**Targeting state institutions**

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The Pakistan army started functioning with the creation of Pakistan. Since 1947, Pakistan has fought four wars with India and there were continued border clashes along the Line of Control (LOC) and Working Boundary (WB). Recently, on February 25, 2021 Pakistan and India agreed to observe a ceasefire along the LOC and other sectors. In the past, India put to test different doctrines against Pakistan such as Sunderji and Cold Start doctrines etc. However, Pakistan came out with a potential professional response to these so-called doctrines. After failing to impress Pakistan with these doctrines, India has now subjected Pakistan to hybrid and fifth generation warfare. Recently, European Disinfo Lab has once again exposed a disinformation group run by RAW since 2005.

The Indians used fake groups to produce fake reports to feed mainstream media to malign and undermine Pakistan globally. Another objective was to give an impression to the world that Pakistan sponsors terrorism, there is no freedom of expression and Pakistan is a violator of human rights. Domestically, this responsibility has been given to pseudo-intellectuals and paid bloggers to propagate against Pakistan and the Army. Also using some pressure groups in the country to undermine peace and stability in erstwhile FATA, Karachi and Balochistan. They are continuously maligning and targeting Pakistan Army and the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). In 2014, a former DG ISI was accused for plotting an assassination attempt of a journalist. This led to an organised campaign against the agency by sections of the media.

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The Indian electronic and print media took full advantage of the situation. This has not stopped, as some segments of society are pursuing a dangerous line and narrative by targeting not only the ISI but the state itself. In the book, the ‘New Arthashastra’, it is written that the interests of the state are more important than local, collective or individual interest. In the same book, a definition of national interest by Hans Morgenthau has been given which says, “The main requirements of the nation state are to protect its physical, political and cultural identity against threats from other states”.

Some groups are using insulting narratives which have provided space to their followers to sow seeds of hatred. They are trying to incite the army as an institution to rebel against its top brass with the aim to create division between higher and lower ranks. Targeting state institutions and dragging them into politics is highly uncalled for as the armed forces have nothing to do with politics. COAS General Bajwa already made clear, while meeting opposition leaders on September 16, 2020 that we are not interested in politics, this is your job and you have to do it yourself.

[Punjab reports 62 death, 2732 newly infected COVID-19 cases in last 24 hours](https://nation.com.pk/16-Apr-2021/punjab-reports-62-death-2732-newly-infected-covid-19-cases-in-last-24-hours)

Recently, accusations on the army and ISI’s top brass have been made by mentioning their names, for the first time in the history of Pakistan. The ISI is one of the world’s best-known intelligence agencies and rose to fame after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Since then, the ISI is pivotal in defeating terrorism and conspiracies against Pakistan. The ISI’s main task is to neutralise the threat from India from the east and also India-sponsored threats from the west. The ISI is a strategic asset of the country which gives timely information and warning to the government about emerging threats from across the borders. The ISI acts as the first line of defence of the country and has successfully unearthed terrorist networks and sympathisers from across Pakistan. The ISI has defeated the foreign sponsored war on terror in erstwhile FATA, Swat and Balochistan and has rendered invaluable services for the defence of the motherland.

Recently COAS General Bajwa’s speech at the Islamabad Security Dialogue was misreported and twisted by some journalists and political media brigades that Kashmir was not mentioned in the speech. Kashmir was mentioned thrice in his speech and he urged India to come forward to resolve the Kashmir dispute. He categorically said, “It is important to understand that without the resolution of Kashmir dispute through peaceful means, the process of sub-continental rapprochement will always remain susceptible to derailment due to politically motivated bellicosity”. Misrepresentation of the speech is deliberate by anti-Pakistan and anti-army elements to please their handlers.

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Putting our house in order was referred to in the context of economic prosperity, improvement in education, health facilities and above all, unity in a polarised political society. The Pakistan Army is a disciplined organisation and Islam remains its strength. In the army, soldiers are never asked about their school of thoughts. The second factor is love for the country that is Pakistan, that is in the mind always. There is no concept of being a Punjabi, Sindhi or a Gilgiti etc or the region you belong to. A soldier of Pakistan Army thinks as a soldier of Islam and Pakistan. In the army, from a soldier to a general, everybody is committed to the orders of his superior. There is no question of why, but to do or die.

The Pakistan Army in not in politics since 2007 when General Musharraf stepped down. The Pakistan Army is not and will not be in politics as it is with democracy and will be with democracy. At times, electronic and print media carry inflammatory stories and allegations against serving and retired general officers with misleading headlines, biased reporting based on yellow journalism to malign and defame the institution. Such propaganda undermines the army’s credibility and attempts are made to make it disputed among the people. Those hatching conspiracies cannot be well-wishers of the country, and are committing treason by targeting the army’s top brass under the cover of freedom of speech.

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The Pakistan Army never dictates the media to toe their viewpoint. In the past, the former DG ISPR challenged media owners or journalists who were told to report by the army to disclose it on air. The media is considered as the fourth pillar of state and plays a dominant role in shaping public opinion and setting trends. As a fourth pillar of state, the media has to strengthen national integration and boost the morale of troops and counter hostile propaganda mostly by Indian media which continues to spew anti-Pakistan venom. There is a famous quote, “There will always be an army in your country, if it’s not yours, then it will be your enemy’s”. Stand with your armed forces for keeping the future of Pakistan secure and prosperous.