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Riaz Ahmed Shaikh, Ph. D., a political sociologist and the Head, Social Sciences at Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology, Karachi intensely researched the role of the media and the impediments the working journalists in Pakistan have been experiencing. Riaz is the managing editor of the **Asia Journal of Global Studies**, Osaka, Japan. His much-acclaimed publication is **Back from the Brink: India-Pakistan Ties Revisited**. One of his research papers, **Pakistani Military Role in Asia Context** has been chosen as 'Outstanding Author Contribution Award Winner' by the Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2010.

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