

### **Pak used US aid to fight India: Report**

**Times of India, 7 June 2009**

NEW DELHI: The Pentagon has confirmed one of South Asia's worst kept secrets - that Pakistan has used billions of dollars of US aid to buy a mind-boggling array of conventional American weaponry to use against India. The aid was meant for Pakistan to fight the war on terror. India has repeatedly pointed out that much of the military hardware on Pakistan's shopping list was not suited to anti-terror operations. Now, Pentagon reports have revealed that even the money poured into Islamabad's coffers by the Bush administration after 9/11 specifically to fight al Qaida and the Taliban, was used to develop offensive capabilities against India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Pakistan-used-US-aid-to-fight-India-Report/articleshow/4624601.cms>

### **India a major foreign policy priority: U.S.**

**Hindu, 11 June 2009**

NEW DELHI: United States Under Secretary of State William Burns said here on Wednesday that India is a major foreign policy priority for his country and New Delhi will be a crucial global partner of Washington in the 21st century. Mr. Burns held talks with External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna, Home Minister P. Chidambaram and Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon on a wide range of bilateral issues, including the unsettled neighbourhood, a defence end-user agreement and India's quest for reprocessing rights. He described his discussions as "excellent."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/11/stories/2009061157360100.htm>

### **US drone strike in SWA kills five**

**News, 15 June 2009**

A US missile strike targeting militants killed five people on Sunday in the Laddha region of the South Waziristan Agency (SWA), officials said. "A drone attack targeting a militant vehicle killed three people in Mardar Algard area," said Amir Mohammad Khan, local administration official in Laddha. "There is a training camp close to this area," he added. Khan said the Taliban militants had surrounded the area of the attack and security forces were not able to gather any more information about the missile strike. An intelligence official in the area confirmed the missile attack

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=22756](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22756)

### **US to parties: Work in tandem**

**Kathmandu Post, 15 June 2009**

KATHMANDU, June 13 - Visiting U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for

South and Central Asian Affairs Robert O. Blake on Saturday said that parties must work together to complete the peace process. "The biggest threat to the peace process is the failure of all of the leaders to act together and have the process dragged out," Blake said. "It is very important that there be not just rhetorical support for the peace process but for everybody to actively engage and work together."

<http://www.kantipuronline.com/kolnews.php?nid=199121>

### **[Hillary pledges to expand ties with India](#)**

**Hindu, 18 June 2009**

Washington: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Wednesday said she would visit India next month and pledged to work for a "dramatic expansion" of India-U.S. ties giving New Delhi a greater role in solving global challenges. Reaffirming the Obama administration's commitment to strengthen ties, Ms. Clinton said in a world of depressing headlines, the U.S. relationship with India is good news

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/18/stories/2009061860701000.htm>

### **[Drone attack kills 12 in SWA](#)**

**News, 19 June 2009**

WANA: Twelve persons were killed and 10 others sustained injuries when the US spy planes attacked two suspected training centres of a Taliban commander in Sholam and Raghzai areas, eight kilometres west of Rustam Adda in South Waziristan Agency (SWA) on Thursday. Elders and officials of the political administration told The News the drones fired five missiles at the two compounds of a local Taliban commander Malang Wazir and his men in Sholam and Raghzai areas, killing 12 people and injuring 10 others. The attacks, carried out at about 12 noon, also reduced to ashes the suspected militant training centres

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### **[US Congress okays \\$1.4 bn for Pakistan](#)**

**News, 20 June 2009**

WASHINGTON: The US Congress approved \$1.4 billion in economic and security assistance for Pakistan, as the Senate overwhelmingly passed a \$106 billion war supplemental bill on Thursday, giving the Obama administration the urgently-needed \$225 million as relief assistance for displaced persons of the tribal areas. The whopping funding bill, primarily meant for Afghanistan and Iraq wars, had faced a stiff resistance in the US House of Representatives, getting through with a narrow vote earlier this week.

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### **[U.S. Pursues a New Way To Rebuild in Afghanistan](#)**

**Washington Post, 20 June 2009**

After three years of USAID-led Afghan reconstruction, the Obama administration plans to implement a new approach to help resuscitate

Afghanistan's deteriorating agricultural economy, aimed at producing more food to improve quality of life and reversing a sense of hopelessness that has contributed to Taliban recruitment. The idea to transform a vacant tract near the Afghan city of Mazar-e Sharif into a sprawling commercial farm, with miles of strawberry fields and thousands of cashmere goats, began with an entreaty from President George W. Bush to the billionaire chairman of Dole Foods at a 2006 Republican Party fundraiser.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/18/AR2009061804135.html>

### **[Mullah Omar reasserts control of Taliban](#)**

**Daily Times, 23 June 2009**

LAHORE: Mullah Omar is reasserting direct control over insurgency in Afghanistan, ordering attacks and shuffling field commanders, United States officials say. Until recently, a Wall Street Journal report says, the ground-level conduct of the fight against the United States-led coalition was left to local commanders. Omar, who heads the Taliban shura, has typically focused on choosing leaders and giving strategic advice

[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\23\story\\_23-6-2009\\_pg1\\_6](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\23\story_23-6-2009_pg1_6)