

[Headley a frequent flyer to Pakistan: FBI](#)

The Hindu, 1 November 2009

U.S. national David Coleman Headley, nabbed by FBI for plotting a major terror attack in India at LeT's behest, was a frequent flyer who made multiple trips to Pakistan where he spent "substantial time" undergoing training from the terror group, American investigators have said. 49-year-old Headley was arrested on October 3 along with Tahawwur Hussain Rana, 48, a Canadian citizen of Pakistani origin, by FBI at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport as he prepared to board a flight to Philadelphia, intending to travel to Pakistan.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article41692.ece>

[Army prepared to meet any eventuality from Pak,](#)

Daily Excelsior, 1 November 2009

UDHAMPUR, Oct 31: Maintaining that there was no deviations from border management posture, General Officer Commanding in Chief (GOC-in-C) of Northern Command Lt Gen B S Jaswal today said that Army was well prepared to meet any eventuality from Pakistan and China. "Northern Command is well prepared to meet any eventuality from Pakistan and China and we maintain an adequate posture in our borders. My troops understand the need to maintain the peace along the Line of Control and Line of Actual Control", Lt General B S Jaswal said while addressing his maiden press conference after taking over as GOC-in-C of Northern Command, at Command Headquarters here this morning.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov01/news.htm#1>

[LeT commander among 2 killed](#)

Daily Excelsior, 1 November 2009

SRINAGAR, Oct 31: Security forces today eliminated two top militants of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), including a self styled commander who had managed to give slip to security forces twice during recent gun battles, in an encounter in Sopore town of Baramulla district while a CRPF head constable was arrested after he shot dead two of his colleagues and injured two others in Anantnag district of Kashmir valley. An encounter broke out in Chinkipora village of Sopore area at around 10.30 a.m after security forces launched an anti-militancy operation, official sources said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov01/news.htm#2>

[NRO will bring disgrace to MPs: Shahbaz](#)

The News, 1 November 2009

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President and Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said the success of the National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) will be the defeat of the nation. While issuing a policy statement on the NRO here on Saturday, Shahbaz said the passage of the bill by parliament would be tantamount to the murder of the established political, legal and democratic norms. According to him, no conscientious parliamentarian could disgrace parliament. Parliament's illegal decision in the Justice Munir case is still considered as a black chapter in the political history of Pakistan, he said. Similarly, any such illegal, immoral and undemocratic decision by parliament would be remembered in the worst possible words and the nation would never forgive the NRO supporters.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25309

[Rs 500 bn circular debt paid off: PM](#)

The News, 1 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: The government has paid off the entire circular debt of Rs 500 billion, thus removing the bottlenecks for private power producers to resume power generation, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has disclosed. The prime minister said this in a meeting with the Group Editor of The News on Friday at the PM House. He said the major hurdle in power generation had now been overcome, although he was apparently unhappy with the Ministry of Water and Power for making tall claims about ending load shedding by December this year.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25312

[33 militants killed as troops close in on strongholds](#)

The News, 1 November 2009

WANA/PESHAWAR: Advancing Pakistan Army troops were poised to capture militants' strongholds of Srarogha, Kaniguram and Makeen in South Waziristan Agency after occupying heights close to these towns and reaching their outskirts. Though the troops have yet to announce the capture of important areas like Srarogha, Kaniguram and Makeen, officials said they had got close to the areas and encircled some key locations in a bid to overcome the militants.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25313

[NRO umbrella](#)

The News, 1 November 2009

The PPP-dominated NA Standing Committee on Law and Justice has approved the National Reconciliation Ordinance for presentation before parliament. It has also expanded the cover offered by the controversial piece of legislation introduced by Pervez Musharraf in 2007, extending the umbrella to cover anyone who can prove political victimization. The time frame, from January 1986 to October 12, 1999 laid down in the original draft is to be discarded. Perhaps the PPP had hoped that the alterations in the law, making it somewhat less specific and therefore less obviously aimed at protecting particular individuals, notably members of the PPP and PML-N who faced corruption charges dating back to their tenures in office, would help make the NRO more palatable. But the signs that a fierce storm will continue to rage over it came in early. Even at the committee stage, all six members who did not belong to the PPP voted against the law. The PML-N raised the strongest objections, and some of its members staged a walk-out. They also questioned media exclusion from the meeting.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/daily_detail.asp?id=206256

[Maldivians fighting and dying in Pakistan, says president](#)

Minivan, 1 November 2009

President Mohamed Nasheed said yesterday that at least 12 Maldivians had died in the war being waged in Waziristan - the religious conservative region of Pakistan. Nasheed said most parents were unaware that those who died had left to fight in Pakistan, believing that they had travelled abroad for higher education.

http://www.minivannews.com/news_detail.php?id=7619

[Clinton Suffers Barbs and Returns Jabs in Pakistan](#)
NYT, 1 November 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — For Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has had her ups and downs with the news media, the prospect of spending three days under the remorseless glare of the Pakistani news media might have felt like an unwelcome return to a time right before the New Hampshire primary. Yet Mrs. Clinton, whose press clippings since she became secretary of state have been kinder than when she was a presidential candidate, rolled with the punches this week in a media-saturated tour of Pakistan. She submitted to four round-table interviews over three days in which Pakistan's leading journalists took their best shots at her, and she even counterpunched once or twice. By the time she left Islamabad on Friday, she appeared to have fought Pakistan's fourth estate to a draw.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/31/world/asia/31clinton.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[JK Bank earns Rs 252 cr profit in 6 months](#)
Daily Excelsior, 2 November 2009

SRINAGAR, Nov 1: Despite adverse market conditions following global recession, J&K Bank has posted a net profit of Rs 134.27 crore for the quarter ended September 2009, which is up by 16 per cent as compared to Rs 115.92 crore earned during the corresponding quarter of previous financial year. With this, the profits for the half-year ended September 2009 increased by 20 per cent to Rs 252.33 crore from Rs 210.48 crore recorded during the corresponding half of previous financial year.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov02/news1.htm#1>

[Five policemen injured in Lahore check post blast](#)
The News, 2 November 2009

LAHORE: Five policemen have been injured in a bomb blast at police check post near Babu Sabu Motorway Interchange, Geo News reported Monday. The blast took place when a white Suzuki Mehran rammed into the police check post, sources said. Rescue teams have reached the blast site.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=90696>

[Anti-democracy elements will not succeed: Taseer](#)
The News, 2 November 2009

LAHORE: Governor Punjab, Salman Taseer has stated that President Asif Ali Zardari is the lynchpin of federation, and that conspirators against democracy will not succeed. In a statement issued from Lahore, the Governor said that President Asif Ali Zardari has been elected by two-thirds majority by all the four provinces as well as by both the upper and lower house. Pakistan cannot afford political instability at the moment, he asserted. Salman Taseer stressed that the current times do not present an opportunity to score political points rather it's a time to unite against the cancer of terrorism.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=90699>

[Foreign militants on the run in South Waziristan](#)

The News, 2 November 2009

WANA/PESHAWAR: Nine militants and two soldiers were killed in the ongoing offensive in South Waziristan Agency on Sunday, raising the militants' death toll to over 300 in the past 16 days. The figures revealed by the Pakistan Army shows 38 losses on its side, including two officers, since the launch of the operation Rah-e-Nijat on October 17. The Army on Sunday also claimed seizing huge cache of arms, including rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs), heavy machine guns, anti-tank mines, a missile launcher and some jamming equipment to intercept the communication lines.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25322

[Islamabad seeks involvement in new US Afghan strategy](#)

The News, 2 November 2009

Pakistan said on Sunday it wanted to be consulted over the United States' new strategy on Afghanistan, saying that its expertise and coordination were vital to success. At a meeting in Malaysia, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said he put the request for closer involvement in the US deliberations to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during her visit to Pakistan last week.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25323

[No political prisoner in Balochistan, says Babar](#)

The News, 2 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Dr Babar Awan said on Sunday that no politician or political worker was in captivity in Balochistan. In an informal chat with The News here, the minister, who is a part of the PPP committee on Balochistan, said all the political prisoners, including former chief minister Akhtar Mengal, had been set free and, at the moment, there was no political prisoner in the Balochistan jails. When asked about the hundreds of missing persons, as claimed by nationalist parties of Balochistan, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and separatists, he said the issue of missing persons was a different one and it was also being looked into by the quarters concerned.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25325

[Explosions Rip Two Cities in Pakistan](#)

NYT, 2 November 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Suicide bombers attacked two major Pakistani cities on Monday as the army claimed control of one more Taliban stronghold in the northwestern tribal region of South Waziristan, officials said. In the first attack, a suicide bomber detonated explosives Monday morning in a busy commercial district in the garrison city of Rawalpindi, killing at least 35 people and wounding at least 45, security and rescue officials said.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/03/world/asia/03pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia

[China voices firm opposition to Dalai Lama's visit to China-India border region](#)

People's Daily, 3 November 2009

China firmly opposes the Dalai Lama's planned visit to a China-India border region, said a Foreign Ministry spokesman here Tuesday. "China's stance on the eastern section of the China-India border is consistent, and we firmly oppose the Dalai Lama's visit to the region," said Ma Zhaoxu at a regular news briefing. "This further exposes the Dalai clique's anti-China and separatist nature," said Ma.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6802514.html>

[India rubbishes allegations of fomenting trouble in Pak](#)

The Hindu, 3 November 2009

India on Tuesday rubbished Pakistan's allegations that it was fomenting trouble in the neighbouring country, saying it has nothing to do with their internal developments which are of "their own making." "We have absolutely nothing to do with whatever is happening in Balochistan or whatever is happening within Pakistan. I think it is their own making," External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna said. The minister was of the view that there is "total confusion" in Pakistan and that he did not think that there is any effective government functioning there.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article42622.ece>

[Yet another infiltration bid foiled, one militant killed](#)

Daily Excelsior, 3 November 2009

SRINAGAR: The security forces foiled yet another infiltration bid when they gunned down a militant near the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir early this morning, a Defence Ministry spokesman said. He said that troops guarding the LoC noticed a group of militants sneaking into this side from Tangdhar sector early this morning under the cover of darkness. However, when challenged and asked to surrender, militants opened fire and tried to escape back into the Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov03/newsupdate.htm#1>

[President retreats on NRO issue](#)

The News, 3 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: The government, succumbing to widespread national opposition and due to lack of support from its coalition partners, has decided not to take the National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) to parliament. "It was decided to endorse the position taken by Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on the floor of the House on Monday, and it was decided not to take the NRO to parliament," presidential spokesman Farhatullah Babar said after a high-level meeting of the PPP at the Presidency on Monday night.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25349

[36 die in Pindi suicide bombing](#)

The News, 3 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: A suicide bomber hit a bank here on Monday, killing 36 people and wounding over 65 others. Four soldiers are among the dead. The bomber blew himself up outside the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) on the Khadim Hussain Road, where people had lined up to draw their salaries and pensions. Witnesses told this correspondent that a young man in his early twenties stopped his motorbike in front of the bank and blew himself up.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25351

[Zardari, Bilawal buy 300 acres of](#)

The News, 3 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: A private company owned by President Asif Ali Zardari and his son Bilawal Zardari purchased 2,460 Kanals (307 acres) of prime land in Islamabad in March 2009, valued at a CDA price of over Rs 2 billion, for a mere Rs 62 million, proving after a long wait that a 1997 NAB reference against Zardari for the same deal was justified, but had to be dropped then for lack of some missing links.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25353

[Evidence of Indian hand in SWA unrest found: ISPR](#)

The News, 3 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has found concrete evidence of India's involvement behind the trouble in South Waziristan Agency (SWA) and would take up the matter with the Indian government. This was stated by Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Maj-Gen Athar Abbas at a joint media briefing with Information Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira on the ongoing operation Rah-e-Nijat here on Monday. It merits mentioning here that it is for the first time that Pakistan has categorically said about India's hand behind militancy in South Waziristan. General Abbas said a huge quantity of Indian arms and ammunition, literature.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25354

[20 injured in Lahore suicide blast](#)

The News, 3 November 2009

LAHORE: Twenty people including 10 policemen were injured, one of them critically, in a suicide attack, carried out at a police picket close to Babu Sabu Interchange, an entry point to the city at Lahore-Islamabad Motorway, on Monday evening. Police claimed the suicide attacker, yet to be identified, reached the spot in a Suzuki Mehran car, bearing No LEA-2267-08 at around 6:40 pm. As the security personnel tried to stop him for routine checking, the bomber came out of the car and detonated the suicide jacket, while heading towards the police party, the eyewitnesses and police said.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25357

