

PROGRAMME

0945 hrs	Arrival of the Chief Guest
0945-0950 hrs	National Anthem and Recitation from the Holy Quran
0950-0955 hrs	Welcome Remarks by Lt Gen Majid Ehsan, HI(M) (Retd) <i>President IPRI</i>
0955-1030 hrs	Opening Address by the Chief Guest Honourable Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar <i>Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs</i>
1030-1100 hrs	Tea Break

PROGRAMME

10 November 2026

Keynote of the Margalla Dialogue

1100 - 1230 hrs PKST

Keynote Address

Professor John J Mearsheimer
R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished
Service Professor, Political Science
Department, University of Chicago,
USA

Q & A

Forum A Geopolitics and the Realignment of Global Power 1330 - 1530 hrs PKST

Moderator

Mr Fahd Husain
Executive Director & Anchor,
Express Media Group

Keynote Address

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
Chairman, Pakistan-China Institute

Speakers

Professor Dr Vali Reza Nasr
Majid Khadduri Professor, Johns
Hopkins University, USA
Dr Victor Zhikai Gao
Vice President, Centre for China &
Globalisation, China
Ambassador Robin Raphael
Senior Associate, Centre for
Strategic & International Studies,
USA
Dr Timofei Bordachev
Programme Director, Valdai
Discussion Club, Russia
Professor Dr Carlo Masala
Professor, Bundeswehr University
Munich, Germany

Q & A

Forum B

West Asia-South Asia: Geopolitics
of Connectivity and Competition
1600 - 1800 hrs PKST

Moderator

Ms Zunaira Azhar
Anchor & Analyst, Express 24/7

Keynote Address

Senator Sherry Rehman, NI, HI
Chairperson Standing Committee,
Climate Change & Environmental
Coordination, Senate of Pakistan

Speakers

Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry
Chairman, Sanobar Institute
Professor Dr Ismail Numan Telci
Director, Center for Gulf Studies &
Global Policy, Ibn Haldun University,
Turkiye
**Maj General ASM Ridwanur
Rahman, awc, afwc, psc, G**
Director General, Bangladesh Institute
of International & Strategic Studies,
Bangladesh
Dr Abdulla Banndar Al-Etaibi
Assistant Professor, Department of
International Affairs, Qatar University,
Qatar
Mr Pravin Sawhney
Director, Force Research Institute,
India
Ambassador Asif Durrani
Senior Research Fellow, IPRI

Q & A

Special Forum Economic Security

Pakistan's Economic Bottlenecks:
Diagnosis and Prescription
1830 - 2000 hrs PKST

Moderator

Dr Aneel Salman
Chair Economic Security, IPRI

Keynote Address

**Honourable Senator Muhammad
Aurangzeb**
Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue

Speakers

Mr Zafar Masud
President & CEO, Bank of Punjab
Mr Shahbaz H Syed
President & CEO, Export-Import Bank of
Pakistan
Dr Gohar Ejaz, HI, SI
Chairman, Economic Policy & Business
Development Think Tank
Professor Dr Ashfaq Hasan Khan, SI
Director General, NUST Institute of Policy
Studies

Q & A

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11 November 2026

Forum C

Technology and the Transformation
of State & Society
1100 - 1300 hrs PKST

Moderator

Mr Siddique Humayun
Director, Advocacy & Communications,
IPRI

Keynote Address

Honourable Shaza Fatima Khawaja
Federal Minister for Information
Technology & Telecommunication

Speakers

Mr Daniel Castro
President, Information Technology &
Innovation Foundation, USA
Dr Ilaria Mariani
Assistant Professor, Politecnico di
Milano, Italy
Mr Akira Igata
Project Lecturer, Economic Security
Intelligence Lab RCAST, University of
Tokyo, Japan
Mr Aamer Rana
Member, Pakistan Digital Authority
**Brigadier Dr Raashid Wali Janjua, SI
(M) (Retd)**
Director, Research & Analysis, IPRI

Q & A

Forum D

National Resilience and
Non-Traditional Security
1400 - 1600 hrs PKST

Moderator

Ms Sidra Iqbal
Broadcast Journalist, Aaj TV

Guest of Honour

Honourable Attaullah Tarar, NI
Federal Minister for Information &
Broadcasting

Keynote Address

Senator Javed Jabbar
Former Federal Minister

Speakers

Ms Mahtab Akbar Rashdi
Member, National Assembly of
Pakistan
Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel
Chairperson BOG, Sustainable
Development Policy Institute
**Lt General Nasser Khan Janjua,
HI (M) (Retd)**
Former National Security Advisor
Ms Aisha Khan, TI
Chief Executive, Civil Society
Coalition for Climate Change
Dr Zafar Mirza
President, Pakistan Association of
Lifestyle Medicine
Professor Dr Tayyaba Tamim
Dean & Chair Syeda Perwin Babar
Ali School of Education, LUMS

Q & A

Special Forum International Law

International Law and
South Asian Security Dynamics
1630 - 1800 hrs PKST

Moderator

Barrister Ayesha Siddique Khan
Chair International Law, IPRI

Keynote Address

**Honourable Senator Azam Nazeer
Tarar, NI**
Federal Minister for Law & Justice and
Human Rights

Speakers

Professor Dr Cheng Xizhong
Senior Research Fellow, Charhar
Institute, China
Mr Ahmer Bilal Soofi
Founder & President, Research Society
of International Law and ABS & Co
**Lt General Muhammad Saeed, HI (M)
(Retd)**
Chairman, Water and Power
Development Authority

Q & A