

RESUME: MAJOR GENERAL RAZA MUHAMMAD (RETIRED)

Major General Raza Muhammad (retired) was commissioned into Pakistan Army, in 1980. He has commanded Infantry Battalion, an Independent Infantry Brigade and an Infantry Division. He has served in plains, mountains, glaciated War Zone, Baluchistan and Kashmir. He has served on deputation in Saudi Arabian Army as well.

He has done MPhil in International Relations from National Defence University, where he is presently registered as PhD scholar in the Department of International Relations.

General Raza has attended Pakistan Staff Course and Armed Forces War Course. He has also done Staff Course at Leadership Academy of German Armed Forces Hamburg in Germany and Peacekeeping Course for the Decision Makers at USA.

He has served on various operational and intelligence assignments, major ones being Brigade Major Infantry Brigade, Chief of Staff of a deployed Corps, Director Military Intelligence Operations and as one of the Director Generals at Headquarters Inter-Services Intelligence. Before retiring he was serving as Additional Secretary in Ministry of Defence Production.

On instructional side he has been instructor in Pakistan military Academy, Command and Staff College and National Defence University.

General Raza Muhammad retired from service on 27 August 2014. After retirement he served as High Commissioner of Pakistan at Mauritius. Seychelles, Comoros and Madagascar were also accredited to his Ambassadorship. His last assignment was Executive Director in Army Welfare Trust Rawalpindi, from where he retired in March 2019. He is presently appointed as Advisor to President NDU.

As PhD Scholar in the Department of International Relations, National Defence University, Islamabad, he has been engaged in teaching in IR, NDU, as a Visiting Faculty since 2018. He has delivered lectures in NDU Summer School 2018 on CPEC. He has been the keynote speaker in the International Seminar on Kashmiris' Struggle for the Right of Self Determination, at NDU. He presented his paper "Kashmir Struggle: The way Forward". He was also speaker in National Conference on Counter Terrorism, where he spoke on "National Action Plan and Synergising all Elements of National Power". He has mentored the students of MPhil, MS and BS who belonged to former Federally Administered Tribal Areas. He has also been the keynote speaker in the seminar on "Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM)". In International Conference on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), he spoke on "CPEC and Regional Connectivity: A case Study of Afghanistan". He has been a speaker in Seminars organised by Islamabad Institute of Conflict Resolution (IICR) on CPEC. He spoke on "CPEC: A Mutually Beneficial Partnership" and in a second seminar on "CPEC: A Harbinger of Societal Emancipation for Pakistan and A way to Regional Peace".

He has also been guest speaker in Seminars organised for PhD, MPhil MSC and BS IR students at School of Politics and International Relation, Quid-e-Azam University Islamabad as a speaker. He delivered speeches on "Socio Economic Impacts of CPEC" and "Challenges to Pakistan's Foreign Policy". In Track II Afghanistan- Pakistan Bilateral Dialogue, organised by Regional Peace Institute Islamabad in Collaboration with Royal Danish Defence College on Approaching Peace Talks: Stake Holders, Challenges, and Prospects he spoke on "Role of Intelligence Agencies in Peace Making". Organised as well as participated as speaker in Conference organised for Youth of Kashmir on at NDU. Speaker Workshop: "Civil Military Relations", held on 25th October, 2019 at FCS, NDU organised by FCS. He was one of the speakers in National Seminar, "Kashmir under Occupation: International Law Perspective" Organised by

Research Society of International Law on 7 November. He spoke on “operational Aspects of Occupation in Kashmir”. In international conference ‘ India’s Stripping of Article 370: Destabilising Regional Dynamics organised by IICR, he spoke on ‘Revoking Article 370 and its Geopolitical – Geo Strategic Implications.

Publications

- a. “Emerging Regional Security Milieu in Post 2014 Afghanistan” by Raza Muhammad & Dr. Muhammad Saif ur Rehman, published in Margalla Papers 2014/02.
- b. “Socio-Economic Impact of CPEC On Pakistan”, Raza Muhammad and Dr Lubna Abid Ali, Published in Margalla Papers Volume XXIII, Issue I/ 2019.

Academic Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) War Studies: Baluchistan University Quetta.
- MSc War Studies: Quaid i Azam University Islamabad.
- M Phil International Relations: National Defence University Islamabad.
- **Currently: PhD Scholar: National Defence University Islamabad. On-going. CPEC: Impact on Societal Emancipation of Pakistan and Afghanistan Societies.**

Countries Visited

1. Afghanistan.
2. Belgium.
3. Belarus.
4. China.
5. Comoros.
6. Denmark.
7. Egypt.
8. Germany.
9. Greece.
10. Holland.
11. Indonesia.
12. Italy.
13. Jordan.
14. KSA.
15. Malaysia.

16. Mauritius.
17. Madagascar
18. Russia.
19. South Korea.
20. Thailand.
21. Turkey.
22. UAE.
23. USA.
24. UK.
25. Ukraine.
26. Vietnam.