

**Pakistan action of modifying missile not in India's interest:
Admiral Mehta**

Hindu, 1 September 2009

NEW DELHI: With Pakistan being accused by the United States of modifying missiles supplied by it to bring India in its range, the outgoing Navy Chief viewed the development as one against the country's national interests. Admiral Sureesh Mehta, who laid down office on Monday, said New Delhi was reiterating that the military supplies have nothing to do with Pakistan's self-defence.

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/01/stories/2009090156161000.htm>

Army tanks battle night-blindness

Times of India, 1 September 2009

NEW DELHI: A majority of Army tanks continue to grope in the dark, stricken as they are with an acute case of night blindness, in yet another example of the Indian defence establishment's sheer inability to take timely decisions in tune with strategic concerns. Army's long-standing objective to equip its mechanized forces, including the over 1,600 T-72 tanks which form the backbone of the country's armoured might, with advanced night-fighting capabilities is still a long distance away from fruition, say sources. For instance, Army's case for acquiring 700 TISAS (thermal imaging stand alone systems) and 418 TIFACS (thermal fire control systems) for its T-72 fleet at a cost of around Rs 1,150 crore is still hanging fire at the commercial negotiations stage

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Army-tanks-battle-night-blindness/articleshow/4957199.cms>

India plays down Chinese incursions

Times of India, 1 September 2009

NEW DELHI: India on Monday sought to play down incursions by the Chinese into its territory with highly placed government officials stating that this was a fallout of the absence of "mutually agreed" Line of Actual Control (LAC) between the two countries. This was even as Indian Army chief Gen Deepak Kapoor admitted incursion by a Chinese chopper two months ago. While the number of Chinese incursions into Indian territory remains as high as last year, Indian officials said that such "transgression" must be seen in the proper context. "The fact is that we don't yet have a mutually agreed LAC. We have proposed an early clarification from China on LAC, but so far there has been no response from Beijing," a top government official said

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/India-plays-down-Chinese-incursions/articleshow/4955829.cms>

President Patil to discuss defence, energy coop with Russia

Times of India, 2 September 2009

A range of bilateral issues including defence and energy cooperation will top the agenda of President Pratibha Patil's talks with the

Russian leadership as she visits Moscow on Wednesday as part of the 'Year of India' celebrations in the country. During her five-day state visit, Patil will discuss issues like defence and energy during her talks with President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, Indian Ambassador to Russia Prabhat Prakash Shukla said in Moscow

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india/President-Patil-to-discuss-defence-energy-coop-with-Russia/Article1-449297.aspx>

Army withdrawing 39 Mountain Division from Jammu and Kashmir

Times of India, 2 September 2009

YOLE CANTONMENT, HIMACHAL PRADESH: An army division, comprising around 15,000 troops, is being withdrawn from Jammu and Kashmir and some of its units have already returned to its base in Himachal Pradesh, a senior army officer said on Tuesday. On withdrawal of 39 Mountain Division from Rajouri and Poonch border districts to its base in Palampur in Himachal Pradesh, General Officer Commanding (GOC), 9 Corps Lt Gen G M Nair here said, "This division is being shifted. Some of its units have already reached its base in HP."

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Army-withdrawing-39-Mountain-Division-from-Jammu-and-Kashmir/articleshow/4961455.cms>

Pakistan rapidly ramping up India-specific nuclear arsenal

Times of India, 2 September 2009

WASHINGTON: Pakistan's rapidly ramped up nuclear arsenal is now 70-90 strong with increasingly sophisticated bomb designs and smart delivery systems aimed primarily at India, two US researchers have said, even as Islamabad is running from pillar to post seeking foreign aid to stem an economic collapse. In a paper written for the Bulletin for Atomic Scientists, Robert Norris of the Natural Resources Defense Council and Hans Kristensen of the Federation of American Scientists say Pakistan is "busily enhancing its capabilities across the board," with new nuclear-capable ballistic missiles being readied for deployment, and two nuclear capable cruise missiles under development

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Pakistan-rapidly-ramping-up-India-specific-nuclear-arsenal/articleshow/4961056.cms>

Anti-terror cooperation: PC to visit US

Times of India, 5 September 2009

WASHINGTON: US-India cooperation on the issue of Pakistan's cross-border terrorism and money laundering will top the agenda during home minister P Chidambaram's visit to Washington next week. Chidambaram is expected here on September 8, just as Washington DC returns to life after a long, Labor Day weekend holiday, for meetings with his US counterparts, including interior secretary Ken Salazar, secretary of state Hillary Clinton, and key

officials of US intelligence and law enforcement agencies

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Anti-terror-cooperation-PC-to-visit-US/articleshow/4974551.cms>

