

### [Why Zardari delayed UN report](#)

**The News, 1 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Zardari is said to have quietly given names of four international personalities - US ex-secretary of state Condoleezza Rice, Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, Saudi Arabia intelligence chief Prince Muqrin and the UAE intelligence chief - to the UN inquiry commission to ask them: How did they know the secret in advance that Benazir Bhutto would be killed? The UN commission has now been asked to first meet these four indirect witnesses before submitting its report on Benazir Bhutto assassination. With this new information, two and a half years old mystery also finally stands resolved that which two friendly countries had actually warned BB about attack on her life before she decided to return to Pakistan on October 18, 2007.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=28099](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=28099)

### [Obama focusing on ties with Pakistan, India: White House](#)

**The News, 1 April 2010**

WASHINGTON: President Barack Obama is devoting considerable time to the United States' relations with Pakistan, Afghanistan and India in order to see the security strengthened and advance mutual goals in the vitally important region, a White House spokesman said on Tuesday. "Obviously the president, as you know and as many of you have seen, has spent considerable time on our relationships with Afghanistan, Pakistan and India in order to see security strengthened and our mutual goals worked on in an important region in the world," Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=28112](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=28112)

### [Despite Strains, China Leader to Attend Nuclear Meeting in U.S.](#)

**NYT, 1 April 2010**

BEIJING — President Hu Jintao of China will attend a nuclear security summit meeting in Washington this month, an indication that strained relations between the United States and China may be easing. Until the announcement on Thursday by the Chinese Foreign Ministry, American officials feared that Mr. Hu would boycott the talks to express China's displeasure over a series of recent diplomatic clashes, including a White House decision to sell arms to Taiwan and President Obama's meeting with the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan leader. Relations appeared to hit a low point last week when Google, citing Chinese censorship, began redirecting users in China to its uncensored Internet search engine in Hong Kong. The confirmation that President Hu will take part in the summit meeting came less than a day after the Chinese government appeared to throw its support behind new United Nations sanctions aimed at pressuring Iran over its nuclear program. In recent months, the five permanent members of the Security Council have been stymied by China's insistence on diplomacy over sanctions.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/02/world/asia/02china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

### [Iran top nuclear negotiator heads to Beijing](#)

**People's Daily, 1 April 2010**

Iran's state media has reported that the country's top nuclear negotiator is heading to China to discuss possible U.N. sanctions against Tehran over its disputed nuclear

program. Iranian state television reported Wednesday that Saeed Jalili will travel to China Thursday for talks with senior Chinese officials concerning the nuclear program. The U.S. and other Western powers are pushing for a new round of U.N. sanctions on Iran over its persistent defiance to halt its uranium enrichment program.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6936797.html>

### [U.S. unchanged on one-China policy](#)

**People's Daily, 1 April 2010**

US Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg has told a news briefing in Washington that the US position on the one-China policy remains unchanged. He said the one-China policy serves the US very well, and that throughout Democratic and Republican administrations, America has understood that principle to be the foundation of building an ever stronger relationship. Steinberg also reaffirmed that the United States considers Tibet to be a part of China and does not support Tibetan independence.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6937351.html>

### [N.Korea Warns Against 'Invasion'](#)

**Chosun Ilbo, 1 April 2010**

An official North Korean newspaper on Wednesday condemned South Korea-U.S. joint military exercises as "practice for war of invasion of North Korea." The Rodong Shinmun said, "If the U.S. and South Korean jingoists start invading North Korea, our armed forces will retaliate with thunderbolts of fire and drown them in the sea." The North Korean media has nothing to say about the sinking of the South Korean naval corvette Cheonan six days after the incident.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/01/2010040100939.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/01/2010040100939.html)

### [Okada, Clinton discuss Futenma](#)

**Asahi Shimbun, 1 April 2010**

OTTAWA--Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada told U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Monday that the plan to relocate the Futenma airfield as agreed in 2006 "would be difficult to realize." But he conveyed Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama's determination to settle the issue by the end of May. In the meeting near Ottawa on the sidelines of the Group of Eight foreign ministers gathering, Okada asked for U.S. cooperation in selecting a new site for the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa Prefecture.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201003300476.html>

### [Tensions Easing, Obama Talks With Chinese Leader](#)

**NYT, 2 April 2010**

BEIJING — Tensions between China and the United States have ebbed significantly in recent days, with an hour-long conversation between their two presidents Thursday night and the countries working together to deter Iran's nuclear ambitions as the Obama administration backs off a politically charged clash over China's currency. In the call Thursday night, President Obama spoke by phone with Mr. Hu for about an hour — so long that Air Force One had to be held for 10 minutes on the tarmac at Andrews Air Force Base after landing so that Mr. Obama could finish up the

conversation. Chinese television reported that Mr. Hu expressed a desire for healthier ties while stressing Beijing's positions on Taiwan and Tibet, and the White House said Mr. Obama stressed for China press Iran on its nuclear ambitions to ensure the country "lives up to its international obligations."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/03/world/asia/03china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

### **[News Analysis: China embraces summit diplomacy](#)**

**People's Daily, 2 April 2010**

Chinese President Hu Jintao will attend the Nuclear Security Summit on April 12-13 in Washington, and the second summit of BRIC nations -- Brazil, Russia, India and China -- in Brasilia on April 14-17, Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said Thursday. It will be the beginning of China's new round of summit diplomacy. It is widely expected China, as a major developing nation, will play important roles in the summits and join the international community in meeting global challenges.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6938452.html>

### **[China, US political parties hold high-level dialogue](#)**

**People's Daily, 2 April 2010**

The first high-level talks between the main political parties of China and the United States were held in Beijing on the afternoon of March 31. Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Williamson all delivered speeches. Wang said that China, the largest developing country, and the United States, the largest developed country, both agree that their bilateral relationship is one of the most important of the 21st century. Political parties and politicians from the two countries should transcend differences in ideology, social systems and cultural traditions, he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6939221.html>

### **[U.N. raps Japan over 'cheap labor'](#)**

**Asahi Shimbun, 2 April 2010**

A U.N. expert on the rights of migrants criticized Japan's program to accept unskilled workers from developing countries as trainees, saying that in some cases it "may well amount to slavery." U.N. Special Rapporteur Jorge Bustamante told a Tokyo news conference Wednesday that foreign workers in Japan face widespread racism and discrimination in their workplaces and other venues. In such circumstances, the program "fuels demand for exploitative cheap labor under conditions that constitute violations of the right to physical and mental health, physical integrity, freedom of expression and movement of foreign trainees and interns," Bustamante said.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004010386.html>

### **[Pakistan: our apprehensions are legitimate](#)**

**The Hindu, 2 April 2010**

Pakistan has conveyed to the U.S. its concerns about Indian interference in Afghanistan, including its impact on Pak-Afghan relations. This was disclosed by Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi in the Senate on Thursday

evening while taking the House into confidence on what transpired in last month's strategic dialogue with the United States. Conceding the long-standing relationship that India has had with Afghanistan, Mr. Qureshi was quoted by the Associated Press of Pakistan as saying that there was a qualitative difference with what Pakistan shared with its western neighbour and this view was communicated to the U.S.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article374289.ece>

**[India's policies creating huge economic differences: Yechury](#)**  
**The Hindu, 2 April 2010**

Charging that India was following a neoliberal agenda, CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury on Friday said the economic policies in the country have created deep class divisions and could seriously threaten its existence. "You have a shining India for a few and you have a suffering India for the vast majority, " the Marxist leader said in an address at the prestigious Columbia University. He said the economic policies had led to the creation two classes in India -- one comprising the 77 per cent of the country which lived on less than Rs 20 and the second where the number of millionaires had doubled.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article372885.ece>

**[US urges Pakistan to act against Taliban in Punjab](#)**  
**The News, 2 April 2010**

WASHINGTON: US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Robert Blake has said that Pakistan has made significant progress in the war on terror but strong action against various Taliban groups in the Punjab still needs to be taken. Talking to journalists here at the Foreign Press Centre after his recent visit to India and Pakistan, Robert Blake said he had asked the Pakistani authorities to take this action, because it was in the interest of Pakistan. "But it is up to Pakistan's security forces to decide when and what to do," he added.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28121](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28121)

**[UN, Pakistan at odds over Benazir murder report](#)**  
**The News, 2 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations and the government were on completely different pages on Thursday, as the UN rejected Pakistan's request to reopen the independent probe into the killing of Benazir Bhutto, saying there was no need for including any further information as the report was "complete". Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi insisted that the statements from Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Afghanistan would provide valuable leads. "For example, if there is a puddle outside my office, and I tell you to be careful when you leave, how do I know? Similarly, it would give the report more credibility if the three important statements are also recorded. My sources tell me that three countries — Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Afghanistan — have important information. I believe only one country had been approached. What we are saying is simply, 'Please don't overlook the statements from these three countries, as these were the three countries that had important information and that is why they had warned Mohtarma (Benazir Bhutto). What we are saying is: please don't overlook these three warnings," Qureshi told The News.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28126](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28126)

