

IMCTC Receives Pakistan Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee



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The Secretary-General of the Islamic Military Counter-Terrorism Coalition Maj. Gen. Mohammed bin Saeed Al-Moghedi received Gen. Sahir Shamshad, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee of Pakistan, and the accompanying delegation at IMCTC headquarters in Riyadh, Monday, January 30, 2023.

Over the course of the meeting, both sides discussed matters of mutual interest between IMCTC and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Gen. Shamshad was briefed on IMCTC's efforts across counter-terrorism domains, namely, ideology, communications, counter-terrorist financing, and military, as well as its role in coordinating and intensifying member countries' efforts.

Later, Gen. Shamshad and the visiting delegation toured IMCTC's facilities, met with member countries' delegates from several nations in the Muslim world, and were briefed on the latest developments, updates on terrorist groups and incidents around the world, as well as IMCTC's monitoring and tracking mechanisms in this regard.

Gen. Shamshad commended IMCTC's counter-terrorism efforts using across counter-terrorism domains and its strategic approach to counter extremist groups, as well as the enormous contribution of the Kingdom, IMCTC's host country, in countering terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms, shapes and manifestations.

For his part, Maj. Gen. Al-Moghedi pointed out that IMCTC is an important organization that strives to strengthen cooperation among its member countries, and is based on the values of legitimacy, independence, coordination, participation and makes sure that all counter-terrorism actions and efforts are in line with international regulations, norms and laws. He further added that "terrorism is a scourge that requires concerted efforts of all countries and organizations to eliminate it by all means and methods."

"As modern technology advances, the means of dealing with terrorist groups evolve as well; as a result, we should work on countering terrorists' ideology as an important element, then tackle their communications tools and pernicious messages, and finally cut off their funding sources to stop them from committing crimes and ultimately defeating them militarily," he continued.

Maj. Gen. Al-Moghedi reaffirmed that the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has been a member of IMCTC since its inception because it believes that it is essential to prevent any actions that can encourage or incite violent extremism. In his last remarks, he commended the pivotal role of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in countering terrorism and violent extremism, its noble principle of rejection violence and extremism, and its membership in several counter-terrorism, counter extremism organizations and centers.