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Webinar highlights Indian hegemonic policies in South Asia

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Indian hegemonic policies in South Asia were highlighted at a webinar held here on Tuesday.

The special webinar was organized by Islamabad Policy Research Institute on “The Contrast: Indian Hegemonic Policies in South Asia and Pakistan’s Quest for Regional Peace and Stability.”

Speaking at the virtual session, Senator Sherry Rehman talked about how Pakistan was a particular victim of Indo-China as well because of the more challenged and impeded MCO’s ascent as South Asia region’s hegemon.

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Ambassador (Rtd) Ashraf Jhangi Qadri stressed on the need for a two-tracked policy. “One must aim at employing diplomacy, lawfare and moral suasion whereas track two should focus on protection of cultural genocide through all means at disposal of Pakistan,” he said.

Dr Liu Langjie of Shanghai Institute for International Studies highlighted the change in Indian approach to its neighbors, which is clearly visible in the enhanced territorial tensions.

He said that India is demonstrating a policy of “strategic ambiguity” and competition has created new normal in South Asia. “India’s strategy is more focused on China, but it is also looking at Pakistan as a regional player.”

In his opening remarks, Acting President JPI, Brig (Rtd) Rashid Walli Jui highlighted the hypocritical posturing of a Hindutva-driven Indian government that has put the peace and security of South Asia in a confrontational impasse.

He said that India had problems with every neighbor and had come a long way from its Nehruvian-era legacy of secular India nationalism.

The tactical strategy of the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) was straight out of the playbook of Nitsu, but India’s government has tried to marginalize and circumscribe the Muslim community through various measures, such as the Citizenship Amendment Act and National Register for Citizens, he observed.

He also mentioned that unilateral attempts by Pakistan to strengthen its neighborhood relationships have been perceived by India “instead of responding to peace, the Indians have been ratcheting up tensions and even resorting to深层次 attacks on LoC (Line of Control),” he said.

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