**[Interview: Cooperation between U.S., China essential: U.S. experts](#)**

### **People's Daily, 3 April 2010**

Some U.S. experts on China suggested that the United States and China have different perceptions towards each other, but cooperation on critical global issues is essential and will necessarily involve sacrifices at home. Clayton Dube, Associate Director of U.S. China Institute at the University of Southern California, told Xinhua in a recent interview that domestic political concerns drive leaders in both countries, and neither side wants to be perceived by their fellow citizens as not standing up for core interests of their own countries.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6939626.html>

### **Ogata: Japan's plans in Kabul draw interest of donor nations**

#### **Asahi Shimbun, 3 April 2010**

The United States and Germany have shown an interest in joining a Japanese development project to help expand the crowded Afghan capital of Kabul, Sadako Ogata, president of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), said. The project, designed by JICA and the Afghan government, calls for Tokyo to invest 10 billion yen (\$106.8 million) over five years for the development of infrastructure in the urban center and northern outskirts of the city.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004020415.html>

### **"Too much representation, too little democracy"**

#### **The Hindu, 3 April 2010**

"What happens, now that democracy and the free market have fused into a single predatory organism with a thin constricted imagination that revolves almost entirely around the idea of maximising profit?" asked Arundhati Roy, Indian author at a discussion at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with Noam Chomsky, professor of Linguistics and Philosophy. In the discussion, which focused on the threats to democracy in the United States, India, and worldwide, Ms. Roy said that asking such questions about "life after democracy" does not mean we should lapse into earlier discredited models of authoritarian or totalitarian forms of governance. "It is meant to say that in the system of representative democracy too much representation with too little democracy needs some structural adjustment," she argued.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article387214.ece>

### **Gilani urges US to disburse aid package**

#### **The News, 3 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, while welcoming the US economic assistance package passed under the Kerry-Lugar law, has underlined the need for its expeditious disbursement. The prime minister was talking to Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee who along with US Ambassador Anne W Patterson called on him at the PM House on Friday. He commended Lee's contributions as the co-founder and co-Chairperson of Pakistan Caucus at the Capitol Hill and her ceaseless efforts in removing the misgivings and misperceptions on both sides to bring Pakistan and the US ever closer.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28140](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28140)

### **France says arms sale to Pakistan held up**

#### **The News, 3 April 2010**

PARIS: France's plan to sell 1.2 billion euro worth of military equipment for Pakistan's JF-17 combat aircraft has been held up, a source at President Nicolas Sarkozy's office said on Friday. Newspaper Le Monde had reported earlier that France decided to suspend the sale of electronics and missiles — the first section of a 6 billion euro contract — under pressure from India and uncertainty over Pakistan's finances. "It's a deal that's not ready from the Pakistani side," the source said, without giving further details. "For now, the state of the dossier doesn't allow us to carry on with it."

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=28143](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=28143)

### [Troika discusses Pak-US strategic dialogue](#)

**The News, 3 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: The troika — President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani — on Friday discussed the outcome of the Pak-US strategic dialogue. The troika also discussed matters relating to the security situation. Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and Prime Minister's Adviser on Finance Dr Abdul Hafeez Sheikh also attended the meeting. The foreign minister and General Kayani briefed President Zardari and Prime Minister Gilani on the goals and achievements of Pakistan in the strategic dialogue with the US. Sources said Foreign Minister Qureshi in his briefing said Pakistan prepared a comprehensive agenda for the strategic dialogue with the US and the outcome was in accordance with the agenda set for the strategic dialogue. The minister said that Pakistan's interests were protected during the strategic dialogue.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=28151](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=28151)

### [Manmohan to attend nuclear security summit](#)

**The Hindu, 4 April 2010**

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will attend a global meeting in Washington convened by U.S. President Barack Obama next week aimed at strengthening national measures on protecting nuclear material and combating their trafficking. The initiative, while adhering to multilateral instruments and norms, would help in the expanded use of civil nuclear energy, Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao told newsmen here on Sunday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article387998.ece?homepage=true>

### ['India satisfied with progress in negotiations on Headley'](#)

**The Hindu, 4 April 2010**

India today said it is yet to get access to Lashkar-e-Taiba operative David Headley but negotiations are underway on this issue and it is "satisfied" with the progress of discussions. "Not yet," Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao told reporters here when asked whether India had been granted access by the U.S. to Headley, who had confessed in a U.S. court to having played a key role in the Mumbai attacks.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article387961.ece?homepage=true>

### [US warns Pakistan against gas pipeline deal with Iran](#)

**The News, 4 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: The United States appears to be 'forewarning' Pakistan, about continuing with the billion dollar gas pipeline from Iran into Pakistan, but officialdom

here, is relaxed, saying that China and Russia were bound to veto any further stringent measures against Iran in the United Nations Security Council, which would want to see this ambitious project wrapped up. Another country which is also not very keen on the gas pipeline, is Saudi Arabia, where presently Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qurieshi is these days, and officials say that the matter would be clearer when the minister returns home.

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28163](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28163)

### [China-Georgia trade volume grows 86%](#)

**People's Daily, 5 April 2010**

The bilateral trade volume between China and Georgia grew 86 percent year on year to 46.77 million U.S. dollars in the first two months this year, said a statement posted on the Ministry of Commerce's web site Monday. Georgia's exports to China amounted to 3.02 million U.S. dollars in the first two months, jumping 354 percent from a year ago. China's exports to Georgia rose 79 percent to 43.75 million U.S. dollars.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6940913.html>

### [Much at stake in US' trade dispute](#)

**People's Daily, 5 April 2010**

It makes no sense, this constant uproar from the United States about China's exchange rate policy. Is the US really interested in the following: a full-blown trade war that compromises the interest of the two nations (and possibly the world's), a drop in income for the US' middle class and poor, and as Minister of Commerce Chen Deming said recently, retaliatory measures by China? All of this will happen if the White House brands Beijing as a currency manipulator, which some US lawmakers are calling for. If that indeed does happen, a wide range of Chinese commodities bound to the US will be taxed with a high tariff. The branding by the US would inevitably force China to take countermeasures.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6940911.html>

### [Issue of access to Headley being taken up at highest level: Roemer](#)

**The Hindu, 5 April 2010**

The issue of granting India access to Lashkar-e-Taiba operative David Headley is being taken up by the U.S. government at the highest level, its Ambassador Timothy J. Roemer said on Monday as he met Home Minister P. Chidambaram here. "I just had a very successful meeting with the Home Minister where I talked about working very closely for cooperation with government of India and government of U.S. on counter-terrorism issues," Mr. Roemer told reporters after the meeting.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article388672.ece>

### [Timothy Geithner to meet Manmohan, Pranab](#)

**The Hindu, 5 April 2010**

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner will meet Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee and Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia on Tuesday to address two of the five pillars of India-U.S. strategic partnership – economics and trade and agriculture. Mr. Geithner and his delegation will also hold talks on clamping down on money laundering in order to choke financing to terrorists. The U.S. Treasury Secretary will launch the India-U.S.

Economic and Financial Partnership with Mr. Mukherjee which will address areas of core concern to Washington in its trade and economic ties with New Delhi. This forum, which will meet regularly, would discuss the Indian sectoral limits on foreign direct investment, setting up a debt fund for Indian infrastructural sector, reducing duties on import of farm produce and making the business climate more conducive.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article388666.ece>

### **[U.S. Consulate in Pakistan Is Attacked by Militants](#)**

**NYT, 5 April 2010**

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — In the most direct attack on an American facility in Pakistan in years, militants mounted a multipronged assault against the United States Consulate in this northern city on Monday, using a truck bomb, machine guns and rocket launchers, Pakistani and American officials said. At least five attackers, all suicide bombers, failed to breach the outer perimeter of the compound, according to a Pakistani intelligence official, but they demolished part of an exterior wall with a large truck bomb that shook the city and sent huge plumes of brown dust and smoke into the sky. At least 6 Pakistanis were killed and 20 wounded. No Americans were killed or hurt.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/06/world/asia/06pstan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

### **[Drones Batter Al Qaeda and Its Allies Within Pakistan](#)**

**NYT, 5 April 2010**

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — A stepped-up campaign of American drone strikes over the past three months has battered Al Qaeda and its Pakistani and Afghan brethren in the tribal area of North Waziristan, according to a mid-ranking militant and supporters of the government there. The strikes have cast a pall of fear over an area that was once a free zone for Al Qaeda and the Taliban, forcing militants to abandon satellite phones and large gatherings in favor of communicating by courier and moving stealthily in small groups, they said. The drones, operated by the C.I.A., fly overhead sometimes four at a time, emitting a beelike hum virtually 24 hours a day, observing and tracking targets, then unleashing missiles on their quarry, they said.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/05/world/asia/05drones.html>

