

[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>

[The flaw that let Saeed off the hook](#)

Hindu, 3 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: Arguments by A.K. Dogar, counsel for Jamaat-ud-Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed, in the Lahore High Court that led to Tuesday's order for his release from detention centred on the failure of the government to provide the JuD chief with grounds for his detention within the stipulated 15 days. He maintained that the grounds, when they were finally provided to Mr. Saeed, referred mainly to the U.N. resolution. The resolution did not specify the arrest of the designated individuals, and demanded only a travel ban, an assets freeze and arms embargo

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/03/stories/2009060359031000.htm>

[Chidambaram: 26/11 probe won't be affected](#)

Hindu, 3 June 2009

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram said on Tuesday the release of Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief Hafiz Mohammad Saeed was a commentary on Pakistan's commitment to act against the perpetrators of the Mumbai terror attacks. India was unhappy over Pakistan's lack of seriousness and commitment in booking all the masterminds of the attack, he said, but discounted fears that Saeed's release would set back India's investigations into the attack. The HuD chief is listed as accused number one in the charge sheet filed by the Mumbai Police.

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/03/stories/2009060359061000.htm>

[MHA directs crackdown in Assam](#)

Asian Age, 3 June 2009

June 2: The home ministry has directed the Assam government to launch a crackdown against the rebel outfits in strife-torn North Cachar Hills district and post tough administrators in the form of the principal secretary of the district council, district magistrate and superintendent of police to rein in the volatile situation in the district. The Assam government has already recommended suspension of the district council immediately after the arrest of the chief executive member of the council, Mohit Hojai, and the council's liaison officer, R.H. Khan, from Halflong on Saturday

<http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/news/india/mha-directs-crackdown-in-assam.aspx>

[Let's talk: Pakistan](#)

Daily Times, 3 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: The Kashmir dispute holds the key to durable peace in South Asia, and Pakistan wants to engage in constructive and purposeful dialogue with India to resolve the issue, Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani said on Tuesday. In his policy statement at the 43rd session of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Council, he said Pakistan had impressed upon India following the latter's halt to composite dialogue following the 26/11 Mumbai attack that the two countries' focus should be on countering terrorism, not mutual recrimination

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\03\story_3-6-2009_pg1_4

[Hafiz Saeed set free](#)

Daily Times, 3 June 2009

LAHORE: A full bench of the Lahore High Court (LHC) on Tuesday accepted a habeas corpus petition, and ordered the government to release Jamaatud Dawa (JD) chief Hafiz Muhammad Saeed and Col (r) Nazir Ahmad. In its short order, the LHC bench observed the government did not have proof to detain the petitioners for "preventive measures". "As far as the UN resolution is concerned, there is no matter before us about the vires and the government can act upon the same in letter and spirit if so advised. But relying on the same, the detention cannot be maintained, as it was even not desired thereby," it read

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\03\story_3-6-2009_pg1_1

[Pak used US aid to fight India: Report](#)

Times of India, 7 June 2009

NEW DELHI: The Pentagon has confirmed one of South Asia's worst kept secrets - that Pakistan has used billions of dollars of US aid to buy a mind-boggling array of conventional American weaponry to use against India. The aid was meant for Pakistan to fight the war on terror. India has repeatedly pointed out that much of the military hardware on Pakistan's shopping list was not suited to anti-terror operations. Now, Pentagon reports have revealed that even the money poured into

Islamabad's coffers by the Bush administration after 9/11 specifically to fight al Qaida and the Taliban, was used to develop offensive capabilities against India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Pakistan-used-US-aid-to-fight-India-Report/articleshow/4624601.cms>

[Zero crossing for 5th time on LoC](#)

Daily Excelsior, 9 June 2009

JAMMU, June 8: For the fifth time since the launch of cross-LoC bus service on Poonch-Rawlakote route, not a single citizen from this part of divided State was on board the weekly bus service for meeting their divided family members and relatives as more than 3500 civilians still await permits for visiting Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), which have been held up due to delay in mandatory clearance from Ministry of Home Affairs, Pakistan. Official sources told the Excelsior that this was for the fifth time during little about five months of current year that weekly Poonch-Rawlakote bus service left Poonch without any citizen from this part of divided State

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/>

[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>

[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>

[Cross-LoC trade to soon get industrial items](#)

