

# Indo-Pak: Asma Jehangir for creation of joint think tanks

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New [Delhi](#): As the composite dialogue remains stalled after 26/11, noted Pakistani human rights activist Asma Jehangir today favoured creation of joint think tanks within the civil societies to discuss Indo-Pak issues.

"Think tanks should be formed within civil societies (of the two countries) to identify issues and formulate strategies," she said at a three-day India-Pakistan Conference here, with a theme on 'A Roadmap Towards Peace'.

She also favoured joint planning committees and joint agenda to avoid "disfunctionalism" in such peace conferences.

Strongly pitching for sustained fight by civil society against terrorists who are using religion for their "sinister agenda of caging minds", she said while people of Pakistan are fighting, "we need support and understanding" from [India](#). "If Lahore is Talibanised, Amritsar cannot be far behind."

Addressing a segment on 'Militancy, joint mechanism and role of US', Jehangir said her country is experiencing a "fragile democracy" and going through a phase of transition which is like "walking on the eggshells".

She also felt that once the American forces quit Afghanistan, both that country and Pakistan may see a "regime change". "There is no transfer of power, only a transition (in Pakistan)," Jehangir said and indicated that pro-military rule elements in Pakistani establishment are getting stronger.

"Those elements are like little worms who come out during rains...we can again smell the rain approaching," she said, but noted that "voices of dissent" within the civil society are also emerging stronger.

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