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“Conflict in Sri Lanka: Internal and External Consequences” : Seminar Co-hosted by RCSS and CSA

“I think the world has given inadequate recognition to what Sri Lanka has achieved in terms of controlling negative consequences in a post-conflict situation,” stated External Affairs Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris, delivering the keynote address at a seminar jointly organized by the Centre for Security Analysis (CSA), Chennai, and the Regional Centre for Strategic studies (RCSS), Colombo.

Professor Peiris further explained that the LTTE was described by the FBI as the most ruthless and feared terrorist organization in the world. The conflict went on for the greater part of three decades in various forms. And yet a small country like Sri Lanka, with limited resources, was able to handle an exceedingly complex situation in such a way as to contain and control the fall out of the conflict within the island and the world at large. He noted that in nations such as Cambodia the end of conflict resulted in considerable instability in the region arising from a variety of causes such as the proliferation of small arms. The proliferation of weapons and lawlessness was a very serious

problem and it took years to come to grips with these problems. However, this phenomenon has not been manifested in Sri Lanka or its neighbouring countries.

The Minister, being a legal expert, observed that it is high time to take a fresh look at some of the orthodox concepts of International Law in the light of present-day realities. The traditional corpus of international law does not adequately serve the needs of the present day. The prevailing international law was framed in the context of conflicts between and among nation states. The involvement of non-state actors such as terrorist groups who are not governed by any standard rules of behaviour has threatened the foundations of civilized society. Now there are asymmetrical wars between sovereign states and terrorist groups who are at an advantageous position. Therefore, the sovereign states should have more freedom to deal with these threats effectively.

Explaining the concept of the seminar, General V.R. Raghavan, President of the Center for Security Analysis (CSA) in Chennai said that “violent

conflicts and internal conflicts are examined again and again in terms of the causes and their reasons etc. It will be useful to look at consequences. Because, these conflicts have gone on for decades. Consequences themselves over a period of time become the drivers of conflict. Consequences drive these conflicts. Consequences are reality; causes are history. And we felt we should look at them through consequences.”

In his welcome remarks, Prof. Amal Jayawardane, Executive Director of the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), noted that “the end of the three decade long war has presented the country with enormous opportunities. If we are to make the maximum use of these opportunities, it is necessary to fully understand the internal and external dynamics of the conflict and address some of those critical issues vitally important to bring about economic reconstruction and rehabilitation and ethnic reconciliation. While looking for opportunities, we should also be mindful of the challenges we are faced with. The objective of this seminar is to allow a frank

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**CONFLICT IN SRI LANKA:
INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CONSEQUENCES**

26-27 October 2010, Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo

Jointly Organized by Centre for Security Analysis (CSA), Chennai
and
Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), Colombo

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discussion and dispassionate analysis of the present situation in the country.”

The topics that were discussed at the seminar included: Economic Dimension of the Conflict; Plight of Fishermen of Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu; Long Distance Effects of the Conflict and International Response; Impact of the Conflict on India, Particularly Tamil Nadu; Pursuit of Sustainable Peace in Sri Lanka after the Military Defeat of the LTTE; Some Insights into

the Post-war Scenarios; Effects of the Conflict within and Outside Sri Lanka; Trans-border Consequences of Internal Conflict.

Main speakers of the seminar included: **Mr. D Deshal De Mel**, Research Economist, *Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka*; **Dr. V. Vivekanandan**, Director, *South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies*; **Dr. Laksiri Fernando**, Director, *National Centre for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences*; **Mr. A.X. Alexander**, Retd. Former

Director General of Police, *Tamil Nadu*; **Dr. Gamini Keerawella**, Professor, *Department of History, Peradeniya University*; **Dr. S.I Keethaponcalan**, Professor, *Department of Political Science, University of Colombo*; **Mr. N. Sathiya Moorthy**, Director, *Observer Research Foundation, Chennai Chapter*.

The participants who attended the two-day seminar included academics, journalists, diplomats, public officers and members of the armed forces.

Workshop on “Non-Traditional Security Challenges and Opportunities for Cooperation: South Asia 2025”

The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), Washington, D.C., in collaboration with the RCSS, organized a two-day workshop in Colombo from 14-15 December 2010. There are emerging non-traditional security issues in South Asia that are of common concern to countries across the region. The objective of the workshop was to examine opportunities for cooperation on shared non-traditional security concerns as potential building blocks toward developing a viable regional security architecture for South Asia.

