

Post Event Report

IX Moscow Conference on International Security, 22-24 June, Moscow, Russia



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A Brief Prelude of the Conference:

The Ministry of Defense of the Russia Federation organized the IX Moscow Conference on International Security on 22-24 of June, 2021, where the most urgent problems and trends in the field on international military policy were traditionally discussed. The COVID-19 pandemic has made significant changes in the system of international contacts, intensified a number of former contradictions. Therefore, through this conference it was witnessed how a new world order and forms of interaction in the field of security are being formed. Last year, due to the pandemic, the dialogue between heads of defense agencies and subject matter experts was actually hampered. Many international events, including the

Moscow forum, were cancelled. In 2021, there are positive trends in overcoming new Coronavirus infection. Vaccination of the population and the experience of medical personnel have allowed to expand contacts between countries and continents and provide an opportunity for direct dialogue. The program of the forum included the most urgent issues of the contemporary global and regional security agenda, in the solution of which the key role belongs to defense agencies. During the conference all necessary anti-epidemiological measures were taken. The forum traditionally brought together Defense Ministries, Heads of International Organizations, nongovernment experts and world's think-tank representatives.

Representatives from Pakistan in the IX Moscow Conference on International Security:

Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad, was invited as a leading international expert from Pakistan. It was an honor for CGSS that we were the only Think Tank invited from Pakistan.



Lt. Gen Mian Muhammad Hilal Hussain (Retd), Secretary Defence, Ministry of Defense, Pakistan, represented the Government of Pakistan. During the fourth plenary session of the conference, he discussed "information security: problems and solutions".

Inauguration of the IX Moscow Conference on International Security, Moscow, Russia



The IX Moscow Conference was inaugurated by the welcome video of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin

The UN- Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres also gave welcome address via video message



Minister of Defence of the Russian Federation, Army General, Sergey Shoygu gave the opening statement at the inauguration. Director of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation Army General Alexander Bortnikov also gave the welcoming statement at the inauguration of the conference.

Analysis and Discussion: IX Moscow Conference on International Security, Moscow, Russia

The detailed sessions during the three-day IX Moscow Conference amid variety of significant discussion themes. A wide range of significant topics and issues were discussed during the plenary sessions. The themes of the discussion are mentioned below:

Plenary Session 1: Strategic Stability: Transformation and Prospects

The focus of the discussion was amid assessment and emerging trends of the strategic stability and transforming world. A brief analysis of the treaty on measures for the future reduction and limitation of strategic offensive weapons was given.



It was analyzed in the discussion that U.S. global missile defense is a factor of destabilizing. Therefore, Russian federation must adequately response enhancing U.S. missile defense segment in Europe and the Asia Pacific region.



NATO’s military build-up near Russia’s western border were also highlighted as a significant issue to counter.



In the first plenary session, Army General Valery Gerasimov, Chief of General Staff of the Russian Federation Armed forces-first Deputy Ministries of Defence of the Russian Federation discussed the main spheres of military cooperation, including counter terrorist threats, strategic stability

dialogue, preventing an arms race in space, countering information threats, exchanging experience in combat training, search and rescues at sea, regional security, preventing the danger of military activities, and military-technical cooperation.



Moreover, significant key recommendations to improve mechanism to ensure strategic stability was given in the first plenary session. In January, 2021 Russian President Vladimir Putin initiated a summit of the Five permanent United Nations members. The main directions aimed at restoring the system of international agreements, preventing military clashes, restraining the

arms race, determining deterrence mechanisms, confidence building, and discussing nuclear doctrines. Therefore, these lines of action can be productive to ensure strategic stability.



Colonel-General Wei Fenghe, Minister of Defence of China addressed the first plenary session. He highlighted humanitarian role of China during the global pandemic of COVID-19. He stated that China has set an example by providing assistance to 170 countries through vaccines and is ready for more cooperation.



Lieutenant-General Viktor Khrenin, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Belarus discussed the formation of a new model of the world order including globalism, anti-globalism, and global proxy war for the future world order model.



