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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