### **[US' delaying currency report brightens China relations](#)**

**People's Daily, 6 April 2010**

The Obama administration is delaying a report to Congress on currency policies, in an apparent effort to tone down rising spat with Beijing on China's currency formation regime, which has been literally pegged to the dollar since mid 2008 when the global financial crisis broke out. US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said that he will delay publication of the report, due April 15, because several high-level international meetings in the coming months will be a better way to advance American position, the Associated Press reported.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6941176.html>

### **[N.Korea Ratchets Up Rhetoric Over Anything But Shipwreck](#)**

### **Chosun Ilbo, 6 April 2010**

North Korea has made no comment about the sinking of South Korean naval corvette Cheonan 11 days since the day the ship sank but instead continued its rhetorical campaign against Seoul and Washington on other issues. A spokesman for the North Korean Army's liaison office at the truce village of Panmunjeom on Monday threatened to end cooperation with the U.S. in retrieving the remains of soldiers who died in the Korean War. "We will no longer be concerned if the bones of thousands of American soldiers remain scattered throughout the land. It will be responsibility of the U.S. if remains of thousands of U.S. soldiers are lost," it said.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/06/2010040601085.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/06/2010040601085.html)

### **India-U.S. cooperation key to global economic stability: Geithner**

#### **The Hindu, 6 April 2010**

The U.S. on Tuesday sought greater engagement with India on the economic front, saying their ability to cooperate was critical to creating a more stable global financial system, balanced economic growth and an open trading system. "We face many challenges in common, such as how... to extend financial services more broadly to people outside the traditional banking system, how to finance our very substantial public infrastructure needs... and effectively leverage private money," visiting U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said here at a joint press conference with Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article389438.ece>

### **'D-company provided logistic support for 26/11'**

#### **The Hindu, 6 April 2010**

The Karachi-based D-company of the fugitive Indian underworld don Dawood Ibrahim possibly had an important role in 26/11 carnage by providing logistic support to the LeT-operatives to carry out the deadly operation, adding a new dimension to the Mumbai terror attacks. The involvement of the D-company in the Mumbai attacks has come out in a report on Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) released by the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, Department of Defence, which says that the D-company is now closely tied with LeT activities in India. According to the report, Dawood is believed to have resided in Pakistan since 1993 and now owns malls, luxury homes, and shipping and trucking lines that smuggle arms and heroin into India.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article389429.ece>

### **Obama's directive for easing India-Pakistan tensions**

#### **The Hindu, 6 April 2010**

In a secret directive, United States President Barack Obama has asked his administration to intensify efforts to make India resolve its tensions with Pakistan, a priority for the progress of the "U.S. goals in the region." He also asked his officials to intensify American diplomacy, aimed at easing tensions between the two countries, asserting that without detente between them, the administration's efforts to win Pakistani cooperation in Afghanistan would suffer, The Wall Street Journal reported.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article388913.ece>

### **Eight killed in blasts near US Consulate in Peshawar**

#### **The News, 6 April 2010**

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[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28190](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28190)

### **Army accused of extra-judicial killings Spokesman denies charge**

**The News, 6 April 2010**

WASHINGTON: The Pakistan Army is facing fresh accusations of carrying out extra-judicial killings and torture, claims which could threaten the US funding for any units singled out for abuse. The Human Rights Watch (HRW) said it had briefed the US State Department and congressional officials about the evidence of more than 200 summary executions in Swat Valley in the past eight months of suspected Taliban sympathisers. The Army denied the accusations. "Swat is open to journalists and you can conduct investigative reporting there," Inter-Services Public Relations Director General Maj-Gen Athar Abbas told Reuters in Islamabad. "Have you seen any sort of report in Pakistani newspapers?"

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28198](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28198)

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### **US \$ 4,000 per capita income by 2016**

**Daily News, 6 April 2010**

President Mahinda Rajapaksa said yesterday that the country attained middle income status during the last five years which is a unique achievement. "During the past five years, the country gained a per capita income of US \$ 2,053, while becoming a middle-income State." "It was an excellent accomplishment of the country," the President said at the presentation of the 60th annual report of the Monetary Board to him as Finance and Planning Minister by Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal at the Central Bank yesterday. The President said the achievement should be seen in the context that it took Sri Lanka more than 50 years to achieve a per capita income of US \$ 1,020. Reaching a per capita income of US \$ 4,000 by 2016 will be a feasible target with the encouraging economic environment.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2010/04/06/news01.asp>

### **Geithner in India for Economic Talks**

**NYT, 6 April 2010**

NEW DELHI — Kicking off a two-day trip intended to strengthen economic ties between India and the United States, Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner met

with top officials in New Delhi on Tuesday. The two sides pledged to cooperate to increase global economic stability, but no concrete goals, plans or business deals were unveiled. Together, India and the United States will play a "key role" in shaping consensus on international financial reform, Mr. Geithner said. Officials from the two countries promised to meet regularly to discuss macro-economic issues, their financial industries and how to pay for infrastructure improvements in both countries. Mr. Geithner met Tuesday with India's prime minister, Manmohan Singh, and the finance minister, Pranab Mukherjee. On Wednesday, he will travel to Mumbai to meet with financial industry executives and Indian entrepreneurs.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/07/business/global/07rupee.html?ref=asia&page\\_wanted=print](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/07/business/global/07rupee.html?ref=asia&page_wanted=print)

### **Yuan revaluation 'China's choice': Geithner**

**People's Daily, 7 April 2010**

China will get to know that more yuan flexibility would benefit it, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said on Tuesday as China's Foreign Ministry defended the country's currency policy is not aimed at seeking a huge trade surplus. Geithner, who is visiting India, said that the global economic recovery "looks quite strong now," also said it was "China's choice" whether or not it revalues the yuan, or RMB, according to a Reuter report.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6942270.html>

### **China expects BRIC summit to push for int'l financial reform**

**People's Daily, 7 April 2010**

China said Wednesday it hoped the upcoming BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) summit would push for international financial reform. China expected the summit to push for increasing emerging economies representation and voting rights in the international financial organizations, which were goals set out at the last G20 summit, said Vice Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai at a news briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6943476.html>

### **N.Korea Sentences U.S. Man to 8 Years Hard Labor**

**Chosun Ilbo, 7 April 2010**

North Korea says it has sentenced an American man to eight years of hard labor for illegally entering the country and what it calls hostile acts. The state-run Korean Central News Agency says the defendant, Aijalon Mahli Gomes, acknowledged wrongdoing during a court appearance. Gomes is from Boston, in the eastern U.S. state of Massachusetts.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/07/2010040701933.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/07/2010040701933.html)

### **U.S. General: Command Transfer in S.Korea Will Proceed Despite Anxieties**

**Chosun Ilbo, 7 April 2010**

The commander of American forces stationed in South Korea says a major shift in command structure on the peninsula will proceed as scheduled. He says the alliance between the two countries will be just as effective as in the past six decades. Gen. Walter Sharp told a gathering of business leaders in Seoul, Tuesday, the United States and South Korea do not intend to alter plans for a command shift scheduled to take place in two years.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/07/2010040701013.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/07/2010040701013.html)

### [Geithner calls for closer economic ties](#)

**The Hindu, 7 April 2010**

The visiting U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner on Wednesday said Washington will closely work with New Delhi to promote a more balanced and greater economic cooperation between the two nations. "The whole focus (of the meeting) was to find ways of enhancing economic cooperation between the two countries and growth opportunities existing here," ICICI Bank managing director and chief executive Chanda Kochhar told reporters after a power lunch with Mr. Geithner in the financial capital.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article390753.ece>

### [India and Iran's Afpak policy](#)

**The Hindu, 7 April 2010**

Iran's recent hyper-activism in neighbouring Afghanistan and Pakistan has caused considerable consternation in large parts of the globe. In media circles, think-tanks and world chanceries, high-browed mandarins and their well-healed affiliates are trying to make sense of the latest, seemingly inscrutable piece of the Persian puzzle. Yet Iran's deft moves in an area that the Persians have known well for thousands of years originate from deeply deliberated and well-grounded fundamentals. Ever since the 1979 Islamic revolution, Iran has been ceaselessly battling the threat of a direct American attack or an invasion by a third country that is backed by the United States. The Iraq war of 2003 brought the American forces in an eyeball-to-eyeball face-off along Iran's western borders, while the entry of the U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan became a potential cross-border threat to Iran from the east.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article389895.ece>

### [UN staff moves out as Peshawar blast site cleared](#)

**The News, 7 April 2010**

PESHAWAR: Following a botched attack on the US Consulate in Peshawar on Monday, offices of the United Nations in the city were closed and the foreign staff moved to Islamabad as the site of the successive suicide blasts and gunfight was cleared after the overnight efforts on Tuesday. "The offices of the United Nations have been closed for two days for security reasons," said spokesperson for the world body, Ishrat Rizvi. It was learnt that the foreign staff in the UN offices were moved to Islamabad while the employees of foreign NGOs and the US Consulate were advised to restrict their movement.

