



Military: General Raheel Sharif

General Raheel Sharif is a retired four-star rank army general who served as the 15th Chief of Army Staff of the Pakistan Army from 29 November 2013 until his retirement on 29 November 2016. He is widely credited with reducing terrorism inside the country; violence in the country was reduced to its lowest level since 2006, with an overall decline of 70% in terrorist attacks under his tenure. In January 2017, Gen. Sharif took up the position of military commander of the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition.

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Ladies and Gentlemen

The vision of IMCTC is to have a collective response against terrorism capable of leading and coordinating the efforts of member countries with high efficiency and effectiveness. It will provide a platform facilitating coalition countries, with the assistance of supporting nations and international organizations to coordinate and unite their political, ideological communications, counter terrorist financing and military efforts against all forms of terrorism and extremism and to effectively join other international security and peace-keeping efforts. IMCTC's sole objective is to fight against terrorism and it is not against any country, sect or religion.

The mechanism of coalition is divided in four main domains. The first domain will focus on countering Terrorist Ideology. Effort will be made to preserve and promote Islam's universal message of moderation, tolerance and compassion, by creating intellectual, psychological and social impact to counter the perverted radical views.

Second is Communication. Here IMCTC will develop, produce and publish factual media content for dialogue to correct perceptions and discredit radical and extremist narratives.

Next is Terrorist Financing. IMCTC will endeavor to dry up all types of financial support to terrorist organizations through collaboration and coordination of member countries and relevant stakeholders in sharing and developing financial intelligence capabilities, advance legal and regulatory frameworks and other support mechanisms.



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Before I explain the military domain let me highlight that a number of our member countries are under tremendous pressure while fighting well established terrorist organizations due to capacity shortages of their armed forces and law enforcement agencies. IMCTC will act as a platform to assist member countries in their counter terrorism operations through intelligence sharing and capacity building.

In line with the coalition's mandate a strategy has been developed to utilize the expertise and resources of member and friendly countries. Support will be provided to build capabilities of military, law enforcement and intelligence agencies of member countries. This will be practically manifested through proper planning, cross training and exercise in urban, rural and varied terrain conditions under hostile environment.

To improve coordination, joint exercise will be conducted based on near real-time scenarios demanding quick response and promoting a sense of solidarity and shared responsibility to fight terrorism.

In addition, IMCTC will create a state-of-the-art intelligence and information sharing platform to counter terrorist networks their facilitators, abettors, sympathizers and financiers. After correlating and incisive analysis of critical information, actionable intelligence will be shared with all concerned.