

## Report of Standing Committee for Foreign and Defense

Session 1:

1. I discussed the agenda for the whole tenure of my office as a Chairman of the Committee
2. All the important issues of Pakistan's foreign policy were analyzed with the committee members
3. We rose following important issues to be discussed as per the particular session starts.

1. War on Terror and US AF-PAK Strategy
2. Pak-Afghan Relations
3. The Defense Budget of Pakistan
4. Identity Crisis: impacts on Pakistan's Foreign Policy
5. The Question of Israel's Recognition
6. Pak-US Relations
7. Pakistan's Position in the Muslim World
8. Pak-India Composite Dialogue: From round 1 to round 4

Session 2: I briefed the committee on Af-Pak strategy and the war on terror (first day of session ii)

I delivered a detailed presentation on Pak-Afghan Relations in the post-9/11 world

I took inputs from all the members and every one gave their opinions on their turn

We discussed Pakistan's relations with Iran and Saudi Arabia, the two competing powers of Middle East

We also discussed the question of Israel Recognition

Session 3:

We evaluated our progress and reformulated our strategy for the next sessions

We invited our PM and briefed him about the Committee progress and the agenda.

The PM endorsed our agenda and expressed satisfaction over the committee progress

We discussed Pak-US relations and the question of Israel recognition in this session.

I suggested for an expert of International Affairs, either Dr. Shereen Mazari or Gen. Talat Masood to address our committee on some important issues of Pakistan's foreign policy concern.

I contacted Dr. Mazari but she refused because of her engagements, then i contacted Gen. Talat Masood, who said that he will be free in next week.

Therefore it was agreed that he will come in the fifth session to address our committee.

Session 4: I have send substantial data to all the committee members on defense budget, national identity and Pak' relations with the Muslim world issues we have consider for this session.

A specific group has been formed on Facebook of our committee where we interact with each other on certain issues.

Note:

I worry that I may leave for my home (Kurram Agency) as my father's health is not good and that he needs me immediately at home as my elder brother who is a senior officer in defence cannot go to the village because of security reasons.

However it is so far not decided whether my father will come to Islamabad or I will have to leave for village. Hopefully tomorrow we will decide about it and will let you know then. In my absence Mr. Tiwana who is Defense Minister and the member of this committee will chair the committee in this very session.