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PREFACE

The Citizens Report on the **Performance of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production** has been prepared by PILDAT. The report covers the period from June 01, 2013 to May 31, 2014 and is a continuation of the analysis of performance prepared by PILDAT earlier.

This report has been prepared under the overall objective of strengthening Parliamentary oversight on defence and National Security in Pakistan. This report is a continuation of the analysis prepared by PILDAT for the past 5 years. To date, PILDAT has prepared and published 9 reports each in English and Urdu on the Performance of Defence specific Standing Committees of the National Assembly and the Senate of Pakistan.

The report draws upon the publicly available data on the work of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence, which is obtained mostly from the official website of the committee <http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk>

The objective behind the report is to analyse the performance of the Committee in the backdrop of peculiar security needs of Pakistan and the role Parliament is playing with respect to defining and influencing policy and principles of national defence. The report therefore is meant to assist the committee in its oversight functions.

Furthermore, in the backdrop of specific civil-military equation in Pakistan, the purpose of the report is to examine the exercise of available powers of the Parliament with regards to Parliamentary oversight of defence and security sector in the light of the Constitution of Pakistan and assisting Parliament and its committees in undertaking well-researched, objective and non-partisan oversight of defence and security sector alongside other fields in the executive branch.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production was re-constituted on June 04, 2012, 3 months after the Senate election in March 2012. **Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed** (Islamabad, PML) was elected as the Chair of the committee on the same date.

There was a huge change in the performance of Senate Defence Committee after the election of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed as its Chairman. In 2012-2013, the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production held 20 activities including meetings, visits, seminars and public hearings. From 2009 to 2012, in comparison, the Committee had held a total of 34 meetings in 3 years.

Another significant improvement in the performance was that the committee had prepared and published¹ 4 reports in less than a year whereas under the earlier tenure of the Committee, not even a single report was tabled by the Committee in 3 years.

During the period from June 01, 2013 to May 31, 2014, the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production held a total of 26 activities including meetings, Committee Visits, Meeting Delegations, Policy Seminars, Workshops apart from the Bills presented in the House and Reports published by the Committee.

The Senate Standing Committee on Defence also launched its website <http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk> in June 2012, which is updated frequently on which details of all activities and minutes of the meetings can be accessed.

The Senate Defence Committee has achieved another first by taking the initiative of preparing a list of activities and a Work Plan for the year which includes holdings official briefings, and public hearings on important issues. Following the previous practise the Committee members prepared and approved a Work Plan of the Committee. The approved plan of 2013-2014 is attached in Appendix A.

The Committee has also set some new traditions such as receiving briefings on the Defence Budget and giving suggestions for the preparation of the budget. During the period, the Committee held a Media Briefing on the Defence Budget by also preparing and launching a Media Manual on the subject. The Senate Standing Committee on Defence achieved another landmark by holding public hearing and policy seminars on important issues related to Defence and Civil Military Relations on a frequent basis.

1. PILDAT is assisting the Senate Defence Committee, upon its request, with publication of the official Committee Reports since June 2012.

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Introduction

The Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production was re-constituted on June 04, 2012, 3 months after the Senate election in March 2012. **Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed** (Islamabad, PML) was elected as the chair of the Committee on the same date. The Committee has a total membership of twelve senators. It has a distinguished membership of experienced Parliamentarians and public figures, and has the responsibility of oversight of executive functions of the Ministries of Defence and Defence Production.²

Party-wise membership of the Committee is provided in Table 1.

Role of the Defence Committees

The principle of Parliamentary oversight on the Executive is enshrined in the Constitution of Pakistan mandated mainly through Parliamentary powers of legislation and passage of the budget. These powers are further defined under the rules of the Senate of Pakistan that govern the functioning of the Parliamentary committees as well. The broad responsibility of the Standing Committees dealing with Defence, in both Senate and the National Assembly of Pakistan is to oversee the functioning of the Defence division (and the Defence Production division in the case of the Senate Committee) and all its related bodies in keeping with the tasks assigned to the divisions.

The functions of Standing Committees in Pakistan's Parliament are to debate legislation relating to, and overseeing the working and performance of, the relevant Ministry or Division. Standing committees have wide powers to call witnesses, requisition official records, seek statements on oath and take up any matter within their jurisdiction, without reference by the House.

Standing Committees can take up public petitions on any matter *“connected with the business pending before the parliament, or any matter of general public interest which is primarily the concern of the government, provided that it is not one which falls within the cognisance of a court, nor shall it relate to a matter pending before any court or other authority performing judicial or quasi-judicial functions.”*³

Table 1: Membership of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production

Party	Number of Members in the Committee
Pakistan Peoples Party-Parliamentarian (PPPP)	4
Senator Farhatullah Babar Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, PPPP	
Senator Sabir Ali Baloch Balochistan, PPPP	
Senator Sardar Ali Khan Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, PPPP	
Senator Sehar Kamran Sindh, PPPP	
Pakistan Muslim League - Nawaz (PML-N)	2
Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar Punjab, PML-N	
Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq Punjab, PML-N	
Pakistan Muslim League (PML)	2
Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed Islamabad, PML	
Senator Ch Shujaat Hussain Punjab, PML	
Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM)	1
Senator Col. (Retd.) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi Sindh, MQM	
Awami National Party (ANP)	1
Senator Haji Muhammad Adeel KP, ANP	
Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazlur Rehman	1
Senator Molana Muhamad Khan Sherani Balochistan, JUI-F	
Total	12

2. For details, please see **About the Committee**, <http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/about-committee.php?pageid=about-committee>
3. Parliamentary oversight on Spy agencies, Dawn, May 13, 2011: <http://www.dawn.com/2011/05/13/parliamentary-oversight-of-spy-agencies.html>

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As with other permanent parliamentary committees throughout the world, it is common for Parliamentary Defence Committees to have a range of roles, including:⁴