[N.Korean Military 'Seizes Control of Economy'](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 4 November 2009

The North Korean military has seized charge of the economy, elbowing out other ministries and the Workers' Party, the Washington Post said Tuesday. According to the daily, North Korea's military has "grabbed nearly complete command of the nation's state-run economy and staked out a lucrative new trade in mineral sales to China to make money for its supreme commander, Kim Jong-il." "The army has earned hundreds of millions of dollars selling missiles and weapons to Iran, Pakistan, Syria and other nations." But its two nuclear tests in October 2006 and in May 2009 "have triggered UN sanctions that are now choking off arms sales," prompting the military to seek other sources of income, it speculated.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/11/04/2009110400746.html

Editorial: The limits of coercive diplomacy

The Hindu, 4 November 2009

India has achieved all it can hope to with its silence; there is nothing more it can reasonably hope to gain by refusing to restart the dialogue process with Pakistan. The so-called 'peace overture' that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh made to Pakistan from the Kashmir Valley last week, came almost a year after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks and New Delhi's subsequent indefinite halt of the peace process with Islamabad. The major dialogue channels between the two countries — the composite dialogue and the back-channel negotiations — continue to remain closed. Since November 2008, there have only been some underdeveloped and half-hearted attempts towards a thaw in the prevailing icy state of relations between the two countries. There seems to be no way forward.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article42838.ece>

Minus 342 possible but not mines one: Taseer

The News, 4 November 2009

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Salman Taseer Wednesday ruled out the minus one formula, saying President Asif Ali Zardari will complete his five-year term. Talking to media here, Salman Taseer said: "There is no possibility of any minus one," adding, if worst happens then "there could be minus 342". Earlier, he condoled the death of the wife of Lahore's columnist and poet Zafar Iqbal. "President Zardari is linchpin of the Federation and he has put up prolonged struggle for democracy," Governor Punjab maintained.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=90835>

PML-N again raises NRO issue at NA

The News, 4 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Mulsim League-N Wednesday once again took up the issue of National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) at the National Assembly where Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Babar Awan said the matter stands withdrawn. Responding to a point of order raised by the PML-N MNA Ahsan Iqbal, the parliamentary affairs minister said under the Constitution, the Prime Minister being Leader of the House may consensually withdraw any ordinance when it is transformed into bill after its presentation in the House.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=90836>

[The contours of a changed, unwritten script Situationer](#)

The News, 4 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: In a week of intense behind the scenes political and diplomatic activity in the federal capital, key new lines have been added to the so called 'script', the unofficial, unwritten roadmap drawn up and preserved in the minds of the concerned people, to get rid of the despicable grip on the country of a few powerful highly placed individuals and their friends. After my meetings with most of the main stakeholders in the present system during the last few days, including top people sitting in the Presidency, the PM House, Senate, National Assembly, Raiwind, the highly charged drawing rooms of Islamabad and the excited corridors ruled by career bureaucrats, the broad contours of the script have become identifiable.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25365

[President, Army row over KLB persists](#)

The News, 4 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has apparently reconciled to the idea that the Kerry-Lugar Bill (KLB) - now an Act after it was signed by US President Obama - may be defeated in parliament, once it is brought back for a vote. It is expected that the government will not oppose any resolution against the KLB in parliament. President Zardari is mentally ready for accepting another defeat, it is learnt on good authority.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25369

[Pakistanis Seek Blame for Bombing](#)

NYT, 4 November 2009

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — It has been a week since the bomb exploded at the women's market here, but people still talk about the images of its aftermath: women's bodies, naked and broken. A hand with hennaed nails. An arm still wearing bracelets. Even for Peshawar, a city that has long been pummeled by violent attacks, the bombing in the Meena market last week felt different. The violence was aimed not at soldiers or the police, but at society's most vulnerable members — poor women and children, who made up about half of the bombing's 114 victims. In two days of interviews, Pakistanis here said they believed the war had taken a dark new turn, with civilians now bearing the brunt of insurgents' fury. But that does not mean greater public anger at the Taliban.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/04/world/asia/04pstan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Dubai Chalio](#)

The News, 5 November 2009

KARACHI: An urgent damage control meeting between the top MQM leadership and Interior Minister Rehman Malik will be held in Dubai today (Thursday) after Sindh Governor Ishratul Ebad dashed to the UAE commercial hub hours after meeting President Asif Zardari in Islamabad. No details of the governor-president meeting were available but sources said a last-ditch attempt was being made by the

government to bring the MQM back into the coalition fold, specially on the NRO issue.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25379

[PPP plans talks with friends and foes](#)

The News, 5 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) will hold talks on Monday here when PML-N supreme leader Nawaz Sharif will be visiting Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani at the PM House. It will be the first get-together of the two parties in the wake of rising tension between them on the question of the National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO). The government will take the PML-N into confidence about the report of the special joint committee of the two houses of parliament. The report will bring about important constitutional amendments as a joint sitting of parliament would be convened immediately after the meeting. The constitutional stalwarts of the two sides will also take part in the deliberations at the PM House, including convener of the committee Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Punjab Chief Minister and PML-N President Shahbaz Sharif and Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25380

[A voluntary 'national government' on the cards?](#)

The News, 5 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: In an apparent desperate bid to strengthen the shaky power set-up, whose fragility was exposed by the dramatic events of Monday culminating in the forced abandonment of the NRO, the government is seriously considering a proposal to change its complexion to that of a national government by taking the PML-N and the PML-Q on board. According to sources, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani have already decided to take the coalition partners as well as the major opposition parties into confidence on the proposal.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25381

[Fierce street battles rage as troops enter Ladha](#)

The News, 5 November 2009

WANA/PESHAWAR: At least 30 militants were killed and eight soldiers, including two officers, sustained injuries in heavy clashes and street fighting as the troops entered the Taliban stronghold of Ladha on Wednesday. Official sources said the fighting continued in Ladha and Srarogha and the troops cleared a major part of Srarogha following its capture a day earlier and withdrawal of most of the militants from the area. The political administration officials said the troops also entered Sam, Gadwai, Asman Manza and Karwan Manza areas of the agency. They said the troops faced tough resistance from the militants in Gadwai during their advance towards Ladha. However, security forces managed to reach there after clashes with militants.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25383

[All terrorist camps in Pak still intact, says Antony](#)

The Hindu, 6 November 2009

Despite India's repeated requests, "all" terrorist camps in Pakistan were intact with many operating in the vicinity of army bases, Defence Minister A.K. Antony said here on Friday. "There are various terrorists groups operating from Pakistan, but despite our repeated requests all terrorist camps are intact. Many of them are in the vicinity of their army bases. It is a matter of concern and worry to us," Mr. Antony said on the sidelines of a function here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article44425.ece>

Pak authorities arrest 13 Indian fishermen

The Hindu, 6 November 2009

Pakistani authorities have arrested 13 Indian nationals and seized three boats they were travelling in for allegedly entering the country's territorial waters without permission, a spokesman said today. The Maritime Security Agency (MSA) apprehended the three fishing boats with 13 crew members yesterday within Pakistan's exclusive economic zone, he said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article44190.ece>

24 extremists killed in last 24 hours: ISPR

The News, 6 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: The security forces have moved into the Town of Makeen—an area considered as Base Headquarters of terrorists during South Waziristan Operation Rah-e-Nijat. According to a statement issued here by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), in last 24 hours, 24 terrorists have been killed while another was apprehended. Security forces are consolidating and strengthening their positions around Sararogha. Search and clearance operations are continuing.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=90945>

PPP leaders want ouster of opportunists

The News, 6 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: Some senior leaders of the PPP held top officials of the Foreign Office and federal and provincial ministers, who benefited from the National Reconciliation Ordinance, responsible for the crisis created by the Kerry-Lugar Bill and the NRO. According to sources, senior leaders of the party have intensified contacts to review the prevailing situation and save the party by expelling the opportunists. The sources said Asif Ali Zardari was accepted as co-chairman of the party because of respect for the late Benazir Bhutto's will.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25398

Hakimullah warns Taliban fighters against fleeing

The News, 6 November 2009

DEAR ISMAIL KHANA: Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) chief Hakimullah Mehsud has urged his fighters to stand fast against the military offensive in South Waziristan, warning them in an intercepted message obtained on Thursday that cowards will go to hell. "Remember this is the commandment of God that once fighting starts with the

enemy, you cannot leave the battlefield without permission from your commander, and don't look for excuses to run away from the fighting," Hakimullah told his followers in a speech on Tuesday broadcast over a wireless radio network. Of those, who do run away, he warned, "Such people will go to hell."

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25399

[MQM sets difficult tone for Dubai talks](#)

The News, 6 November 2009

KARACHI: The Dubai meeting between the top MQM leaders and the government was delayed for 24 hours because Interior Minister Rehman Malik could not reach Dubai on Thursday but the MQM has set a tone in which the talks are unlikely to succeed. Malik will now fly to Dubai late on Thursday night while Governor Sindh Dr Ishratul Ebad and MQM leader Mohammed Anwar Bhai from London have already reached Dubai. Talking to The News from London, MQM Coordination Committee member Mustafa Azizabadi said the agenda of the meeting included grievances which the MQM had already sent to the president and the prime minister.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25400

[Gunmen in Pakistan Attack Senior Army Officer](#)

NYT, 6 November 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Gunmen on a motorcycle fired on the car of an army brigadier in Islamabad on Friday, the third such drive-by attack against senior military officers in 15 days. The brigadier and his military driver were injured and taken to a nearby hospital, said Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, the spokesman for the Pakistani military. The gunmen escaped.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/07/world/asia/07pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia

[Pakistan wants good relations with its neighbours "on the basis of equality"](#)

The Hindu, 7 November 2009

Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani on Saturday made a strong pitch for the resumption of the Indo-Pak composite dialogue, saying Pakistan wants good relations with its neighbours "on the basis of equality". Favouring resumption of the stalled dialogue process, Mr. Gilani said Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has also stated that he was ready for discussions on all core issues.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article44936.ece>

[12 militants killed in last 24 hours in operation Rah-e-Nijat](#)

The News, 7 November 2009

WANA: Twelve terrorists have been killed and 5 soldiers including 2 officers were injured during operation Rah-e-Nijat in last 24 hours. According to ISPR, security forces consolidating their position in Sararogha and surrounding areas. Four militants hidden a compound in Sararogha have been killed. In Ladha, huge arms cache has been recovered from different areas whereas a 30 ft tunnel formed by militants has been destroyed with the weapons in Tayarzara. The weapons were also recovered during search operation in Toparghai and Sagga areas.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91006>

[NRO beneficiaries urged to quit country](#)

The News, 7 November 2009

OKARA: Former Jamaat Islami (JI) Amer Qazi Hussan Ahmed Saturday said the beneficiaries of National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) would have to quit the country or go for bail before arrest. Addressing a press conference here, he said Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) is the reason for the NRO not being tabled in the Parliament, it is a good thing.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91024>

[Constitutional reforms](#)

The News, 7 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari had directed the government to complete the process of constitutional reforms by March 2010. "I have asked the government to repeal all amendments enacted by the dictator before my address to parliament," the president told a delegation of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists led by its president Pervez Shaukat, which met him at the Presidency on Friday.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25419

[Gunmen target another brigadier in Islamabad](#)

The News, 7 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: In yet another terrorist attack on a senior military officer, two motorcyclists attacked a serving brigadier of an intelligence agency on Friday morning, official sources said. The brigadier and his driver sustained bullet injuries and were immediately shifted to the PIMS hospital. An official of a security agency termed it a security lapse as pillion riding was banned in the capital.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25420

[Enough is enough, Nawaz tells Zardari](#)

The News, 7 November 2009

GILGIT: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Quaid Mian Nawaz Sharif on Friday asked President Asif Ali Zardari not to make mockery of the Constitution and the public mandate, and keep the promises he (Zardari) had made to the nation. He said this while addressing a huge public rally in Gilgit after reaching here from Hunza where he had addressed a public gathering to woo votes for the PML-N candidates contesting the forthcoming elections for the legislative assembly.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25422

[Nazim Abdul Malik among 13 killed in Peshawar blast](#)