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28204](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28204)

### [Nuclear futures](#)

**The News, 7 April 2010**

Energy -- its production and transmission -- lies at the heart of our current difficulties as well as at the heart of future development both economic and social. Our energy needs are expanding year by year and will do so for decades to come as the population grows; and we need a diversity of energy sources to meet those needs. Water is going to get scarcer and we cannot rely on hydroelectric power in the long term if only because rivers are drying up and weather patterns changing. Coal is something we have in abundance and could do more to exploit, and

alternative energy sources such as solar and wind are a very long way from making any significant contribution to the national power supply. Gas we have and need more of – but the proposed pipeline from Iran is already raising American anxieties and is anyway fraught with tricky issues like transit fees and pipeline security. Which brings the nuclear option into sharp focus.

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/daily\\_detail.asp?id=232871](http://www.thenews.com.pk/daily_detail.asp?id=232871)

### [US Analyst: US naval power 'ill-prepared' to confront China due to 'joint-ness'](#)

**People's Daily, 9 April 2010**

According to Defense News on April 7, the Pentagon's relentless pressure on each of the armed services to cooperate more fully with each other and pool their resources could leave the United States unprepared to face its most capable potential adversary, a key strategist said April 7. "The secular religion of 'joint-ness'," said Bryan McGrath, is making the Department of Defense "ill-prepared " to defend commercial globalization that in turn is underwritten by sea power. "The inability to do this leaves our country ill-prepared to meet the one adversary we could face - China," he added.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6945999.html>

### [Beijing to join talks on Iran issue](#)

**People's Daily, 9 April 2010**

China confirmed that it would join other world powers in New York today in talks on devising solutions to address the Iran nuclear issue. "China will participate in the relevant discussions," Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told reporters. "But we maintain that dialogue and consultation are the best way to solve the dispute." "Washington has been gearing up to win collective backing from the international community on imposing new sanctions against Iran.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6945048.html>

### [Bush says US should not fear China's growth](#)

**People's Daily, 9 April 2010**

Former US president George W. Bush said Thursday that Americans should not fear China's rise and should look for the opportunities presented by the growth of the world's most populous country. "Some people say that we all worry about it -- the growth of China," Bush told a financial forum in Shanghai. "They look at China's growth and say: 'This is cause for worry'." "I don't believe that. I view it as an opportunity. I view it as a chance to develop a win-win strategy," Bush said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6945168.html>

### [N.Korea, China 'Agreed to Preliminary Meeting' for Nuke Talks](#)

**Chosun Ilbo, 9 April 2010**

North Korea is reported to have accepted in March a Chinese proposal to hold a preliminary meeting before the resumption of the stalled six-party nuclear talks. Japanese daily Asahi Shimbun said the U.S. took Pyongyang's consent as a sign of progress and began bilateral discussions with North Korean officials. The two sides, however, failed to move forward in light of the recent sinking of the South Korean Naval corvette Cheonan in the West Sea.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/09/2010040900844.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/09/2010040900844.html)

### [What trust? Obama snubs Hatoyama](#)

**Asahi Shimbun, 9 April 2010**

When the White House named the leaders granted official summit talks with President Barack Obama, Japanese officials expected Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama to be on the list. After all, the meetings would be held on the sidelines of next week's Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, and Obama and Hatoyama had promised to work together to create a world free of nuclear weapons. As White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs named the leaders of China, India, Germany and other nations Tuesday, Japanese officials waited. And waited. Hatoyama's name was not mentioned. Although the reason for excluding Hatoyama was not given, diplomatic sources said it is clear that the deadlock over the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa Prefecture has led to a stalemate in Japan-U.S. diplomacy at the highest level.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004080463.html>

### [Playing the Asia card is the obvious choice for Australia](#)

**Asahi Shimbun, 9 April 2010**

Following are excerpts from an interview with Kevin Rudd, prime minister of Australia:

Question: I want to ask about Australia's nuclear policies and also about cooperation between our countries and practical nuclear disarmament. The International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (ICNND) was established under your leadership. With the multination nuclear security summit being held in Washington from April 12 to 13, this is an important time to develop this activity. What action is necessary and what action will you take? Answer: Firstly, Australia sees Japan as a natural partner in nonproliferation and disarmament. Personally, I was very moved by my visit to Hiroshima in 2008. I understand that was the first visit to Hiroshima by a serving Australian prime minister. I am deeply moved by these nuclear questions when you see the extraordinary damage done to people's lives by nuclear weapons. These are not ordinary weapons, they are horrific weapons and with an enormous destructive potential.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004080470.html>

### [Mutual prosperity tied up in trilateral dealings](#)

**Asahi Shimbun, 9 April 2010**

"We all have a common interest in the future stability and economic prosperity of our region. So much of Japan, China and Australia's growth and continued prosperity depends on the continued stability of our own neighborhood. It is not just dependent on what happens in America or Europe."

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004080471.html>

### [Jihadist warnings from Moscow](#)

**The Hindu, 9 April 2010**

Chechen jihadists have provided inspiration to Islamists across the world. Threats to India could emanate from Russia's battlefields in future. "The Mujahid," wrote Chechen jihadist Shamil Salmanovich Basayev, "never asks anyone for permission to strike with his sword; he just takes the sword in his hand. He will never waste his time explaining his actions; he is faithful to what has been predetermined by

God."Last month, a jihadist group founded by Basayev staged suicide bombings targeting Moscow's metropolitan train system, killing 39 people. Followed in quick time by a suicide bombing in Dagestan, which claimed 12 lives, the attacks have again focussed attention on jihadist groups in Russia —groups responsible for attacks which match, even dwarf, the assaults on India by Pakistan-backed Lashkar-e-Taiba and the Jaish-e-Mohammad.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article392054.ece>

### [Manmohan to leave for U.S., Brazil tomorrow](#)

**The Hindu, 9 April 2010**

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will embark on a visit to the US on Saturday to join leaders of 42 other countries in discussing ways to strengthen global initiatives for securing nuclear material and installations, amid concerns of terrorists gaining access to these. During the eight-day visit, Dr. Singh will also travel to Brazil to attend the Brazil-Russia-India-China (BRIC) and India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Summits, where Iran's controversial nuclear programme and the impending U.N. sanctions would be among the key issues of discussions.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article392890.ece>

### [Manmohan, Gilani may meet in Bhutan](#)

**The Hindu, 9 April 2010**

While the possibility of India and Pakistan holding substantial discussions in Washington next week is bleak, officials here said the two sides could hold Prime Minister-level discussions in Bhutan on the sidelines of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit towards the end of this month. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his Pakistani counterpart Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani would be spending two days in Thimphu and despite the absence of any breakthrough during the Foreign Secretary-level talks on February 24, the chances of the two leaders holding discussions on reopening bilateral dialogue on a number of issues are high, highly placed officials said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article392258.ece>

### [UK to provide £665m aid in four years: Miliband](#)

**The News, 9 April 2010**

LONDON: British Foreign Secretary David Miliband has said both his country and Pakistan enjoy a very positive and mutually supportive relationship, which would continue in future as well. Talking to the media during his visit to the Islamic Centre in Tooting, southwest London on Thursday to support the re-election of Labour MP Sadiq Khan, he said this relationship had burnished and nurtured under the Labour government. Responding to a question on Kashmir, he said that the UK's position on the issue had been absolutely clear. "We support strong and improved relations between Pakistan and India and it is up to them to decide the matter through bilateral dialogues."

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28238](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28238)

### [U.S. slaps anti-dumping duties on Chinese steel pipe in new protectionist move](#)

**People's Daily, 10 April 2010**

The United States on Friday imposed anti-dumping duties ranging from 30 percent to

99 percent on imports of steel pipes used in oil and gas wells, a move that might escalate trade disputes between the two countries. The Commerce Department said in a statement that prices for the Chinese pipes, or "oil country tubular goods (OCTG)," are 29.94 percent to 99.14 percent lower than fair value when it is sold in the U.S. market.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6946308.html>

### [State told come clean on Okinawa](#)

**Asahi Shimbun, 10 April 2010**

The Tokyo District Court ordered the state on Friday to disclose documents on a secret Japan-U.S. pact on the 1972 return of Okinawa to Japanese sovereignty, saying the government was "insincere in neglecting the public's right to know." The court recognized that a secret pact existed as part of the agreement to hand over Okinawa. Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada indicated the ministry would likely appeal the verdict. He pointed to the March release of an investigation by a committee of experts that failed to find any document related to the secret pact.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004090425.html>

### [Obama, Manmohan to discuss upcoming Indo-U.S. Strategic Dialogue](#)

**The Hindu, 10 April 2010**

Looking forward to meeting Prime Minister Manmohan Singh here tomorrow, U.S. President Barack Obama would be discussing with the visiting Indian leader, among other issues, the upcoming Strategic Dialogue between the two countries, nuclear security and Afghanistan. This would be the first meeting between Mr. Obama and Dr. Singh after the November 24 State Dinner last year at the White House hosted by the US President.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article393381.ece>

### [Senate to debate 18th Amendment on Monday](#)

**The News, 10 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: The 18th Amendment Bill 2010, passed by the National Assembly, would be taken up by the Senate on Monday for passage by the Upper House of parliament. Senate Chairman Farooq H Naek told the House during the Friday's proceedings that the bill would be taken up by the House on Monday (April 12). Official sources told The News that President Asif Ali Zardari would sign the bill on the prime minister's return from the US following its passage by the Senate. Meanwhile, the Senate witnessed two walkouts by opposition members on issues of the ongoing protests in the Hazara region and worst loadshedding in Balochistan.