- i. Considering relevant draft legislation, consulting with Ministers and others about its content and reporting the legislation to the House considering national military and defence priorities and making public its views.
- ii. Considering the law as it affects members of the armed forces – dealing not with individual cases but with the law as it applies to forces generally.
- iii. Overseeing the detailed workings of the department of defence and any of its agencies and holding Ministers to account; reviewing how the outcome of policies matched previously announced plans and making reports for the House and the public on such matters.
- iv. Examining the budget of the department critically and making detailed reports on any issues, which seem unsatisfactory.
- v. Considering the operation of existing laws and policies.
- vi. Following up the previous recommendations of the committee and checking that the ministry has fulfilled undertakings previously given to change or improve its practices or policies.
- vii. Providing regular information on which Parliament as a whole can make soundly based decisions on defence priorities, spending and administration.
- viii. As a specialist committee, helping Parliament itself in plenary sittings to deal with complex and sensitive issues in relation to security and defence and helping to improve public understanding of these matters.

Constitutional Mandate

The Constitution of Pakistan vests the control and command of the Armed Forces in the Federal Government. The Federal Government exercises its powers of control and command of the Armed Forces through its Ministry of Defence.

The Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production corresponds to the Ministries of the Defence and Defence Production. Its key

responsibilities are to oversee the functioning of these ministries and all their related bodies in keeping with the tasks assigned to these divisions. Review of legislation relating to these ministries and to oversee the financial and policy-related working and performance of these ministries are the main tasks of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production.⁵

Performance of Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production: 2013-2014

There is a positive and a definite change in the working of Senate Committee on Defence and Defence Production after the election of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed as its Chairman. There was an accelerated positive change in the performance of Senate Defence Committee after the election of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed as its Chairman. In less than one year since its re-constitution, the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production actively held a good number of activities including meetings, visits, seminars and public hearings. The committee also prepared and published⁶ 4 reports in less than a year.

In the period from June 01, 2013-May 31, 2014, the Committee held 26 activities apart from the Bills and Resolutions presented in the House and the Reports published. It was for the first time that the Committee held a Media Briefing on Defence Budget as well as prepared a Media Manual on the subject. It was also for the first time during the tenure that Senate Standing Committee on Defence initiated the process of public hearings.

4. Role of Defence Committee, <http://www.parliamentaryresources.net/policy-areas/security-defence-committee/-role-defence-committees>
5. For details please see Citizens Performance Report: Performance of the Parliamentary Committees on Defence and National Security, March 15, 2008 – March 15, 2012, PILDAT, (May 2011): <http://www.pildat.org/Publications/publication/CMR/Report-6.PerformanceoftheParliamentaryCommitteesofDefenceandNationalSecurityMar08toMar11.pdf>
6. PILDAT is assisting the Senate Defence Committee, upon its request, with publication of the official Committee Reports since June 2012.

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Meetings of the Committee: 2013-2014

The performance of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence production continued to witness a positive trend in its working during 2013-2014 as well.

During the period, from June 01, 2013-May 31, 2014, the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production held a total of 26 activities that include meetings, visits, public hearings and policy seminars.

The Committee visited Afghanistan and held Dialogue with its counterpart Afghanistan Defence Committee. The Committee members also visited Azerbaijan, Turkey and Berlin for several pressing debates and enhancing relations with the respective countries. The Committee also visited Naval Headquarters to get briefing by the Pakistan Navy on its Projects including Karachi shipyard and Pakistan-China Naval Cooperation. The members also visited the Pakistan Navy Base in Ormara.

The Defence Committee held a meeting on the Defence Budget in the month of May in which Additional Secretary Defence from Ministry of Defence gave a detailed briefing on preparation of the Defence Budget. The Committee also set a new tradition when it prepared a Media Manual on Defence Budget and presented it to the Media and Civil Society, thus bridging the gap between Civil and Military institutions.

During this period, the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production reviewed the Bill on Protection of Cyber Crimes. The Bill aims at preventing unauthorized acts with respect to electronic crimes and related offences. The Committee also prepared and published four (4) reports during the year.

Table 2 carries the details of the Reports published by the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production.

The Senate Standing Committee on Defence recommended full time Federal Minister for Defence on May 08, 2014 in the Senate to address the National Security Concerns and promote Civil Military harmony. During the period, the Committee also called the attention of the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs to provide the specifics of the Cabinet Committee on National Security (CCNS).

Table 3 carries the Number of Meetings held by the Committee in each month since June 2014:

In comparison, the previous Senate Defence Committee had held 34 meetings from 2009-2012, while the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production held 46 meetings since its reconstitution up to May 2014. Table 4 carries number of meetings held by the Committee per year since 2009.

Table 2: Reports Prepared by the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production

i.	<p>Report No. 5: June 2013 http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/reports/report-5.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing on LoC, Interactions for Revival of PIA & Restructuring of the ASF Interactions with Delegation from Command & Staff College, Quetta; Foreign Service Academy and E.U. Military Attaches Visit of Thai Senate President
ii.	<p>Report No. 6: August-September 2013 http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/reports/report-6.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Seminar on Defencing Pakistan through Cyber Security Strategy Discussions on matters related to the Ministry of Defence and its attached Departments
iii.	<p>Report No. 7: September-October 2013 http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/reports/report-7.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee's visit to Afghanistan and Azerbaijan
iv.	<p>Report No. 8: November-December 2013 http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/reports/report-8.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Seminar Nuclear non-proliferation, Pakistan's Counter-Terror Strategy & Pakistan in the 21st century: Defence, Development & Democracy Cyber Security Workshop for Journalists Meeting with German Military Delegation

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Table 3: Meetings of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production:

