

Indian buses not being allowed to ply on Pak roads : Official Daily Excelsior, 1 April 2009

AMRITSAR: In the wake of the terror attack on the Police Training Academy in Lahore, Pakistan has stopped the movement of Indian buses beyond the Wagah border for security reasons, an Indian official said today. Lahore-bound Indian buses are being evacuated at the Wagah border and their passengers shifted to Pakistani tourist buses for their onward journey due to rising security concerns following the attack on the Academy, an official posted at the international Attari check post said. After the attack at the Police Training Centre close to the Wagah border, security agencies in Pakistan are apprehensive that Indian buses could be next on the target of terrorists

26/11: Hafiz Saeed, three others challenge detention Hindu, 5 April 2009

Lahore (PTI): LeT founder Hafiz Saeed, who was put under house arrest by Pakistan government after his outfit was blamed for the Mumbai attacks, has challenged his detention in the Lahore High Court, along with three of his associates. A petition filed by Saeed and his aides Amir Hamza, Col (retired) Nazir Ahmed and Mufti Abdur Rehman in the Lahore High Court said they should be produced before the court so that it could see that they had been detained unlawfully

Landslides suspend weekly trade between Srinagar-Muzaffarabad Daily Excelsior, 7 April 2009

SRINAGAR : Landslides triggered by incessant rains across the border today forced Jammu and Kashmir government to suspend weekly trade between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), official sources said. "There was no trade along the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad road which was blocked at several places by landslides triggered by incessant rains on the other side," the sources said

U.S. not negotiating between India, Pak: Holbrooke Hindu, 8 April 2009

U.S. not negotiating between India, Pak: Holbrooke
New Delhi (PTI): As it begins implementation of its new strategy on Afghanistan and Pakistan, the U.S. on Wednesday underlined the critical role of India in the success of the policy as there was a "common threat". U.S. Special Envoy Richard Holbrooke, who held talks with Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon and National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan, underlined that he was not visiting the region to "negotiate" between India and Pakistan. "The answer is no," Mr. Holbrooke said at a press conference here when asked whether he had asked his Indian interlocutors to resume talks with Pakistan.

Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service suspended due to landslides Daily Excelsior, 9 April 2009

SRINAGAR: The weekly 'Carvan-e-Aman' bus service between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad was cancelled today in view of landslides triggered by incessant rains in the area, official sources said. The bus service was cancelled following information that landslides blocked the road at Chakoti in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and at Lagama, Johla and Aman sethu on the Indian side

Patrolling intensified along Pakistan border in Gujarat Hindu, 10 April 2009

Bhuj (IANS): The Border Security Force has intensified patrolling along India's 512-km

long border with Pakistan in Gujarat's Kutch and Banaskantha districts, given elections in India and the recent terror strikes across the border, a top Border Security Force (BSF) official said. "We are in a state of high alert as not only the country is going to the polls but also for the fact that the neighbouring country is under the spell of repeated terror attacks which may trigger infiltration of terror elements from across the border," the official said.

India behind Liberty, Manawan attacks: CCPO

Daily Times, 11 April 2009

LAHORE: Terrorists involved in last month's attacks on the Sri Lankan cricket team near the Liberty roundabout and at the Manawan Police Training School have links with India, CCPO Pervaiz Rathore said on Friday. He was talking to reporters at the foundation laying ceremony of a hospital at the Qila Gujjar Singh Police Lines. He said the police had gathered concrete evidence in this regard. While refusing to disclose the proof, Rathore said the police would make that public at the appropriate time. He said the police and intelligence agencies had jointly interrogated terrorists arrested during the attack on the school. He said they had confessed to their links with India.

India willing to provide more info to Pak on Mumbai attacks

Hindu, 14 April 2009

Jangipur (WB) (PTI): A day after Pakistan sought more specific information from New Delhi on its probe into the Mumbai attacks, India on Tuesday agreed to provide the same, but said Islamabad should not delay investigations on the pretext of clarifications. "I have just had a discussion with our Foreign Secretary. We have received the papers (from Pakistan). We are examining them and if there be further information necessary, then we will give them the further information," External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee told newsmen here.

