

### [Omar asks Pak to stop infiltration](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 7 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 6: Noting that better Indo-Pak ties are necessary in the larger interest of people in the State, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today asked Islamabad to take steps to stop infiltration from across the border. Omar said his Government will continue to work to improve relations between the two neighbours. "Conflicts never yield positive results but only add to human miseries and make the situation complex. The people in general and those living on borders have to bear the brunt of the conflicts," he told a gathering at Marh. The Chief Minister asked Pakistan to take measures to "stop infiltration from across the border and help in improvement of ties".

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10apr07/news.htm#1>

### [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>

### [Dhaka for restoration of all pre-1965 links with India](#)

**The Hindu, 9 April 2010**

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<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article392930.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)

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### [Third Pakistani boat seized in four days](#)

**The Hindu, 11 April 2010**

The water wing of the Border Security Force seized another Pakistani boat with five fishermen at Sir Creek off the Kutch coast on Saturday. Official sources said the arrested fishermen were being brought to Koteswhar for questioning. This is the third incident of Pakistani fishermen infiltrating into Indian waters in the last four days. Earlier this week, two boats, each carrying six fishermen, were apprehended almost in the same region on two consecutive days. The sudden step-up in the intrusion of Pakistani trawlers is baffling the authorities. The vigil in the region has been intensified.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article394058.ece>

### [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-see-Headley-s-extradition/H1-Article1-529889.aspx>

### **[Chidambaram blames Pak for hefty defence budget](#)**

**Indian Express, 11 April 2010**

Home Minister P Chidambaram said on Saturday that earmarking Rs 1,47,000 crore for India's defence budget was 'absolutely necessary and inevitable' as neighbours like Pakistan did not have a friendly attitude towards the country. "Had the neighbouring countries been stable, peaceful and were oriented in a friendly manner towards India, our allocation of such a big fund for defence in the budget would not have arisen," he said at a meeting organised by Puducherry PCC as part of the 125th year celebrations of party formation.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/chidambaram-blames-pak-for-hefty-defence-budget/604360/>

### **[Indian firm camp attacked](#)**

**Asian Age, 11 April 2010**

Kabul, April 10: Militants launched a pre-dawn attack on an Indian road construction camp in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, burning vehicles and equipment and sending the crew fleeing, the authorities said. No deaths or injuries were reported in the attack in Khost province's Domanda district, the interior ministry said in a statement. Suspected Taliban, who are active in the mountainous eastern region bordering Pakistan, descended on the camp around 2 am. Such raids seek to discourage foreign involvement in Afghanistan and destabilise the central government, which is struggling to bring development to the impoverished countryside and extend its mandate outside the capital, Kabul.

[http://www.asianage.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=8548:indian-firm-camp-attacked&catid=34:top-story&Itemid=59](http://www.asianage.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8548:indian-firm-camp-attacked&catid=34:top-story&Itemid=59)

### **[Pakistan hails Manmohan's remark on nuclear deal](#)**

**Hindu, 16 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday welcomed the stance taken by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on the prospect of a 'U.S.-Pakistan civil nuclear deal.' Referring to Dr. Singh's comment that it was a bilateral matter — a view that is in variance with the position taken by the Indian External Affairs Ministry — Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit said: "It is good to see India taking a position based on the principle of non-discrimination." Earlier, Pakistan had bristled over official sources in India stating that "we hope the international community would strike the right balance between meeting the energy needs of any country while taking on board its track record with regard to proliferation of nuclear technology and weapons of mass destruction."

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/16/stories/2010041662941200.htm>

### **[Editorial: Dangerous games](#)**

**Dawn, 17 April 2010**

Tempers in Hazara appear to be cooling after several days of violence. A general strike was called off recently, businesses are reopening and leading politicians have

visited the area, ostensibly to bring matters under control. That said, the controversy surrounding the renaming of the NWFP is unlikely to go away any time soon. The ANP was originally adamant on Pakhtunkhwa but later agreed to the Khyber prefix in a compromise with the PML-N. Not surprisingly, it is strongly opposed to any division of the NWFP, whose new name was approved by the Senate yesterday. For its part, the PML-N is seemingly content with Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa but also partial to the creation of a Hazara province. The PML-Q, meanwhile, supports the creation of new provinces wherever they might be 'necessary', in particular Hazara and southern Punjab. There is talk too of a 19th Amendment bill calling for the creation of new federating units.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/editorial/19-dangerous-games-640-hh-04>

### **[Salman Taseer for revival of India-Pakistan dialogue](#)**

**Hindu, 18 April 2010**

LAHORE: The Governor of Punjab and influential Pakistan People's Party leader Salman Taseer has appealed to India to take a big-hearted approach and put the past behind by engaging in dialogue with Pakistan. Pointing out that the last two years of democratic government in Pakistan had changed the political landscape in the country, Mr. Taseer said while he did not claim to have an answer to several points of discord between the two countries, the "best way forward" was to step up people-to-people contacts and trade besides reopening talks on all issues.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/18/stories/2010041857371400.htm>