NBR has successfully utilized various models of alternative future analyses. This particular workshop employed NBR’s *Jumping Ahead: Implications of a Hypothetical Future* model. Project participants assessed three plausible alternative futures and explored the implications of each future in four dimensions: economic, political, security, and geopolitical. The purpose of the exercise was to shed light on today’s circumstances by evaluating the costs and benefits of plausible, but significantly different, future scenarios for South Asia in 2025.

Among the resource persons and participants

were: **Ms. A. Mahin Karim**, Vice President, Political & Security Affairs, *National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR)*; **Mr. Roy D. Kamphausen**, Senior Associate, Political & Security Affairs, *NBR*; **Dr. Dennis Pirages**, *University of Nevada-Las Vegas*; **Ambassador Farooq Sobhan**, President, *Bangladesh Enterprise Institute* **Professor Amal Jayawardane**, Executive Director, *RCSS*; **Dr. Saman Kelegama**, Executive Director, *IPS*; **Ambassador Tariq A. Karim**, *High Commissioner for Bangladesh to India*; **Dr. Mahendra P. Lama**, Vice Chancellor, *Central University of Sikkim*; **Mr. P.G. Dhar Chakrabarti**, Executive Director, *NIDM*; **Mr. Tim Cook**, Project Director, *NBR*; **Dr. Zhu Feng**, *Peking University*; **Dr. A. Mallika Joseph**, Deputy Director, *IPCS*; **Dr. Richard Matthew**, *University of California-Irvine*; **Dr. Adil Najam**, *Boston University*; **Ambassador Nihal Rodrigo**, former *Secretary-General of SAARC*; **Mr. Ali Tauqeer Sheikh**, Founding CEO, *LEAD, Pakistan*; **Dr. Bishnu Raj Upreti**, Regional Coordinator *NCCR South Asia*; **Dr. Yu Xiaofeng**, *Zhejiang University*; **Mr. Ibrahim Hussain Zaki**, Special Envoy of the President, *Republic of Maldives*.

Sub-Regional Workshop on "Ending the Displacement Cycle: Finding Durable Solutions through Return and Resettlement"

The Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), in collaboration with the Consortium for Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia), organized a sub-regional workshop titled: "Ending the Displacement Cycle: Finding Durable Solutions through Return and Resettlement" in Colombo from 28-29 January 2011. The workshop was one of the two sub-regional workshops funded by the Consortium for Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia. The objective of this workshop was to look at the policies implemented by South and Southeast Asian states pertaining to the return and resettlement of IDPs who were displaced due to internal conflicts, natural disasters and development projects.

The resource persons of the Workshop were **Dr. Samir Kumar Das**, Professor of Political Science, *University of Calcutta*, and President, *Calcutta Research Group, India*; **Dr. Paula Banerjee**, Vice President,

International Association for Study of Forced Migration and Senior Researcher, *Calcutta Research Group, India*; **Dr. Nishchal N. Pandey**, Director, *Centre for South Asian Studies, Kathmandu*; **Dr. Ruth Lusterio-Rico**, Associate Professor and Chair of the *Department of Political Science, University of the Philippines, Diliman*, and Research Fellow at the *Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS) Philippines*; **Dr. Riefqi Muna**, *Centre for Political Studies at the Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Jakarta*; **Dr. Alistair D.B. Cook**, Post-Doctoral Fellow and Co-Lead, *Internal and Cross-Border Conflict Programme at the Centre for Non Traditional Security (NTS) Studies in the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*; and **Professor R.A. Ariyaratne**, Director, *Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, Colombo*. The RCSS will be publishing the revised papers as a *Policy Studies* monograph.



AGM of the RCSS

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 03 December 2010 at the RCSS premises. Admiral D. W. K. Sandagiri (Retd) was unanimously elected to chair the meeting. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 04 December 2009 were confirmed and approved by the Chairman.