[Pak army resorting to firing to push in militants: Army Chief](#)
Hindustan Times, 5 September 2009

Observing that ceasefire violations by Islamabad were on the rise, Army Chief Gen Deepak Kapoor said the Pakistan army was resorting to firing on the border to push in maximum militants before winter to "disrupt" the peaceful environment of Jammu and Kashmir. "The attempts of ceasefire violation have increased because this enables infiltration to be carried out when the firing is on and can be used as a diversionary tactic," he told reporters when referred to ceasefire violations by Pakistan and rise in infiltration by militants

[May have to revisit nuclear no-first use policy: Army chief](#)
Times of India, 6 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Army chief Gen Deepak Kapoor may have opened a fresh discussion on India's nuclear posture and preparedness with his recent remarks that if reports of Pakistan's expanded arsenal are correct, then New Delhi may well have to reconsider its strategic stance. The Army chief's latest remarks with regard to a report by Federation of American Scientists which said the Pakistani arsenal could be as large as 70-90 warheads — he had earlier said if true this went beyond deterrence — has further spurred the debate in the strategic community

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/May-have-to-revisit-nuclear-no-first-use-policy-Army-chief/articleshow/4977129.cms>

[India conveys concern to US over Harpoon modification by Pak](#)

Times of India, 6 September 2009

NEW DELHI: India has conveyed its concerns to the US over reported modification of American Harpoon missiles illegally by Pakistan with an apparent objective of targeting this country. The concerns were shared by National Security Adviser M K Narayanan and Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao with US Ambassador Timothy J Roemer when the latter met them on Tuesday, official sources said here today

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/India-conveys-concern-to-US-over-Harpoon-modification-by-Pak/articleshow/4976434.cms>

[New N-E division with eye on China?](#)

Times of India, 11 September 2009

KOLKATA: The Army is creating a new Mountain Division for the Northeast, headquartered in central Nagaland or the adjoining areas of Upper Assam. Although it will be stationed in an area when the Army is engaged in counter-insurgency operations, sources say the

division could also have the task of keeping an eye on the Chinese border in neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh, sources indicated

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/New-N-E-division-with-eye-on-China/articleshow/4995973.cms>

[Security threats from Pakistan have not lessened: Chidambaram](#)

Hindu, 12 September 2009

Washington: Security threats to India from militant groups operating from Pakistani soil have not diminished, Home Minister P. Chidambaram said on Friday. He also said that there was an increase in infiltration from Pakistan in the last four months. He conveyed New Delhi's concerns during meetings with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and top security officials of the Obama administration

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/12/stories/2009091258020100.htm>

[PN gets frigate built in China](#)

Dawn, 13 September 2009

KARACHI, Sept 12: The first F-22 P frigate of the Pakistan Navy, PNS Zulfiqar, constructed in China, arrived here on Saturday and took part in the ongoing naval exercises in the Arabian Sea. The ship was welcomed by the PN surface and aviation units conducting exercises. PNS Zulfiqar also participated in its very first naval exercises, which were witnessed by the Commander of Pakistan Fleet, Rear Admiral Asif Sandila

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/pn-gets-frigate-built-in-china-399>

[Report on firing across LAC incorrect, says MEA](#)

Hindu, 16 September 2009

NEW DELHI: India on Tuesday described as "incorrect" a news report that two jawans of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police were injured in firing from across the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. "A media report about two ITBP jawans having been injured due to firing from across the LAC has come to notice. The report is factually incorrect," External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vishnu Prakash said

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/16/stories/2009091659671000.htm>

[Russia ready to help India build its own advanced radar](#)

Hindu, 21 September 2009

MOSCOW: As the race to secure the Indian Air Force's \$10-billion tender for 126 combat jets reached the crucial stage of flight trials, Russia, on top of a full technology transfer, is offering India help in building its own advanced radar. This would put India in the elite league of manufacturers of some of the most sophisticated defence equipment

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/21/stories/2009092150410100.htm>

[Army holds war games to secure the country's coastline](#)