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28250](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28250)

### [Zardari hopes for long-term Pak-US partnership](#)

**The News, 10 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has expressed the hope that the recently concluded Pak-US strategic dialogue would help translate bilateral relationship between the two countries into a long-term partnership based on mutual respect and trust. This he said during a meeting with US delegation led by Senator Thomas Carper of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, which called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr on Friday. Matters regarding Pak-US bilateral relations, Pakistan's role in the fight against militancy and terrorism, and regional

situation were discussed during the meeting.

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28252](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28252)

### [PM on US visit: India to seek Headley's extradition](#)

**Hindustan Times, 11 April 2010**

Determined to seek the extradition of Pakistani-American terrorist David Coleman Headley and access to him, India will raise the issue with US at the official-level during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's four-day visit to Washington. National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon, who is accompanying the Prime Minister, will raise the issue during his meeting with his counterpart Gen (Retd) James Jones. "We will keep pushing...This will be one of the issues...we will use every occasion to seek access (to David Headley)," sources said.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/PM-on-US-visit-India-to-seek-Headley-s-extradition/H1-Article1-529889.aspx>

### [Singh-Gilani meeting not on the cards at NS Summit](#)

**The News, 11 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: US diplomats shy away from commenting on a possible bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh except to say that, "There are some excellent meeting rooms at the venue in Washington where the Nuclear Security Summit will be held". They smile when asked if they would give Singh a roadmap to lead him into such a meeting room since Gilani would have no difficulty in finding it. There are no great expectations of such a meeting as the last thing that Singh would like is to have his opposition blame him for taking "American dictation" and meeting his Pakistani counterpart in the US. Pakistan, meanwhile, wants a result-oriented meeting between the two sides even at the foreign secretary level.

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28270](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28270)

### [Nuclear Security Summit](#)

**The News, 11 April 2010**

LONDON: Pakistan will urge the US to provide it with civilian nuclear assistance because of the acute energy crisis in the country. The issue will be taken up during the meeting between the leadership of the two countries in Washington early this week. Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has reached here en route to Washington to attend the summit. The prime minister, who will be the main speaker in the opening sitting of the conference at dinner today (Sunday) in the US capital, has said he would be putting across the position of his country in a candid and confident manner since he enjoys the confidence of the nation on the subject.

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28267](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28267)

### [Swiss AG receives SC order to reopen Swiss cases](#)

**The News, 11 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari enjoys immunity under international law and, therefore, no case can be reopened against him in the courts of Switzerland, Attorney General of Geneva Daniel Zappelli said in an interview with a Pakistani TV channel on Saturday night. Asked when the case had been closed, can it be reopened if the state makes a request as in the case of President Asif Ali Zardari, the Swiss attorney general said it is a big problem because under international law, which is

also applicable to Switzerland, the head of state, the prime minister and the foreign minister enjoy absolute immunity on the reopening of cases.

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28264](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28264)

### [Hu presents 5-point proposal for boosting China-U.S. ties](#)

**People's Daily, 13 April 2010**

Chinese President Hu Jintao on Monday put forward a five-point proposal for improving China-U.S. relations in a meeting with his U.S. counterpart, Barack Obama. The two sides should persistently stick to the right direction of bilateral ties, and take concrete moves to establish a partnership to jointly deal with common challenges, said Hu. Second, China and the United States should respect each other's core interests and major concerns. This is key to the healthy and stable development of bilateral ties, he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6948082.html>

### [Boao forum aims to be key voice of Asia: new secretary-general](#)

**People's Daily, 13 April 2010**

China will work to make the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) a key voice of Asia and more globally represented, the BFA's newly-elected secretary-general Zhou Wenzhong said Sunday. Zhou, a veteran Chinese diplomat, said that for the first time, the BFA's new board of directors has several members from other continents, including former U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and former French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin. This created conditions for the forum to be more globally represented, Zhou told Xinhua before the BFA wrapped up its annual conference on Sunday in Boao in south China's island province of Hainan.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6946725.html>

### [Lee Urges U.S. to Ratify FTA](#)

**Chosun Ilbo, 13 April 2010**

President Lee Myung-bak, who is in Washington D.C. to attend the nuclear security summit, urged the U.S. to waste no more time in ratifying the pending free trade agreement with Korea which was signed in 2007. "I'm worried that the [U.S.] government may resort to certain protectionist measures" in order to revive its economy, Lee said in an interview with the Washington Post on Monday (local time). If it "does that, it could lose a lot of its global leadership and prestige, because the United States has always been a beacon of free trade."

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/13/2010041300982.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/13/2010041300982.html)

### [Korea Opens Hospital, Job Training Center in Afghanistan](#)

**Chosun Ilbo, 13 April 2010**

Korea has opened a hospital and a job training center at the U.S. Air Base in Bagram in southern Afghanistan as part of an effort to help rebuild the war-torn nation. The hospital with two operating rooms and 30 offices will be run by around 50 medical staff while the neighboring vocational center will prepare 75 local job seekers for the labor market.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/13/2010041300818.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/13/2010041300818.html)

### [Japan to propose nuclear tracking](#)

### **Asahi Shimbun, 13 April 2010**

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama left Monday to attend the nuclear security summit in Washington, where he was expected to propose the creation of a system to track nuclear material and identify the manufacturer. The system would be designed to prevent terrorists from obtaining nuclear materials. Sources said Japan would use its expertise in materials analysis and data communications to create the system. Hatoyama would also present a proposal to accept foreign engineers at Tokai, Ibaraki Prefecture, to teach them how to handle nuclear materials, sources said.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004120224.html>

### **US: Trade deficit with China narrows**

#### **People's Daily, 14 April 2010**

The U.S. trade deficit with China narrowed to its lowest level in nearly a year in February, while its overall trade gap widened as strengthening domestic demand triggered a surge in imports from abroad. Analysts said Tuesday's data may provide China a reason to resist revaluing its currency "substantially". "The decline in the bilateral trade deficit with China might take a little of the pressure off the Chinese to allow their currency to appreciate against the dollar," said Paul Ashworth, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics in Toronto.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6949897.html>

### **Chinese president urges concerted action to enhance nuclear security**

#### **People's Day, 14 April 2010**

Chinese President Hu Jintao on Tuesday called for concerted action by all countries to enhance nuclear security while stressing the need to properly address the challenge. "The potential threat of nuclear terrorism cannot be neglected and the risk of nuclear material diversion and illicit trafficking is on the rise," Hu said in a speech delivered at the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington. In the speech, Hu put forward five proposals on ways to strengthen nuclear security.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6949669.html>

### **S.Korea to Host Next Nuclear Summit in 2012**

#### **Chosun Ilbo, 14 April 2010**

South Korea has been chosen to host the second Nuclear Security Summit to be held in the first half of 2012. At the first Nuclear Security Summit under way in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, U.S. President Barack Obama nominated South Korea as the host of the next summit, while the leaders of the 47 countries taking part in the latest meeting unanimously supported the nomination. "If the G20 Summit is the top consultative group for economic issues, the Nuclear Security Summit is the highest negotiating body discussing the core issue of nuclear proliferation," President Lee Myung-bak said in a press conference following the selection. "It is due to the support of the Korean public that our country has been chosen to host both meetings." He said the main objective of the nuclear summit is to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and block the threat of nuclear terrorism, and forecast more countries will attend the gathering in 2012.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/14/2010041400541.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/14/2010041400541.html)

### **Hatoyama, Obama talk about Futenma**

**Asahi Shimbun, 14 April 2010**

WASHINGTON--Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, in a meeting here Monday with U.S. President Barack Obama, reiterated his resolve to settle the Futenma relocation issue by the end of May. The two men, seated side by side at a dinner given for leaders attending the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, spoke for about 10 minutes. Hatoyama said he sought Obama's cooperation in resolving the issue of relocating the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa Prefecture, but that he stopped short of discussing specific sites. He declined to say how the president responded.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004130431.html>