Professor Amal Jayawardane, Executive Director, submitted a report on the activities of the RCSS for the period from January 2010 to December 2010 during which the Centre was engaged in several activities such as workshops, roundtable discussions, conferences, research, and networking focusing on security/strategic issues. The RCSS was able to re-launch the Kodikara Award Scheme and grants were awarded to four persons from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka for 2010. Three books were published in 2010 under the RCSS Policy Studies series.

The Executive Director introduced to the

membership two newly appointed members of the RCSS staff – Mr. Chaminda Hettiaarachchi, Associate Director, and Ms. Nadeeka Withana, Regional Liaison Officer – GPPAC/South Asia.

The Executive Director noted that the tenure of office of the majority of IRC members would expire on December 31, 2010, and that their terms of office could not be extended as they have already served two terms. Therefore, steps are being taken to appoint new members based on the recommendations made at the last meeting of the IRC held on 09 October 2010. He expressed his gratitude to the outgoing members of the IRC who rendered an invaluable service to the RCSS in numerous ways.

The Statement of Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2010, together with the Auditors' Report, was tabled. The accounts were unanimously passed proposed by Major General Upali A. Karunaratne and seconded by Mr. M. D. D. Pieris.

GPPAC Events

GPPAC South Asia Regional Steering Group Meeting Organized by the RCSS in collaboration with the GPPAC Global Secretariat

The RCSS, in its capacity as South Asia's Regional Initiator for GPPAC, hosted the Regional Steering Group (RSG) Meeting from 15-16 February 2011 in Colombo. Prof. Baryalai Hakimi from Afghanistan; Mr. Feroz Ahmmead from Bangladesh; Dr. Damodaran Nampoothiri and Seema Kakran from India; Dr. Nishchal Pandey and Ms. Saloni Singh from Nepal; Prof. Moonis Ahmar and Ms. Nighat Said Khan from Pakistan; and Ms. Jezima Ismail, Ms. Visaka Dharmadasa, Dr. Jehan Perera and Mr. Yudara Weerakoon, and Mr. Freddy Gamage from Sri Lanka, participated in the RSG meeting. The meeting was organised with the support of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the GPPAC Global Secretariat.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. David Ashley, the Regional Advisor for South Asia at the British High Commission in Colombo, touched on the UK's commitment towards the prevention of armed conflict, difficulties in assessing the impact of conflict prevention, and the UK's priorities in the region. He reiterated the importance of improving regional connectivity in South Asia, the role of civil society in conflict prevention and international support in the region. Mr. Ashley concluded his remarks by wishing GPPAC South Asia success.

Mr. Gus Miclat, member of the GPPAC Board and Executive Director of International Initiatives for Dialogue (IID) in the Philippines, also participated in the meeting as an observer. The IID holds the

GPPAC Regional Secretariat for Southeast Asia. Mr. Miclat's participation was part of GPPAC's initiative to strengthen links among the 15 regional networks of GPPAC. Following the RSG, Mr. Miclat, Mr. Feroz Ahmmed from the South Asia Network, and Ms. Marte Hellema, the Regional Coordinator for Asia Pacific at the GPPAC Foundation, also participated in the General Forum of the Solidarity for Asian Peoples' Advocacies (SAPA) held from 17-21 February in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



The working sessions of the RSG meeting were facilitated by Ms. Marte Hellema. During the meeting, the Steering Group

finalized its regional strategic plan for the next three years and worked on its regional annual plan for 2011-2012.

Role of Civil Society Organizations in Peacebuilding Activities in Post-War Sri Lanka

In its capacity as the South Asian Regional Secretariat for the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), RCSS organized a seminar titled: *The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Peacebuilding Activities in Post-*

War Sri Lanka. This event took place in Kalutara from 8-9 December 2010.

The two main objectives of the seminar were to strengthen the network of civil society organizations engaged in post-war activities in Sri Lanka and to discuss various problems and challenges facing these organizations as they carry out peace building activities. Among the participants were various civil society actors who are engaged in post-war activities especially in the Northern and Eastern Provinces. The seminar covered aspects such as: analyzing the space available for civil society within the evolving political situation in Sri Lanka; maximizing civil society's impact; the role of women in peacebuilding activities; specific issues pertaining to working in the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and the anticipated future trajectory.



