

## **Pakistan may appeal against Saeed's release; Move to clear the air ahead of Indo-Pakistan talks**

**Hindu, 4 July 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan government is preparing to file a "leave to appeal" petition against the release of Lashkar-e-Toiba founder and Jamat-ud-dawa chief Hafiz Saeed in the Supreme Court soon. Official sources said the papers for the petition were already finalised and may be filed by both the Punjab and federal governments before the Supreme Court as early as Saturday. The move is expected to help to clear the diplomatic air ahead of the next round of India-Pakistan meetings in Egypt later this month, at which the Prime Ministers of the two countries are to hold talks, following a meeting between their Foreign Secretaries at the same venue

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/04/stories/2009070456181400.htm>

## **Is Lashkar the new al-Qaida?**

**Times of India, 5 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: The evidence is tumbling out of the closet: Pakistan's creation Lashkar-e-Taiba is not merely allied to al-Qaida but can now be described as the new al-Qaida. With the UN Security Council listing LeT leaders Arif Qasmani, Mohammad Yahya Mujahid and Abu Mohammed Ameen al-Peshawari as terrorists allied to al-Qaida, yet another veil is being ripped off Pakistan's terror claims. The three, banned under a UN Security Council resolution adopted on June 29, are not mere footsoldiers of the Lashkar. In fact, the resolution brings out their importance for LeT and al-Qaida

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Lashkar-fast-emerging-as-new-al-Qaida/articleshow/4735818.cms>

## **"No worthwhile action to curb terrorist attacks on India"**

**Hindu, 8 July 2009**

Rome: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is expected to make clear in his bilateral meetings with world leaders assembled here for the G8 meetings the Indian assessment that Pakistan has not taken any worthwhile action to stop terrorist attacks on India from its soil. While the focus of the meetings in the town of L'Aquila is on economic recovery, trade and climate change, the question of India's relations with Pakistan may well come up in some of the bilateral meetings including the one planned with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. While India continues its talks with Pakistan, the focus of the talks is on terrorism

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/08/stories/2009070860491000.htm>

## **Petitions against Saeed's release filed in Pakistan court**

**Hindu, 8 July 2009**

ISLAMABAD: After the hiccups of the last few days, the government petitions against Hafiz Saeed's release are finally with the Pakistan Supreme Court, and may be heard later this week. The Pakistan federal government and the Punjab provincial government successfully filed their separate petitions in the Supreme Court on Tuesday against the Lahore High Court order of June 2, ordering the release of Mr. Saeed, the founder of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, which is blamed for the

November 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/08/stories/2009070860531000.htm>

**Tonnes of Dal Moong imported**  
**Daily Excelsior, 8 July 2009**

JAMMU, July 7: Dal Moong, which has high variation of prices in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), the two parts of erstwhile divided State, remained favourite of traders on this part of the State with all 19 trucks, which reached Poonch from Rawlakote today, carried the Dal. Official sources said barring a couple of items in very small quantity, all 19 trucks which crossed over to Poonch from PoK today during weekly trade on Poonch-Rawlakote route, carried Dal Moong

**Pakistan admits to creating militant groups**  
**Hindu, 9 July 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has, for the first time, acknowledged at the highest level that militant groups were created and nurtured by it for "tactical" objectives. Speaking to retired civil servants, who met him on Tuesday night to discuss national issues, President Asif Ali Zardari said militants and extremists had been "deliberately created and nurtured" as a policy for "short-term tactical objectives."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/09/stories/2009070957160100.htm>

**India's stand vindicated: Krishna**  
**Hindu, 10 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari's acknowledgement that his country nurtured militant groups for tactical objectives has vindicated New Delhi's stand that the neighbouring soil was being used for launching terror attacks on India. External Affairs S. M. Krishna said this in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. He hoped that hereafter Islamabad would make a determined bid to curb terrorism and dismantle all terror infrastructure

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/10/stories/2009071060271000.htm>

**Pakistan should take credible action against terrorists: Manmohan**  
**Hindu, 12 July 2009**

New Delhi: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Saturday that India was "willing to walk more than half the distance" to normalise relations if Pakistan reaffirmed that it would bring the perpetrators of the Mumbai massacre to justice and would not allow its territory to be used for terrorist attacks against India. The Prime Minister was replying to a question on what India's stand would be in his scheduled meeting with Pakistan Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani in his interaction with journalists on board the special aircraft on the trip back from the G8 and G5 summit meetings in L'Aquila, Italy. Prefacing his answer with the remark that one could choose friends but not neighbours, he went on to say that if India were to realise its development ambitions and realise its place in the comity of nations it had to work with its neighbours to bring about peace and amity in South Asia

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/12/stories/2009071258580100.htm>