Daily Excelsior, 15 June 2009

JAMMU, June 14: Cross-LoC trade on Poonch-Rawlakote route besides Uri-Muzaffarabad in Kashmir is likely to get a major boost shortly with authorities mooted a proposal for import-export of industrial items on both routes. "On the persistent demand of traders, authorities have, in principle, decided to facilitate import-export of industrial items on two cross-LoC routes. The proposal will be sent to External Affairs Ministry, which has the final authority to add or delete items approved for import-export in consultations with their counterparts in Pakistan", official sources said

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[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>

[Pak reluctance renders cross-LoC route irrelevant](#)

Daily Excelsior, 16 June 2009

JAMMU, June 15: Delay in release of permits to cross-LoC visitors due to blockade of permission by Ministry of Home Affairs, Pakistan has

virtually put a question mark over weekly Poonch-Rawlakote bus service with hardly any civilian left in this part of the State having permit to visit Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) next Monday after nine civilians left for other part of LoC with re-validated permits today. "For the last two months, not even a single permit has been issued to the people of Jammu region to visit PoK from weekly Poonch-Rawlakote route due to denial of mandatory clearance by Pakistan's Home Ministry. Nine civilians, who were left out of a total of 80 persons issued permits two months back, today left for PoK from Poonch after getting their permits re-approved as they had expired", official sources said

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/>

[Gilani urges early resumption of Indo-Pak talks](#)
Daily Times, 16 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said on Monday that the early resumption of dialogue between Pakistan and India is imperative to address issues that have for long been the reason for tensions between the two countries. Gilani made the comments while talking to a Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs delegation – which was headed by Pugwash Conference Secretary General Prof Paolo Cotta-Ramsunio – at Prime Minister's House

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\16\story_16-6-2009_pg1_1

[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>

[Pakistan caught off-guard, but feels the ice has melted](#)

Hindu, 18 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: The Manmohan-Zardari encounter in Yekatrinerberg 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>

[Rs 3.43 cr worth trade at LoC](#)

Daily Excelsior, 18 June 2009

JAMMU, June 17: Cross-LoC trade worth Rs 3.43 crore took place on weekly Poonch-Rawalakote route during two days. Yesterday, cross-LoC trade, which is conducted on barter system, was worth Rs 83.96 lakh while today it jumped to Rs 2.59 crore. Forty nine trucks exchanged sides at Chakan-Da-Bagh cross LoC point in Poonch district today. While 40 trucks carrying tradable items reached Poonch from Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), only nine trucks left for PoK from Poonch, official sources said. Yesterday, only 24 trucks had exchanged sides at cross-LoC point

[Editorial: The message from Yekaterinburg](#)

Daily Times, 18 June 2009

Before the 9th summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), India's official line on Pakistan was: do something about terrorism first and then expect the resumption of dialogue with India. The message on Tuesday from Yekaterinburg was that the "primary issue of terrorism will be discussed by the foreign secretaries of the two countries before the leaders of the two countries meet again in mid-July on the sidelines of an international conference in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt"

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\18\story_18-6-2009_pg3_1

["Not averse to discussing terrorism"](#)

Hindu, 19 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan said on Thursday that the country looked forward "to a productive meeting between the foreign secretaries" (of Pakistan and India) to be held next month. Foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit said: "We hope they will be able to take up all issues and that the outcome of their meeting will lead to a resumption of dialogue." "We are not averse to discussing terrorism; in fact, we would like to discuss terrorism because we are affected by it. But having said that, we are looking forward to the resumption of the bilateral dialogue that covers other aspects including Siachen, Sir Creek and other issues," he said

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/19/stories/2009061959901000.htm>

[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>

[45 arrive from PoK, none leaves from Poonch](#)

Daily Excelsior, 23 June 2009

JAMMU, June 22: Even as 45 guests from Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) reached Poonch today from weekly Poonch-Rawlakote bus service, there was once again not even a single citizen from this part of the State on board the bus to cross Line of Control (LoC) as Pakistan authorities didn't issue mandatory clearance to the Regional Passport Officer (RPO) for release of permits. The weekly bus left for PoK from Poonch this morning carrying only 29 citizens of PoK, who were on way back to their homes after completing their 28 days trip to this part of the divided State. There was no civilian from Jammu region on board the bus for PoK visit, official sources said

[One soldier killed in LoC firing](#)

Hindu, 30 June 2009

SRINAGAR: In what is seen as a violation of ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC), one soldier was killed when Indian troops came under fire from across the border in Poonch sector on Sunday night. Reports said that the firing took place from across the LoC towards PK Post in the Ajote area, just few meters away from the Cross-LoC trade centre at Rangar

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/30/stories/2009063056041000.htm>