Events and Meetings Attended by Directors and RCSS Staff

6th Annual Plenary Meeting of the RNSSC – NESAs, 11-14 November 2010, at the Dead Sea, Jordan

The Directors of RCSS attended the Plenary Meeting of the Regional Network of Strategic Studies Centers of the Near East and South Asia which was held from 11-14 November 2010 in Amman, Jordan. It was organized by the Regional Network of Strategic Studies Centers (RNSSC) and the Center for Strategic Studies, King Abdullah Academy for Defence Study in Amman. The plenary of RNSSC is held every year to review the activities of its four working groups and plan ways forward for the network. On the conclusion of the Working Group meetings each group presented its activity report to the plenary. There were two full days of Plenary with three Plenary Panels on the following themes: (1) A Comprehensive Middle East Peace and Implications for Regional Security and Economic Development; (2) Afghanistan: The Region's Role and the Way Ahead; (3) Energy Security : The Role of Nuclear Power. At the end of the conference, the RNSSC delegates undertook a cultural excursion which included visits several historical sites.

GPPAC International Steering Group Meeting 2010

The International Steering Group (ISG) meeting of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) took place in Beirut, Lebanon, from 22-26 November 2010. The meeting was co-organized by the European Centre for Conflict Prevention (ECCP) and the Permanent Peace Movement (PPM) which is the GPPAC Regional Secretariat for the Middle East and North Africa. The RCSS was represented by Regional Initiator Prof. Amal Jayawardane and Regional Liaison Officer (RLO) Ms. Nadeeka Withana.

Over the course of the meeting, the ISG discussed and approved the GPPAC Charter, the Strategic Plan for 2011-2015, and the Gender Policy. One of the key changes in the revised Charter involved renaming the GPPAC Global Secretariat as the GPPAC Foundation Board. Under the GPPAC Strategic Plan adopted for 2011-2015, GPPAC will focus on Preventive Action, Dialogue and Mediation, Peace Education and Human Security while Gender will be a cross cutting theme.

The Regional Liaison Officers of the 15 regions also held a side meeting where issues pertaining to the RLO functions were discussed. The RLOs presented their report to the ISG during the plenary meeting. The GPPAC ISG meetings provide a forum for its members to engage and learn from regional contexts. During the Lebanon meeting, GPPAC members participated in three field trips which involved visiting the Burg Baragneh and Mar Elias camps for Palestinian refugees, meeting representatives from various political parties in Lebanon, and meeting with the UNIFIL- the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

RCSS Participates in the Semarang Workshop on Effectively Countering Terrorism

The Regional Workshop for Police and Prosecutors in South Asia on Effectively Countering Terrorism was held from 9-11 November 2010 at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC), Semarang, Indonesia. It was organized by the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation in Washington D.C., in collaboration with the UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate, with the support of the Governments of Australia, the Netherlands, and Sweden. The Semarang Workshop was the third in a series of workshops on South Asia and was held outside the region to acquaint the participants with JCLEC as a model for improving regional cooperation and capacity.

The Semarang Workshop was a follow-up to two previous workshops on “Effectively Countering Terrorism in South Asia” held in Dhaka in November 2009, and in Colombo in June 2010, during which participants indicated the need to examine in further detail areas of mutual interest relating to counter-terrorism. The Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), as organizer of the Colombo workshop and having played a key role in its successful outcome, was invited to attend the workshop at JCLEC, Semarang, in order to ensure, among other things, a continuation of the dialogue that took place in Colombo. Ambassador Geetha de Silva represented the RCSS at the Semarang Workshop and presented an overview of key observations from the Colombo Workshop.

The overall purpose of the Semarang workshop was to enhance the counter-terrorism capacities of law enforcement personnel in the region. The workshop planned to provide an opportunity to discuss the role of the police and prosecution services in combating terrorism and the challenges faced by those services in leading effective investigations and prosecutions. It also endeavoured to provide a forum to educate police and prosecution personnel regarding the latest available investigation and forensic techniques, and share relevant experiences and best practices.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Consortium of Non-traditional Security-Asia in Singapore

The fourth annual convention of the Consortium of Non-traditional Security-Asia (NTS-Asia) took place in Singapore from 25-27 November 2010. Consortium members from civil society organizations in Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Far East and the Pacific attended the meeting together with experts. Prof. R. A. Ariyaratne, Director RCSS, represented the RCSS, which is a founding member of the Consortium. The conference commenced with welcome remarks made by Amb. Barry Desker, Dean of the Rajaratnam School of International Studies of the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore who reflected upon the major events undertaken

by the Consortium during the previous year. This was followed by a presentation of papers covering diverse themes in the field of non-traditional security studies. Professor Ariyaratne presented a paper on “Sri Lanka’s Displaced Population,” highlighting the problems encountered and successes achieved in the exercise of resettling internally displaced persons.