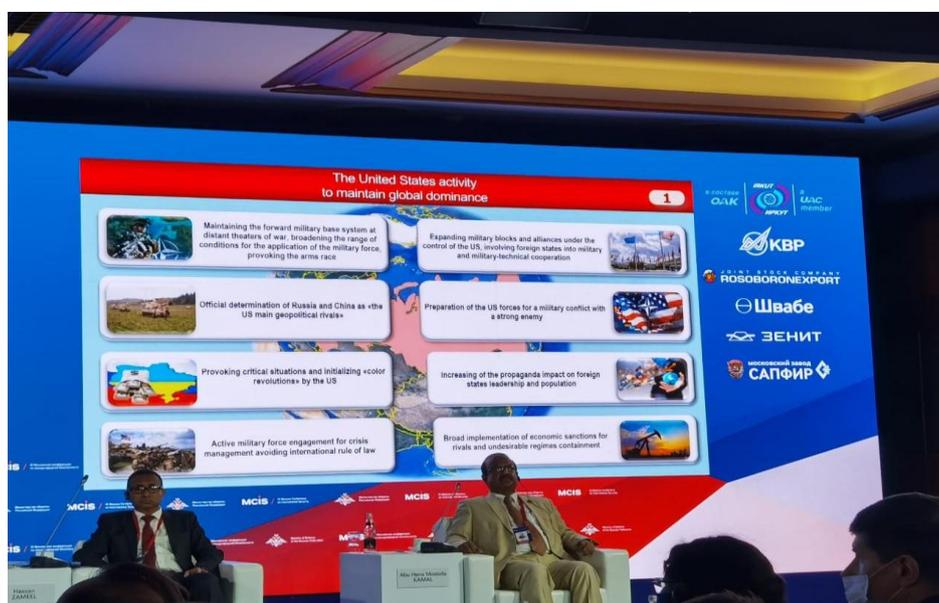
Other speakers of the plenary session 1 were as follows:

- a. Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross
- b. Dr. Khalid Bin Mohammad Al-Attiyah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the State of Qatar
- c. Khamid Karzai, Ex-President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Plenary Session 2: The Asia- Pacific Region in the Context of Global Politics

In the plenary session 2 panelists from Myanmar, Maldives, Russia, Bangladesh, Vietnam, and Brunei Darussalam participated.

Admiral Igor Kostyukov, Chief, Main Directorate of the General Staff of Russian Federation-Deputy General Armed Forces addressed the second plenary session. He discussed the United States activity to maintain global dominance in difference aspects, including maintaining the forward military base system at distant theaters of war, broadening the range of conditions for the application of the military force, providing the armed race, provoking critical situations, and initializing, and active military force engagement for crisis management and avoiding international rule of law.



Moreover, Asia-pacific region’s general features, presence of the U.S. armed forces in the Asia Pacific region, and the U.S. armed forces large scale exercises in the Asia Pacific region were also discussed.

Asia-Pacific region general features 2

58 states and territories	Total area about 50 mln sq km	45% of the world trade
More than 4 bin population (half of the total population)	About 60% world GDP	70% of the world automobile and ship production, more than 50% of aluminum and steel deposit
More than 60% of the sea freight	Advanced industry and technologies, broad market of finance, goods and services	90% of the tin, up to 70% of coal, copper and uranium world deposit

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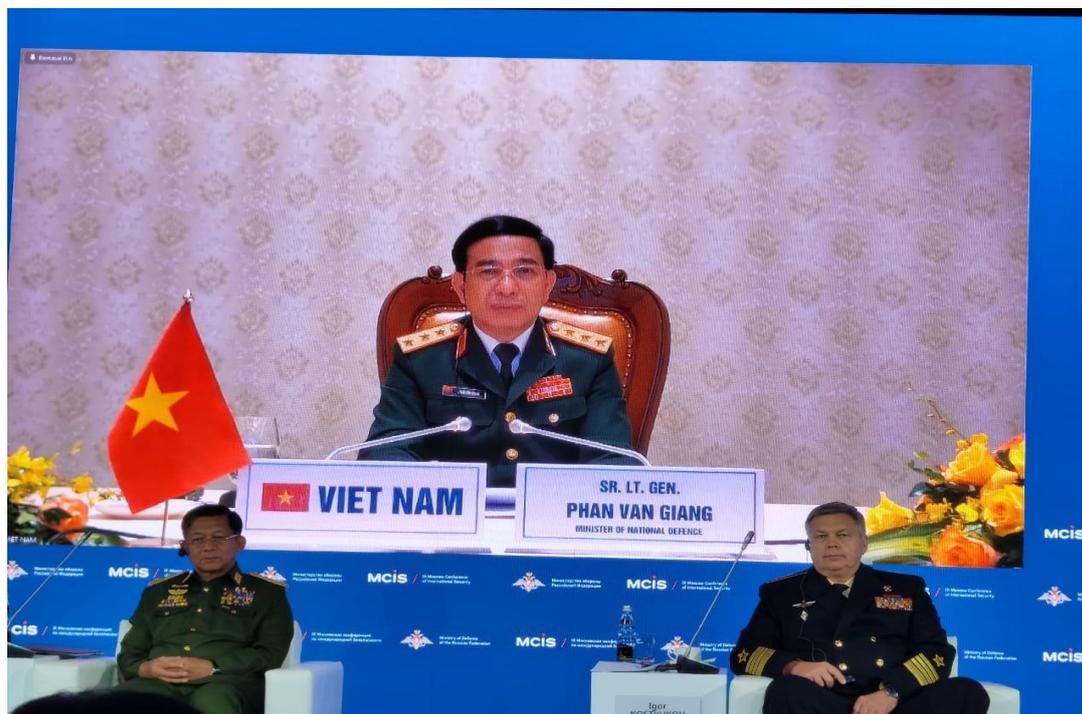
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The US armed forces large scale exercises in the Asia-Pacific region 8

