

"IAF plans are not adversary-specific"

Hindu, 2 October 2009

The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal P.V. Naik, on Thursday asserted that the capacity-building plans of the Indian Air Force were aimed at making it one of the most potent forces in the world, and not "adversary-specific." Addressing a press conference here ahead of the October 8 Air Force Day, he downplayed the recent projection in the media of China and its military power stating the IAF had based its capacity building on four pillars and requirement in the future.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article27689.ece>

Provision for the Chinese Army

People's Daily, 8 October 2009

In order to ease the impact of food and fuel price rises on the life of soldiers, the Central Military Commission (CMC) raised the army catering budget from July 1, 2008. Previously, PLA kitchen fell four categories: the first one served ordinary soldiers, national defense construction team and soldiers garrisoning islands and borders; the second one served tank soldiers and self-propelled artillery teams, as well as their repair teams, aviation maintenance battalions, and soldiers garrisoning plateau; the third one served surface ship teams and students of flying schools; and the last one served submarine and nuclear powered submarine troops, as well as the aviation service group.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6777369.html>

Infiltration bid foiled; three militants killed

Daily Excelsior, 10 October 2009

SRINAGAR : Three heavily-armed militants were shot dead as the army foiled an infiltration bid from across the border in Gurez Sector of Bandipora district today. Troops guarding the border noticed suspicious movement and as soon as the intruders sneaked into Gurez, 140 kms from here, they confronted them and asked them to surrender but they opened fire, Defence Spokesman Colonel A S Brar said. In the ensuing encounter, three heavily-armed militants were killed, he said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct10/newsupdate.htm#1>

Militants Storm Seat of Military in Pakistan

NYT, 10 October 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — In one of the most brazen attacks here in recent years, gunmen dressed in military fatigues on Saturday stormed the Pakistani Army headquarters in the garrison city of Rawalpindi and took more than a dozen security officers hostage, producing a standoff that continued into the evening. The attack, the third major attack by militants here in less than a week, unnerved the army and the security forces for the choice of target, the heart of the nation's army planning and operations apparatus. By Saturday evening, four attackers had been killed and at least two gunmen were holding more than a dozen security officials hostage, military and intelligence officials said.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/11/world/asia/11pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print

[13 extremists killed in SWA operation](#)

The News, 11 October 2009

WANA: The jets of Pakistani armed forces attacked in an area of South Waziristan Agency (SWA), killing at least 13 extremists, Geo News reported Sunday. According to sources, the jets of Pak security forces pounded various hideouts of the extremists in Makeen and Ladha areas of SWA, killing 13 extremists. Meantime, the surveillance planes are intermittently flying over various areas of North and South Waziristan.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=88854>

[Army commanders brief Guv on security situation](#)

Daily Excelsior, 12 October 2009

SRINAGAR : The Governor N N Vohra was today briefed on the security situation in the State by the senior army officers here. Official sources said the Army Commander, Northern Command, Lt Gen B S Jaswal, called on Mr Vohra at Raj Bhavan here. He was accompanied by Corps Commander, 15 Corps, Lt Gen Bikram Singh.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct12/newsupdate.htm#2>

[HQ attack planned in SWA: Military spokesman](#)

The News, 12 October 2009

RAWALPINDI: Director General (DG) ISPR Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas the plot of attacking GHQ was chalked out in South Waziristan while five of the terrorists belonged to the area of Baitullah Mehsud. Giving briefing to the media here on Monday, DG ISPR said the objective of the militant's action was to hold senior military officials hostage and get their demands fulfilled. "They gave a list of 100 people, which included names of some very dangerous terrorists, and demanded their release," he said.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=88897>

[No threat to Pak nukes: US, UK](#)

The News, 12 October 2009

LONDON: The United States and Britain expressed confidence on Sunday in the security of Pakistani nuclear facilities after an attack by the Taliban militants on the country's Army headquarters. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told a news conference in London that Washington was confident that Pakistani authorities had control over the nation's nuclear weapons. "We have confidence in the Pakistani government and military's control over nuclear weapons," she said. While noting the threats posed by extremists in the country, Clinton added: "We see no evidence that they are going to takeover the state."

