



LT. GENERAL (RTD) TARIQ WASEEM GHAZI

DESIGNATION: INDEPENDENT NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lieutenant General Tariq Waseem Ghazi (Retired) is an Independent Non-Executive Director with a distinguished career spanning military service, government leadership, and contributions to academia, diplomacy, and environmental security.

He received his early education at Sadiq Public School, Bahawalpur, and Karachi Grammar School before earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Peshawar University in 1969. He further pursued academic excellence with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) and a Master of Science in War Studies from Balochistan University and Quaid-e-Azam University, respectively.

Joining the Pakistan Army in 1967, he graduated from the Pakistan Military Academy in 1969, achieving a historic sweep of all three top awards, including the prestigious Sword of Honour. Commissioned into the 3rd Baloch Regiment of Infantry, his career encompassed critical operational command assignments, policy formulation, and leadership training. His professional development included training at the Australian Infantry Centre, the Australian Jungle Warfare School, the Canadian Forces Command & Staff College, and the Pakistani National Defence College.

Throughout his military tenure, he served as an Aide to four Governors of Balochistan and was a faculty member at the School of Infantry, the Command and Staff College, and the Armed Forces War College. His leadership extended to commanding an international United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Georgia, where he received high commendation from UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan for his exceptional contribution. His operational commands included leading troops on the frontlines in Kashmir, during the Gulf War in Saudi Arabia, and in critical security operations in Sindh. He commanded multiple brigades, divisions, and, from 2001 to 2004, the Infantry Corps at Karachi. He also held the prestigious position of Commandant at both the Command and Staff College in Quetta and the National Defence College in Islamabad.

Following his early retirement from the Pakistan Army in October 2004, he served as Secretary Defence for the Government of Pakistan from 2005 to 2007, overseeing national defence matters and representing Pakistan at international forums. He co-chaired numerous bilateral security dialogues with countries including India, the USA, the UK, Turkey, Sri Lanka, and Malaysia. Concurrently, he held chairmanship roles in key national institutions such as the Civil Aviation

Authority of Pakistan, the Fauji Foundation, the Defence Housing Authorities in Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad, as well as the Roosevelt Hotel in New York and Hotel Scribe in Paris. He also served as Chancellor of Foundation University in Islamabad.

Currently, he is enjoying his second retirement while actively engaging in academic and advisory roles. He dedicates his time to his interests in painting, bonsai gardening, classic car restoration, and boating while lecturing at military institutions in Pakistan and abroad. He remains a key participant in international dialogue on defence, regional security, and climate change. His memberships include the Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change in Brussels, the Commission on Education and Communication of the International Union for Conservation of Nature in Switzerland, and the Climate Security Working Group in Washington.

He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Next Capital Limited in Karachi, providing financial services to multinational clients, and as a Director with Haris Enterprises in Islamabad, offering security services to foreign diplomatic missions, international NGOs, and UN agencies. He is a member of the Board of Governors of The Kidney Centre, Karachi, and the Board of the Habib University Foundation. Additionally, he is a Senior Fellow at the NUST Institute of Policy Studies in Islamabad and an Advisor to the Centre for Peace, Security, and Developmental Studies in Karachi, where he provides pro bono advisory services on national security studies.

Previously, he served on the governing body of Sadiq Public School, Bahawalpur, and was a member of both the Advisory Council and Board of Governors of Habib University of Arts and Sciences in Karachi. He was also an Honorary Trustee of the Sindh Educational Trust, Karachi, contributing to primary and vocational education for underprivileged communities.