**[Senior CPC official: Sino-Turkish economic cooperation has broad perspective](#)**

**People's Daily, 15 April 2010**

Li Changchun, a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC), said in Istanbul Wednesday that the economic cooperation between China and Turkey has "broad perspective." Li, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, was on an official goodwill visit to Turkey. He addressed businessmen from Turkey and those Chinese enterprises who operate in this country in the crossroad of Asia and Europe. "Mutual trust is the pretext for bilateral cooperation," he said, urging both sides to consolidate political foundation for promoting economic cooperation in line with mutual respect, mutual benefit, equality and common development.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6951499.html>

**[Quake toll rises to 791, Wen comforts survivors](#)**

**People's Daily, 16 April 2010**

China's premier Wen Jiabao flew to the Tibetan plateau late Thursday to oversee rescue efforts after a strong earthquake on Wednesday has taken a toll of 791 lives. It is reported that up to 10,000 were injured and Gyegu, the seat of Yushu country, was nearly flattened by the powerful Magnitude 7.1 Richter scale quake. President Hu Jintao is cutting short his visit to Latin America because of the earthquake and will return home early from Brazil, where he is attending a summit of leading emerging markets, a Brazilian Foreign Ministry spokesman said. He was supposed to go on to Venezuela and Chile.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6952963.html>

**[Brazil sees 'affinity' with China over Iran: FM](#)**

**People's Daily, 16 April 2010**

Brazil shares "great affinity" with China over what course to take on Iran, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim told reporters on Thursday, as UN Security Council members mulled new sanctions against Tehran. Amorim said Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva outlined Brazil's defense of Iran in the teeth of the sanctions threat in bilateral talks with Chinese President Hu Jintao ahead of a BRIC summit in Brasilia, explaining that he believed any sanctions would prove ineffective. "Our impression... is that the effectiveness of sanctions is debatable," Amorim said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6953397.html>

**[Chinese, Russian presidents meet on bilateral relations](#)**

### **People's Daily, 16 April 2010**

Chinese President Hu Jintao met his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev Thursday in Brasilia to discuss bilateral ties and other important issues of common concern. It was the first meeting between the two leaders since they met on the sidelines of the Economic Leaders' Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Singapore last November. Hu and Medvedev were meeting on the sidelines of a summit of BRIC nations, namely Brazil, Russia, India and China.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6953345.html>

### **[U.S. 'Won't Seek Talks with N.Korea Until Shipwreck Is Explained'](#)**

#### **Chosun Ilbo, 16 April 2010**

The U.S. will start discussions on the resumption of six-party nuclear talks with North Korea once it is known what caused the South Korean Navy corvette Cheonan to sink in the West Sea on March 26, a senior U.S. official said Wednesday. Kurt Campbell, the U.S. assistant secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, made the remarks when he met reporters after a seminar hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. When asked about the resumption of the six-party talks, he said, "Let's find out what happened in the sinking of the corvette" first.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/16/2010041600414.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/16/2010041600414.html)

### **[Futenma issue reaching danger zone](#)**

#### **Asahi Shimbun, 16 April 2010**

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama sought U.S. President Barack Obama's cooperation in resolving the Futenma issue by his self-imposed end of May deadline, but didn't get the response he had hoped for. There was no change in the U.S. government position of pursuing implementation of the current agreement reached in 2006, which the Hatoyama administration is trying to replace with its own alternatives.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004150385.html>

### **[Okada in uphill nuclear battle](#)**

#### **Asahi Shimbun, 16 April 2010**

Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada is stuck between a rock and a hard place, defense-wise. While urging nations to move to eliminate nuclear weapons, he must also defend Japan's dependence on the nuclear umbrella provided by the United States. At Wednesday's Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee session, Okada was prodded about the recent U.S. announcement of its Nuclear Posture Review (NPR). Okada seemed to take some credit for that state of affairs, saying, "I believe that the various lobbying efforts we made have had some effect."

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004150381.html>

### **[UN report has vindicated PPP: Zardari](#)**

#### **Dawn, 17 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari said on Friday the UN inquiry commission's report had confirmed the apprehensions of the Pakistan People's Party about the assassination of Benazir Bhutto. He ordered that the ongoing criminal investigation be expedited. In an official statement, issued almost 20 hours after the release of the UN report, the president said the PPP had been claiming that the Musharraf government was responsible — first, for the criminal neglect in providing security to

Ms Bhutto and, second, by hushing up available evidence to cover up the crime.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/un-report-has-vindicated-ppp-zardari-740>

### [Taliban targets U.S. contractors working on projects in Afghanistan](#)

**Washington Post, 17 April 2010**

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN -- The Taliban has begun regularly targeting U.S. government contractors in southern Afghanistan, stepping up use of a tactic that is rattling participating firms and could undermine development projects intended to stem the insurgency, according to U.S. officials. Within the past month, there have been at least five attacks in Helmand and Kandahar provinces against employees of U.S. Agency for International Development contractors who are running agricultural projects, building roads, maintaining power plants and working with local officials.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/16/AR2010041604521.html>

### [Top Huji leader held in Sylhet](#)

**Daily Star, 17 April 2010**

The Detective Branch of police arrested the alleged UK unit chief of outlawed Islamist outfit Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami Bangladesh in Sylhet on Thursday 14 months after he came out of jail on a High Court bail. The DB yesterday took the Bangladesh-born British citizen, Golam Mostofa, 55, who is also an Afghan war veteran, on a four-day remand for interrogation. London police levelled charges of financing militant groups against Mostofa and have seized various documents relating to militancy in several drives, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque at a press briefing yesterday.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=134601>

### ['Obama, here I come'](#)

**Indian Express, 18 April 2010**

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had to advance his trip to Washington by a day and do away with an overnight halt in Frankfurt following a late confirmation from US President Barack Obama's office of a bilateral meeting on Sunday. Obama's office confirmed to the Indian side on Wednesday about the bilateral meeting on April 11, and immediately the Ministry of External Affairs and the PMO swung into action. This included not only clearing up PM's schedule for the day but also arranging for overflight clearances to security arrangements as well as accommodation issues in the US.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/obama-here-i-come/604993/>

### [China, Venezuela sign agreements on oil, hydropower projects](#)

**People's Daily, 18 April 2010**

China and Venezuela on Saturday signed a series of agreements to help the latter develop its oil and hydropower industries. Under the agreements, the two countries will set up an oil exploiting and processing joint venture in Venezuela's Orinoco reserves belt. China will help the South American nation build its own hydropower generator to ease the oil-exporting country's recent energy crisis.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6954569.html>

### [China dissatisfied with EU's coated paper anti-subsidy investigation](#)

**People's Daily, 18 April 2010**

China is disappointed the European Union (EU) has decided to launch an anti-subsidy investigation into imported Chinese coated paper, Ministry of Commerce (MOC) spokesman Yao Jian said Saturday. "China will closely follow this issue and reserves its right to take necessary measures in accordance with WTO rules," Yao said. He said the coated paper probe is the EU's first anti-subsidy investigation into Chinese products.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6954566.html>

### [Sino-U.S. agreement on yuan exchange rate report untrue: ministry](#)

**People's Daily, 19 April 2010**

Recent Chinese media reports that China and the United States had reached a tentative agreement on the exchange rate level of yuan, or China's currency renminbi, were untrue, a spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOC) told Xinhua Monday. According to the media reports, China's Vice Minister of Commerce Zhong Shan said at the ongoing 107th China Import and Export Fair in Guangzhou that the yuan exchange rate would remain basically stable after discussions between the two sides.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6955832.html>

### [Venezuela: China offers US\\$20 billion in financing](#)

**People's Daily, 19 April 2010**

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Saturday that China was providing the South American nation with a long-term, \$20 billion financing plan to aid the local economy. "China is going to give financing to Venezuela, to the Venezuelan people ... over the long-term and in large volume of some \$20 billion," Chavez said in Caracas at a signing ceremony Saturday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6954847.html>

### [U.S. Intelligence Expert Visited Seoul After Shipwreck](#)

**Chosun Ilbo, 19 April 2010**

An officer in charge of North Korean affairs at the U.S. National Intelligence Agency made a secret visit to South Korea early this month after the Navy corvette Cheonan sank in the West Sea on March 26, it emerged Sunday. Sylvia Copeland reportedly met senior South Korean intelligence officers to exchange intelligence on what North Korea was doing around the time of the sinking and discuss a possible response. In the meeting, Copeland focused on analyzing related intelligence reports, sources said.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/19/2010041901187.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/19/2010041901187.html)

### [15,000 rally against base transfer](#)

**Asahi Shimbun, 19 April 2010**

TOKUNOSHIMA, Kagoshima Prefecture--About 15,000 people rallied here Sunday to protest a plan to transfer elements of a U.S. military base from Okinawa Prefecture to this island, organizers said. Participants, including those from outside the island, crowded a fishing port to oppose an option suggested by the government of Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama for relocating helicopter operations at the U.S. Marine

Corps Air Station Futenma in Ginowan, Okinawa Prefecture. Tokunoshima has a population of 26,000. Rally participants said they don't need a U.S. military base on "the island of longevity and fertility."

