



Press Release

***Pakistan Calls for Comprehensive Global
Counter-Terrorism Reforms***

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Pakistan has warned of the global consequences of inaction, and said that the failure to hold Israel accountable will lead to a "Hobbesian state of violence and chaos, where life becomes ugly, brutish, and short."

Pakistan strongly condemned Israel's ongoing violations of international law, including its occupation policies, targeting of civilians and children, racist laws, and settler-colonial actions, and described Israel's aggression against Lebanon as an effort to provoke a broader war in the Middle East.

Pakistan's Acting Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Usman Jadoon, made these remarks during a national statement in the Sixth Committee under the agenda item "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism" at the 79th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Ambassador Jadoon highlighted the shifting global terrorism landscape, pointing to the increase in terrorist attacks across the Middle East, Africa, and Afghanistan. He regretted that insufficient progress had been made in addressing the evolving and diverse forms of terrorism.

He underscored the importance of addressing the root causes of terrorism, which include unresolved conflicts, foreign occupation, and the denial of self-determination to people under colonial domination, as seen in Palestine and Jammu and Kashmir.

He emphasized Pakistan's role in the fight against terrorism, noting its key contribution in dismantling Al-Qaeda and the significant sacrifices it made, with 80,000 casualties suffered in the war on terror. However, he raised concerns about state-sponsored terrorism from across Pakistan's borders, highlighting threats posed by groups like the TTP, Daesh, and the Majeed Brigade.

"Pakistan has the will, determination, and capability to defeat this externally sponsored terrorism, which is actively aided, abetted, and financed by our eastern neighbor, ironically a country that likes to portray itself as a victim," Ambassador Jadoon emphasized.

He urged the international community to ensure that counter-terrorism measures are not misused to violate human rights and international humanitarian law, as is occurring in occupied Palestine and Jammu and Kashmir.

The senior Pakistani diplomat also stressed the need for reforms in the UN's counter-terrorism architecture, urging a comprehensive approach that addresses emerging threats such as state-sponsored terrorism, cyber-terrorism, and the misuse of crypto currencies.

He urged the UN to exclude Islamophobic terminology like "jihadists" and "Islamists" from its lexicon to prevent the wrongful association of terrorism with Islam.

Ambassador Jadoon expressed Pakistan's commitment to supporting global counter-terrorism efforts and welcomed the upcoming 9th Review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) in 2026, which will coincide with the 20th anniversary of the Strategy.

Ambassador Usman Jadoon expressed hope that the next review will address the overlooked concerns of member states, including the rise of new forms of terrorism, and will ensure a balanced implementation of all four pillars of the GCTS.

He proposed the establishment of a UN General Assembly Commission to ensure the universal and balanced implementation of the GCTS, and to address the existing gaps in the global counter-terrorism efforts.