The News, 8 November 2009

PESHAWAR: A suicide attacker detonated explosives on him in Matni, killing 13 people including Nazim Awaizai Abdul Malik and hurting 36 others. The morning

attack took place in the town of Adizai, about 10 miles (16 kilometers) south of the main northwest city of Peshawar. The market was crowded with shoppers and goats being sold to celebrate the upcoming Muslim festival of Eid. The mayor, Abdul Malik, who was initially reported to have survived, died in the attack, said Sahibzada Anis, the top official in Peshawar.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91068>

[President, PM denounce Matni blast](#)

The News, 8 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani on Sunday strongly condemned the suicide attack in Matni, Peshawar and death of Union Nazim. The two leaders termed the attack that killed the UC Nazim Aydze Abdul Malik as barbaric and said the government will continue efforts to wipe out extremists and terrorists from the country. In separate messages the two leaders expressed their resolve not to be deterred by acts of violence. The President sought a report into the incident while the Prime Minister ordered an enquiry into the apparent suicide attack at the weekly livestock market.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91069>

[NRO buried forever: Gilani](#)

The News, 8 November 2009

KASUR: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has said the National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) is buried and termed Article 58-2b an 'irrelevant' issue under current circumstances when the judiciary is so 'active'. He was talking to media persons after inaugurating a 200 MW Independent Power Project (IPP) in Jambar Kalan, Kasur on Saturday.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25438

[Govt serious in implementing CoD, Zardari assures Nawaz](#)

The News, 8 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has conveyed to PML-N Quaid Nawaz Sharif that the PPP government is serious in implementing the Charter of Democracy (CoD) and repealing all the dictatorial amendments to the Constitution, including the controversial 17th Amendment. According to sources, the message to Nawaz Sharif had been conveyed recently in which it was clearly communicated that Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Reforms Mian Raza Rabbani had been directed to expedite the task to complete it soon.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25440

[12 militants killed in SWA as resistance fades](#)

The News, 8 November 2009

TANK/PESHAWAR: Security forces said they had killed a dozen militants in Makeen and Ladha areas of South Waziristan Agency as the operation Rah-e-Nijat continued for the 22nd day on Saturday. Local and official sources said there is little or no resistance from the militants as all the armed men had left the area well in advance

or after some fighting only in a few places.No important Pakistani Taliban commander or foreign militant has been killed or arrested in the operation launched on October 17.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25443

[Maldivian featured in al-Qaeda video](#)

Maldives, 8 November 2009

A video clip of a Maldivian man, who went to Pakistan for Jihad and was reportedly killed in a suicide attack in Lahore, has surfaced on the internet. In the clip, Ali Jaleel (Mus'ab Sayyid), 30, from H. Moscowge in the capital Male' says he wants to wage Jihad and die a martyr. "I want my blood to be the bit of carpet which the Mujahideen are taking from their blood. The red carpet which would take the Ummah to its glory...So I want to be among that caravan so that I can be a brick upon which Islam will stand,"

http://www.minivannews.com/news_detail.php?id=7669

[Blast Rocks Market in Pakistan](#)

NYT, 8 November 2009

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) -- A suicide bomber blew himself up Sunday in a crowded market in northwestern Pakistan, killing an anti-Taliban mayor who had formed a militia to fight the militants and 11 other people, officials said. A purported Taliban commander claimed responsibility for the bombing. The Taliban have carried out a series of attacks in recent weeks aimed at pressuring the government to abandon an offensive launched in mid-October in South Waziristan, the main Taliban and al-Qaida sanctuary in the country.

http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2009/11/08/world/AP-AS-Pakistan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[Pak security apparatus geared to meet all challenges: CJCS](#)

The News, 9 November 2009

Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCS), General Tariq Majid, NI(M) has rejected the article by Seymour M. Hersh, published in 'The New Yorker' terming it as absurd and plain mischievous. He stated, "we have operationalised a very effective nuclear security regime, which incorporates very stringent custodial and access controls. As overall custodian of the development of our strategic programme, I reiterate in very unambiguous terms that there is absolutely no question of sharing or allowing any foreign individual, entity or a state, any access to sensitive information about our nuclear assets," said an ISPR press release issued here Monday.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91119>

[PPP-MQM alliance in Sindh's interest: Qaim](#)

The News, 9 November 2009

HYDERABAD: Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah Monday said the alliance between Pakistan People's Party and Muttahida Qaumi Movement is in the interest of the

province. Talking to journalists here at Hyderabad Press Club, the Chief Minister said the PPP-MQM alliance is not a temporary one; it will continue even after the next general elections. He said PPP did not come in power through any back door, but it was the power of people's mandate which elected the party to form the government.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91117>

[Pakistan nuclear security plan](#)

The News, 9 November 2009

The Obama administration has been negotiating highly sensitive understandings with the Pakistani military, the influential magazine 'The New Yorker' says in a detailed report by world famous Pulitzer prize winning journalist Seymour Hersh, published in its latest issue. "The Pakistanis gave us a virtual look at the number of warheads, some of their locations, and their command-and-control system," Hersh quotes a former senior US intelligence official. "We saw their target list and their mobilization plans. We got their security plans, so we could augment them in case of a breach of security," he said.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25453

[Musharraf calls Zardari 'a criminal, a fraud'](#)

The News, 9 November 2009

NEW YORK: Former president General (retd) Pervez Musharraf is very bitter about President Asif Zardari and in an interview with known journalist Seymour Hersh called him a "criminal", a "fraud" and a "third rater". Hersh, in a detailed report on Pakistan, wrote: "Musharraf did not spare his successor. 'Asif Zardari is a criminal and a fraud. He'll do anything to save himself. He's not a patriot and he's got no love for Pakistan. He's a third-rater'."

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25454

[US Embassy denies Hersh story](#)

The News, 9 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: In response to allegations published in the press that the United States has been negotiating "understandings" with the Pakistani military about the security of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, US Ambassador to Pakistan Anne Patterson issued the following statement: "These allegations are completely false. The United States has no intention to seize Pakistani nuclear weapons or material. Pakistan is a key ally in our common effort to fight violent extremists and foster regional security. We work cooperatively on a wide range of security assistance initiatives, including significant efforts focused on strengthening counterinsurgency capacities to foster stability.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25455

[Pakistan Blast Kills Anti-Taliban Mayor](#)

NYT, 9 November 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A mayor who publicly opposed the Taliban was killed in a suicide bombing in a cattle market near the northern city of Peshawar on Sunday, officials said, in what appeared to be an attempt to curtail grass-roots opposition to

the militant group. A Taliban spokesman, reached by telephone from Peshawar, said the group claimed responsibility for the attack, which took place in the village of Mattani and killed 12 people, including the mayor, Abdul Malik, according to the head of the Peshawar Police Department, Liaqat Khan. On Monday, a suicide bomber killed three people, including a police constable, and wounded five others in Peshawar, The Associated Press reported. No group immediately claimed responsibility, according to A.P.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/09/world/asia/09pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print

[Charsadda blast mounts to 24](#)

The News, 10 November 2009

CHARSADDA: At least 24 people were killed and 42 others injured in a powerful car bomb blast at Farooq-e-Azam Chawk in Charsadda, Geo News quoted hospital sources as saying Tuesday. The District Hospital sources told Geo News that the death toll could rise. Talking to Geo News, Dr Manzoorullah said at least 24 people killed in the blast. The hospital sources said at least 20 bodies were brought to Charsadda hospital.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91174>

[Pak N-safety plan](#)

The News, 10 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: In a rare show of coming out directly and making a blunt comment, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) General Tariq Majid, has strongly reacted to a story in The News on November 9, particularly its caption 'Pakistan Nuclear Security Plan: How much does US really know?' He stated, "only that much as they can guess, and nothing more".

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25470

[Rickshaw bomber kills three in Peshawar](#)

The News, 10 November 2009

PESHAWAR: Three people, including a policeman, were killed and five others sustained injuries here on Monday when a suicide bomber riding an auto-rickshaw blew himself up at a police barricade on the Ring Road in the Latifabad area.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25471

[Four troops, eight militants killed in SWA](#)

The News, 10 November 2009

TANK/PESHAWAR: Security forces fully secured the Shakai-Ladha road and started patrolling the Kaniguram-Ladha axis as eight militants and four soldiers died in fresh clashes in South Waziristan on the 24th day of Operation Rah-e-Nijat on Monday. A local source said four soldiers died in a roadside bomb explosion in the Makeen area. However, the Army said a rocket attack on their security post caused the soldiers' death.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25472

[With Zardari busy in survival, national security issues ignored](#)

The News, 10 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Mistrust between the Presidency and the establishment is growing with every passing day as President Asif Ali Zardari is embroiled in his survival battles and top priority national security matters are being ignored. A top military general is said to have shared with his politician friend the view that some top security issues are not getting the kind of attention they deserve from the Presidency and the government.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25473

[Bomb Hits Near Crowded Market in Pakistan](#)

NYT, 10 November 2009

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) -- A suspected car bomb exploded outside a crowded market in northwest Pakistan on Tuesday, killing 20 people in the latest attack by suspected militants apparently aimed at avenging an army offensive along the Afghan border. The bombing, which was aimed at causing maximum civilian casualties, was the third blast in as many days in or close to Peshawar, the capital of the North West Frontier Province. It took place in Charsadda, some 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of Peshawar, destroying scores of shops on both sides of the road and knocked down electrical wires. Officials suspected the bomb was planted in a car outside the market, said police officer Rokhan Zeb Khan.

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2009/11/10/world/AP-AS-Pakistan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[26 die in Charsadda market suicide blast Three women, six children among dead:](#)

The News, 11 November 2009

CHARSADDA/PESHAWAR: Twenty-six people, including three women and six children, were killed and 104 others sustained injuries when a car bomb rocked a busy market in Tehsil Bazaar near the Farooq-e-Azam Chowk in Charsadda on Tuesday. Some sources put the death toll at 32. The senior superintendent of police (SSP) Coordination, Mohammad Alam Shinwari, however, told The News that 24 people were killed and 104 others sustained injuries in the blast. He confirmed that around 60 kilograms of explosives were used in the bombing. Eyewitnesses said the people were busy shopping when a suicide bomber exploded his explosive-laden car near a fruit shop around 4:24 pm.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25493

[SC fixes Zardari's cases for 16th and 17th](#)

The News, 11 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court has put two cases of President Asif Zardari on its Cause List for hearing on Nov 16 and Nov 17. Case No CrI.A. 211/98 (Ehtesab) (DB) titled 'Asif Ali Zardari vs The state' and Case No CrI.A. 282/99 (Transfer) (DB) (ATC) with titled 'The state vs Asif Ali Zardari', have been placed on the Cause List for hearing by Bench No 3 of the Supreme Court, which consists of Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan and Justice Raja Fayyaz Ahmed.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25494

[Gilani announces uplift projects for Gilgit-Baltistan](#)

The News, 11 November 2009

SKARDU: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has said the government has empowered the people of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) and elected representatives of the area will run its affairs in future. He was addressing a public gathering to launch an election campaign for the PPP candidates fielded in various constituencies of Baltistan region on Tuesday. Gilani said the PPP government was implementing the vision of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, and political reforms for Gilgit-Baltistan were part of that. He added that his government believed in the reconciliatory approach vis-a-vis other political forces in Pakistan.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25495

Nuclear Command Authority Ordinance being made law

The News, 11 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: In an obvious bid to address international concerns about the safety of nuclear assets in Pakistan, the Chairman NA Standing Committee on Defence MNA Azra Fazal Pechuho, is rushing the report of her 17-member committee to the National Assembly today (Wednesday) to seek immediate legal cover to the Nuclear Command Authority Ordinance 2007.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25496

Troops in control of over 80pc Mehsud areas

The News, 11 November 2009

TANK/PESHAWAR: The Army on Tuesday claimed killing nine more militants to raise the Taliban death tally to 492 since the launch of the military operation in South Waziristan on October 17. Sources said security forces were now controlling more than 80 per cent of the Mehsud areas in the agency as there was no or little resistance from the militants in recent days. They said majority of militants had either fled into the neighbouring North Waziristan and Orakzai Agencies or sneaked into the adjacent districts of Tank and Dera Ismail Khan in the garb of fleeing population.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25497

NIA registers case against LeT suspect Headley

The Hindu, 12 November 2009

India's National Investigative Agency (NIA) has registered a case against David Coleman Headley, the Pakistan born American national who is in custody in the US for allegedly plotting terror attacks against India, Home Minister P. Chidambaram said on Thursday. Headley's alleged accomplice Tahawwur Hussain Rana, a Canadian citizen of Pakistani origin, has also been named in the case of the now foiled terror attacks plotted by the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit, Mr. Chidambaram told reporters after the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article47249.ece>