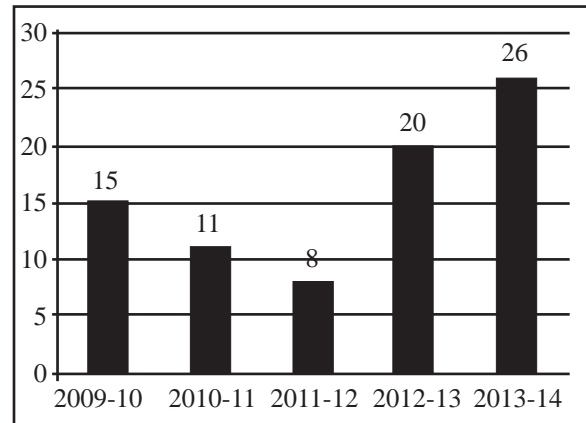
June 2013-May 2014

Month	Number of Meetings held
June 2013	01
July 2013	02
August 2013	01
September 2013	02
October 2013	03
November 2013	04
December 2013	00
January 2014	04
February 2014	01
March 2014	02
April 2014	02
May 2014	04
Total	26

Table 4: Year wise meetings held by the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production: 2009-2014

Parliamentary Year	Number of Meetings held
2009-2010	15
2010-2011	11
2011-2012	08
2012-2013	20
2013-2014	26
Total	80

Figure 1: Year-wise meetings held by the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production



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Details of Meetings

June 27, 2014: Meeting with Special Representative of Secretary General (SRSG) in Afghanistan and Head of United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), Mr. Jan Kubis on June 27, 2013 at Parliament House.

A 3-member delegation of United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, under Mr. Jan Kubis, Special Representative of Secretary General (SRSG) in Afghanistan and Head of UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan met Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman Senate Committee on Defence & Defence Production at the Parliament House, Islamabad. Mr. Jan Kubis was assisted by Mr. Vadim Nazarov - Chief Political Officer UNAMA, Ms. Colombe de Nicolay, Special Assistant to the SRSG and Ms. Raana Rahim, Head of UNAMA Islamabad Office.

During discussions, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed urged the United Nations to promote an intra-Afghan dialogue and consider forming a UN- OIC Peacekeeping Force to prevent a vacuum in 2014 following the NATO military exit. The UN leader, who is former Foreign Minister of Slovakia, appreciated Pakistan's role and contribution in hosting some 3 million Afghan refugees for over 3 decades. He also referred to Pakistan's pivotal role in promoting the peace process, especially the opening of the Taliban office in Doha.

Senator Mushahid Hussain said Pakistan always faced the direct consequences of turmoil and instability in Afghanistan, and Pakistan had been in the 'eye of the storm' since 1979, hence, Pakistan had the biggest stakes for stability and peace in Afghanistan. He urged the United Nations to have a 3-pronged approach for peace in Afghanistan.⁷

July 08, 2013: Policy Seminar on Defending Pakistan through Cyber Security Strategy

The Senate Committee on Defence and Defence Production organised a policy seminar on **Defending Pakistan through Cyber Security Strategy** in coordination with Pakistan Information Security Association (PISA) on July 08, 2013 in Islamabad in order to address security issues related to the internet.

Senator Mushahid Hussain, Chairman of Senate Committee on Defence and Defence Production highlighted the cyber security threat and how it can

affect Pakistan's national defence, security, intelligence, diplomacy, nuclear and missile programme, economy, energy, education, civil aviation as well as industrial and manufacturing units both in the private and public sector.

The Senate Standing Committee on Defence proposed the following 7-point Action Plan for a Cyber Secure Pakistan:

- I. Relevant legislation to preserve, protect and promote Pakistan cyber security.
- II. Cyber security threat should be accepted and recognised as new, emerging National Security threat by the Government of Pakistan, similar to the threats like terrorism and military aggression.
- III. Establishing a National Computer Emergency Response Team (PKCERT).
- IV. Establishing a Cyber-Security Task Force with affiliation with Ministry of Defence, Ministry of IT, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Information and our security organisations plus relevant and leading professionals from the private security so that Pakistan can take steps to combat this new emerging threat and formulate Cyber Security Strategy for Pakistan.
- V. Under the office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, an Inter-Services Cyber Command should be established to coordinate cyber security and cyber defence for the Pakistan Armed Forces.
- VI. Within the framework of SAARC, Pakistan should take the initiative to initiate talks among the 8-member states particularly India to establish acceptable norms of behaviour in cyber security among the SAARC countries so that these countries are not engaged in cyber warfare against each other.
- VII. If Pakistan and India can have an agreement not to attack nuclear installations, why not an agreement seeking the prevention of cyber warfare against each other?⁸

July 17, 2013: Formulation of Work Plan of the Committee for Next 6 Months

An in-house consultative meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production was held on July 17, 2013 at the Parliament House, Islamabad.

7. http://www.senate.gov.pk/uploads/documents/1378101374_113.pdf

8. For details, please see Senate Committee proposes 7 point Action Plan for Cyber Secure Pakistan, The Dawn, July 08, 2013, <http://www.dawn.com/news/1023706/senate-committee-proposes-7-point-action-plan-for-cyber-secure-pakistan>

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The agenda before the Committee was to formulate work plan of Senate Defence Committee for the next 6 months (August 2013 – January 2014), Discussion on the visits of the Committee to Afghanistan and Germany in September 2013 and January 2014 respectively, Discussion on the Abbottabad Commission Report, Discussion on the news item regarding separation of Aviation Department from the Ministry of Defence published in Daily Dawn dated 7th July, 2013 and next steps by the Committee on the basis of the Policy Seminar on “Defending Pakistan through Cyber Security Strategy.”

The Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, Air Vice Marshal Arshad Quddus, participated in the meeting. For an authentic and first hand account of the leaked Abbottabad Commission Report, Ambassador (Retd.) Ashraf Jahangir Qazi, a Member of the Abbottabad Commission, was invited for testimony before the Committee.

The Draft Work Plan of the Committee was approved by the members.