US-RoK «Dong Maeng» exercise (8-18.03.2021) Total – 3,000 servicemen	US Navy CSG exercise (21-23.06.2020) Three carrier strike groups: «Ronald Reagan», «Chester Nimitz», «Theodore Roosevelt». Total – 18,000 servicemen	US armed forces «Northern Edge» exercise (3-14.05.2021) CSG «Theodore Roosevelt» Total – 15,000 servicemen
US armed forces «Valiant Shields» exercise (14-25.09.2020) CGS : «Ronald Reagan» Total – 11,000 servicemen	«RIMPAC» multinational exercise (17.08-1.09.2020) Amphibious Ready Group «Essex» Total – 8,000 servicemen	

Minister of National Defence of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Colonel-General Phan Van Giang also addressed the second plenary session.



Other speakers of the plenary session 2 were as follows:

- Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence services of the Republic Union of Myanmar, Senior General
- Hassan Zameel, Deputy Minister of Defence of the Republic of Maldives
- Sheikh Hasina, (Video Presentation), Prime Minister, Minister of Defence of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Halbi Yussof, (Online), Minister of Defence II of Brunei Darussalam

Plenary Session 3: The Role of Military Agencies in Fighting against the New Coronavirus Infection COVID-19



Lieutenant General Nurlam Yermekbayev, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Kazakhstan addressed the third plenary session of the conference and discussed role of military agencies in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic.



Other speakers of the plenary session 3 were as follows:

- Dr. Ajay Kumar, Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India
- Gursediin Saikhanbayar, Minister of Defense of Mongolia, Brigadier General
- Jean-Pierre Lacroix, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operation
- Oppah Muchinguri Kashiri, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Zimbabwe
- Yassin Ibrahim, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Sudan
- Dr. Ambrose Keith Musinguzi, Chief of Medical Services of Uganda people's Defence Force, Major General

Plenary Session 4: Information Security: Problems and Solutions



Lt. Gen Mian Muhammad Hilal Hussain (Retd) Secretary Defence, Ministry of Defense, Pakistan discussed efforts of Pakistan Armed forces to counter terrorism & role in implementation of COVID-19 regulations in the country.



Other speakers of the plenary session 4 were as follows:

- Vasily Nebenzya (Online), Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations
- Aleksey Pushkhov, Member of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Temporary Commission of the Federation Council on information policy and Cooperation with Media
- Alessandro Zanasi, Director of French Security Research and Advisory Agency “Zanasi and Partners”
- Tino Chrupalla, Co-Chairman of the Alternative for Germany
- Vidosav Kovacevic, President of the Union of War Veterans of the National Liberation Wars of Serbia
- Alexander Velasquez Bastidas, Deputy Minister of Defense for Planning and development of the National Armed Forces of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Admiral
- Piot Dutkaiewicz, Director of the Center for Governance and Public Policy at Carleton University in Ottawa (Canada)

Plenary Session 5: Military and military-technical cooperation in Africa and the Middle East as a Major Factor in Strengthening Regional Stability

In the fifth plenary session urgent problems of the region’s security were discussed. The important themes were Russian contribution to cooperation at the regional level, military cooperation and security in Africa and in the Middle East, military and technical cooperation as an important element of cooperation of Russia, African and Middle Eastern countries. Moreover, building national armed forces, challenges and solution was also discussed.

Speakers of the plenary session 5 were as follows:

- Saiid Chanegriha, Chief of Staff of the Algerian People’s National Army, Corps General
- Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross
- Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangué, Vice-President, In-charge of Defense and Security of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea
- Charles Richard Mondjo, Minister of National Defence of Republic of Congo
- Hanana Ould Sidi, Minister of National Defense of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Divisional General

- Fayyadh Al-Ruwaili, Chairman of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Air-Chief Marshal
- Marie-Noelle Koyara, Minister of National Defence and Reconstruction of the Army of the Central African Republic
- Yaroslav Moskalik, Deputy Chief of the Main Operational Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, Major-General.

