



## Editorial by: Director of the Academy



### *In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*

It is my pleasure to present to you this new issue of the peer-reviewed scientific journal **National Security and Strategy**, which comes at a time of profound international and regional transformation and accelerating challenges. Today's world has become increasingly complex, with global and regional developments directly impacting the stability, security, and development of nations. Our region, like the rest of the world, is witnessing rapid changes in all areas of national security. The international system is currently experiencing intensified competition among major powers in a bid to reshape the global balance of power, and these shifts are expected to cast significant shadows over both regional and global stability, further deepening uncertainty about the future.

At the regional level, we are witnessing intricate dynamics where traditional conflicts are compounded by non-traditional threats such as transnational terrorism, refugee and displacement crises, competition over resources, and foreign interventions all of which are major factors undermining the security and stability of the region.

In light of these developments, studying these variables is of utmost importance for understanding the contexts in which states formulate their policies and interests, and for monitoring transformations that may affect their stability and national security. In an era marked by unprecedented acceleration of events, scientific research plays a vital role in forecasting future trends and helping to anticipate challenges accurately. This enables the formulation of more effective strategies to confront threats, seize available opportunities, and craft flexible and impactful foreign policies grounded in a clear understanding of the balance of power and international and regional alliances. Such insight empowers states to strengthen their positions in international forums, develop comprehensive and proactive security and defense policies, negotiate from a position of strength rooted in a thorough grasp of surrounding factors, protect cultural and social identity, preserve the uniqueness of communities in the face of globalization, and draw successful development policies based on accurate readings of global events.

Within this critically important context, our specialized journal on national security plays a pivotal role as a vital platform employing rigorous scientific methodologies to address pressing topics. It offers in-depth analyses that look to the future, and provides enlightened perspectives for decision-makers, researchers, and those interested in the field. Through its studies, the journal aims to understand the roots of current developments, assess their potential impact on various dimensions of national security, and propose innovative approaches to counter challenges, mitigate threats, and capitalize on emerging opportunities. We firmly believe that precise scientific knowledge forms the solid foundation upon which effective strategies are built. National security studies are no longer a luxury of intellectual pursuit, but rather a strategic necessity for building resilient societies capable of navigating an ever-changing world.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the researchers and thinkers whose valuable contributions have enriched this issue, and to all members of the editorial board, advisory committee, and reviewers who worked diligently and faithfully to produce this work in a manner that reflects our aspirations. May Allah grant us success in serving our nations with beneficial knowledge, enlightened thought and relentless effort toward a safer and more stable tomorrow.

*With Allah's guidance and support...*

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