On the agenda item regarding uncertainties and difficulties created due to separation of the Aviation related departments including PIA, Civil Aviation and ASF from the Ministry of Defence, the Leader of the House in Senate, Senator Raja Mohammad Zafar-ul-Haq, said that he would convey the concerns of the Committee to the Prime Minister.⁹

August 22, 2013: Japanese Delegation Called on the Senate Defence Committee

A Delegation led by Masahisa Sato, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Defence, Japan, called on the Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed on August 22, 2013.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed said that Pakistan suffered heavy losses as it sacrificed more than 50,000 lives in the ongoing war against terrorism. He said the number of Pakistani people killed in the war against terrorism included personnel of security forces and civilians and the loss to properties is much beyond calculation. He said that Pakistan highly values its bilateral relations with Japan and both share

commonality of views on different regional and global issues and have supported each other in times of crises.

Both sides discussed bilateral issues of mutual interest and agreed on further enhancement of existing engagements on every level.¹⁰

September 10-11, 2013: Defence Committee's visit to Afghanistan

Senate Standing Committee on Defence members visited Kabul, Afghanistan to engage in a two-day dialogue with their Afghan counterparts.

Pakistan and Afghanistan decided to “institutionalise” dialogue by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for launching talks on Defence, security and military-related issues, which would pave the way for cementing Defence ties between the two neighbours.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed said the two countries also issued a mutually agreed-upon joint declaration and presented a common view on problems faced by the countries. During the visit, both sides agreed that their peace, security and stability were intertwined.

Senator Mushahid Hussain termed the committee's visit as “first of its kind, historic, path-breaking” as the Parliamentarians of both the States decided to institutionalise the first-ever dialogue on Defence, security and military-related issues.

He said the delegation was unique since it was composed of leaders of five major political parties belonging to both the Government and the opposition and so it represented all segments of public opinion.¹¹

On the side-lines of the Dialogue, the Committee called on Honourable Mr. Hamid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and held a candid interaction with him. The Committee also called on the Defence Minister, Afghanistan Honourable Gen. (Retd.) Bismillah Khan, British Ambassador to Afghanistan H.E. Mr. Richard Stagg, Former Foreign Minister of Afghanistan, Honourable Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, and US Ambassador to Afghanistan, H. E. Mr. James B. Cunningham.¹²

9. For details, Minutes of the Meeting, <http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/activity-detail.php?pageid=news-detail&newsid=MzM=>

10. For details, please see Pakistan lost 50,000 lives in terror war: Mushahid, Dunya News, August 20, 2013, <http://dunya.com.pk/index.php/en/Pakistan/188645-Pakistan-lost-50000-lives-in-terror-war-Mushahid>

11. For details, please see Senate defence committee's visit to Kabul is historic: Mushahid <http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2013/09/13/national/senate-defence-committees-visit-to-kabul-is-historic-mushahid/>

12. For details, please see Pakistan-Afghanistan Parliamentarians Dialogue-VIII Report, September 2013, PILDAT Publication: http://www.pildat.org/Publications/publication/FP/Pak-AfghanParliamentariansDialogueVIII_September10_11_2013_Report.pdf

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September 18, 2013: Kashmir Initiative Group met with Senate Defence Committee

Senator Mushahid Hussain, Chairman of Defence Committee, met a delegation of Kashmir Initiative Group (KIG) at the Parliament House on September 18, 2013 to receive their report on peace building efforts in Kashmir. The delegation, led by Dr. Shujaat Bukhari, was presented with the Standing Committee's latest report. The Chairman and the delegation emphasized on promoting people-to-people contact, intra-Kashmir dialogue and durable peace process.¹³

October 7-11, 2013: Senate Defence Committee's visit to Azerbaijan

Chairman, Senate Defence Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed lead a 15-member Parliamentary Delegation to Azerbaijan to observe and monitor the Presidential election. The delegation had the representation of six political parties.

Senator Mushahid Hussain said “the team was invited by the Election Commission of Azerbaijan given the close brotherly bond between Pakistan and Azerbaijan and this is in recognition of the fact that Pakistan is a vibrant and dynamic democracy, probably, the freest democracy in the Muslim World.”

A pre-departure briefing was given by the Foreign Office on Pakistan-Azerbaijan relations.¹⁴

October 21, 2013: Policy Seminar on Nuclear Non-Proliferation

A seminar on Nuclear Non-Proliferation was organised by the Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production at Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services in Islamabad.

Senator Mushahid remarked that those who call our atomic bomb as Islamic bomb must learn that bombs have no religion. “Gaining nuclear capability by Pakistan created a balance of power in South Asia,” he said. Speakers at the seminar on nuclear non-proliferation dispelled the negative narrative about Pakistan's nuclear assets and called upon the West to shun double standards by promoting nuclear regimes of some states as essential for “safety” and pressurising others to end their nuclear programmes for “global security”.

Keynote speaker, former Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans called for re-assessing the situation and minimising the number of nuclear weapons.¹⁵

October 29, 2013: Chinese Peoples' Political Consultative Conference Delegation meets Defence Committee

A Delegation headed by Mr. Wang Zhengwei, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) called on the Chairman Standing Committee on Defence, Mr. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, in Islamabad on October 29, 2013. During the meeting, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed proposed for a Parliamentary Security Dialogue between Pakistan and China.

November 14: Chairman Senate Defence Committee's leads a Parliamentary Delegation to Turkey

A high-level Parliamentary delegation from Pakistan led by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence & Defence Production met with Turkish President H.E. Mr. Abdullah Gul.

The Turkish President appreciated the smooth transfer of power from one elected government to another elected government as a result of recent elections in Pakistan. He said this is an indication that democracy has strengthened and Pakistan is moving in the right direction. President Gul said both Pakistan and Turkey have similar problems and hoped that like Turkey, Pakistan will also overcome challenges it is facing today. Mr. Gul said recent initiatives undertaken by the leaderships of Turkey and Pakistan in the economic field are yielding positive results.¹⁶

November 18, 2013: Workshop on Cyber Security for Journalists

Senate Standing Committee on Defence and Defence Production, under the chairmanship of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, launched the first ever Cyber Security Manual prepared for journalists, belonging to print, electronic and online media, in collaboration with German Foundation Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) at Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPS).