Hindustan Times, 22 September 2009

To counter terror threats in the backdrop of the Mumbai attacks, top army generals have evolved detailed plans to secure the country's coastline from Gujarat to Orissa and refine the force's amphibious warfare tactics. The strategies were fine-tuned by top brass including Army chief General Deepak Kapoor during a two-day table-top war game in Pune last week, army sources in New Delhi said on Monday. Plans for the Southern Command to protect the coastline from both conventional and asymmetric threats were discussed threadbare, they said

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/newdelhi/Army-holds-war-games-to-secure-the-country-s-coastline/Article1-456353.aspx>

[CCS discusses Navy's new acquisition plan](#)

Hindustan Times, 23 September 2009

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) on Tuesday discussed acquisition of 10 warships and 80 radars for the Navy aimed at strengthening coastal security, identified as a priority after the Mumbai attacks. The 10 warships -- six frigates with advanced stealth features and four corvettes -- would be built indigenously beginning 2010 and would be delivered before 2017, Defence Ministry sources said. These warships would be built at an average cost of Rs 2,800 crore each, they added.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/newdelhi/CCS-discusses-Navy-s-new-acquisition-plan/Article1-456962.aspx>

[Over 100 pilots have applied for VRS: IAF chief](#)

Times of India, 24 September 2009

GANDHINAGAR: Over 100 pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF) have applied for voluntary retirement scheme (VRS), Air Chief Marshal P V Naik said here on Wednesday. "We have very steep pyramid structure (in the Air Force) where there are less avenues of promotions," Naik said in reply to a question on how many pilots of the Air Force have applied for VRS

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Over-100-pilots-have-applied-for-VRS-IAF-chief/articleshow/5046777.cms>

[Government rubbishes claims that Pokhran-II was failure](#)

Hindustan Times, 24 September 2009

The government has rubbished the claim by a retired senior scientist that the nuclear tests India conducted 11 years ago were a failure and questioned the timing of his statement. "He is a perennial doubter. Why has he waited for five years of the UPA (United Progressive Alliance) government to make the claim?" a top government official said referring to the claim by the former scientist with a state-run agency.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india/Government-rubbishes-claims-that-Pohkhran-II-was-failure/Article1-457401.aspx>

[India expresses concerns over latest US aid to Pak](#)

Hindustan Times, 25 September 2009

With the US Senate voting to triple the non-military aid to Pakistan at \$1.5 billion, India on Friday once again expressed concern over such funds being diverted by Islamabad to support hostile operations against it. External Affairs Minister S M Krishna, who is here to participate in the opening session of United Nation General Assembly, said New Delhi was concerned as former Pakistan President Parvez Musharraf had himself disclosed that US aid to fight terrorists were used to bolster defences against India

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/americas/India-expresses-concerns-over-latest-US-aid-to-Pak/Article1-457818.aspx>

[IAF to up vigil along LAC to counter China](#)

Times of India, 26 September 2009

NEW DELHI: IAF is slowly but surely bolstering its operational capabilities along the borders with China and Pakistan. If specialised mountain and other radars are being inducted to make Indian airspace more impregnable, then plans are also afoot to deploy more Sukhoi-30MKI fighters along the eastern and western fronts. "We need to engage everyone in our neighbourhood but also keep our gun-powder dry," says Air Marshal N A K Browne, chief of the Western Air Command (WAC), which is operationally crucial since its area of responsibility stretches from Ladakh to Bikaner

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/IAF-to-up-vigil-along-LAC-to-counter-China/articleshow/5057553.cms>

[India to drive tough bargain as US pushes hard for CTBT](#)

Times of India, 26 September 2009

NEW DELHI: With Anil Kakodkar, secretary in the Department of Atomic Energy, and R Chidambaram, principal scientific adviser, publicly stating that India did not need any more nuclear tests, there appears to be greater confidence and less fear of international pressure on India to sign the CTBT. It's an issue that's been thrown up in sharp relief after US President Barack Obama led the entire UN Security Council to call for universal adherence to NPT and promised to push through the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/India-to-drive-tough-bargain-as-US-pushes-hard-for-CTBT/articleshow/5057708.cms>

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[Nyoma to be full fledged airbase](#)

Daily Excelsior, 26 September 2009

NEW DELHI, Sept 20: With the first successful landing of an AN-32 at Nyoma airstrip in eastern Ladakh, the IAF is all set to convert the Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) into a full-fledged airbase for fixed wing transport aircraft in the next couple of years. The work on converting the Nyoma airstrip, just 23 km from Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, into an airbase, where the AN-32s can be based and operated, had already begun, IAF officials said here today