



**Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi**

This terrible phenomenon of Corona virus has overturned the entire scope of strategic threats from the nuclear dimension of strategic risks to the biological and microbial threat to states and societies. By all available evidence, the advent of this scourge is likely to be catastrophic on both national economies and the global economic scene, which could pose a horrific danger for national as well as international security. As countries grapple with the negative economic fallout of this phenomenon, they might become even more rigid in their approach to old disputes, making it even more challenging for regional and international organizations to deal with them. The future of globalization in a quarantined world is bleak and there may be a grievous setback to the global outlook. The deck of cards are stacked negatively against a country like Pakistan. At this trying time, Pakistan must broaden its security perspective and develop a multi-pronged strategy to address its political and economic challenges.



**Dr. Adil Sultan**

COVID-19 has exposed the vulnerability of entire global community from the unexpected threats that cannot be mitigated individually by any state, thus offering an opportunity to work collectively in the future. Ironically, the nature of international system that works on realpolitik, would continue to shape military and economic rivalries, thus leaving little space for countries like Pakistan to divert its focus, and prepare for preventing and mitigating a future pandemic. Nevertheless, Pakistan can still use the opportunity to divert as much resources as possible to build an infrastructure that could continue to support its vulnerable health system even when the crisis is over.



**Prof. Dr. Nazir Hussain**

“There are many conspiracy theories regarding the coronavirus, but let's assume it is a pandemic. Therefore, instead of looking for new ways of subjugating other states, let's work for the common benefit of humanity. Pakistan, as a resilient nation, has always come out successful in many challenges in the past, (floods, earthquake) it would also tackle this daunting challenge with faith and resolve.”



**Air Cdre. (Retd.) Khalid Banuri**

COVID-19 has brought to forefront multi- faceted dimensions of how the world may be in ‘Life after Corona’. Amongst the socialization factors, a take away today might be that kindness is overwhelming – whether in sharing every bit of information that is floating around social media, or the charities that individuals or small entities have started to run for the poor, the shelter less, or those whose livelihood depended on a pursuit of daily wage labour. While this is really heartening – in the backdrop of the possibility that the ‘Corona situation’ may persist for an indefinite period - my worry is about sustaining such kindness – how can we mobilize to ensure that the deprived would continue to get support even if the dilemma remains seemingly endless.