13. For details, please see Senate Committee on National Defence Meeting, September 18, 2013, <http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/gallery-18-09-2013.php?pageid=gallery>
14. For details, please see Mushahid to lead Pakistan Parliamentary Delegation to Azerbaijan, Associated Press of Pakistan October 2013, http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=243730&Itemid=1
15. For details, please see Nuclear non-proliferation seminar: Bombs have no religion, says Mushahid, The Express Tribune, October 26, 2013, <http://tribune.com.pk/story/622663/nuclear-non-proliferation-seminar-bombs-have-no-religion-says-mushahid/>
16. For details, please see Senator Mushahid Hussain led Parliamentary Delegation meets with Turkish President, November 14, 2013, <http://www.mushahidhussain.com/news-detail.php?id=MTYy&pageid=media>

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Senator Mushahid Hussain, while addressing the participants of the workshop on Cyber Security for Journalists, also emphasized that SAARC countries need a treaty to prevent cyber warfare against each other. He was of the view that SAARC countries particularly India and Pakistan should avoid opening a new front that would be debilitating for the whole region.

The 40-page manual, in which the participants took great interest, provides journalists with basic know-how on security protocols for dealing with the threats that are becoming complex with the passage of time. The manual would enable the journalists to safely produce and share the stories with their audiences thus furthering the goal of press freedom.

Senator Mushahid Hussain reiterated his resolve that the Senate Defence Committee would act as a bridge not only between the Khaki and Mufti but also between media and military. He said that the new emerging scenario demands a proactive approach to tackle challenges and work for a strong defence of the country. He said that the committee would conduct such orientations in future as well to create awareness about issues related to defence and security.

He called for recognizing Cyber Security as a major non-conventional threat to national security that needed to be encountered through a sound strategy.

Defence Committee Chairman called for greater preparedness of the armed forces for protecting the digital frontiers of the country and said that he would recommend to the government and military leadership to establish an Inter-Services Cyber Security Command under the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee.¹⁷

November 19, 2013: German Capstone Delegation Called on the Senate Defence Committee

A delegation of German Capstone Course met with Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman, Senate Committee on Defence and Defence Production, on November 19, 2013 at the Parliament House, Islamabad. The delegation was headed by Mr. Rainer Schuwirth, Course Director, Federal Armed Forces Command and Staff College. It also included the following high ranking officers of the German Armed Force, enrolled in the Command and Staff College

Course.¹⁸

November 25, 2013: Policy Seminar on Pakistan's Counter Terror Strategy

A Policy Seminar on Pakistan's Counter Strategy was organised by the Senate Standing Committee on Defence on November 25, 2013 in Islamabad.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Senate Defence Committee underscored the need for making collective effort to overcome the menace of terrorism and to formulate a long term, workable and effective policy in this regard. He emphasized for promoting dialogue among different faiths and beliefs to ensure peaceful coexistence.

Former Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Seema Baloch also shared her views with the participants regarding the Sri Lankan government's efforts to crush Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka. She said that a media centre for National Security was established to give continuous information to the nation to keep the morale of the nation high and fight the Tamil propaganda. A media representative seconded her opinion and demanded complete ban on glorifying the acts of terrorism.

Mr. Tariq Pervez, former DG FIA and former Chairman NCTA gave a detailed overview of the formation of the authority and highlighted the causes behind slow progress.¹⁹

January 03, 2014: Policy Seminar on Pakistan in 21st Century: Defence, Development and Democracy

A Policy Seminar on Pakistan in 21st Century: Defence, Development and Democracy was organised by the Senate Standing Committee on Defence on January 03, 2014 in Islamabad.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence said that one of the indubitable strengths of Pakistanis is their resilience, their interminable will to combat challenges and overcome them.

He concluded on a positive note by highlighting the five recent transitions that took place, including newly-elected Governments, a new Army Chief and Chief Justice.

17. For details, please see First ever Cyber Security Manual for Journalists launched by Senate Defence Committee <http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/newsdetail.php?pageid=news-detail&newsid=MTMy>

18. For details, please see Promoting Pakistan's Defence through Development and Democracy http://www.senate.gov.pk/uploads/documents/1397549255_513.pdf

19. For details, please see Mushahid stresses collective effort to overcome terrorism, November 27, 2013 <http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/newsdetail.php?pageid=news-detail&newsid=MTM0>

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A senior correspondent of The Washington Post and author of "Playing with Fire," Constable discussed her book which presents an analysis of the various paradoxes and conflicts confronting Pakistan, which encompass the military establishment, Taliban, politicians, Sufis and shrines, poignantly graduating downwards to the common man and his expectations, lack of trust in the system and a sense of powerlessness and alienation. "This schism between the people and the state is the reason why radical Islam has gained popular appeal in the country," she said.

With reference to Constable's book, columnist Mr. Ayaz Amir commented that the book beautifully accounts for the reasons for the deterioration of the state, however, a holistic historical narrative of the centuries of chaos following the decline of the Mughal era could elucidate the subject. He said Pakistan is a victim of its larger geography that entangled it in the war against the Soviets, the current fallout being a direct consequence.

The concise reporting style of Constable's book was also appreciated by Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, as it presented a collage of episodes from wide-ranging happenings of recent years. Elaborating on the topic, he highlighted the gradual yet definitive conversion of Pakistan from a welfare state in 1947, to a national security state by the 1960s.²⁰

January 23, 2014: Committee Meeting on Pak-US Consultative Group, Pak-US Military Ties in 2014 & Upgradation of the posts of SOs and ASOs in the ASF

A Senate Standing Committee on Defence meeting was held on January 23, 2014 at the Parliament House, Islamabad. Briefing the Senate Standing Committee on Defence, held with its Chairman Mushahid Hussain Sayed in the chair, Secretary Defence Asif Yaseen said that Pak-US defence consultative group meeting was held in a cordial manner and matters related to bilateral defence relations as well as peace and stability in Afghanistan were discussed at length.