Plenary Session 6: Military Cooperation as a Tool for Countering Regional Challenges and Threats in Latin America and the Western Hemisphere

The General-in-Chief, Vladimir Padrino Lopez, Minister Defence, National Armed forces, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela & Army General Julio Cesar Aviles Catillo, Commander-in-Chief discussed military cooperation to tackle regional challenges.





Other speakers of the plenary session 6 were as follows:

- Edmundo Novillo Aguilar, Minister of Defense of the Plurinational State of Bolivia
- Gladys Pecci (Online), Deputy Minister of Defence of the Republic of Paraguay, Colonel
- Santiago Perez Benitez (Online), Deputy Director, Center for International Political Studies (Cuba)

Plenary Session 7: European Security: Trends and Prospects

In the seventh plenary session different aspects of the European security, trends and prospects were discussed. The significant themes amid intensification of military activity in the region, arms control, current status and prospects, multilateral dialogue in the field of security, conflict prevention, confidence-building measures and transparency of military activities and post-INF Treaty.

Speakers of the plenary session 7 were as follows:

- Helga Maria Schmid, OSCE Secretary-General
- Peter B. Zwack, Wilson Center Global Fellow at the Kennan Institute
- Alexander Grushko, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- Dr. Jyri Raitasalo, Military Advisor to the Minister of Defence of Finland, Colonel
- Nebojsa Stefanovic, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Serbia

- Vladimir Chizhov (online), Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Union
- Guillaume Lagane, Director, Bilateral Relations Department, Minister of Defence's Directorate General for International Relations and Strategy, the French Republic.

Key Takeaways of the Conference:

- a. The successful conduct of the two-day international conference, which the Ministry of Defence of the Russian government hosted, has proved to be a milestone in exhibiting the global outreach of the Russian diplomatic efforts. The participation of Defence Ministries/Defence Forces Chiefs and other high-level delegations from more than eighty countries and their acknowledgement of the Russian efforts for playing an important geostrategic role in the world is a clear manifestation of successful foreign policy adopted by His Excellency, Vladimir Putin, President of Russia.
- b. The program of the forum included the most imminent issues of the contemporary global and regional security agenda, in the solution of which the key role belongs to defence agencies.
- c. In this regard, it was discussed that the U.S. should shed the old notion of maintaining hegemony and cooperate with countries to find common solutions for global threats.
- d. U.S. global missile defence is a factor of destabilizing. Therefore, the world must peruse the United States to limit its missile defense segment in Europe and the Asia Pacific region.
- e. Russia has emerged as a pivotal player in unifying nations and collectively resolve global challenges. Thus, there should be the restoration of the system under international agreements under the auspice of international law. This will pave the way for countries to cooperate at a wider level.
- f. Military clashes should be prevented, and the arm race must be restrained. In this aspect, all countries must join hands to strengthen global security architecture.
- g. The spread of international terrorist's organization tentacles, i.e., Al-Qaeda, Al-Shabab Al-Mujahidin, ISIS, Boko Haram, Islamic Movement of the Taliban, are serious concern for the world. Therefore, the rise of the militia must be countered. All countries should foster their cooperation and efforts for anti-terrorist movements or counter plans.

- h. All countries should establish the confidence building measures (CBM) and devise policies that can be produced to ensure strategic stability.
- i. In this regard, seeking fairness and justice, keeping shared values are significant aspects for assembling for peace, stability and sustainable development of the world. This will pave the way for democracy and human rights.
- j. The Covid-19 pandemic has emerged as a global menace. Therefore, every state must cooperate in a manner to reduce its devastating impacts. In this aspect, the role of military agencies and strategic cooperation will be highly significant to combat Coronavirus infection.
- k. The Afghan situation remained center of discussion among the Conference delegates and a majority of participants blamed flawed United States policies for the deteriorated situation in Afghanistan.
- l. From Pakistan's side, the presentation of Lt. Gen Mian Muhammad Hilal Hussain (Retd) Secretary Defence, Ministry of Defense, Pakistan received constructive feedback. He discussed efficacy of Pakistan's Armed forces to counter terrorism and implementation of the COVID-19 regulations in the country.
- m. The international conference was beneficial for global think tanks, defence agencies, and governments. The fruitful discussions and speeches by the high-level dignitaries from various countries were amid pertinent policy recommendations for future security discourse and defence cooperation.
- n. Since all the Defense Attaches stationed at Moscow were attending this conference, so it was heartening to see/know that Defense wing, Embassy of Pakistan, Moscow enjoys an excellent relation with almost everyone. Brig Rashid, Pakistan's Defense Attaché to Russia is very well respected / well known among the Defense Attaché community in Moscow.