International Conference on Managing Complex Emergencies

An international conference on Managing Complex Emergencies, organized by the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh, took place from 13-14 December 2010. The objective of the conference was to promote a better understanding of how to mitigate and respond to modern day complex emergencies. The conference was attended by experts and practitioners from many countries including Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, China, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Afghanistan. The delegations comprised of representatives from government agencies, armed forces, academics, NGOs, media and international organizations. Mr. Chaminda Hettiarachchi, Associate Director/RCSS, presented a paper on **Managing Disasters: Lessons Learnt from the Sri Lankan Experience**. In his paper, Mr. Hettiarachchi discussed the vast experience gained by Sri Lanka in managing both natural and man-made disasters.



Counter Terrorism Workshop in Dhaka

Ms. Nadeeka Withana attended an International Workshop on Counter Terrorism Capacity Building (CTCB), organized by the Bangladesh Centre for Terrorism Research, a specialized centre of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS). The workshop was held from 19-23 December 2010, at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel in Bangladesh. It is part of a two-year long training programme conducted under the auspices of BCTR and funded by the British government. This is the second workshop organized by BIPSS at a regional level. The workshop covered the following topics: historical and theoretical aspects of terrorism; changing pattern of terrorism; building regional cooperation when dealing with terrorism; information and media management; CBRNE terrorism prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; cyber terrorism; legislative, regulatory and legal policy development for countering terrorism; counter radicalisation and terrorist rehabilitation; critical infrastructure protection from terrorist acts; and countering the financing of terrorism. In addition to this, participants from India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives presented case studies from their respective countries. Ms. Withana made a presentation on the threats posed by the LTTE and the counter strategy adopted by the Sri Lankan state.

COSATT (Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks) Dialogue

COSATT network was organized in January 2008 by the Institute of Peace & Conflict Studies, New Delhi, in collaboration with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS). The objective of this undertaking was to bring together some of the leading think tanks in South Asia to develop peace and cooperation in the region. Last year COSSAT completed a project on “**Countering Terrorism: Building a Common Approach in SAARC.**” The theme of the next project will be: “**Energy and Environmental Security in South Asia – A Cooperative Approach.**” The Executive Director attended the Planning Conference of the Heads of Collaborating Think Tanks which was held in Kathmandu from 22–23 January 2011. The

next COSATT conference will take place in Colombo in June 2011.

Working Group Meetings of RNSSC- NESA held in Rome, Italy

Prof. Ariyaratne and Ms. Nadeeka Withana attended the Working Group Meetings of RNSSC-NESA held in Rome, Italy, from 9-11 February 2011. Prof. Ariyaratne participated in the Working Group on Issues of Governance while Ms. Withana participated in the Working Group on Reintegration, Reconstruction and Reconciliation (R3).

HPC Training Programme Contributing to Global Peacebuilding, Hiroshima, Japan

Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center (HPC) has been conducting the “Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding,” an initiative by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan to enhance capacities for peacebuilding in Asia since 2007. The program aims to train participants from Japan and other Asian countries through coursework in Japan and overseas attachment. Following the coursework, most participants are dispatched through the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) to organizations engaged in peacebuilding worldwide. The six-week programme was led by Professor Hideaki Zhinoda, Director HPC, who was assisted by a panel of resource persons from the UN System, universities, research institutes, and the NPO Sector. Professor Amal Jayawardane served as a resource person during the period from 23-27 February 2010.

Cross-Regional Working Group Meeting on Preventing the Abuse of the Non-Profit Sector for the Purposes of Terrorist Financing, Bangkok, Thailand 22-24 March 2011

This was organized by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) in association with the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation and the Charity Commission for England and Wales, with the support of the Governments of Canada, New Zealand and Switzerland.