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004180162.html>

### [Shroud over show industry](#)

**People's Daily, 20 April 2010**

A huge ash cloud spreading from a volcanic eruption in Iceland since Friday is likely to deal a blow to China's exhibition industry, with a majority of flights in Europe still grounded on Monday. April typically marks the beginning of the convention/exhibition season in the country, and Auto China 2010 - an annual exhibition for global auto giants to promote new cars that was slated to start on Friday in Beijing - now faces some uncertainty. Senior managers from Europe were expected to arrive in Beijing no later than Thursday for the media day on Friday but now, nobody knows whether they can make it on time.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90860/6956365.html>

### [U.S. Gets More Active in Cheonan Investigation](#)

**Chosun Ilbo, 20 April 2010**

The South Korean military has asked the U.S. for intelligence about North Korean submarines and espionage operations against the South to establish whether the North was involved in the sinking of the Navy corvette Cheonan on March 26, according to a source on Monday. The source said, "South Korean and U.S. intelligence agencies are trying to check what the North Korean Army was doing, including what communications they exchanged and what their submarines or submersibles were doing around the time of the disaster."

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/20/2010042000432.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/20/2010042000432.html)

### [Futenma May deadline a political time bomb](#)

**Asahi Shimbun, 20 April 2010**

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama will face intense pressure to step down if his government fails to reach a decision on relocating the Futenma air base in Okinawa Prefecture to an island in southern Japan by his self-imposed end of May deadline. In a move largely seen as driven by desperation, the government has started the groundwork to officially seek consent from local leaders on Tokunoshima island in Kagoshima Prefecture to relocate elements of the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa. It's a high-stakes gamble, and the cards are stacked against Hatoyama.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004190406.html>

### [South Korea Arrests 2 From North in Alleged Assassination Plot](#)

**NYT, 21 April 2010**

SEOUL. South Korea — South Korean security officials said Wednesday they had arrested two North Korean agents who posed as defectors in a plot to assassinate the highest-ranking North Korean defector by slitting his throat. The defector, Hwang Jang-yop, a former North Korean Workers' Party secretary, has bitterly criticized the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-il, since he defected in 1997. Mr. Hwang tutored Mr. Kim and helped create the country's ruling philosophy of *juche*, or national self-reliance. Mr. Hwang, now 87, lives at a secret address in South Korea under heavy

police protection. He occasionally emerges to give a speech or a lecture, as he did recently in Washington and Tokyo, and his talks are typically replete with biting assessments of Mr. Kim and the North Korean regime.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/22/world/asia/22korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

### **[Pakistan to get US guided-missile frigate on Aug 31](#)**

**News, 21 April 2010**

WASHINGTON: Pakistan and United States signed a contract for the transfer of the guided-missile frigate USS McInerney here on Tuesday. The contract will enable Pakistan to take over the USS McInerney at the US Naval station Mayport, Florida on August 31 this year, after which it will be commissioned as PNS Alamgir .A comprehensive refurbishment of the ship will be undertaken under the supervision of US Navy, which will be completed by January 2011.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/arc\\_default.asp?arc\\_date=4/21/2010](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/arc_default.asp?arc_date=4/21/2010)

### **[US hopes Pakistan will join fissile material talks](#)**

**News, 21 April 2010**

GENEVA: The United States believes it will be possible to convince Pakistan to join negotiations on a treaty to ban production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons, a senior US diplomat said on Tuesday. The UN-backed Conference on Disarmament in Geneva has been considering such a ban. But Pakistan has blocked the start of negotiations on a fissile material cut-off treaty, arguing this would put it at a permanent disadvantage to India.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/arc\\_default.asp?arc\\_date=4/21/2010](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/arc_default.asp?arc_date=4/21/2010)

### **[Hatoyama strikes out on island plan](#)**

**Asahi Shimbun, 22 April 2010**

Finally, it has come to this: The government's plan to relocate part of the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to Tokunoshima island did not even reach first base. On Tuesday, the mayors of the three towns on the island in Kagoshima Prefecture off the southern coast of Kyushu were unanimous in rejecting an overture to meet with Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirofumi Hirano to discuss moving some of Futenma's functions from Okinawa Prefecture to Tokunoshima. Their refusal to even enter into talks means that Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama will have to look elsewhere if he has any hope of keeping to his self-imposed end of May deadline for announcing the Futenma move. Hatoyama was asked by Liberal Democratic Party head Sadakazu Tanigaki in the Diet on Wednesday if he could still reach a decision by his end of May deadline.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004210391.html>

### **[JCP chief to visit U.S. for NPT confab](#)**

**Asahi Shimbun, 22 April 2010**

Kazuo Shii will become the first chairman of the Japanese Communist Party to visit the United States, whose system of government the party has denounced as practicing "monopolistic capitalism" and "imperialism." Shii, 55, told reporters Tuesday he will attend the review conference on the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty that is to convene May 3 in New York. "As a political party in the only nation that has suffered a nuclear attack, we want to do our best to help the conference become

successful," Shii said.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004210388.html>

### [Talks on giving India access to Headley "still on track"](#)

**Hindu, 22 April 2010**

Washington DC: "Discussions to provide Indian authorities with access to Mr. Headley are still on track," according to John Theis, lawyer of David Coleman Headley, accused in the Mumbai terror attacks of 2008. Speaking to The Hindu, Mr. Theis said it may however be two more weeks before any more substantive details become available.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/22/stories/2010042263281200.htm>

### [US not to mark out Pakistan, India for NPT](#)

**Dawn, 22 April 2010**

WASHINGTON: The Obama administration has refused to mark out India and Pakistan as countries that needed to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, saying instead that since they are "very special friends," Washington holds daily conversations with them on such issues. Ellen Tauscher, who as Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security is responsible for the administration's non-proliferation policies, however, indicated that the United States opposed other nations joining the nuclear club. "The countries that you mentioned are very special friends of the United States. We have conversations with them every day about many different things," said Secretary Tauscher when asked if Washington would also persuade India and Pakistan to join the NPT.

[http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/both-countries-very-special-friends-us-not-to-mark-out-pakistan%2C-india-for-npt-240?pagedesign=Dawn\\_PrintlyFriendlyPage](http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/both-countries-very-special-friends-us-not-to-mark-out-pakistan%2C-india-for-npt-240?pagedesign=Dawn_PrintlyFriendlyPage)

### [U.S. Navy planning "Great Green Fleet"](#)

**Hindu, 22 April 2010**

The United States Navy is set to be both green and mean with the dawning of an new eco-friendly assault force that will mind its carbon footprint as it destroys its enemy. It is to launch "the Great Green Fleet", a fighting force of ships, submarines and planes powered entirely by biofuels. The first group will be tested in 2012, and the navy plans for it to be operational by 2016. The push for greener fighting forces runs across the Pentagon. The military accounts for nearly 80 per cent of the U.S. government's energy consumption and the two wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have made strategists acutely conscious of both the massive cost and serious security risks of the gas-guzzling ways of the past. By the time it arrives in the war zone, a gallon of gas can cost up to \$400, according to a study by the Pew project on national security, energy and climate. The U.S. military is also anxious to cut down on fuel convoys to reduce troops' exposure to roadside bombs and other risks.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/22/stories/2010042252321100.htm>

### [US getting useful information from Mulla Baradar](#)

**News, 22 April 2010**

WASHINGTON: Interrogations of the Afghan Taliban's No 2 leader have started producing useful intelligence on the group and its operations against the US forces across the Pakistani border, US officials said on Tuesday. Mulla Abdul Ghani Baradar

was captured in Karachi in late January in a joint operation by the CIA and Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). Direct US access to Baradar, who is in Pakistani custody, was minimal at first. But US officials said the ISI has eased restrictions and American investigators have been participating regularly and directly in interrogation sessions for at least the past month.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/arc\\_default.asp?arc\\_date=4/22/2010](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/arc_default.asp?arc_date=4/22/2010)

**[U.S., China to hold new round of human rights dialogue in May](#)**  
**People's Daily, 23 April 2010**

The U.S.-China Human Rights Dialogue will take place on May 13-14 in Washington, announced U.S. State Department on Thursday. The U.S. delegation will be led by Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Michael Posner. The Chinese delegation will be headed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General for International Organizations Chen Xu. The human rights dialogue, which was scheduled by the end of February, had been delayed due to tensions between Washington and Beijing over U.S. arms sale to Taiwan and U.S. President Barack Obama's meeting with the Dalai Lama early this year.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6960448.html>