Secretary Defence Asif Yaseen said that US has agreed to carry forward defence cooperation with Pakistan however we have conveyed to US that any instability in Afghanistan would have a negative impact on Pakistan.

He told the committee that Pakistan made it clear to the

US that any instability in Afghanistan would have a negative impact on Pakistan and that peace in Afghanistan is vital for stability in Pakistan as well as the entire region. He said that situation in Afghanistan after 2014 was discussed and we have assured that Pakistan would play a positive role in moving forward the peace process in Afghanistan.

In response to a question of senators he said that US troops cannot stay in Afghanistan until the Joint Defence agreement is enforced and so far the Afghan president has not signed it. Regarding stopping of NATO supply in KP he said that it is a political decision however the armed forces are bound to ensure safe passage to NATO supply under an agreement with the NATO countries.

On drone strikes he said Pakistan delegation apprised the US of country's stance and reservation it seems like the US has not been able to find any target that is why there have been no recent drone attacks. He further told the committee that Pakistan has conveyed its concerns to the United States over increase in the defence budget by India, which is not China centric but is in fact Pakistan centric. In response to another question he said in the beginning the US had some reservations over the provision of Coalition Support Fund which have been removed and the provision of funds has been started.²¹

January 27, 2014: Senate Defence Committee visits Combined Military Hospital (CMH)

Senate Defence Committee on Saturday visited the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) to inquire after the health of those injured in the terrorist attack in RA Bazar in Rawalpindi and Bannu on January 27, 2014.

On arrival in the CMH, the Senate Defence Committee got official protocol and Commandant CMH Major General Salahuddin Qasim, Deputy Commandant Brig Bangash and Brig. Nigar received the committee delegation.

The delegation of the Senate's Defence Committee comprising of its Chairman Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain, Senator Farhatullah Babar, Senator Sehar Kamran, Senator Col. (Retd.) Tahir Hussain Mashadi and Secretary Committee Sharifullah Wazir.

20. For details, please see *Construing Nationhood: Casting a Critical lens at the Security Situation*, The Express Tribune, January 04, 2014, <http://tribune.com.pk/story/654472/construing-nationhood-casting-a-critical-lens-at-the-security-situation-and-political-culture/>

21. For details, please see *Senate Body told instable Afghanistan to have a negative impact on Pakistan*, January 24, 2014 <http://pakobserver.net/201401/24/detailnews.asp?id=231334>

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The Senate Committee visited three different wards—Intensive Care Unit (ICU), High Dependency Unit (HDU) and General Surgical Wards—and inquired after the health of each and every injured and presented bouquets to all.

Commandant CMH Major General Salahuddin Qasim appreciated the Senate Defence Committee for the visit and said that the morale of the Pakistan armed forces is high with this gesture.

The main aim and purpose of the visit of the Senate's Defence committee comprising of different political parties was not only to show solidarity with the injured but also to give a message from politicians to Pakistan's Armed forces that all the nation should remain united and on one page in the war against terrorism.²²

January 28- February 01, 2014: Senate Defence Committee visits Berlin, Germany

The Senate Defence Committee led by its Chairman, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, visited Berlin on January 28-February 01, 2014. The Delegation met the Defence and Foreign Relations Committees of the German Parliament. They also visited the SWP, German Institute for International Politics, the leading think tank of Berlin, as well as the Chief of the German Government Task Force on Afghanistan & Pakistan, Ackerman.

During the Delegation's visit, Senator Mushahid Hussain lauded the role of Germany as the “leader of the Europe, which has demonstrated vision and will to resolve pressing issues including defusing the confrontation with Syria and helping in the rapprochement with Iran”. He also urged for a similar role of Germany in Afghanistan, promoting peace and reconciliation as well as capacity-building.

In an interaction with the German Parliamentarians, Senator Mushahid Hussain called for the establishment of Pakistan-German Parliamentary Friendship Group to institutionalize the relationship between the two parliaments adding that Germany's role in helping Pakistan's getting GSP Plus from the European Union was very commendable and highly appreciated by all the political parties in Pakistan.

In order to promote trade relations between Pakistan and Germany, Senator Mushahid Hussain proposed for

the establishment of German-Pakistan Joint Chamber of Commerce which would facilitate bilateral contacts between the two countries.

He also supported Germany playing a pro-active role in Pakistan's industrial sector and economy particularly in solar energy, science and technology, education and textiles.²³

February 21-23, 2014: Defence Committee visits Pakistan Navy in Karachi

A 13-member delegation of Senate Standing Committee on Defence, headed by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, visited facilities and installations of Pakistan Navy in Karachi and coastal areas during the delegation's three-day visit to the city.

The delegation visited Pakistan Navy Dockyard, submarine centre and Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works.

During the visit, a comprehensive briefing was given to the committee on the emerging contemporary challenges in the region and Pakistan Navy's response, measures and infrastructure development of Pakistan Navy. The committee was apprised on the adversary's massive naval build-up particularly in context to acquisition of nuclear submarines which is a matter of concern not only for Pakistan but also for the regional peace. The committee was also briefed on the indigenisation programme of Pakistan Navy.

The committee undertook a detailed visit of Jinnah Naval Base at Ormarah, considered as future home port of PN Fleet, where it was briefed on various development projects of the base which will help achieve early commencement of sustained fleet operations.