### **[PM, Gilani headed for Bhutan; meet up to Pak](#)**

**Indian Express, 18 April 2010**

As Prime Minister Manmohan Singh returned home on Saturday after a week-long interaction with world leaders in Washington and Brasilia, the focus will shift quickly from such exalted issues as nuclear security, south-south cooperation and the promotion of a multipolar world to the pressing challenges in the immediate neighbourhood.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/pm-gilani-headed-for-bhutan;-meet-up-to-pak/607960/>

### **[Pakistan: trial of Mumbai attack accused is on fast track](#)**

**Hindu, 20 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Monday assured that the trial against the accused in Mumbai attacks would conclude soon and expressed confidence that they would be convicted. "The trial is on fast track and the accused have exhausted all their rights to get bail and get the FIRs cancelled. We expect the trial will be concluded in the coming months. My friends from India must realise that once the battle goes to court, it no longer remains in the control of the prosecution, administration or the government. The kind of credible evidence we have put forward, we will get conviction and that is what we want," Interior Minister Rehman Malik told a delegation of visiting journalists here.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/20/stories/2010042061551200.htm>

### **[PM-Gilani meet likely in Bhutan](#)**

**Tribune, 23 April 2010**

A substantive meeting between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his Pakistani counterpart Yousuf Raza Gilani on the margins of the 16th SAARC Summit in Bhutan is not ruled out though a top Indian official today said no such bilateral engagement was scheduled as of now. Addressing a press conference on the summit to be held on April 28-29 in Thimphu, Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao, however, appeared in a conciliatory mood as far as India's relationship with Pakistan was concerned.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2010/20100423/main5.htm>

### **Balochistan is no Kashmir**

**Asian Age, 23 April 2010**

April 23 : The India-Pakistan joint statement at Sharm el-Sheikh mentioned Balochistan. India is now committed to discuss Balochistan with Pakistan. Let us now make a comparison between Balochistan and Kashmir. Both have been in turmoil due to militancy for decades. They are mountainous regions suited for guerrilla warfare. Pakistan calls Kashmir the core issue. But Kashmir is more a symptom than the disease.

[http://www.asianage.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=9855:balochistan-is-no-kashmir&catid=42:op-ed&Itemid=67](http://www.asianage.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9855:balochistan-is-no-kashmir&catid=42:op-ed&Itemid=67)

### **Dialogue on A Common Destiny**

**News, 23 April 2010**

Indo-Pak notables for end to visa curbs; Agree on peace and sustained dialogue  
LAHORE: Prominent academics, writers and analysts from India and Pakistan met here on Thursday at a closed-door seminar, titled "A Common Destiny", the first of Aman Ki Asha's series of discussions on issues of strategic importance. A press release said the delegates agreed to the need for peace between the two countries and the importance of a sustained dialogue to resolve bilateral issues, including Jammu and Kashmir, terrorism, water-sharing, trade and investment.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28452](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28452)

### **Pakistan wants Indian magistrates to testify; Formally seeks custody of Kasab**

**Hindu, 26 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday formally sought the custody of Ajmal Amir Kasab — the lone surviving terrorist from the 2008 Mumbai attacks — and requested Indian magistrates to testify in the Rawalpindi trial of seven Lashkar-e-Taiba men charged with involvement in that crime. The formal request was made by the Foreign Office when officials submitted a dossier to Indian Deputy High Commissioner Rahul Kulshreshth here on Sunday morning. On Saturday, Interior Minister Rehman Malik indicated Pakistan would seek Kasab's custody as his confessional statement was crucial for the prosecution's case against the seven men.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/26/stories/2010042658380100.htm>

### **2 Pak militants, two cops killed in Pathankot**

**Tribune, 26 April 2010**

Two Pakistani militants who had infiltrated into the country from across the Indo-Pak border were killed in an encounter at Ratrawan village in Bamiyal sector, about 50 km from here, today. Two policemen also lost their lives while as many of them were injured in the fierce gunfight that lasted for an hour-and-a-half. Addressing

mediapersons, Punjab DGP PS Gill said the militants had infiltrated via the Bamiyal sector in Gurdaspur district. He said the cops who lost their lives — head constables Narinder Singh and Surinder Singh, both posted at Gurdaspur police station — were part of a 16-member team, led by DSP Garib Dass, constituted for the purpose.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2010/20100426/main2.htm>

#### **Pak to move WB on Kishenganga**

**Daily Excelsior, 26 April 2010**

NEW DELHI, Apr 25: Pakistan has issued a fresh threat to move the World Bank for arbitration over Kishenganga power project in Jammu and Kashmir, which it alleges violates the 1960 Indus Water Treaty. Pakistan has issued the threat in a recent letter to India, the third such communication in last one year, official sources said. In the letter, Pakistan has said the Indus Water Treaty, which governs sharing of six common river waters, is being violated by the Kishenganga project and it has the "right" to move the World Bank for arbitration, they said.

#### **Singh, Gilani likely to meet tomorrow**

**Daily Excelsior, 27 April 2010**

THIMPHU, Apr 26: Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and his Pakistani counterpart Yousuf Raza Gilani are expected to meet here on the margins of the SAARC Summit, during which the Indian leader is likely to seek an update on the probe and trial in the 26/11 case being conducted in Pakistan. Indications about the meeting, which could also discuss issues like water sharing dispute and humanitarian aspects, came from both India and Pakistan today.