Trade worth Rs 2.90 cr on LoC

Daily Excelsior, 12 November 2009

POONCH, Nov 11: Goods worth over Rs 2.90 crore were traded from across the Chakan-Da-Bagh on LoC as total 45 trucks exchanged sides on Poonch-Rawlakote route today. According to official sources, a total 20 trucks left for Pak Occupied Kashmir from Poonch today carrying apples, coconut, brown cardamom, bananas,

shawls, carrot and some other vegetables. The value of export goods were put at Rs 1.59 crore.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov12/news2.htm#2>

[PM, Nawaz discuss Balochistan situation](#)

The News, 12 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-N Chief Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif told the media after his meeting with Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani here on Thursday that decisions of a single man have led to the problems currently being faced by the country in general and province of Balochistan in particular. "The situation has become so grave that now each and every citizen wants quick solution to all of the issues," he observed, adding, it was one man who made all the decisions and now it is the democratic government that has to play its role in providing relief.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91278>

[Terror can't cow down the nation: Kayani](#)

The News, 12 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: Terming terrorist attacks on civilians acts of cowardice, Chief of Army Staff General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani on Wednesday dubbed terrorists as incapable of confronting the military operation. "Since terrorists were incapable of confronting the military operation, they were targeting innocent civilians," said Army chief General Kayani in his address to the 123rd Corps Commanders Conference, held first time since terrorists launched a failed attack on the General Headquarters.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25514

[Govt to accept SC verdict on NRO: Gilani](#)

The News, 12 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Wednesday said the government would accept any verdict of the Supreme Court on the fate of the National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) that is going to lapse on Nov 28. He was responding to a question while talking to media persons after the inaugural ceremony of Manzalai Central Processing Facility in Karak held at the PM House. He said the government was not fond of bringing the NRO in parliament and the step was taken as per the verdict of the Supreme Court.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25515

[Report on French subs deal contradicted](#)

The News, 12 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: A government spokesman has taken serious exception to the contents of a news item published in a section of the press, alleging the involvement of President Asif Ali Zardari in the purchase of French submarines by the Pakistan Navy and murder of 11 French nationals in a terrorist attack in Karachi in 2002. In a press release on Wednesday, the spokesman said the purchase of equipment by the armed forces of Pakistan was done through a proper competitive process under the supervision of the Ministry of Defence.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25517

[Election in Gilgit, Baltistan today](#)

The News, 12 November 2009

GILGIT: Over 7,17,286 voters will elect members of the Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly today (Thursday). More than 250 candidates are taking part in the election being held in 23 constituencies out of 24. There would be no polling in constituency GB-19 where election was postponed due to the demise of MQM candidate Sher Bahadur Khan. According to the Election Commission, 3,32,377 female and 3,84,909 male voters would cast their votes to elect 23 members for the assembly.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25520

[Bangabandhu case verdict Nov 19](#)

Daily Star, 12 November 2009

The Supreme Court will deliver verdict in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman assassination case on November 19. After concluding hearing on the appeals filed by five convicts, the five-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Justice Md Tafazzul Islam, fixed the date on 29th day of the hearing in the case today.

http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest_news.php?nid=20524

[Pak-China collaboration does not alarm India : Centre](#)

Daily Excelsior, 13 November 2009

AKHNOOR (Jammu): Downplaying the threat perception from China and its collaboration with Pakistan in defence areas, the Centre today said India is not alarmed as it is upgrading and modernising its security and defence setups. "Pakistan and China collaborating in various fields including security and defence does not alarm us at all. We are building and upgrading our security and defence setups to deal with any situation", Minister of State for Defence M M Pallam Raju told reporters after inaugurating Lauki Khad Bridge on Aknoor border belt, 58 Kms from here today.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov13/newsupdate.htm#3>

[PM rejects poll-rigging allegations](#)

The News, 13 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Despite categorical assurance by Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani in National Assembly that the election in Gilgit-Baltistan were transparent, the opposition parties staged a token walk out from the House alleging the polls were rigged and government machinery was used. "There is no election in country's history when allegations of rigging were not leveled. Since 1985 non-party elections to those of 2008, every time rigging charges surfaced, the Prime Minister said. "Even in 2008 elections, we accepted the results under protest," he maintained.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91345>

[Balochistan package](#)

The News, 13 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Quaid Nawaz Sharif on Thursday advised Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani to take the military leadership as well as the estranged Baloch leadership sitting inside and outside the country into confidence on the proposed constitutional package for Balochistan. He stressed the need for presenting a consensus package that does not face rejection and the prime minister agreed to defer presentation of the package before parliament to get feedback from Baloch nationalist leaders after consulting the president.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25538

[PPP leads in Gilgit-Baltistan polls](#)

The News, 13 November 2009

GILGIT: Elections for the Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly (GBLA) were held under the new self-rule arrangement in all six districts of Gilgit-Baltistan on Thursday, with the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) emerging as the leading party, according to unofficial results received till the filing of this report. In all 264 candidates contested the elections held in 23 constituencies out of 24.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25537

[17 troops, 22 militants die in fierce SWA fighting](#)

The News, 13 November 2009

PESHAWAR: Stiff Taliban resistance killed 17 soldiers on Thursday in the military's deadliest day since the launching of a major offensive in the South Waziristan Agency (SWA), security officials said. At least 15 soldiers were killed in clashes, while a roadside bomb killed two soldiers in the Srarogha area further east, officials said. The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) earlier said that five soldiers and 22 militants were killed in the last 24 hours of the offensive. But the Army and security officials in the area told AFP that the military death toll was 17 in what would be the deadliest single day for troops operating on three fronts in South Waziristan since going into battle on October 17.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25542

[Pakistan, IMF agree on increasing tax rate](#)

The News, 13 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the IMF have agreed to increase tax rate from 1 per cent to 2 per cent in the shape of special excise duty on bulk of goods and imports as well as abolition of the existing exemption of Capital Value Tax (CVT) up to one Kanal of land transaction in a bid to jack up the FBR's target to collect Rs 1,396 billion in taxes for the ongoing fiscal year. "But for the time being, both sides also agreed to revise downward the FBR's tax collection target to Rs 1,368 billion from Rs 1,379 billion for 2009-10," official sources said and added that jacking up the annual target to the tune of Rs 1,396 billion would depend upon allowing the tax authorities to take some tough and crucial measures after analysing performance by January 2010.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25546

[Khalilzad in Islamabad for damage control](#)

The News, 13 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari received a surprise guest on Wednesday night when his old friend from his New York days, Zalmay Khalilzad, had dinner with him to discuss what someone privy to his mission described as "restoring the confidence of his beleaguered friend in a bunker". The news of Khalilzad's visit was passed on to The News by former federal minister Aftab Khan Sherpao with whom the US diplomat and trouble shooter had a lunch in Islamabad on Wednesday.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25548

[3 Pak 'militants' remanded](#)

Daily Star, 13 November 2009

Three Pakistani citizens, arrested early Friday on suspicion of having ties with the plot to attack US embassy and Indian high commission, were taken into two-day remand for interrogation in the afternoon. Magistrate Ferdous Ara of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court for Dhaka approved two days to interrogate them on an appeal for a ten-day remand each by the Detective Branch of Police.

http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest_news.php?nid=20548

[Militants Hit Pakistan Spy Agency in Escalation](#)

NYT, 13 November 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Militants stepped up their fight against the Pakistani government on Friday, ramming a truck bomb into a regional office of the country's main intelligence agency. The early-morning blast in the northwestern city of Peshawar killed at least 9 people and wounded more than 50, the authorities said, in what has become a grimly familiar cycle of violence. An attack on a police station in a different area left as many as six dead. The violence comes as Gen. James L. Jones, President Obama's national security adviser, began a two-day visit to the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, for meetings with President Asif Ali Zardari and other senior Pakistani officials. On Friday morning, he met with the army chief, Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/14/world/asia/14pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print

[UN seeks South Asia anti-terrorism cooperation](#)

DAILY Excelsior, 14 November 2009

UNITED NATIONS : The United Nations, for the first time brought together counter-terrorism experts from India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and other South Asian nations to join forces to fight terrorism. As a step to building regional cooperation on terrorism, the U.N. Brought police and prosecutors from eight SAARC countries to share experiences and technical data about problems in fighting terrorism.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov14/newsupdate.htm#1>

[Peshawar suicide bomb toll mounts to 10](#)

The News, 14 November 2009

PESHAWAR: The death toll in suicide car bomb blast in Pushta Khara area has climbed to 10 while 20 more were wounded here on Saturday. The powerful explosion rocked the city at 4.15 PM when police stopped a suspected vehicle and attempted to search it at Ring Road. The blast was heard across a wide radius in which over 20 persons were also injured while four vehicles were badly damaged.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91395>

[ISI offices, police station targeted](#)

The News, 14 November 2009

PESHAWAR/BANNU: Over 17 persons, including 12 security men, died on Friday after suicide bombers targeted the ISI offices in Peshawar and a police station in Bannu. A suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden vehicle into a military post outside the building of the regional headquarters of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) in the high-security Cantonment area off the busy Khyber Road in Peshawar. At least 10 people were killed, including seven security personnel, while 60 others were injured.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25555

[China provided weapons grade uranium to Pakistan: WP](#)

The News, 14 November 2009

WASHINGTON: The Washington Post claims that it has acquired copies of nuclear scientist Dr Qadeer Khan's previously written accounts which state that in 1982 China provided Pakistan enough weapon grade uranium for two atomic bombs with a blueprint for a simple nuclear weapon to speed up Pakistan's efforts to acquire nuclear weapon capability.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25556

[Nawaz seeks probe into subs kickbacks](#)

The Hindu, 14 November 2009

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-N Quaid Nawaz Sharif has demanded of the government to probe the allegations of \$49.5 million commission in the purchase of French submarines during the PPP government in 1994, and bring to light the names of those political, civil and military officials who misappropriated the hard-earned money of people. He also demanded strict action against the culprits.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25559

[PM summons grand Jirga on Balochistan package](#)

The News, 14 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has summoned a grand Jirga of parliamentarians from Balochistan on Monday to take them into confidence on the Balochistan package. The Balochistan governor, the chief minister, his cabinet members and members of both the houses of parliament belonging to Balochistan would attend the meeting. According to sources, the prime minister will brief the Baloch leadership on the proposed package drafted by the committee headed by

Raza Rabbani.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25561

[A nuclear power's act of proliferation](#)

WP, 14 November 2009

In 1982, a Pakistani military C-130 left the western Chinese city of Urumqi with a highly unusual cargo: enough weapons-grade uranium for two atomic bombs, according to accounts written by the father of Pakistan's nuclear weapons program, Abdul Qadeer Khan, and provided to The Washington Post. The uranium transfer in five stainless-steel boxes was part of a broad-ranging, secret nuclear deal approved years earlier by Mao Zedong and Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto that culminated in an exceptional, deliberate act of proliferation by a nuclear power, according to the accounts by Khan, who is under house arrest in Pakistan.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/11/12/AR2009111211060_pf.html

[26/11 trial nears end; Nikam says strong case against Kasab](#)

The Hindu, 15 November 2009

As the first anniversary of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks nears, all eyes are set on the special court where the prosecution is gearing up to wrap up the case against Pakistan gunman Ajmal Kasab and two others who are charged with killing 166 persons. With the testimony of 250 witnesses and strong forensic evidence, the prosecution has prepared a water-tight case against Kasab, Special Public Prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam told PTI.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article48988.ece>

[Suspected Pakistani spy arrested from IGI airport](#)

The Hindu, 15 November 2009

An alleged Pakistani spy has been arrested from the Indira Gandhi International airport here by security agencies. "One Pakistani spy was arrested at IGI airport on Saturday," Union Home Secretary G K Pillai told PTI without giving out any further details. Official sources said that security agencies have seized some documents and photographs from him.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49033.ece>

[Five infiltrators gunned down](#)

Daily Excelsior, 15 November 2009

SRINAGAR, Nov 14: Army today foiled a major infiltration bid near the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri sector of Baramulla district in North Kashmir, killing five militants so far. The militants were killed in a gun battle, which began around 12.00 noon, with Army troops of 4 Madras Regiment guarding the Line of Control at Kalapahar near Kamalkote in Uri Sector of Baramulla district, a Defence spokesman said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov15/news.htm#1>

[Operation to end soon in S-Waziristan: PM](#)

The News, 15 November 2009

MULTAN: Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said that no military operation is currently underway in Balochistan and that ongoing operation in Southern Waziristan will soon end. Talking to reporters in Multan Sunday, Gilani said there was no threat to the country's nuclear programme, which was completely safe and secure. 'Pakistan will not compromise on its nuclear programme and the country's nuclear assets are safe under the Nuclear Command and Control Authority (NCCA).'