The committee was briefed on the nation-building efforts along the Makran coast and PN measures aimed at socio-economic uplift of Baloch populace along the Makran Coastal belt. During the visit of Cadet College Ormarah, committee members were apprised of the facilities being provided by Pakistan Navy to the cadets and college's planned developments so as to make it a premier training institution on the Makran Coast. During the visit of 100-bed hospital PNS DARMAAN JAH, the committee was apprised that PN is extending free medical support/facilities to the Baloch population

22. For details, please see Senate Panel inquires after health of injured, The News, January 26, 2014 <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-228772-Senate-panel-inquires-after-health-of-injured>

23. For details, please see Senate Defence Committee holds Meeting with Defence Foreign Relations Committee of Germany, <http://ppinewsagency.com/161323/senate-defence-committee-holds-meeting-with-defence-foreign-relations-committees-of-germany/>

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and coastal community in particular.²⁴

March 10, 2014: Launch of Media Manual on Climate Change & Deforestation

A premier media manual on Climate Change and Deforestation was launched and handed out specifically for media persons during an event in Islamabad organised by the Senate Defence Committee. The media manual includes chapters on reporting environmental issues, giving an understanding about how to do a story, use specific language and terms, and to identify issues for public awareness and interest. All this will help the media persons in bringing this issue in the mainstream media by effective and precise reporting, providing them with the latest and reliable source of information.

A presentation was given by Inspector General of Forests, Mahmood Nasir which highlighted the impact of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. Emissions from deforestation and forest degradation alone contribute to 17% of the total global emissions, a figure that is greater than the combined global vehicle emissions. In an informative speech, Mr. Nasir passionately covered the key points and facts about the topic, specifically its implications in Pakistan, informing the committee that REDD+ received US\$ 3.8 million on the basis of the high calibre of the action plan submitted by the Climate Division. The Convener reinforced this by stating that cutting trees is a heinous crime, which is punishable by law.²⁵

March 14, 2014: Ukrainian Ambassador called on the Chairman Senate Defence Committee

Ambassador of Ukraine, Volodymyr Lakomov, called on the Chairman of the Senate Defence Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain at his Parliamentary office on March 14, 2014.

Senator Mushahid Hussain said that Pakistan and Ukraine enjoyed close, cooperative relations, and Ukraine had always supported Pakistan by providing good quality defence equipment which has helped in Pakistan's national security. Senator Mushahid Hussain said that in the 21st Century, the internationally political order was governed by certain principles based on international law and the UN Charter and the

foundation of such an international order was non-interference in internal affairs as well as inviolability of state frontiers.

Senator Mushahid Hussain called for a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine crisis, and hoped that the international community would also support the preservation and protection of state borders of Ukraine and oppose any attempt to use force in this crisis. The Ambassador of Ukraine thanked Senator Mushahid Hussain for his principled position on the situation of Ukraine.²⁶

April 04, 2014: Visit of the Austrian Delegation

An Austrian Delegation led by Dr. Werner Fassalabend met with the Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed in Islamabad on May 04, 2014. Brig. General Walter Feichtinger and Austrian Ambassador to Pakistan H.E. Axel Wech were part of the meeting too, The discussion was focussed on regional security issues, bilateral relations with Pakistan and the US withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2014 and its implications.

April 06, 2014: Visit of American Journalists

A Delegation of American journalists, visiting Islamabad on the US-Pakistan Journalist Exchange Programme, offered by the East-West Centre, Honolulu met with Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed on April 06, 2014.

Chairman of Senate Defence Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed has said that the Pakistani people showed resilience in the war against terrorism, sacrificing much more than any other country and Pakistan's democratic transformation, with multiple power centres and political pluralism, deserves fair and better treatment in the US media.²⁷

May 06, 2014: Russian Ambassador Called on the Senate Defence Committee Chairman

The new Russian Ambassador H.E. Alexey Dedov, called on Senator Mushahid Hussain at the Parliament House on May 06, 2014 in Islamabad.

During the meeting, which was held in a cordial atmosphere, Senator Mushahid Hussain appreciated

24. For details, please see Senate Defence Committee Meeting <http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/newsdetail.php?pageid=news-detail&newsid=MTQ5>

25. For details, please see No Development at the expense of environment, March 12, 2014 <http://www.youlinmagazine.com/environment/metro-bus-project-no-development-at-the-expense-of-the-environment/Mw==>

26. For details, please see Pakistan supports unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine: Senator Mushahid, Pakistan Christian Post, March 14, 2014. <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenews.php?hnewsid=4741>

27. For details, please see Pakistan deserves better treatment in US Media, The Express Tribune, April 17, 2014 <http://tribune.com.pk/story/692327/meeting-with-american-journalists-pakistan-deserves-better-treatment-in-us-media/>

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the positive role of President Putin in promoting peace in Syria.

However, Senator Mushahid expressed his reservations and concern over the situation in the Crimea, underlying that Pakistan has a strong commitment to uphold UN Charter and international law, and abiding by international norms that forbid any change of established borders through force, according to a press release issued here.²⁸

May 15, 2014: Visit of the Secretary Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade

Mr. Peter Varghese, Secretary Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia called on the Senate Defence Committee at Parliament House Islamabad on May 15, 2014.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed raised concerns about Uranium trade between India and Australia and urged the Secretary to treat India and Pakistan at par.²⁹

May 19, 2014: Media Briefing on Defence Budget & launch of Media Manual

For the first time in the Parliamentary history of Pakistan, the Senate Standing Committee on Defence organised a detailed briefing for the media on the Defence Budget and launched the first-ever Media Manual on the Defence Budget on May 19, 2014 in Islamabad.

The briefing was given by Air Vice Marshal Arshad Quddus, Additional Secretary Defence, responsible for the budget. The briefing was attended by a larger section of Media, Civil Society as well as senior Parliamentarians

In his remarks at the briefing, Senator Mushahid Hussain said that the Senate Defence Committee was serving as a bridge between the Military and the media, so that both were on the same page as far as National security and Defence of the country were concerned. He said that Senate Defence Committee believed in openness and transparency and it was in this context that this first-ever medial briefing on the Defence Budget was organized since the Senate Defence Committee feels that the Defence Budget is neither "a

no-go area" nor a "holy cow," and the people, press and parliamentarians had the right to know facts in this regard.³⁰

May 27, 2014: Royal College of Defence Studies Delegation meets Defence Committee Chairman

A high level 16-member delegation of the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS), led by its Commandant, Lt Gen. Sir David Bill, called on Chairman, Senate Defence Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain, at the Parliament House on May 27, 2014.