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24964

[Pakistani Police Had Warned Army About a Raid](#)

NYT, 12 October 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The mastermind of the militant assault on Saturday that shook the heart of the Pakistani military was behind two other major attacks in the

last two years, and the police had specifically warned the military in July that such an audacious raid was being planned, police and intelligence officials said Sunday. The revelation of prior warning was sure to intensify scrutiny of Pakistan's ability to fight militants, after nine men wearing army uniforms breached the military headquarters complex in Rawalpindi and held dozens hostage for 20 hours until a commando raid ended the siege. In all, 16 people were killed, including eight of the attackers, the military said. The surviving militant, who was captured early Sunday morning, was identified as Muhammad Aqeel, who officials said was a former soldier and the planner of this attack and others. Mr. Aqeel, who is also known as Dr. Usman because he had once worked with the Army Medical Corps before dropping out about four years ago, is believed to be a member of Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, a militant group affiliated with Al Qaeda and the Pakistani Taliban.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/12/world/asia/12pstan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

Editorial:Dismantle terror infrastructure

The Hindu, 13 October 2009

The deadly attack on the Pakistan military headquarters at Rawalpindi has shown a new level of boldness and tactical daring among militant groups in that country. The increasingly sinister character of the militant designs was apparent in this strike wherein commandos of the all-powerful Pakistani Army were locked in an 18 to 20 hour stand-off with the militants who came close to taking over a military building and took several hostages. Sure enough, the security forces were swift to respond, freeing 39 hostages in a fairly clean operation.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/article33090.ece>

North Korea Accuses South of Naval Intrusion

NYT, 15 October 2009

SEOUL, South Korea — The North Korean military on Thursday accused South Korean warships of intruding into its waters, reminding its neighbors that it could raise tensions even as its government was reaching out for talks with the United States and South Korea. The Defense Ministry in Seoul called the North Korean claim that its ships had violated North Korean waters "preposterous." But the North Korean military made clear its stance on the matter. "The reckless military provocations by warships of the South Korean Navy have created such a serious situation that a naval clash may break out between the two sides in these waters," the North Korean military said in a statement carried by the North's state-run news agency.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/16/world/asia/16korea.html?ref=asia>

11 terrorists killed in SWA operation

The News, 17 October 2009

WANA: Fighter jets of security forces pounded militants' positions in South Waziristan, killing 11 terrorists and destroying 2 hideouts during the ongoing military operation on Saturday. Two security personnel were martyred and five injured in two separate attacks in SWA, sources said. According to details, a security man was martyred and three others injured in a remote detonated bomb attack on a vehicle of security forces in Karkunray area near Jandola in SWA. The military forces repulsed and pounded militants' positions in Karkunray with the help of fighter jets.

As a result, 11 terrorists were killed and 8 others injured. Two militants' hideouts were also destroyed.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89352>

[China, DRC seek to further military ties](#)

People's Daily, 21 October 2009

China and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in Beijing on Wednesday vowed to further military ties as a military officer from the DRC is visiting China. At the invitation of Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie, the DRC Defense Minister Charles Mwando Simba arrived in Beijing on Oct. 17, starting his 7-day official visit to China.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6790083.html>

[China vows to advance military co-op with Uzbekistan](#)

People's Daily, 23 October 2009

China would like to enhance its friendly military cooperation with Uzbekistan, a senior Chinese military official said here Friday. The years since China and Uzbekistan forged diplomatic ties in 1992 has witnessed the smooth development of bilateral relations with frequent high-level exchanges, increasingly deepened political mutual trust and fruitful cooperation in different areas, said Guo Boxiong, vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission in meeting with Kabul Berdiev, defense minister of Uzbekistan Friday.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6792679.html>

[US, China military ties thaw](#)

People's Daily, 24 October 2009

Military relations between the United States and China have begun to thaw after a year of limited contact, the admiral in charge of the US Pacific Command said yesterday. Talks recently began between the two nations' military leaders, said Adm Robert F. Willard, adding that American officials are seeking to reforge US-China ties. "We've commenced dialogue where we can," said Willard, who was in Seoul for annual defense ministers' talks.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6790347.html>

[PLA's "Vanguard-2009A" military drill enters battle practice phase](#)