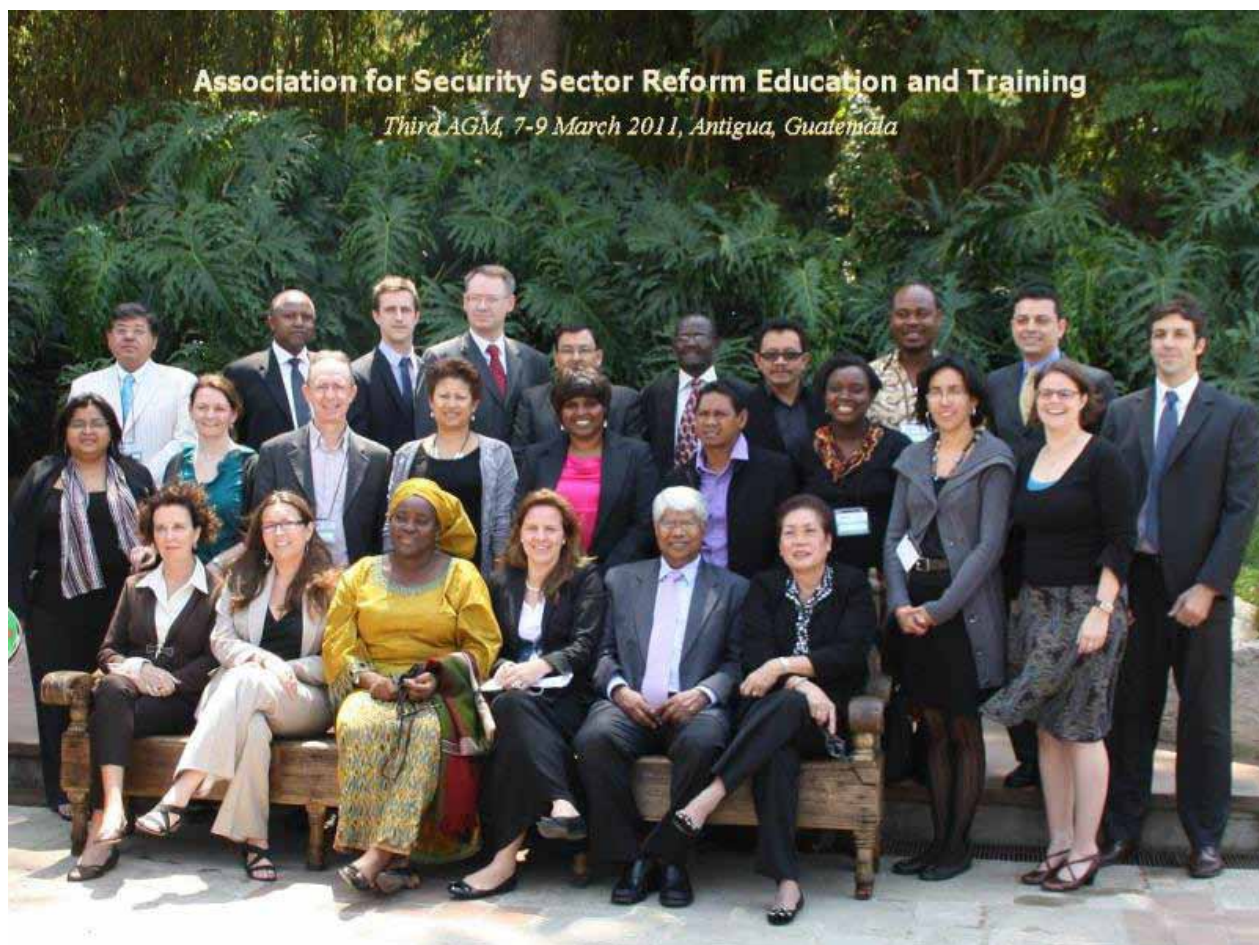
The aim of this cross-regional workshop was to assess the threat of terrorism financing through non-profit organizations in the South and South-East Asia regions, address the challenges raised, and develop region-specific solutions and tools. The Executive Director represented the RCSS at this meeting.