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91436>

[Khar: security forces launch search operation](#)

The News, 15 November 2009

KHAR: Security forces have launched searched operation against extremists in Khar, the Bajaur Agency Headquarter enforcing curfew for undefined period. On the other hand extremists bombed the house of a tribesman to rubble in Belot area of Tehsil Mamond. The dead body of the tribesman has been found in a desolate place.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91440>

[No let-up in Peshawar bombings](#)

The News, 15 November 2009

PESHAWAR: Twelve people, including three women and four children, were killed and 26 others injured in a suicide car bomb blast at a police check-post on the Ring Road Chowk in the suburban Pishtakhara village here Saturday. It was the fourth suicide attack in Peshawar during the last six days.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25573

[TTP steps up bombings due to SWA operation](#)

The News, 15 November 2009

PESHAWAR: Militant sources on Saturday claimed the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) leadership ordered preparation of 25 vehicles and motorcycles packed with explosives for carrying out suicide bombings just before the launching of the military operation in South Waziristan on October 17. The sources among the militant circles in Hangu, Orakzai, Kohat and Darra Adamkhel said six motorcycles and 19 vehicles were to be stuffed with explosives and used in suicide bombings against security and law-enforcement forces and other targets.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25574

[Dirty sugar barons admit guilt](#)

The News, 15 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: What we know all along is now also official that the billionaire boys club of our sugar barons played dirty, indulged in a criminal collusion to fix sugar prices and robbed the poor masses blind. After conceding its involvement in cartelization, the All Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (APSMA) has cleverly attempted to exploit a legal opening and conveyed to the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) for

invoking clauses of leniency of Competition Ordinance 2007 in an apparent bid to avoid substantial penalties.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25576

[At Least 13 Die in a Bombing in Pakistan](#)

NYT, 15 November 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Insurgents continued to torment the northern city of Peshawar on Saturday, bombing a police checkpoint in the fifth attack on the city in a week. Peshawar is a crowded frontier city on the edge of Pakistan's mountainous western tribal regions that has become the main target of insurgent violence. The authorities said that the bomber detonated a truck filled with explosives, killing himself and at least 12 other people. The Associated Press reported that four children were among the dead. Twenty-five people were injured, according to a police official who asked not to be identified because he was not authorized to speak to the media. One of the dead, the official said, was a police officer who stopped the bomber's vehicle from entering the city's crowded downtown, possibly preventing a higher toll.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/15/world/asia/15pstan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

["India's timid response to Kargil resulted in terror strikes"](#)

The Hindu, 16 November 2009

India's "timid" response to the Pakistani military ingress in Kargil in 1999 has been blamed by a retired Army General for the series of terrorist strikes beginning with the attack on Parliament in 2001. He has also come down heavily on the country's then political, executive and military leadership -- Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Defence Minister George Fernandes, Army chief General V P Malik and IAF chief Air Chief Marshal A Y Tipnis -- for not standing up to the challenge.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49642.ece>

[BSF to protest with Pak Rangers after DIG killed in IED blast](#)

Daily Excelsior, 16 November 2009

NEW DELHI : The BSF will lodge a protest with Pakistan Rangers at a flag meet after a DIG of the force was today killed and its two other security personnel were seriously injured in a blast triggered by militants near the Indo-Pak border in Samba sector. "A flag meeting will be held with Pakistan Rangers where a protest will be lodged," a senior BSF officer at the force headquarters here said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov16/newsupdate.htm#4>

[2 soldiers killed by infiltrators in Keran sector](#)

Daily Excelsior, 16 November 2009

SRINAGAR : Two soldiers were killed in an encounter with a group of infiltrators in Keran sector in North Kashmir today. A Defence ministry spokesman said that security forces guarding Line of Control (LoC) noticed a group of militants sneaking into this side from Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) in Keran sector early this

morning under the cover of darkness.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov16/newsupdate.htm#2>

[President enjoys immunity under Constitution: Nawaz](#)

The News, 16 November 2009

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-N Chief Nawaz Sharif Monday said the President enjoys immunity under the Constitution and the courts will reach a verdict in the backdrop of this fact. He said this in an exclusive interview given to Geo News' anchors Hamid Mir and Sohail Waraich. Nawaz Sharif pointed out that the matter of National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) is subjudice.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91516>

[Lahore: police seize explosive-laden truck](#)

The News, 16 November 2009

LAHORE: Police have captured an explosive-laden truck here today. According to sources, 38 boxes of highly explosive material were being carried to Peshawar from Lahore. A person, named Kamran, in Lahore had the truck booked for Dr Abdul Sammad in Peshawar, sources added.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91517>

[26 more militants killed in Swat](#)

The News, 16 November 2009

MINGORA: Twelve more militants were killed in clashes with security forces in Karakar and Shamoza Gharai while 14 bodies were found dumped in Charbagh's Gulibagh area in the Swat Valley on Sunday. It was the second consecutive day that clashes between security forces and militants were reported from the restive valley. Eight casualties of militants were reported from Charbagh on Saturday when security forces claimed killing them in a clash during a search operation in Ashar Banr and Nala areas.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25586

[So who's lying here, the CCP or sugar barons?](#)

The News, 16 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) on Sunday confirmed that the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) had indeed unequivocally invoked the leniency provision of Section 39 of the Competition Ordinance, 2009 and would make necessary submissions in this regard at the next hearing. Meanwhile, the PSMA had an altogether different story to tell as it claimed that it had only asked for more time to file a response to the charges and denied invoking the leniency clause. It stated: "Nor was any representation for leniency filed by the PSMA except for extension in time to submit a more detailed response to the allegations and accusations of the enquiry report."

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25590

[Musharraf can be held if Balochistan requests: Malik](#)

The News, 16 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: Interior Minister Rehman Malik on Sunday said that if the Balochistan government made a request for the arrest of former president Pervez Musharraf, action would be taken. Talking to a private TV channel, Malik said that he was in contact with the Baloch leaders, including Hairbyar Marri and Brahamdagh Bugti. He said Brahamdagh Bugti had been hurt by the murder of his grandfather and he should be compensated. "We would try to remove his complaints." He said the Balochistan government has not made any demand for the arrest of Pervez Musharraf.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25593

[Pak Rangers, Army facilitating infiltration: BSF DG](#)

The Hindu, 17 November 2009

Accusing the Pakistani Army and the Rangers of facilitating infiltration, BSF chief Raman Srivastava on Tuesday said the Indian Army and BSF have been alerted along the border to foil attempts by a large number of militants waiting at different launching pads to cross over. "We have inputs from various sources that a large number of militants are waiting at different points along the International Border (IB) and the Line of Control (LoC) at different launching pads in Pakistan to enter this side," he told reporters at BSF headquarters here after placing a wreath on the body of DIG O P Tanwar.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50123.ece>

[New Delhi against third party role](#)

The Hindu, 18 November 2009

A day after U.S. President Barack Obama and his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao issued a joint statement, which briefly mentioned India and Pakistan, the Ministry of External Affairs said India did not envisage a role by a third party in what was essentially a bilateral dispute. "The Government of India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through a peaceful bilateral dialogue in accordance with the Simla Agreement. A third country role cannot be envisaged. Nor is it necessary. We also believe that a meaningful dialogue with Pakistan can take place only in an environment free from terror or the threat of terror," the Ministry spokesperson Vishnu Prakash said in a statement.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50901.ece>

[Government talking Musharraf's formula with J&K separatists' : BJP](#)

Daily Excelsior, 18 November 2009

NEW DELHI: The BJP today took exception to reports suggesting that the Government was having talks with separatist forces like Hurriyat parties in Jammu and Kashmir on the formula sought to be evolved by former Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf and urged the Government of India to react to such reports. BJP spokesman Prakash Javadekar said according to reports India was discussing with Hurriyat parties the four-point formula evolved by General Musharraf. The reports were indicating that the Government would have accepted

these solutions but for the November 26 attacks on Mumbai.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov18/newsupdate.htm#5>

[India rules out role for third party in Indo-Pak ties](#)

Daily Excelsior, 18 November 2009

NEW DELHI: India's irritation at the reference to Indo-Pak ties in the joint communique issued by President Barack Obama and his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao was apparent from an official statement issued today making it clear that a third party role was not necessary. Sticking to its stand that no "meaningful dialogue" can take place unless there was a terror-free environment, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson said, "The Government of India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through a peaceful bilateral dialogue in accordance with the Simla Agreement.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov18/newsupdate.htm#4>

[Zardari to cede power to name services chiefs: PM](#)

The News, 18 November 2009

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Tuesday said he is enjoying all the constitutional powers being the chief executive of the country. "President Asif Ali Zardari had already shown his desire to surrender the presidential powers to the prime minister, including Article 58-2(b) and appointment of services chiefs," he said while addressing a press conference during his visit to the Special Support Group camp for the internally displaced persons (IDPs) of South Waziristan in Dera Ismail Khan.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25627

[Pakistan slips into more corrupt category: TI](#)

The News, 18 November 2009

KARACHI: Corruption in Pakistan increased in one year of the PPP government and Transparency International ranked Pakistan 42nd among the world's most corrupt countries against 47th last year. Pakistan's 2009 Corruption Perception Index (CPI) score was 2.4, ranking it at 42, TI Pakistan chief Adeel Gilani said while releasing the report here on Tuesday. Against this, Bangladesh has marginally improved its position also ranked 42nd against 38th last year. India has been at 84th position.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25629

[Obama wants China to play role in Indo-Pak ties](#)

The News, 18 November 2009

BEIJING: The United States appears to have accepted the idea that China could play a vital role in the task of improving relations between India and Pakistan. This is what emerges from a remark made by President Barack Obama and the joint statement issued by the US and Chinese governments here on Tuesday. The US and China have agreed to work together to bring about "stable and peaceful relations in all of South Asia," Obama said during his joint briefing with Chinese President Hu Jintao in Beijing. Hu, who spoke first in the briefing, did not mention Pakistan or

South Asia.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25631

['Musharraf passed atomic information to US'](#)

The News, 18 November 2009

LAHORE: Nuclear scientist Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan has expressed his firm conviction that former military ruler Pervez Musharraf had transferred very sensitive information relating to Pakistan's atomic programme to the US. Dr Khan said he was ready to record the facts before the court of law. Talking to this correspondent he confirmed the contents of the recent Washington Post story and said these were drawn from the copy of his letter, which he addressed to his wife and handed over to his daughter Dr Dina Khan in 2004 as a precautionary measure when she was leaving for Dubai. The letter had ultimately landed at Musharraf's table after being recovered from the baggage of his daughter.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25634

[Inside story of PPP CEC meeting](#)

The News, 18 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: In the last fateful meeting of the party central executive committee, the old PPP guards surprisingly compared the present siege-like situation of President Asif Ali Zardari to that of late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who during his incarceration days was given similar sugar coated assurances about his survival by his party leaders, just as an 'all is well and great' report being given today by all the president's men. President Zardari was reportedly told point blank by Nawab Yousuf Talpur that these were the similar sycophants who were nowhere to be seen when the time of trial came and ultimately their leader was hanged.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25637

[Forces seize main Taliban bases, hunt militants](#)

The News, 18 November 2009

SRAROGHA: Security forces have captured main Taliban bases in their offensive in South Waziristan and will soon fan out into the rugged countryside to hunt for militants there, commanders said on Tuesday. Soldiers have advanced faster than expected in their month-long offensive, seizing main roads and Taliban bases but militant leaders have apparently melted away while their bombers have unleashed carnage in towns.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25638

[Justice order of the day](#)

Daily Star, 18 November 2009

The nation waits to hear the ultimate verdict today in the Bangabandhu murder case trial with bated breath and also in the expectation that finally justice will prevail. It has been a long, painful journey for the people of Bangladesh. It ought not to have been this way, for the particular reason that the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistani occupation in December 1971 was considered symbolic of a clean break

with the past. That Bangalees would see democracy grow in their country, that under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman they would go forth to create Shonar Bangla, a cause the Father of the Nation had consistently espoused since he emerged with his Six-Point programme of regional autonomy in the mid-1960s, was not a misplaced expectation. Indeed, it was a dream that seemed eminently attainable with Bangabandhu as the undisputed leader of this country.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=114628>