**[U.S. 'Won't Accept Nuclear-Armed N.Korea'](#)**  
**Chosun Ilbo, 23 April 2010**

A senior U.S. official has reaffirmed that the U.S. will not accept a North Korean Foreign Ministry bid to join nuclear non-proliferation efforts on condition that the North is recognized as a nuclear-armed state. In a lecture at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington and a press conference on Wednesday, White House Coordinator for Weapons of Mass Destruction, Security and Arms Control Gary Samore said the U.S. cannot accept the North as a nuclear-armed state. Its policy is clear that the Korean Peninsula should be completely free of nuclear weapons, he added.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/23/2010042300597.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/23/2010042300597.html)

**[Fake Dollars Flood N.Korea-China Border Area](#)**  
**Chosun Ilbo, 23 April 2010**

Counterfeit US\$100 notes printed in North Korea are widely circulated in the North Korea-China border area, Radio Free Asia reported Thursday. The U.S. Treasury Department earlier announced a plan to print newly designed \$100 notes with more anti-counterfeit solutions. The so-called "supernotes" have been spotted in large quantity in border towns such as Sinuiju in North Pyongan Province. Amid rumors in mid-January that the U.S. will print new \$100 bills, a department charged with operations against the South in the North Korean Workers' Party and the Army's Reconnaissance Bureau apparently released their stockpiles of the fakes to get rid of inventory, RFA quoted North Korean sources as saying.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/23/2010042300467.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/23/2010042300467.html)

**[U.S.: Units must be within 65 nautical miles](#)**  
**Asahi Shimbun, 23 April 2010**

The U.S. government has told Japanese officials that an operational requirement of ground and helicopter units now based at the Futenma base in Ginowan, Okinawa Prefecture, is that they must remain within 65 nautical miles (120 kilometers) of

each other, according to a high-ranking Tokyo official. That would disqualify Tokunoshima island in Kagoshima Prefecture as an option for relocation of helicopter units at the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, as suggested by the Hatoyama government. The island is a little less than 200 km northeast of Okinawa's main island, where the ground units are stationed.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004220487.html>

**[Chinese Military Seeks to Extend Its Naval Power](#)**  
**NYT, 24 April 2010**

YALONG BAY, China — The Chinese military is seeking to project naval power well beyond the Chinese coast, from the oil ports of the Middle East to the shipping lanes of the Pacific, where the United States Navy has long reigned as the dominant force, military officials and analysts say. China calls the new strategy "far sea defense," and the speed with which it is building long-range capabilities has surprised foreign military officials. The strategy is a sharp break from the traditional, narrower doctrine of preparing for war over the self-governing island of Taiwan or defending the Chinese coast. Now, Chinese admirals say they want warships to escort commercial vessels that are crucial to the country's economy, from as far as the Persian Gulf to the Strait of Malacca, in Southeast Asia, and to help secure Chinese interests in the resource-rich South and East China Seas.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/24/world/asia/24navy.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**[Seoul eyes delay in commanding own troops in war](#)**  
**Asahi Shimbun, 24 April 2010**

SEOUL--Three years ago, the South Korean and U.S. governments decided that the South should have control of its own military from 2012 if war flared on the Korean Peninsula. But now, the conservative administration in Seoul plans to ask Washington to delay the timetable, government sources here said. They say timing is a crucial concern. In February 2007, the two nations agreed that wartime operational control of the South's troops would switch to the South Korean military from April 2012. That decision was reached when President Roh Moo-hyun was in power.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004230381.html>

**[State appeals ruling on secret pact](#)**  
**Asahi Shimbun, 24 April 2010**

The government filed an appeal Thursday with the Tokyo High Court over a lower court ruling earlier this month in which it was ordered to disclose documents on a secret Japan-U.S. pact on the 1972 return of Okinawa to Japanese sovereignty. In a statement explaining its position, the Foreign Ministry argued that the district court ruling was handed down without due consideration to the ministry's "thorough investigation" into internal documents at the instruction of Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada. The lawsuit was filed in 2009 by 25 plaintiffs, including a former Mainichi Shimbun reporter, seeking to overturn a 2008 decision by the foreign and finance ministries not to disclose the seven documents because the ministries argued the records did not exist.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004230395.html>

**[Solicitor-General going to U.S. on Headley trail](#)**

### **Hindu, 24 April 2010**

NEW DELHI: India's efforts to get access to Lashkar-e-Taiba operative David Coleman Headley, who has pleaded guilty before a U.S. court to charges of plotting the 26/11 attacks, are likely to get a further push with Solicitor-General Gopal Subramaniam leaving here for Washington on Saturday for discussions with U.S. Justice Department officials. Mr. Subramaniam's trip, likely to continue till Monday, comes within a fortnight of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to the U.S. and days after Ambassador Timothy J. Roemer gave the assurance that the U.S. was working at the "highest level" to provide India access to Headley, an American citizen of Pakistani origin, who has been in custody since October last when he was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/24/stories/2010042461250100.htm>

### **India-US naval exercise begins**

#### **Hindu, 24 April 2010**

NEW DELHI: Navies of India and the United States have begun annual war exercises involving anti-submarine warfare surface firings, visit board, search and seizure and submarine operations. The 14th edition of MALABAR in the Arabian Sea will see frontline units of the U.S. Navy's 7 {+t} {+h} Fleet and Indian Navy's Western Fleet taking part in the 10-day exercise. The regular India – U.S. interaction over the years has resulted in an increase in the complexity and professional content of the bilateral exercise, Navy spokesman Cdr. P.V.S. Satish said here.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/24/stories/2010042464041100.htm>

### **Nato irons out plan for Afghan civilian, military handover**

#### **Dawn, 24 April 2010**

Nato foreign ministers sealed on Friday a plan for international troops and civilian staff in Afghanistan to hand over responsibility to the local military and government. In talks in Tallinn, capital of Estonia, the ministers endorsed guidelines for passing control to the Afghans as Nato and US-led forces drive Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters out of provinces across the insurgency-hit country. "We agreed the approach we will take to transition. We set out a process, the conditions that will have to be met, and what we will do to make those conditions happen," Nato Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/nato-irons-out-plan-for-afghan-civilian%2C-military-handover-440>

### **Five leading Indian firms under U.S. scanner for Iran links**

#### **Hindu, 25 April 2010**

NEW DELHI: With five leading Indian firms under the American scanner for doing business with Iran's oil and gas sector, the Manmohan Singh government might soon have to walk its talk on opposing sanctions on the Islamic Republic. In a week in which the House of Representatives voted to speed up the process of reconciling its anti-Iran bill with the version passed by the Senate, the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) made public a report naming the five Indian companies as part of a list of 41 foreign firms helping Iran develop its oil and gas sector.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/25/stories/2010042560170100.htm>

### [In Bajaur, Pakistan Army faults U.S. strategy](#)

**Hindu, 26 April 2010**

KHAAR (BAJAUR): After a bloody campaign that lasted six months, the Pakistan Army has restored control over this tribal agency that nearly fell last year to a rampaging Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). As the Army helicopter swept down towards the fort, it was clear that the Army and the paramilitary Bajaur Scouts were putting their best foot forward to showcase an area that had gone out of state control to militias aligned with Behtullah Mehsud's TTP.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/26/stories/2010042654311200.htm>

### [China's clout puts it in No. 3 spot at the World Bank](#)

**Asahi Shimbun, 27 April 2010**

WASHINGTON--In a reflection of China's growing economic might, it will soon have a greater say in World Bank affairs. That's because it is set to become the third-largest contributor to the organization following reforms to determine the size of payments from member countries, sources here said. Currently the sixth-largest contributor, China will surpass Germany, Britain and France to rank behind the United States and Japan.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201004210384.html>

### [China, U.S. to hold 2nd strategic and economic dialogue](#)

**People's Daily, 27 April 2010**

China and the United States will hold the second round of strategic and economic dialogue in Beijing in late May, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu here Tuesday. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will come to exchange views with China on strategic issues of common concern, Jiang told a regular press conference.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6965165.html>

### [China to bring 'balance' to nuke meeting](#)

**People's Daily, 27 April 2010**

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said in a report released Monday that China, a vital country in the upcoming Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review meeting, to be held in New York on May 3, would balance the big nuclear powers and the non-nuclear weapon nations. The report, entitled "China and Nuclear Arms Control: Current Positions and Future Policies," states that China is expected to strengthen its nuclear forces, noting that "China is unlikely to take part in any unilateral or multilateral disarmament steps in the near to medium term."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6964087.html>

### [U.S. Thinks N.Korean Attack 'Likely' Cause of Shipwreck](#)

**Chosun Ilbo, 27 April 2010**

The U.S. believes there is high chance that South Korean naval corvette Cheonan was sunk in a North Korean attack, CNN reported Monday. "A North Korean torpedo attack was the most likely cause for the sinking of a South Korean warship last month," it said citing a U.S. military official. "The United States believes the ship was sunk by the blast of an underwater explosion, but that the explosive device itself did not come in contact with the hull of the South Korean ship," he said. This is in line

with what the South Korean military has concluded.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/04/27/2010042701278.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/04/27/2010042701278.html)