Resource Persons of the workshop included specialists from the United Nations Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, Centre on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation, Canada Revenue Agency, Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering, Charity Commission for England and Wales, Financial Crime group, New Zealand Police, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Global Programme against Money Laundering, Mekong Region, World Bank, Al-Qaida/Taliban Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Nations Financial Integrity Group, International Monetary Fund and some research institutions. There were regional participants from

countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

The Third AGM of the Association for Security Sector Education and Training (ASSET), in Antigua Guatemala

The third Annual General meeting (AGM) of the Association for Security Sector Education and Training (ASSET) was held from 7–9 March 2011 in Antigua Guatemala hosted by the *Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible* (IEPADES) in Guatemala. ASSET’s members include governmental and non-governmental organizations, multilateral and regional organizations, and research and academic organizations. It aims to support the development and delivery of education and training courses and teaching material in order to meet the



increasing need for highly qualified SSR practitioners, planners, trainers, and policy makers. The AGM provided a forum to exchange experiences about SSR processes in different regions and share different perspectives. Representatives from 27 organizations were present at the AGM. The RCSS is a founder member of ASSET and will act as a member of its Coordinating Committee. The RCSS was represented by its Executive Director Professor Amal Jayawardane at the third AGM. The next AGM will take place in Geneva in 2012 hosted by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Switzerland, assisted by DCAF.

International Conference on Web Based Learning and Library Management, Jaipur Engineering College and Research Centre, Jaipur, India

Ms. Kamani Perera, the RCSS Librarian, made a special presentation on the “Role

of Librarians in the e-Governance Era” at the International Conference on Web Based Learning and Library Management, which was held in Jaipur, India, at the Jaipur Engineering College and Research Centre from 30-31 January 2011. In her speech, Ms. Perera emphasized the benefits of World Wide Web (WWW) for knowledge management, particularly information storing and retrieval. The broad areas of topics covered at the conference included: Best practices in the global scenario; Emerging Technologies; International Standards & Library Systems; E-Learning; Digital Content Management System; RFID and Smart Card; Storage Devices; Digital Preservation/Archives; Digital Libraries and Future; E-Resources & Resource Sharing; Professional Behavior and the Changing Attitudes; Delivery and Exchange of Services; Ethics and Values; Customer Relations Management/Strategic Partnership; Government-Private Partnership; and Open Sources Software & Library Applications.

RCSS Library

The Kodikara Library of the RCSS was established in March 2001. The library has an extensive collection of books, journals, reports and web documents covering numerous aspects of modern international studies. The Library is mainly used by local and international students and researchers pursuing studies on Sri Lanka and the South Asian region. Anyone interested in strategic studies can obtain information visiting the library in person or e-mailing the Librarian at lib@rcss.org or kvithana@gmail.com.

The following issues are covered by the RCSS library:

- International & regional security
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- Military affairs
- Arms control and disarmament
- Emerging security concepts
- Non-traditional security issues
- Terrorism
- Human security

- Governance
- Gender issues and migration
- Conflict transformation and peacebuilding
- Role of Digital Technology in International Relations

In addition to the physical collection, the RCSS library also maintains a large electronic repository of information on these issues. The electronic repository in the library continues to be updated and expanded regularly.

Electronic Theses and Dissertations

The RCSS library maintains a collection of electronic theses and dissertations (MA/PhD) on Strategic Studies.

Databases

The RCSS Library is privileged to access

MERLN database, National Defense University, Washington DC, USA) through which it has developed a large electronic repository of information for scholarly purposes.

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Library Hours

The RCSS Library is open on weekdays from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. It is closed on weekends, public and mercantile holidays.

Staff Changes at the RCSS



The RCSS welcomes Mr. Chaminda Hettiarachchi who assumed duties as the Associate Director from 1st December, 2010. Mr. Hettiarachchi graduated from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, with a B.Sc. in Production Engineering in 1996. He obtained his MBA in General Management from Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan, in 2001. He went on to complete a second MBA in International Management at Esslingen University of Applied Sciences, Germany in 2002 and a MA degree in Peace and Development Studies at the University of Jaume I, Castellon, Spain. Before joining the RCSS, Mr. Hettiarachchi served as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. He has also served as a lecturer in Management Studies at the Faculties of Engineering at the University of Moratuwa and the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka. His current research interests include: role of ICTs for power decentralization, Web 2.0 technologies for political campaigning and future oriented technology analysis (FTAs) for South Asia.

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