

### [India to mobilise global community](#)

**Hindu, 3 June 2009**

NEW DELHI: India will mobilise the international community against the release of Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief Hafeez Mohammad Saeed on the orders of the Lahore High Court. This decision emerged during a high-level meeting convened on Tuesday by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, which was attended by External Affairs Minister S. M. Krishna, National Security Advisor M.K. Narayanan and Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon, among others

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/03/stories/2009060357390100.htm>

### [Lahore High Court orders release of Hafiz Saeed](#)

**Hindu, 3 June 2009**

ISLAMABAD: A Full Bench of the Lahore High Court on Tuesday ordered the release of Hafiz Saeed, the chief of the Jamaat-ud-Dawa, known as a front organisation of the Lashkar-e-Taiba. The LeT has been blamed for the November 2008 Mumbai attacks, among other strikes. Mr. Saeed was placed under house arrest in December 2008 during a government crackdown on the JuD following the Mumbai attacks and shortly after the U.N. Security Council 1267 Committee (on Al-Qaeda, Usama bin Laden, the Taliban and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities) designated him and the group as "terrorist."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/03/stories/2009060357150100.htm>

### [India calls for major role of UNGA](#)

**Hindustan Times, 7 June 2009**

Calling for a major role of the General Assembly in the election of the Secretary-General, India has questioned the current system in which the Security Council decides on a name for the top UN post and the 192-member Assembly rubber stamps the decision. "Obviously, visibility and outreach of the General Assembly are important too," India's UN Ambassador Hardeep Singh Puri told the Ad-hoc Working Group on the Revitalisation of the UN General Assembly

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=IndiaSectionPage&id=2cb2d8ce-b853-4322-ba14-0def48f4b46c&Headline=India+calls+for+major+role+of+UNGA>

### [India for resumption of Doha talks](#)

**Hindu, 9 June 2009**

NEW DELHI: India on Monday called for resumption of the stalled Doha Round talks, stating that the negotiating text for global trade could be the starting point for further talks. Commerce and Industry Minister Anand Sharma, who is attending the Cairns group meeting in Bali, Indonesia, as a special invitee, emphasised the need for resuming negotiations based on the draft reports on agriculture and industrial goods

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/09/stories/2009060956381400.htm>

### [India a major foreign policy priority: U.S.](#)

**Hindu, 11 June 2009**

NEW DELHI: United States Under Secretary of State William Burns said here on Wednesday that India is a major foreign policy priority for his country and New Delhi will be a crucial global partner of Washington in the 21st century. Mr. Burns held

talks with External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna, Home Minister P. Chidambaram and Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon on a wide range of bilateral issues, including the unsettled neighbourhood, a defence end-user agreement and India's quest for reprocessing rights. He described his discussions as "excellent."

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

### **PM urges India to resume talks**

**Dawn, 11 June 2009**

PM urges India to resume talks

QUETTA, June 10: Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said on Wednesday that India and Pakistan could not afford a war and it was in the interest of the entire region that the two nuclear powers resumed their composite dialogue to resolve bilateral issues. Addressing students and faculty members of the Command and Staff College here, he said the two countries faced common problems and they should resume the dialogue which was halted by India after the Mumbai attacks in November last year

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/pm-urges-india-to-resume-talks-169>

### **India's unwise military moves**

**People's Daily, 11 June 2009**

In the last few days, India has dispatched roughly 60,000 troops to its border with China, the scene of enduring territorial disputes between the two countries. J.J. Singh, the Indian governor of the controversial area, said the move was intended to "meet future security challenges" from China. Meanwhile, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh claimed, despite cooperative India-China relations, his government would make no concessions to China on territorial disputes. The tough posture Singh's new government has taken may win some applause among India's domestic nationalists. But it is dangerous if it is based on a false anticipation that China will cave in.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90777/90851/6676088.html>

### **China rejects India's allegation of border crossing incidents**

**People's Daily, 11 June 2009**

China on Thursday rejected India's allegation that there were increasing border-crossing incidents by Chinese military forces. "We cannot accept such an allegation and expect relevant Indian figures and media be responsible and do something good for bilateral ties," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said at a regular press briefing. The China-India border has never been officially determined although leaders of both sides say the matter is among the top ten priorities concerning bilateral ties.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6676788.html>

### **Manmohan, Zardari to meet in Russia**

**Hindu, 13 June 2009**

New Delhi: In what is to be the first high-level contact between India and Pakistan since the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will meet President Asif Zardari on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Russia next week. "They will be in the same room at the same time and they will shake hands and meet and have a conversation," Foreign Secretary Shiv

Shankar Menon told reporters here on Friday when asked about the possibility of the two principals meeting in Yekaterinburg on June 16. "But what kind of meeting it will be is hard to predict." Mr. Menon said separate time had not been kept aside and that the Prime Minister was on a very tight schedule

