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Pakistan's Armed Forces and Political Government *Must* Drive the NWFP Operation against Terrorists to a Logical Conclusion

Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS) urges all state institutions to demonstrate unity and take conclusive measures for taking on the challenges at hand. These challenges include the military action in NWFP and the handling of the internally displaced persons (IDPs) from FATA and Malakand division. Both these challenges need to be taken to their logical conclusion.

The Armed Forces ***must*** take the military operation to its logical end i.e., dealing with the insurgents across-the-board with an iron hand. While, the civilian governments in Islamabad and Peshawar must *chalk* out comprehensive remedial measures and closely coordinate their plans with international relief agencies.

The strings of battles between the terrorists and the Army in Bajaur Agency and Malakand Division have displaced more than a million people since August 2008. Such a big number of IDPs is precipitating an already fragile financial situation and shall most likely expose the capacities of the provincial as well as the central government.

Classic counter-insurgency requires “clearing of insurgents” by the coercive apparatus of the State followed by “holding” the cleared area by the civilian administration and further followed by injection of resources to “build” the social contract between the rulers and the ruled.

An inconclusive military action and disjointed relief efforts for the IDPs could spell greater turmoil for the country, exposing it to more socio-economic problems, crime and lawlessness, in areas where governance is already weak. The emerging humanitarian crisis requires civilian and army power centers to act in unison, with clarity of vision and a firm determination to handle the evolving crisis.