at the Islamabad Club. Each day seminar series was held in the morning sessions from 9:30 hours to 13:00 hours followed by a group discussion from 14:00 hours to 17:00 hours. The workshop/seminar was thoroughly attended by mid-career media personnels, diplomats, students, academic scholars and young civilian/military officers etc. The main aim of the conference was to analyze the current issues related to the National Security of Pakistan and decipher the global politics that is shaping the regional landscape of South Asia. The conference was also intended to re-evaluate the nuclear equation between Pakistan and India in the wake of contemporary debates related to deterrence, doctrinal postures, nuclear policies, escalation control, Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG) membership and the rising strategic capabilities in the region



**DAY-1** The three day capacity building workshop/seminar started off with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by a comprehensive introduction of the SVI, presented by Ms. Sadia Kazmi — Senior Research Associate at the SVI. She gave a quick overview of the aims, objectives and functions of the SVI along with various academic and research

of the maritime ‘Silk Road’ initiative of China, we need to put special emphasis on naval development as the world focus is being shifting towards maritime politics in the future.

Lt. Gen. (R) Asif Yasin agreed with the observations and also added that maritime domain falls under international law and as far as the possibility of India’s conflict with China is concerned, Pakistan doesn’t need not to worry about it because Indians will get the fitting response from China.

Mr. Yasir Masood, Senior Research Associate and Editor from SVI, hinted at the deceptive role and dangerous



policies of the US in South Asian regional landscape with inclination towards India that could drag the region into further chaos. He asked Mr. Malik what the policy practitioners’ of Pakistan are up to and what could be the possible way out from these dominating conundrums to ensure Pakistan’s security concerns? Mr. Malik replied that the policy practitioners’, if there are any, are the ones who have landed the country in

this mess. He further added that no state can be blamed including US for its double standards in the international politics, as every state has the right to pursue its own national interest. In the same way, Pakistan like any other state must seek its own national interest and must refrain from developing self-bashing policies.



Mr. Usman, student at a New York college, highlighted different examples of extremist mindset in the Middle East and South Asia, and asked what are the right behavioral interventions that could be adopted to tackle with the extremist mindset in Pakistan? Air Cmdr. Ghulam Mujaddid said radicalization should not be confined to Pakistan alone as it is a human phenomenon. People from any part of the world can have extremist mindset as has been evident from many examples but unfortunately, there has been a sanctioning of the radicalized behaviour in Pakistan. There is a tendency to put a great value to one who acted

radicalized in the name of religion. Promotion of core values to people is a must act now; as radicalization is the purview of the society thus society needs to take charge and guard its interest.

Lt. Gen. (R) Yasin Malik added to the argument and inquired why is it that Indian extremism and radicalization embedded in Modi’s doctrine has never been highlighted, despite the Gujarat arson in 2002 when about 2000 women were ferociously raped and burnt alive under his authority as a Chief Minister? Does