Kasab appears in court, demands Pakistani lawyer

Hindu, 15 April 2009

Mumbai (IANS): The lone terrorist captured in the Mumbai terror strike, Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kasab on Wednesday demanded a Pakistani lawyer to defend him as the trial started here with his assigned counsel Anjali Waghmare being removed on grounds of "professional misconduct". Kasab, the prime accused in the Nov 26-29 Mumbai terror attack in which over 170 people were killed, was present in person for the first time in the Special Court in the Arthur Road Central Jail, where the 26/11 trial opened for the first time under a tight security blanket

20 Indian fishermen remanded to judicial custody

Hindu, 15 April 2009

Karachi (PTI): Twenty Indian fishermen, arrested for illegally fishing in Pakistani waters, were remanded to judicial custody till April 28 by a court here on Wednesday. The Indian fishermen were arrested and their four boats — Poona Putra, Raj Mensi, Jal Ganga and Suneel Raj — were seized by the Maritime Security Agency on Monday

70 cross sides at PoK

Daily Excelsior, 16 April 2009

SRINAGAR: As many as 70 people cross sides in the Karvan-e-Aman bus operating between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Official sources said 29 guests from PoK arrived here to meet their relatives for the first time after 1947

Pak must dismantle terror infrastructure: Patil Hindu, 22 April 2009

Pak must dismantle terror infrastructure: Patil

Madrid (PTI): The issue of terrorism emanating from Pakistani soil figured prominently on Wednesday in talks between President Pratibha Patil and the Spanish premier here, with the Indian leader asserting that the terror infrastructure in the neighbouring country must be dismantled. President Patil also told Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero that India does not want to "destabilise" Pakistan, Minister of State for Industrial Policy and Promotion Ashwani Kumar said at a media briefing after the two leaders met.

Pakistan seeks permission for Amritsar consulate Daily Times, 22 April 2009

LAHORE: Islamabad has formally requested India to allow a consulate in Amritsar to facilitate Sikh pilgrims who want to visit their holy sites in Pakistan. "We made the request on the wish of the visiting Indian Sikh pilgrims," Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) chairman Asif Hashmi said. Hashmi said Sikh pilgrims, especially from India's Punjab state, had reported problems in obtaining visas to visit Pakistan. "During the latest visit, in connection with the Baisakhi festival, they raised the issue with us. We then requested the Indian government to do the needful at the earliest." The ETPB looks after Hindu and Sikh holy sites and shrines across Pakistan and facilitates visiting pilgrims. Hundreds of Indian Sikhs and Hindus visit shrines in Pakistan every year. daily times monitor

India behind unrest in Balochistan: Malik Daily Times, 23 April 2009

ISLAMABAD: Adviser to the Prime Minister on Interior Rehman Malik claimed on Wednesday that India is backing the Balochistan Liberation Army (LBA) to fuel an insurgency in the province. Winding up debate in the Senate on the unrest in Balochistan, Rehman said 'some hostile agencies' were hatching conspiracies to destabilise Pakistan. He also dismissed BLA chief Brahamdagh Bugti's demand for an independent Balochistan, and claimed the "militant organisation raised by Russia during the Afghan war is now being backed by India"

Kasab ordered to undergo age tests to see if he is juvenile Hindu, 24 April 2009

Mumbai (PTI) A special court on Friday ordered Ajmal Kasab, the lone surviving gunman on trial over the Mumbai attacks, to undergo dental and bone tests to determine his age following his claim that at the time of the strike he was a 'juvenile' which would help him escape the gallows. Judge M L Tahiliyani allowed special public prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam to examine witnesses comprising doctors and the jailor at Arthur Road prison on April 28 to prove his claim that Kasab, a Pakistani national, was above 18 and not a juvenile at the time of commission of offence.

India ties 'advance' due to Pak threat: US Asian Age, 24 April 2009

April 23: The situation in Pakistan and Afghanistan tops the reasons why the United States is "advancing its relationship with India", secretary of state Hillary Clinton said, while accusing the Pakistani government of "abdicating to the Taliban" and warning that the deterioration of security in Pakistan poses a "mortal threat" to the world. "The US is advancing its relationship with India as part of a wide-ranging diplomatic agenda to meet today's daunting challenges topped by the situation in Pakistan and Afghanistan,"

Ms Clinton told the House foreign affairs committee on Wednesday. "I think the Pakistani government is basically abdicating to the Taliban and to the extremists," she said, calling disgraced Pakistani nuclear scientist A.Q. Khan "probably the world's greatest proliferator", though she appeared reluctant to link aid to Islamabad with getting information from him.