

**6TH NSA-LEVEL MEETING OF THE COLOMBO SECURITY CONCLAVE
07-08 DECEMBER 2023**

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The 6th National Security Adviser (NSA) level Meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) which was hosted by Mauritius was held on 7 and 8 December 2023.

Mr Ajit Doval KC, National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Mr Anil Kumar Dip, CSK, PMSM, Commissioner of Police of the Republic of Mauritius and Mr. Sagala Ratnayaka, Chief of Staff to the President and National Security Adviser of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, led their respective delegations. Mr Vivek Kumar Johri, the National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius also participated.

Bangladesh and Seychelles participated as Observer States. The delegation from Bangladesh was led by Lieutenant General Waker Uz Zaman, SGP, psc, Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division and the delegation from Seychelles was led by Brigadier Michael Rosette, Chief of Defence Forces, Seychelles Defence Force.

The Secretariat of the Colombo Security Conclave was represented by Commodore Aruna Weerasinghe, RSP, psc, Acting Secretary for CSC Secretariat.

Member States reviewed the activities of the CSC since the 5th NSA level Meeting held in Maldives on 9-10 March, 2022, and the 6th and 7th Deputy NSA level Meetings hosted respectively by India on 7 July 2022 and Maldives on 12 July 2023. Member States adopted a Roadmap for year 2024 covering deliverables for the Secretariat and various activities under the five pillars of cooperation.

Member States reaffirmed their commitment to engage in consistent joint efforts to achieve regional peace and security by focusing on the identified pillars of cooperation. They further agreed to foster dialogue and collaboration among Member States and with other regional countries to address shared security challenges and promote stability in the region.

It was agreed to hold the 7th NSA level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave, in physical mode, in India, in year 2024 and Mauritius would host the 8th Deputy NSA level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave, in virtual format, in the same year.