[Maldives slips in corruption perception index](#)

Minivan, 18 November 2009

The Maldives slipped 15 places on the corruption perception index since last year and continues to rank below Sri Lanka and India in the region, global corruption watchdog Transparency International (TI) said in a report released this week. The Indian Ocean archipelago scored 2.5 on a scale of zero to 10, with zero indicating high levels of corruption and 10 very low. The score is down from 2.8 in 2008 and 3.3 in 2007, signalling worsening levels of perceived corruption.

http://www.minivannews.com/news_detail.php?id=7736

[Pakistani Successes May Sway U.S. Troop Decision](#)

NYT, 18 November 2009

This windswept, sand-colored town in the badlands of western Pakistan is empty now, cleared of the militants who once claimed it as their capital. But its main brick buildings, intact and thick with dust, tell not of an epic battle, but of sudden flight. A month after the Pakistani military began its push into the Taliban stronghold of South Waziristan, militants appear to have been dispersed, not eliminated, with most simply fleeing. That recurring pattern illustrated the problems facing the Obama administration as it enters its final days of a decision on its strategy for Afghanistan. Success in this region, in the remote mountains near the Afghan border, could have a direct bearing on how many more American troops are ultimately sent to Afghanistan, and how long they must stay.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/18/world/asia/18pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print

[Krishna, Qureshi talk terror over lunch in Kabul](#)

The Hindu, 19 November 2009

Foreign Minister S M Krishna met with his Pakistani counterpart Shah Mehmood Qureshi today at a luncheon here after Hamid Karzai was sworn-in as Afghanistan President for a second term. Krishna and Qureshi were seated next to each other at the luncheon hosted by Afghan Foreign Minister Rangin Dadfar Spanta, also attended by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article51409.ece>

[Marked improvement in J&K situation: Gen Kapoor](#)

Daily Excelsior, 19 November 2009

PUNE, Nov 18: Expressing his concern over the external threats India had been

facing for decades, the chief of Army Staff General Deepak Kapoor today said the disputed borders were the reasons behind the traditional land centric threats. Elaborating further, Gen Kapoor said that India shares approximately 3323 Kms of land borders with Pakistan and 3488 Kms with China, portions of which are still unsettled.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov19/news.htm#1>

7 militants taken out in SWA: ISPR

The News, 19 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: Security forces have killed seven more militants in the ongoing operation Rah-e-Nijat in South Waziristan during the last 24 hours. According to ISPR on Thursday, security forces carried out area domination and consolidation of their positions around Tor Wam and recovered huge cache of arms and ammunition on Jandola – Sararogha Axis. Security forces engaged and cleared terrorists location near Kikrai in which 7 terrorists were killed.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91749>

1,000 billion corruption swept under the carpet

The News, 19 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: According to the official National Accountability Bureau (NAB) list, approximately Rs165 billion was written off because of the promulgation of the NRO and the subsequent act of making the NAB impotent but official sources claim that according to 'actual' calculations corruption cases of about Rs1000 billion were terminated. These also include such cases where even the initial investigations had yet to begin. In just one case, a case of a highly influential individual involving a US\$1.5 billion (Rs122 billion) plunder was terminated with the legal stroke of an illegal pen.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25649

Zardari, Karzai discuss joint efforts against terrorism

The News, 19 November 2009

KABUL: President Asif Ali Zardari held wide-ranging talks with his Afghan counterpart Hamid Karzai here on Wednesday, with focus on enhancing bilateral cooperation in diverse fields as well as joint efforts for the eradication of the menace of terrorism. President Zardari, who arrived here on a two-day visit to attend the oath-taking ceremony of President Karzai being held on Thursday, drove straight from the Kabul airport to the Presidential Palace for talks with the Afghan president.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25650

Let no one misjudge our resolve to fight terror: COAS

The News, 19 November 2009

RISALPUR: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani has said that today the nation has been challenged as never before but he has full faith and conviction that the nation has the will and resolve to surmount these challenges as it stands fully united to confront them and ensure that its rightful identity is restored

and the armed forces are fully alive to the complete spectrum of threat that confronts the nation, says an ISPR press release. He said, "Let no one misjudge our resolve." COAS Gen Kayani expressed these views while delivering his address as chief guest at the graduation ceremony of the Pakistan Air Force here.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25652

Shahbaz raps India for destabilising Pakistan

The News, 19 November 2009

QUETTA: Punjab Chief Minister Mian Shahbaz Sharif has said the issues of Balochistan should be resolved on an urgent basis. Addressing a press conference at the CM House here on Wednesday, he announced setting up of the Balochistan Institute of Cardiology (BIC) at a cost of Rs 2 billion to be built with the financial assistance of the Punjab. Balochistan Chief Minister Nawab Muhammad Aslam Raisani was also present on the occasion.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25653

Suicide Attack Is Pakistani City's 7th in 2 Weeks

NYT, 19 November 2009

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — A suicide blast near the judicial complex here on Thursday killed at least 17 people and wounded more than 30 others, a senior police official said. The official, Sahibzada Anis, said in Peshawar that a suicide bomber stepped out of a taxi and tried to make his way to the main gate of the courthouse complex after his car was stopped for a security check. When a police officer ran at the man to challenge him, the bomber detonated his charge, Mr. Anis said. Three police sentries at the gate were among the dead.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/20/world/asia/20pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print

Ex-Military Officer in Pakistan Is Linked to 2 Chicago Terrorism Suspects

NYT, 19 November 2009

WASHINGTON — The arrests last month of two Chicago men accused of planning an attack on a Danish newspaper have widened into a global terrorism inquiry that has led to arrests in Pakistan and implicated a former Pakistani military officer as a co-conspirator, government officials said Wednesday. In India, where the pair from Chicago are said to have wanted to attack the country's national defense college, investigators are trying to determine whether the two men played a role in attacks a year ago in Mumbai in which more than 160 people were killed. Officials said they had not clearly established a connection.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/19/world/asia/19mumbai.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print

India not serious for talks: FO

The News, 20 November 2009

Foreign Office Spokesman Abdul Basit said India does not seem intent on initiating the composite talks with Pakistan, Geo News reports Friday. In an interview today,

the FO spokesman said if Pakistan and India do not hold talks, it would be tantamount to the accomplishment of the terrorists' agenda. Pakistan wishes the commencement of the composite talks with India, not just a photo session, adding his country wants fruitful negotiations with its neighbor.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91831>

[20 die as bomber hits Peshawar Judicial Complex](#)

The News, 20 November 2009

PESHAWAR: A suicide bomber blew himself up at the main gate of the Judicial Complex on the Khyber Road here on Thursday, killing 20 people, including three cops, and wounding over 50 others. Hundreds of people were inside the building while dozens were moving out when a suicide bomber tried to make his way into the building but was intercepted by the cops on duty at around 10:15 am.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25671

[Finally, dreaded NRO list is out and official](#)

The News, 20 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) presented to the government on Thursday a list of 248 politicians and bureaucrats, who were alleged to have plundered hundreds of billions of rupees but were cleared by the NAB under the NRO. Sources in the Law Ministry while sharing with The News the "complete list" of NAB's NRO beneficiaries, explained that thousands other cases of NRO beneficiaries did not belong to the NAB but with the provincial governments because they were criminal cases and were not covered by the NAB law.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25672

['India failed to respond positively on peace talks'](#)

The News, 20 November 2009

KABUL: Reiterating his strong stance that India is not serious in the process of dialogue with Pakistan, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi on Thursday underlined that India had not given Pakistan a positive response in its proposal for the restoration of dialogue. He expressed these views in an informal chat with his Indian counterpart SM Krishna. Diplomatic sources say that Indian Foreign Minister Krishna came face to face with his Pakistani counterpart Shah meeting lasted for a short while in which both the leaders deliberated on the stance that the perpetrators behind the Mumbai terrorist attacks must be exposed.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25677

[Dictators ruled for decades but civilians can't complete tenure: Shahbaz](#)

The News, 20 November 2009

Talking to reporters here on Thursday after visiting the Quaid's mausoleum, the three chief ministers underscored the need of unity among provinces to steer the country out of its crises. Punjab CM Shahbaz Sharif said democracy was restored to Pakistan due to the sacrifice of Benazir Bhutto and "we could pay tribute to her by strengthening democratic institutions of the country".

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25678

8 Militants Killed in Reported U.S. Strike in Northwestern Pakistan

NYT, 20 November 2009

MIR ALI, Pakistan (AP) -- A suspected U.S. missile strike killed at least eight militants Friday in northwestern Pakistan, officials said, the second attack this week in an area believed to hold many insurgents who fled from an army offensive elsewhere in the Afghan border region. Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani told visiting CIA director Leon Panetta that any new U.S. strategy for Afghanistan must take into account Pakistan's concerns, especially fears that more troops could push militants across the border into Pakistan, according to a statement by Gilani. The CIA is believed to be behind the more than 40 missile strikes to have hit suspected al-Qaida and Taliban targets over the last year close to the border region. American officials do not generally acknowledge the attacks, which are unpopular among many here.

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2009/11/20/world/AP-AS-Pakistan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

Pakistani Politics Take on a Nationalist Tone

NYT, 20 November 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — These days, politics here look more and more like a movie Pakistanis have seen before. Anti-Americanism is peaking. Enemies of the state lurk around every corner, if the nationalist media is to be believed. President Asif Ali Zardari could hardly be more unpopular. Political insiders make a sport of handicapping how long it will be before he falls. It is a familiar plot line. The question on Pakistani minds now is whether the movie will end differently this time. It is an increasingly urgent concern in a country where no elected civilian government — undone by its own vices and undercut by a powerful military and intelligence establishment — has ever survived a full term.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/20/world/asia/20mood.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

CIA chief meets M.K. Narayanan

The Hindu, 21 November 2009

Chief of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency Leon Panetta met National Security Advisor M.K. Narayanan on Saturday. Sources said during their 30-minute meeting, the two discussed the strengthening cooperation between India and the U.S. in sharing intelligence on a real time basis. They also exchanged views on issues relating to the presence of terror groups in Pakistan and Afghanistan and their impact on India, said sources.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article52306.ece>

State from which terrorists operate responsible: Prez

Daily Excelsior, 21 November 2009

NEW DELHI : Without naming Pakistan, President Pratibha Patil asserted today that the responsibility to deal with terrorists "lies with the State from which they

operate." "It is the sanctuary, support and finances that they receive, which sustains their heinous and perverse acts," Mrs Patil said, urging the world community to "collectively" defeat terrorism-- "not deflect responsibility on to non-State actors."

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov21/newsupdate.htm#1>

[List of 8041 NRO beneficiaries issues](#)

The News, 21 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Government of Pakistan Saturday released the list of the beneficiaries of the National Reconciliation Ordinance on the directives of Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani. State Minister for Law Afzal Sindhu in a news conference here said that a total of 8041 people including 34 politicians, bureaucrats and three ambassadors took benefit from the ordinance. On top of the list is the name of President Asif Ali Zardari while his several close associates, both political and bureaucratic, including Rehman Malik, Salman Farooqi and his brother Usman Farooqi and Hussain Haqqani are also included, he said.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91919>

[Three extremists blow them up in Muzaffarabad](#)

The News, 21 November 2009

MUZAFFARABAD: At least three alleged extremists who fled after dumping weapons near Assembly Hostel in Muzaffarabad, blew them up in a detached area near Sarar on Saturday. According to eyewitnesses, three people who did not appear to be local, came running and fled from there after throwing goods-filled sacks there. According to police sources, on reports from local people, police and Civil Defence's Bomb Disposal Squad reached on the spot near Assembly Hostel and took in custody three Kalashnikovs, 12 hand grenades, six rockets, a pistol and 18 magazines.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91915>

[PAC for making Army's financial record public](#)

The News, 21 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chaudhry Nisar Ali has stated Saturday that fingers are being raised on financial affairs of the army due to 9 year long dictatorship in the country. During the meeting of PAC Ch. Nisar said the armed forces of the country represents a reliable institution whose financial record and monetary transactions should be made public. He observed that the effective role played by the media and judiciary stopped the government from presenting NRO in the parliament.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91913>

[190 Peshawar police officers killed in terrorist attacks](#)

The News, 21 November 2009

PESHAWAR: IGP NWFP, Malik Naveed Saturday stated that foreign elements are involved in recent bombings while 190 police officers have embraced martyrdom in fighting against the terrorists. "Scanner gates have been installed at the entry/exit routs of Peshawar besides deploying police personnel to keep eye on suspicious

persons in the city, and police is only allowing the vehicles to enter Peshawar after thorough checking," IGP Malik Naveed told the media on his commiseration visit to Kachheri Gate bombing injured at Lady Reading Hospital.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91907>

14 terrorists killed, 6 soldiers martyred in SWA

The News, 21 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: Fourteen terrorists have been killed while 6 soldiers including an officer embraced shahadat and 4 were injured in the ongoing operation Rah-e-Nijat in South Waziristan during the last 24 hours. According to ISPR, on Jandola – Sararogha Axis, security forces cleared Gandil Wala near Jandola and carried out search operation at Sarwekai.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91904>

Arrests for Mumbai Attacks in Italy

NYT, 21 November 2009

MILAN (Reuters) - Italian anti-terrorist police have arrested two Pakistanis suspected of helping to finance the Islamic militant group responsible for the attacks on Mumbai in November 2008, that killed 166 people. Police said in a statement on Saturday the men, identified using leads from Indian authorities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, sent funds overseas using the money transfer business they owned in the north Italian town of Brescia. Shortly before the Mumbai attacks, the two men transferred money to pay the Internet phone calls of individuals in direct contact with the militants, the statement said.