People's Daily, 24 October 2009

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) has finished battle preparation in the "Vanguard-2009A" military exercise and plans to enter the battle implementation phase on Thursday. A total of 215 military observers and cadets from more than 70 countries were here to watch the drill, which started on Oct. 12 in central China's Henan province.

http://www.lyricsmania.com/lyrics/fray_the_lyrics_4598/how_to_save_a_life_lyrics_14947/how_to_save_a_life_lyrics_173571.html

[Army could take 20 years to bridge officer shortage](#)

The Hindu, 25 October 2009

Bogged down by shortage of 11,500 officers due to low intake at military academies and a high rate of premature retirements, the army has indicated to its leadership that it will take 20 years of best efforts to fill up the vacancies. In an internal study, the army has said the projection was conditional and the vacancies could be filled up in two decades only if training capacities in the academies are increased and the exit rate of officers wanting to retire prematurely is kept low.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article38341.ece>

[Pak army violates cease-fire to push infiltrators on LoC](#)

Daily Excelsior, 25 October 2009

JAMMU, Oct 24: After making repeated abortive attempts to facilitate infiltration from the Line of Control (LoC) during night hours, Pakistan army today targeted Indian Army posts at Krishna Ghati sector in broad day light reportedly with an aim to create confusion and push militants from other areas. Three Army jawans were injured, one of them seriously, in firing by Pakistani troops. Official sources said Pakistan army opened firing with LMG, MMG and some small arms from their Battalion post targeting Kirpan and surrounding posts of Indian troops in Krishna Ghati sector at 9.25 am.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct25/news.htm#2>

[15 extremists killed, vital mountain tops secured](#)

The News, 25 October 2009

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan's army said Sunday troops after "intense" efforts had captured an important mountain in a major anti-Taliban offensive in the northwestern tribal area near the Afghan border. "Today after intense engagements security forces secured the significant mountain top of Tarkona Narai after an effort lasting 16 hours," the military said in a statement.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89986>

[KLL: Army sticks to its stance](#)

The News, 25 October 2009

ISLAMABAD: The Army's reservations over the Kerry-Lugar Law (KLL) remain unchanged even after the issuance of the explanatory note by the sponsors of the aid bill and its subsequent acclamation by the government, a military source said. However, the director-general ISPR, when contacted, did not explain the military's new position on the US legislation. He only said the Army had clearly mentioned in its press release that parliament was sovereign and it had to make the final decision.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25178

[India concerned over diversion of US aid by Pak: Tharoor](#)

The Hindu, 26 October 2009

India supports US efforts in Pakistan, but is concerned about the diversion of American aid and military equipment by Islamabad against it. "We have actually applauded the US supporting Pakistan on two things. First is its own economic development, and the second is equipping it to overcome the homegrown horror of terrorism," Minister of State for External Affairs Shashi Tharoor said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article38769.ece>

[President, Army chief meet ahead of Hillary's visit](#)

The News, 28 October 2009

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Chief of Army Staff General Ashfaq Pervez Kayani met on Tuesday to discuss the Army's operational preparedness and the ongoing operation against militants. The meeting between the president and the Army chief was held after a gap of 17 days, as both met last time on October 10. Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and the DG ISI were also present in the last meeting, which decided to send the foreign minister to the United States to take up the reservations of the Army with the Obama administration over the Kerry-Lugar Law (KLL).

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25239

[Two militants killed in encounter](#)

Daily Excelsior, 30 October 2009

SRINAGAR: Army today foiled an infiltration bid in north Kashmir's Bandipora district by gunning down two militants. The two heavily-armed infiltrators were confronted by the army when they were trying to sneak into Gurez sector, 160 kms from here, a defence spokesman said. The ultras were asked to surrender but they opened fire at the security forces, he said, adding in the ensuing gunbattle the duo was killed.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct30/newsupdate.htm#1>

[Air force copter crashes in Doda, pilots missing](#)

Daily Excelsior, 30 October 2009

JAMMU : An Air Force helicopter crashed in the mountainous Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, this morning police sources here said. "Two MI-17 copters of Air Force left for Doda from Jammu this morning while one of them crashed near Parangal area in Assar and fell into river Chenab at around 1315 hrs," police sources said. Sources said two pilots are reportedly missing and more details are awaited.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct30/newsupdate.htm#1>