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/13/stories/2009061358700100.htm>

### [Pakistan briefs India on 26/11 probe](#)

**Hindu, 14 June 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Ahead of a possible meeting between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari next week, the government here addressed a long-standing Indian request to be kept updated about the Mumbai attacks investigation on the Pakistani side and the court proceedings against those arrested in the case. On Saturday, Pakistan's Interior Minister Rehman Malik met High Commissioner Sharat Sabharwal and briefed him about the case, according to officials

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/14/stories/2009061459720800.htm>

### [Buddhism will draw Indian tourists to China: envoy](#)

**Hindu, 14 June 2009**

KOLKATA: Lord Buddha may have been born in Nepal and attained Nirvana in India, but it is China which has the largest number of World Heritage Sites of Buddhism, says Mao Siwei, Consul-General of China in Kolkata. He said here recently that Buddhism was an important part of Chinese culture and there were six Buddhist monuments in the country. "More and more people from China will visit India to have a better understanding of why and how the great religion originated from this sacred land, a place the ancient Chinese referred to as the Western Heaven." More and more Indians would visit China for a better understanding of the great contribution Indians and Chinese together made for the spread of Buddhism throughout the world, he felt

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/14/stories/2009061456831800.htm>

### [Australia has responded positively, says Tharoor](#)

**Hindu, 15 June 2009**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The Australian government has positively responded to the Centre's intervention on the attacks against Indian students in Australia, Union Minister of State for External Affairs Shashi Tharoor has said. Addressing a meet-the-press of the Thiruvananthapuram Press Club here on Sunday, Mr. Tharoor said that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna had contacted the Australian government and they were assured that Australia would take all steps to ensure the safety and security of the Indian students

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/15/stories/2009061559951000.htm>

### [NATO warship rescues 14 Indian sailors](#)

**Hindu, 15 June 2009**

Dubai: Fourteen Indian sailors, taken hostage and beaten by heavily armed Somali pirates for 10 days, were rescued by a NATO warship off the coast of Somalia after their dhow was released. Captain of 'Vishvakalyan' Ismail Abdurehman said the pirates attacked the dhow which carried a shipment of charcoal from Brava, south of Mogadishu, to Sharjah in the UAE on June 3

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/15/stories/2009061557180100.htm>

**[Su-30 at China border today](#)**  
**Asian Age, 15 June 2009**

Su-30 at China border today

June 14: The ministry of defence (MoD) has directed IAF authorities to keep the media away from Tezpur Air Force base on Monday when the first batch of Su-30MKI is officially inducted into this strategically important location, which lies close to the disputed Sino-Indian border. The airfield of the Tezpur Air Force station, which will facilitate the induction ceremony of Su-30MKI was constructed during the Second World War. Disclosing that media is not allowed to cover the induction ceremony, defence sources said that four Su-30 MKIs have already made a trail landing at the new Tezpur runway on Friday anticipating bad weather in the coming days. The aircraft will fly out and fly in on Friday to complete the formalities

<http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/news/india/su-30-at-china-border-today-.aspx>

**[Bangladesh rejects reports on Paresh Barua's arrest](#)**  
**Times of India, 15 June 2009**

DHAKA: Bangladesh authorities on Sunday rejected as "rubbish" the reports about the arrest of top United Liberation Front of Asom ( ULFA) leader Paresh Barua from the posh Dhanmondi area here. According to TV reports Paresh Baruah, ULFA chief was arrested in Dhaka. Bangladesh CID has arrested Baruah from an apartment in Dhaka. Baruah photo has been sent to New Delhi for verification

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Bangladesh-rejects-reports-on-Baruah->

**[Prabhakaran waited for Indian poll results](#)**  
**Times of India, 15 June 2009**

NEW DELHI: Velupillai Prabhakaran was waiting for the results of Indian elections to plan his next strategy in the 30-year-old civil war in Sri Lanka and was apparently hoping that either the NDA or the Third Front would come to power in New Delhi, but the army there had different plans. It has now emerged that the 54-year-old slain guerrilla leader was waiting till May 16, the day results of Lok Sabha elections were known, to decide on his and the outfit's future, but it was too late as the Sri Lankan

Army had by then cut off all the escape routes

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Prabhakaran-waited-for-Indian-poll-results-for-next-plan/articleshow/4654299.cms>

**[Let's get new pillars in place](#)**

**Kathmandu Post, 15 June 2009**

KATHMANDU, June 13 - The strip maps signed by experts from Nepal and India in December 2007 cover 98 percent of boundary between the two countries, save two disputed areas -- Susta and Kalapani -- which need political dialogue to resolve, according to Indian Ambassador Rakesh Sood. When the new border pillars are installed, around 98 percent of the border disputes will be resolved, Sood said in an interview with the Post on Friday. "The rest concerning Kalapani and Susta can be taken up at the political level."