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2009/11/21/world/international-us-italy-pakistanis.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

Pakistan trade team complains of "problems"

The Hindu, 22 November 2009

The "chill" in the India-Pakistan relations after the 26/11 Mumbai attacks has now spilled onto the area of trade at people-to-people level at the ongoing India International Trade Fair (IITF). Faced with "harassment" and multiple "problems" in exhibiting their goods brought from across the border, a 132-strong traders' delegation from Pakistan, which is taking part in the IITF, is having a re-think of their future participation in the fair, held here annually.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article53139.ece>

China says no third party role in Indo-Pak affairs

The Hindu, 22 November 2009

China has conveyed to India that it has no intention of playing a broker in Indo-Pak relations and favours direct talks between them. Beijing has communicated to New Delhi that it respects its stance that there was no role for any third party in mediation of Indo-Pak affairs, Indian government sources said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article52791.ece>

[CIA chief meets heads of IB, RAW](#)

The Hindu, 22 November 2009

CIA chief Leon E Panetta held extensive talks with Chiefs of Intelligence agencies and National Security Advisor M K Narayanan relating to the presence of terror groups in neighbouring Pakistan and Afghanistan and their impact on India. Mr. Panetta met Research and Analysis Wing Director K C Verma for two hours on Saturday afternoon, where matters pertaining to cooperation on counter-terrorism and intelligence sharing mechanism on groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba, HuJI and Jaish-e-Mohammed were discussed, official sources said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article52966.ece>

[Another intrusion attempt thwarted](#)

Daily Excelsior, 22 November 2009

In less than a week, Pakistan Army today made second attempt to facilitate infiltration of militants into the Jammu region but the bid was foiled by the troops who killed two intruders and forced their associates to retrieve to Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) in Balakote sector of Poonch district. However, in the process, an Army jawan also lost his life while two others were injured. Official sources said last night's cease-fire violation by Pakistan Army at Tarkundi in Balakote sector of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch district during which they fired heavily on Indian positions was aimed at pushing a group of five to seven militants into the Indian territory.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov22/news.htm#1>

[Good news of 17th amendment repeal soon: Kaira](#)

The News, 22 November 2009

CHINIOT: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Qamar Zaman Kaira Sunday said that President Asif Ali Zardari will soon be announcing a good news regarding the 17th amendment of the Constitution and his other powers. Talking to reporters here, the Information Minister said the President will address the joint session of the parliament in March 2010. He said that mere leveling of charges cannot take away the rights of any person. Even today there are people in the assemblies who have cases against them, he added.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91976>

[Op Rah-e-Nijat: 5 terrorists killed, 1 soldier injured](#)

The News, 22 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: Five terrorists have been killed while one soldier was injured in the on going South Waziristan-operation Rah-e-Nijat during past 24 hours. According to ISPR, on Jandola - Sararogha Axis, Security forces carried search operation at Point-2728 near Pash Ziarat, Khandai Sar, Tabai Sar and defused 10 IEDs. During encounter 5 terrorists were killed and 1 soldier was injured.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91978>

[Palejo questions army's involvement in operation](#)

The News, 22 November 2009

KARACHI: Awami Tehreek (AT) chief and political leader Rasool Bux Palejo Sunday said who will protect the national frontiers, if the military is tasked for operation inside the country. Addressing a rally here, he said this should provide food to our thought that why people serving the US are killed, adding why Ziaul Haq who served the US the most, was killed.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91975>

[Survey of Pakistan's Young Predicts 'Disaster' if Their Needs Aren't Addressed](#)

NYT, 22 November 2009

LAHORE, Pakistan — Pakistan will face a “demographic disaster” if it does not address the needs of its young generation, the largest in the country’s history, whose views reflect a deep disillusionment with government and democracy, according to a report released here on Saturday. The report, commissioned by the British Council and conducted by the Nielsen research company, drew a picture of a deeply frustrated young generation that feels abandoned by its government and despondent about its future.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/22/world/asia/22pstan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[A Terror Suspect With Feet in East and West](#)

NYT, 22 November 2009

PHILADELPHIA — The trip from a strict Pakistani boarding school to a bohemian bar in Philadelphia has defined David Headley’s life, according to those who know the middle-age man at the center of a global terrorism investigation. Raised by his father in Pakistan as a devout Muslim, Mr. Headley arrived back here at 17 to live with his American mother, a former socialite who ran a bar called the Khyber Pass.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/22/us/22terror.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[No redrawing of borders in Kashmir, says Manmohan Singh](#)

The Hindu, 23 November 2009

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has made it clear that there can be no redrawing of borders in Kashmir, triggering a sharp response from Pakistan on Monday which said the “dispute” must be settled in line with the UN resolutions. “I have publicly stated that there can be no redrawing of borders (in Jammu and Kashmir),” the Prime Minister said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article53592.ece>

[Antony warns of 'wrong hands' possessing N-weapons](#)

The Hindu, 23 November 2009

With increasing terror attacks in Pakistan raising concerns over the safety of its nuclear arsenal, Defence Minister A. K. Antony on Monday said the threat of these weapons falling in wrong hands was an “area of serious concern” and its

consequences would be "unimaginable". Noting that there was scarcely any country which was not affected by terrorism, Mr. Antony said the recent terror-related incidents in Pakistan and Afghanistan have "thrust South Asia into a sub-conventional conflict and instability."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article53479.ece>

'Infiltration has gone up in J&K post 26/11'

Daily Excelsior, 23 November 2009

MUMBAI: Though there has been a decline in violence in Jammu and Kashmir since 1995, infiltration in the troubled state has gone up after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, the border State's Director General of Prisons Ashok Bhan said today. Bhan said there was a noticeable trend that whenever there was a decline in Pakistan-sponsored terror strikes in Jammu and Kashmir, there was a spurt in terror attacks in other parts of the country.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov23/newsupdate.htm#4>

Demanding resignations from NRO beneficiaries uncalled for: Kaira

The News, 23 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information Qamar Zaman Kaira Monday said the NRO beneficiaries are only facing charges and nothing has been so far proved against them in the court of law. Talking to reporters here, the Information Minister termed the demand of resignations from the NRO beneficiaries as uncalled for. He said Pakistan People's Party has a clear stance on NRO and that in order to understand the necessity of this ordinance one will have to revisit the era of dictatorship.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=92049>

10 militants killed, key commander held in Orakzai

The News, 23 November 2009

PESHAWAR: Ten militants have been killed during clashes with the security forces in Orakzai Agency while a key commander of the militants Abdul Wali Arab Khan Afghani has also been apprehended. Security forces during clashes with the militants killed 10 terrorists and destroyed 7 of their hideouts in Shahu Khel area near Orakzai Agency.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=92055>

India supporting terrorism: FM

The News, 23 November 2009

BERLIN: Foreign Minister Shah Mehmud Qureshi has said India is supporting insurgents in Pakistan, including areas bordering Afghanistan. Speaking with the German press agency DPA, Qureshi claimed Pakistan was "compiling hard evidence of India's involvement and interference in Balochistan and Fata". "India should refrain from such nefarious activities," said Qureshi, speaking of India's alleged support for militants.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25728

[NAB conviction rate drops to a pathetic 23 per cent](#)

The News, 23 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: The conviction rate of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has dropped from 67 per cent in January 2008 to 23 per cent currently as most of the corruption cases were either withdrawn or the accused persons were acquitted because of 'silence' of the prosecutors, data available shows. After installation of the PPP government in early 2008, the then law minister had ordered the NAB not to proceed forward with any of the pending corruption cases against politicians and pro-PPP bureaucrats and not to register any fresh corruption case which made the NAB, the only accountability organisation of the country, completely impotent.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25731

[How to clean up the bloody mess-2](#)

The News, 23 November 2009

KARACHI: Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani and the Asif Zardari-led PPP set-up have reached a dead end on their political highway to nowhere. After the official release of the NRO list, it has become impossible for Gilani to sleep in the same bed with boggy and smutty crocodiles and cockroaches when he was about to quit his lucrative job if just a speck of the NRO dirt had hit his real life partner. This is how outsiders see it. But those sitting inside the secure PM House have no different view and it is now widely known that the Syed from Multan is no longer prepared to take public or private snubs and insults anymore.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25733

[Amnesty List Puts Pressure on Pakistan Leader](#)

NYT, 23 November 2009

In another blow to Pakistan's president, Asif Ali Zardari, the authorities this weekend released the names of politicians, many from his own party, who benefited from an amnesty decree that dismissed past alleged crimes. The decree, known as the National Reconciliation Ordinance, was issued in 2007 by former President Pervez Musharraf as part of a political deal to allow Mr. Zardari's wife, former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, to return from years of exile to Pakistan. But it was applied broadly, with thousands of bureaucrats, diplomats and government officials benefiting from the change; on Saturday, the minister of state for law and justice, Mohammad Afzal Sandhu, revealed a list of over 8,000 names.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/23/world/asia/23pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print

[Pakistan must abjure terror first: Manmohan](#)

The Hindu, 25 November 2009

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has denounced Pakistan's "selective" approach in the fight against terrorism, and said he did not want to speculate about India's response in the event of another 26/11-type attack. At an interaction at the Council on Foreign Relations – an American non-profit and non-partisan membership

organisation, here, he, however, indicated India's readiness to resume dialogue with Pakistan provided it abjured terrorism and came to the table with "good faith and sincerity."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article54393.ece>

[No US mediation to resolve historic Indo-Pak conflicts: Obama](#)

Daily Excelsior, 25 November 2009

WASHINGTON : President Barack Obama has ruled out any outside role for the US to help resolve the "historic conflicts" between India and Pakistan. He, however, said his country wants to be "encouraging of" ways in which the two neighbours can feel secure and focus on the development of their own countries and their people.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov25/newsupdate.htm#1>

[Nation not to be robbed of its rights thr' farce: Zardari](#)

The News, 25 November 2009

KARACHI: President Asif Ali Zardari said that none can rob people of their rights just by farcing, Geo News reported Wednesday. Addressing a large public gathering on the Foundation Day of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) here, he said a public leader comes into existence only by having recourse to his people, adding he does not fear any conspiracy and every plot would be braced.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=92217>

[Baloch nationalists reject package](#)

The News, 25 November 2009

LONDON: Exiled Baloch leaders on Tuesday rejected the Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan package on the grounds that it doesn't go far enough to meet their main problems. Hyrbyair Marri, the London-based leader of the powerful Marri tribe, remains staunchly opposed to any compromise with the government. He called Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan package a "mockery and a cruel joke" with the people of Balochistan and said it falls short of Baloch expectations and was only an exercise in buying more time.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25763

[How money spoke in Dogar's court](#)

The News, 25 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: The sensational disclosure by the owner of Haris Steel Mills (HSM) about how money changed hands in the heyday of Justice Dogar, has finally resolved the riddle: why were two senior NAB officials jailed for arresting the HSM's accountant? It was this accountant who was released by the court in 2008 and only his re-arrest a month back made it possible to reach his owners and others and expose their comrades in black coats. Two NAB officials - Muhammad Aslam and Col (retd) Tariq Ahmad - had to face humiliation in Dogar's day when the bar and the bench had joined hands to bail out the fat cats of the HSM.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25766