Senator Mushahid, said that after the injection of the nuclear factor in South Asia, there was a new balance in Pakistan-India relations, and Pakistan was willing to do business with Modi's India, based on equality, reciprocity and peaceful resolution of conflicts like Kashmir, Siachen and the waters issue.³¹

28. For details, please see Pak-Russia relations to be expanded in all fields: Mushahid, May 06, 2014 <http://www.mushahidhussain.com/news-detail.php?id=MTg5&pageid=media>

29. For details, please see Senate of Pakistan, Committee Press Releases http://www.senate.gov.pk/en/news_content.php?id=1454

30. For details, please see First ever media briefing on Defence Budget, The Nation, May 19, 2014, <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/19-May-2014/first-ever-medial-briefing-on-defence-budget-and-launch-of-media-manual>

31. For details, please see Mushahid meets Royal College of Defence Studies Delegation, Business Recorder, <http://www.brecorder.com/top-news/108-pakistan-top-news/174700-mushahid-meets-royal-college-of-defence-studies-delegation.html>

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No.	Date	Issues Discussed
1.	June 27, 2013	Meeting with Special Representative of Secretary General in Afghanistan & Head of United Nations Assistance Mission
2.	July 08, 2013	Policy Seminar on 'Defending Pakistan through Cyber Security Strategy'
3.	July 17, 2013	Committee Meeting to formulate Work Plan for Next Six Months
4.	August 22, 2013	Japanese Delegation Called on the Senate Defence Committee Chairman
5.	September 10-11, 2013	Defence Committee's visit to Afghanistan
6.	September 18, 2013	Kashmir Initiative Group met with Senate Defence Committee
7.	October 7-11, 2013	Senate Defence Committee's visit to Azerbaijan
8.	October 21, 2013	Policy Seminar on Nuclear Non-Proliferation
9.	October 29, 2013	Chinese Peoples' Political Consultative Conference Delegation met Defence Committee
10.	November 14, 2013	Chairman Senate Defence Committee's leads a Parliamentary Delegation to Turkey
11.	November 18, 2013	Workshop on Cyber Security for Journalists
12.	November 19, 2013	German Capstone Delegation Called on the Senate Defence Committee
13.	November 25, 2013	Policy Seminar on Pakistan's Counter Terror Strategy
14.	January 03, 2014	Policy Seminar on Pakistan in 21 st Century: Defence, Development and Democracy
15.	January 23, 2014	Committee Meeting on Pak-US Consultative Group, Pak-US Military ties in 2014
16.	January 27, 2014	Senate Defence Committee visits Combined Military Hospital (CMH)
17.	January 28-February 01, 2014	Senate Defence Committee visits Berlin, Germany
18.	February 21-23, 2014	Defence Committee visits Pakistan Navy facilities, Karachi
19.	March 10, 2014	Launch of Media Manual on Climate Change & Deforestation
20.	March 14, 2014	Ukrainian Ambassador called on the Senate Standing Committee on Defence Chairman
21.	April 04, 2014	Visit of the Austrian Delegation
22.	April 06, 2014	Visit of American Journalists
23.	May 06, 2014	Russian Ambassador called on the Senate Defence Committee Chairman
24.	May 15, 2014	Visit of the Secretary Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade
25.	May 19, 2014	Media Briefing on Defence Budget & Launch of Media Manual
26.	May 27, 2014	Royal College of Defence Studies Delegation meets Defence Committee Chairman

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Conclusion

After the election of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed as Chairman, a significant improvement has been seen in the performance of the Senate Standing Committee of Defence and Defence Production.

The committee has set some new traditions such as preparing and approving a work plan, holding public hearings, printing and publishing committee reports and receiving briefing on Defence Budget.

In comparison with its counter-part committee in the National Assembly, as well as the earlier Defence Committee of the Senate, there is a marked improvement in efficiency and frequency of meetings held by Senate Committee.

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Appendix

Appendix A: Six-Month Work Plan August 2013-January 2014

(As Presented and approved in the meeting of Senate Defence Committee on July 17, 2013)

August 2013: Public Hearing on intelligence reform and reorganization. Presentation of bill on Cyber Security

September 2013: Defence of Pakistan Day: Visit to the Grave of Maj. Aziz Bhatti Shaheed (Nishan-e-Haider) – September 6, Visit to Kabul (Sept. 10-11), sponsored by PILDAT, Visit to Defence Production facilities in Wah/Taxila/NTC, Haripur, Presentation of Cyber Security Strategy as part of National Security Strategy, Meeting on the pending issues of earlier / requisitioned meetings.

October 2013: Visit to Karachi Shipyard invited by Pakistan Navy, Presentation of proposals regarding intelligence/national security reform and reorganization, Public Hearing on Defence Production, Defence Reports Workshop.

October 24, 2013: Policy Seminar on Nuclear Weapons & Foreign Policy PIPS Auditorium, 3-5 pm. Keynote Speaker: Gareth Evans, former Foreign Minister of Australia Centre for Nuclear Non-proliferation & Disarmament, Canberra.

November 2013: Review of National Security Policy of Government, Policy Seminar on Civil Military relations in light of the leadership transition in the armed forces (after appointment of new Army/Air Force Chiefs and Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee).

December 2013: Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) meeting in Islamabad (8-10 Dec) hosted by the Senate with Chairman, Defence Committee as Chairman of the Organizing Committee on behalf of the Senate, Policy Seminar on Pakistan, Afghanistan and the NATO/US withdrawal of Afghanistan in 2014.

January 2014: Visit to Germany and EU/NATO Headquarters in Brussels, sponsored by Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).

32. For details, please see Senate Defence Committee Meeting, July 17, 2013 <http://www.senatedefencecommittee.com.pk/activity-detail.php?pageid=news-detail&newsid=MzM=>



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