<http://www.kantipuronline.com/kolnews.php?nid=199120>

**[Manmohan, Zardari set to break the ice](#)**

**Hindu, 16 June 2009**

Yekaterinburg: With the world's eyes riveted on this Russian city on the Asian side of the Urals where the potentially system-shaping international interactions of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and the Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) quartet get under way on June 16, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh arrived on Monday with an additional target in his sight: his first encounter with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari since last November's terrorist attacks in Mumbai put bilateral relations into cold storage

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/16/stories/2009061657340100.htm>

**[BRIC debut puts the "political" back into economy](#)**

**Hindu, 16 June 2009**

YEKATERINBURG: If the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, whose meeting an Indian Prime Minister is attending for the first time, is a body with an essentially Asian, security-centric footprint, the Brazil, Russia, India, China summit being held here the same day is being seen globally as a grouping whose political interactions could help to alter the shape of the international financial system and the global economy that it underpins

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/16/stories/2009061655481000.htm>

**[Indian FM favours Bhutan with first visit](#)**

## **Kuensel, 16 June 2009**

5 June, 2009- In what is a rare international honour for Bhutan, the first foreign visit of the Indian minister of external affairs, Mr Somanahalli Mallaiah Krishna, will be to Bhutan from June 18 to June 19. This follows the formation of the new Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government in India after the recent general elections.

<http://kuenselonline.com/>

### **Indian Foreign secy arriving**

#### **Kathmandu Post, 16 June 2009**

NEW DELHI, June 15 - Indian Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon is expected to make a two-day visit to Nepal on Saturday to hold high level political consultations. The visit, Menon's second in four months, follows recent reports in the Nepali media accusing the Indian border security force of encroaching the border in Dang district

<http://www.kantipuronline.com/kolnews.php?nid=199340>

### **India, Pakistan set talks ball rolling**

#### **Hindu, 17 June 2009**

Yekaterinburg: Terrorism was the "primary issue" five months ago when India suspended high-level interaction with Pakistan and remains so today. But Prime Minister Manmohan Singh broke the dialogue logjam on Tuesday, meeting President Asif Ali Zardari on the sidelines of the SCO summit here and agreeing that their Foreign Secretaries should discuss the T-word so that the two leaders could decide how to take the bilateral relationship forward when they meet again mid-July at the Nonaligned summit in Egypt. With one eye presumably focused on those back home who might see the resumption of contact with Islamabad as a softening of India's stand, Dr. Singh began what was meant to be a one-on-one meeting with Mr. Zardari in the full glare of the media which had gathered to capture the 'photo-op.' "I am very happy to meet you," he told the Pakistani President after the two delegations had greeted each other and reporters, including this one, were still in the room clicking away

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/17/stories/2009061756890100.htm>

### **BRIC should create conditions for fairer world order'**

#### **Hindu, 17 June 2009**

Yekaterinburg: Unveiling a collective agenda ranging from food security and financial reform to the creation of a "more diversified international monetary system" and a "more democratic and just multipolar world order," Brazil, Russia, India and China launched a new strategic vector with the potential decisively to influence global affairs in the years and decades ahead. For all its global significance, the first-ever summit of the BRIC countries was a short affair, conducted behind closed doors. The world's media was given the briefest of glimpses when President Dmitri Medvedev of Russia took the stage with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Chinese president Hu Jintao and Brazil's president, Luis Inacio Lula da Silva to provide details of the

interaction that he said was a "historic event."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/17/stories/2009061759641000.htm>

### **Pakistan caught off-guard, but feels the ice has melted**

**Hindu, 18 June 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The Manmohan-Zardari encounter in Yekatrinberg was not quite the opening to the re-engagement with India that Pakistan had expected, and it has left many somewhat stunned and disappointed. But observers also said they were hopeful it had broken the ice for an eventual resumption of the peace process, with calls for a new model of talks between the two countries instead of a return to the composite dialogue, seen in Pakistan as already jaded by the time of the Mumbai attacks.