[US wants to reduce Indo-Pak tensions: Obama](#)

The News, 25 November 2009

WASHINGTON: US President Barack Obama on Tuesday took note of the historic animosity between Pakistan and India and signaled the United States wanted to find ways to reduce tensions between the two countries. "We want to be encouraging of ways in which both India and Pakistan can be secure and focus on development, Obama said while speaking at a joint news conference with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The US president said he believed Pakistan was making progress in fighting extremism as he tried to assuage India's concerns about its historic rival.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25767

[Pakistan Charges 7 in Mumbai Attacks](#)

NYT, 25 November 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan —Seven men accused of planning last year's attacks in Mumbai were formally charged on Wednesday, the eve of the anniversary of the assault, which killed more than 160 people in India's sprawling commercial capital. The seven include the suspected organizer, Zaki ur-Rehman Lakhvi, the operational commander of the Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba; Hammad Amin Sadiq, who is accused of coordinating the financing; and Zarar Shah, described as a computer and networks expert. All pleaded not guilty, according to a lawyer from the defense.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/26/world/asia/26mumbai.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[India's Guard Is Up, but Weaknesses Remain](#)

NYT, 25 November 2009

A year after the deadly assault here by Pakistan-based militants that killed 163 people, this sprawling mega-city is a more cautious and safer place, but it remains vulnerable despite government pledges to overhaul security. The public outrage that many thought would usher in a political groundswell for a firmer government response has dissipated. India has done little of the painful public soul-searching that followed the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, to which the Mumbai attacks are often compared. Unlike the United States, India did not create the equivalent of a Homeland Security Department. While a high-profile bipartisan American commission published a best-selling report on the failures that led to the 2001 attacks, Indian lawmakers have kept secret a similar report about the Mumbai attacks.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/25/world/asia/25mumbai.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[Manmohan: Pakistan not doing enough to punish 26/11 culprits](#)

The Hindu, 26 November 2009

Asking the global community to put its "combined pressure" on Pakistan, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Wednesday it was not doing enough to punish the perpetrators of the Mumbai attacks and asserted that India "will not rest" till it was done. Paying homage to the innocent civilians who died in the 60-hour assault on

Mumbai last November, he said he sincerely hoped that the combined pressure of the world community, including the United States, would work to ensure that the "ghastly act" of Mumbai attacks would not happen again.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article54957.ece>

PM dismisses talk of limited war in Pak

Daily Excelsior, 26 November 2009

WASHINGTON, Nov 25: Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh today expressed confidence that the "combined pressure" of the world community, including the US, will work to ensure that the "ghastly" terror attacks like the one on Mumbai last year will not happen. Addressing a press conference a day before he winds up his State visit, he said he has discussed with US Administration the issue of putting pressure on Pakistan on containing infiltration and has been assured that it will "work in that direction."

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov26/news.htm#1>

Zardari lashes out at 'political actors'

The News, 26 November 2009

KARACHI: PPP Co-chairperson President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday claimed that the establishment was not conspiring against the government. "Neither the establishment nor parliament or any political party is conspiring to derail the democratic system," he declared in his video address from the President House in Islamabad to a rally near the mausoleum of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah in connection with the PPP's 43rd foundation day.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25780

Army capable of fighting terror war, says COAS

The News, 26 November 2009

PESHAWAR: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani has said the nation is fighting the war against terrorism like a solid rock and every citizen has matchless spirit of making his contribution in efforts to curb the menace faced by the country. He expressed these views while addressing the convocation of the seventh batch of the Khyber Institute of Technical Education (KITE) here on Wednesday. Corps Commander Lt-Gen Muhammad Masood Aslam, high ranking officials, tribal elders and students of the KITE were present on the occasion.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25782

Forget about a Bhutto, Islamabad

The News, 26 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: Islamabad Police flatly refused to lodge a formal FIR against self proclaimed journalist Mohammad Shoab Bhutta for leveling baseless and slanderous charges against the Jang Group. The personnel of the legal department of the Jang Group repeatedly visited police stations of Islamabad in a bid to lodge the FIR but were flatly refused by the police staff on duty. When senior government officials were approached, they said they could not ask the police to register the FIR as they

had been barred by their seniors from cooperating with the Jang Group personnel. Frustrated by the illegal behaviour of the law enforcing force, the Jang Group was left with no option but to approach the court for addressing its grievance.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25787

[Seven indicted for Mumbai attacks](#)

The News, 26 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: A special anti-terrorism court (ATC) of Rawalpindi on Wednesday framed charges against operational commander of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi and six others for their alleged involvement in last year's Mumbai attacks. Special Anti-Terrorism Court, Rawalpindi Division, Judge Malik Muhammad Akram Awan, who is conducting the trial at the Adiala jail for security reasons, formally indicted the seven suspects. The accused — Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi, Hammad Amen Sadiq, Shaheed Jamil Riaz, Abdul Wajid alias Zarar Shah, Mazhar Iqbal, Yousuf Anjum and Muhammad Jamil — protested against their indictment and pleaded not guilty.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25788

[Have a heart, you are the president, Mr Zardari!](#)

The News, 26 November 2009

When an elected head of the state, who is also the head of the largest political party of the country, the Supreme Commander of the country's armed forces and (at least on papers) the man with his finger on the country's nuclear button, cannot venture out of his bunker in the presidency, a five-star prison of sorts, and attacks a TV channel, a newspaper editor or a talk show anchor, he must be seriously in trouble or scared to death with insecurity. It was a great day in my professional career to get so much attention on live TV, nationally and throughout the world, with the country's president talking about me (why did you not name me) in a furiously threatening tone, foaming and frothing as if he would shoot me if I had been somewhere close to him at the time. I have just landed in Washington to spend a few days with my family on Eid ul Azha and the first thing I hear on TV is my head of state calling me names. It was a unique welcome to the festival of sacrifices.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25792

[Krishna, Qureshi meet unlikely at Commonwealth summit](#)

The Hindu, 27 November 2009

Unhappy with the behaviour of Pakistan over terrorism, particularly Mumbai attacks, India is not too keen to have a Foreign Ministerial meeting with Pakistan even though both S. M. Krishna and his counterpart Shah Mahmood Qureshi are here to attend an international summit. Sources said though India is not averse to talks with Pakistan at any level, these serve no purpose on the ground given the attitude of Pakistan.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article55494.ece>

[PPP, MQM on warpath](#)

The News, 27 November 2009

KARACHI: The simmering tensions between the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) erupted on Thursday when Sindh Home Minister Zulfiqar Mirza said he would make startling disclosures about the cases against the MQM leaders within a week, demanded suo motu notice of the alleged fraud committed by the party in getting these cases closed, and talked tough on the NRO, but got a befitting response from the MQM.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25805

[Corruption charges loom for Pakistan's pro-US president: Time The News, 27 November 2009](#)

ISLAMABAD: US President Barack Obama recently sent a personal message to President Asif Zardari, urging him to rally his compatriots to help the US fight in Afghanistan. Obama's message may, however, have been sent to the wrong address, because it will likely take all of the embattled Zardari's political energies - and then some - to simply remain in power. Already weighed down by the burdens of his deep unpopularity, the menace of burgeoning domestic extremism and a sour economy, Zardari faces a new crisis this Saturday with the expiration of an amnesty on corruption charges against him.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25808

[First phase of SWA operation completed The News, 27 November 2009](#)

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Ashfaq Pervez Kayani had an important meeting with Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani here at the Prime Minister House late Thursday evening. The lengthy meeting, which continued till midnight, covered all aspects of national security. No official statement was issued about the meeting. Sources told The News that the COAS has informed the prime minister about the successful completion of the military operation in South Waziristan as the Army has achieved all objectives of the first phase of the operation much before the estimated time. Now the troops are engaged in consolidating their positions after less than six weeks of combat activities.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25812

['Missing' Baloch to start returning home today: PM The News, 27 November 2009](#)

ISLAMABAD: Reiterating the offer for a meaningful dialogue to estranged Baloch leaders inside and outside Pakistan, Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Thursday assured the seriousness of the government to implement the Balochistan package with a cabinet committee under himself to supervise it. "Baloch leaders should return to Pakistan as it is their homeland. I appeal to all the Baloch leadership that our doors for dialogue are open and they should come forward so that we all could sit together to remove the sense of deprivation of the people of Balochistan," he said while addressing a press conference here at the Prime Minister's House.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25813

[Most wanted militant arrested from Tank city](#)

The News, 27 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Security forces have apprehended a most wanted terrorist Abdullah Shah Mehsud with Rs 10 million head money from Tank (the head money has been paid to the informer) during the operation Rah-e-Nijat in South Waziristan. Our Miramshah correspondent adds: Meanwhile, the security forces sought tribesmen help in arresting 19 most wanted militants in NWA and also announced reward for the informers. Tribal sources said pamphlets were dropped from a plane at about 4 pm in different areas of the North Waziristan announcing the reward.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25816

['Pakistan should ensure nuclear weapons don't reach wrong hands'](#)

The Hindu, 29 November 2009

The Chief of Army Staff, General Deepak Kapoor, today said it was important to ensure that the control of Pakistan's nuclear weapons command did not go to the "wrong hands". Reacting to media reports that the National Command Authority, which controls the nuke button, has been handed over to Pakistan Prime Minister Yusouf Raza Gilani, General Kapoor said " What is more important is to have proper control over nuclear weapons and ensure that it does not go to wrong hand".

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article56828.ece>

[Omar favours triangular talks among](#)

Daily Excelsior, 29 November 2009

NEW DELHI: In a shift of stand, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today favoured triangular talks among India, Pakistan and separatist leadership and also offered to be a facilitator if militant outfit Hizbul Mujahideen wanted to come to the negotiating table. The 39-year-old Chief Minister, however, had a word of caution for moderate Hurriyat Chairman Mirwaiz Umer Farooq asking him to take his other members on board for talks as "otherwise all they will do is (to) jump on to the hard-line bandwagon and threaten the process."

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov29/newsupdate.htm#1>

[Pakistan building defensive bunkers along IB: BSF DG](#)

Daily Excelsior, 29 November 2009

NEW DELHI, Nov 28: The BSF today said Pakistani Rangers are building bunkers along the border which are very "defensive" in nature and could be aimed at preventing attacks from within its own territory. "We have come across certain construction activities across the border. In some of the instances the bunkers being constructed are facing their own territory," BSF Director General Raman Srivastava told reporters here.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov29/news.htm#1>

[Rehman calls on Altaf Husain in London](#)

The News, 29 November 2009

In the meeting Federal Minister delivered the messages of President Asif Ali Zardari

and Prime Minister (PM) Yusuf Raza Gilani to MQM Chief. In the meeting they both agreed to solve all issues with mutual understanding. It was also decided in the meeting to ensure the mutual consultation between higher leadership of both the political parties so that possible differences in future can be avoided.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=92436>

[Security forces kill 4 extremists in Khyber Agency](#)
The News, 29 November 2009

PESHAWAR: In an ongoing operation security forces have killed four extremists in Khyber Agency. According to FC Media Cell, security forces killed four extremists in Sar Garhi area in Tehsil Bara Sunday. Security forces have taken many extremists hideouts in control in the area recovering heavy cache of weapons. Security forces continue operation against extremists in Khyber Agency for last six days.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=92439>

[Pakistan's Leader, Under Pressure, Cedes Nuclear Office](#)
NYT, 29 November 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — President Asif Ali Zardari has ceded his position in Pakistan's nuclear command structure to his prime minister, in a sudden political maneuver widely seen as a fresh sign of turmoil on the eve of President Obama's strategy announcement for the region. The move, announced in a news release late Friday night, was an all-out attempt to head off domestic political pressure as Mr. Zardari's two-year presidency hit a new low. With the end of a political amnesty program on Saturday, Mr. Zardari and his allies now face potential corruption and criminal charges, and the opposition is demanding that he relinquish many of his powers or resign.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/29/world/asia/29pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print

[Indian Army Chief's statement on limited nuke war irresponsible: Gilani](#)
The News, 30 November 2009

Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani has said that the Indian Army chief's statement relating to the limited nuclear war was irresponsible and added that the conflicts between Pakistan and India could be resolved through dialogues. Prior to his departure on a four-day tour of Germany and Britain, talking to newsmen, Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani said that Germany was a key economic partner of Pakistan and his visit would help boost the ties between the two countries.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=92484>