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/18/stories/2009061860751000.htm>

### **Hillary pledges to expand ties with India**

**Hindu, 18 June 2009**

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

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

### **'Don't remain silent over new SL military base'**

**Hindustan Times, 18 June 2009**

Voicing concerns over recent reports that Sri Lanka planned to erect high-mast watch towers for its Army's surveillance and create rpt create a military base in Katchatheevu Island, about 14 km off Rameshwaram, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, M Karunanidhi on Thursday said that "if such reports are true, the Government of India should not remain a mute spectator". Karunanidhi was replying in the Assembly here to opposition parties sponsored call attention motion, to condemn the Sri Lankan security forces resuming their attacks on Tamil Nadu fishermen who happened to stray into the waters off Katchatheevu, where they have traditional fishing rights, even after the 'Eelam War-IV' against the LTTE had ended, and the Rajapakshe regime's bid to expand its military base there

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=India&id=ecfd46fb-6348-4236-be68-fb48a1b78ae1&Headline=P'Don't+remain+silent+over+new+SL+military+base'/P>

### **Sea Boundary Claims of India, Myanmar: Dhaka to lodge protest at UN**

**Daily News, 18 June 2009**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said in parliament Bangladesh will soon send a diplomatic protest note to UN against the claim of India and Myanmar over extended continental shelf of the Bay of Bengal. "Bangladesh's permanent mission at UN is preparing the protest note in consultation with local and foreign experts and it will be submitted to UN soon," the premier said in a scripted answer responding to a query of BNP lawmaker Zafrul Islam Chowdhury. Besides Bangladesh, neighbouring India and Myanmar have share over the Bay. The two countries have submitted their

claims to UN over the extended continental shelf on May 11 and December 16 last year, she said

<http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=93062>

### [China expresses "strong dissatisfaction" over ADB approval to India](#)

**Hindu, 19 June 2009**

BEIJING: China has expressed "strong dissatisfaction" over the Asian Development Bank's decision to approve a \$2.9-billion funding plan for India which includes projects in parts of Arunachal Pradesh still under dispute between the two countries. The Chinese government said on Thursday the ADB had "tarnished" its name by approving the plan and urged the bank to reconsider its decision

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/19/stories/2009061955611100.htm>

### [No plan to build watchtower at Katchatheevu: Sri Lanka](#)

**Hindu, 20 June 2009**

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka on Friday categorically denied reports that the government had "intentions of constructing a watchtower or have a military presence" on Katchatheevu Island. In a statement here, the Foreign Ministry referred to media reports alleging that the Sri Lankan government was intending to construct a watchtower and a military base on the Katchatheevu Island and that the Sri Lankan Navy was harassing Tamil Nadu fishermen

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/20/stories/2009062050180100.htm>

### [Russian military plane violates Indian airspace](#)

**Hindu, 20 June 2009**

MUMBAI: A Russian military cargo aircraft AB-24 with six passengers and two crew members on Friday night intruded into Indian airspace from Pakistan and was forced to land at the international airport here. As the plane entered the Indian airspace without the right code, it was escorted to the Mumbai airport by Indian Air Force planes, a spokesman of the Mumbai International Airport Limited told PTI here. The aircraft was forced to land around 10.40 p.m. after being allowed by the Air Traffic Control.

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/20/stories/2009062060741000.htm>

### [No ULFA presence in Bhutan](#)

**Assam Tribune, 20 June 2009**

THIMPHU, June 19 – Bhutan today assured India that there was no ULFA presence in that country, reports PTI. "We don't have any presence of any ULFA cadre here," Bhutanese Foreign Minister Ugyen Tshering told reporters after signing an MoU with External Affairs Minister S M Krishna. He said Bhutan wants to make it very clear that there is no presence of ULFA cadre in that country

<http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/details.asp?id=jun2009/at06>

### [India open to resuming talks with Pakistan](#)

**Hindu, 23 June 2009**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Monday said India was open to resuming talks with Pakistan provided Islamabad created a congenial atmosphere. He said this in the course of a conversation with Jammu and Kashmir Communist

Party of India (Marxist) State secretary M.Y. Tarigami, when the latter called on him here. Apprising Dr. Singh of the current situation in the Valley, Mr. Tarigami impressed upon him the need for early resumption of the dialogue process with Pakistan and with those outside the democratic set-up in the State

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/23/stories/2009062357570100.htm>

**[India again demands expansion of UN Security Council](#)**

**Hindustan Times, 23 June 2009**

India has reiterated its demand for "real reform" of the UN Security Council with expansion in both permanent and non-permanent membership of the world body's top decision making organ. Noting that the overwhelming majority of member states has unambiguously sought "real reform" in two rounds of negotiations, India's Permanent Representative Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday hoped the third round of negotiations will be focused and action oriented

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=IndiaSectionPage&id=2a068f94-9c1d-40db-bd0e-1b2faeb81eaa&Headline=India+again+demands+expansion+of+UN+Security+Council>

**[Khaleda writes to Manmohan: Asks not to build Tipai dam:](#)**

**Daily Star, 23 June 2009**

Opposition leader and former premier Khaleda Zia yesterday despatched a letter to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh requesting not to construct Tipaimukh dam on the river Barak considering the negative impacts on Bangladesh, reports UNB. Meanwhile, in a letter to the parliamentary standing committee on water resources Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abedin Farroque proposed names of five experts in the parliamentary delegation on BNP's behalf for visiting the dam site

<http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=93765>