**Four more questions from Pakistan**  
**Hindu, 12 July 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The dossier that Pakistan handed over to India on Saturday contains two parts. The lengthier part of the 36-page dossier is called "investigation update" and documents in detail all the actions Pakistan has taken to bring the perpetrators of the Mumbai terror attacks to book

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/12/stories/2009071260810900.htm>

**236 get permits for PoK visit  
Daily Excelsior, 12 July 2009**

JAMMU, July 11: Shunning its rigid stand on giving nod for allotment of permits to cross-LoC visitors from Jammu region, Pakistan's Ministry of Home Affairs has suddenly taken a U-turn approving names of as many as 236 persons for visiting Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) from weekly Poonch-Rawlakote route. Following clearance from Pakistan Government, the Regional Passport Officer (RPO), J&K, has issued permits to all 236 citizens for visiting PoK. Majority of 236 citizens issued permits by the RPO hailed from twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, who have their divided families and relatives in PoK

**Trial of Mumbai attackers likely next week: Malik  
News, 12 July 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The government said on Saturday it would "probably" put on trial next week the five people accused of involvement in last year's terror attacks in the Indian city of Mumbai, which killed 166 people. "The trial of the five accused, who have been arrested, is probably going to start next week," Interior Minister Rehman Malik told reporters in Islamabad after meeting Indian Deputy High Commissioner Manpreet Vohra

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=23217](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=23217)

**India, Pakistan de-link terrorism from dialogue  
News, 17 July 2009**

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Pakistan and India have agreed to de-link the composite dialogue between the two countries from terrorism. The dialogue process was stalled in November last in the wake of Mumbai attacks. "It should not be linked to the composite dialogue process and these should not be bracketed." This has been asserted in the joint statement issued here at Martim Hotel after three hours of talks between Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani and his Indian counterpart Dr Manmohan Singh

**Where is Kashmir, ask Pakistani media  
Hindu, 17 July 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The true import of the India-Pakistan joint statement following the meeting of the Prime Ministers of the two countries in Sharm-el-Sheikh seemed not to have sunk in fully here yet, with immediate reactions tending to pick instead on why there was no mention of Kashmir in the joint statement. As evident from the statement, India has made several significant shifts, including an agreement to continue with the composite dialogue format against the earlier thinking that a new framework was required for engaging with Pakistan post-26/11. Most importantly, there was an agreement that terrorism and talks must be delinked

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/17/stories/2009071760021000.htm>

**No dilution of our stand: Manmohan**

### **Hindu, 18 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: A day after meeting Pakistan Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani in Egypt, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told Parliament on Friday that the joint statement delinking the composite dialogue process from action by Islamabad on combating India-directed terrorism did not amount to diluting New Delhi's stand. Delinking the composite dialogue and action by Pakistan against terrorism "only strengthens our commitment that meaningful process of engagement cannot move forward unless and until Pakistan takes measures to control terrorism," the Prime Minister said responding to customary clarifications in the Rajya Sabha on a statement on his recent visits to Italy, France and Egypt

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/18/stories/2009071858930100.htm>

### **Musharraf: India, Pakistan were close to agreement on 3 issues**

#### **Hindu, 18 July 2009**

New Delhi: India and Pakistan came tantalisingly close to an agreement on Kashmir and two other contentious bilateral issues when Pervez Musharraf was in power. Asked during an interview with Karan Thapar for the TV programme "Devil's Advocate" whether the two countries were close to an agreement, the former General and President said: "Yes, absolutely. On all three issues — Kashmir, Siachen and Sir Creek."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/18/stories/2009071861321000.htm>

### **No 'sell-out' at Sharm-el-Sheikh; Pakistan forced to admit terror link**

#### **Hindu, 18 July 2009**

New Delhi: Going by the hyper-reaction the Sharm-el-Sheikh meeting between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Yousaf Raza Geelani has generated in India as well as Pakistan, it is evident that the joint statement they issued could not have gone much further than it did in addressing either country's core concerns. The Pakistani delegation came to the meeting with its tails up, still smarting from the inadvertent slight Dr. Singh delivered to President Asaf Ali Zardari at their encounter in Yekaterinburg. What Mr. Gilani and his entourage wanted more than anything else was the resumption of the composite dialogue process, suspended by India in the wake of last November's terrorist attacks in Mumbai

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/18/stories/2009071861371000.htm>

### **No pressure was put on India: Hillary**

#### **Hindu, 18 July 2009**

New Delhi: The United States did not pressure India to return to the negotiating table with Pakistan, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Friday. In an interview to CNN IBN, Ms. Clinton said she was "very impressed" with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's discussions with his Pakistani counterpart Yusuf Raza Gilani in Egypt

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/18/stories/2009071861421100.htm>

### **India given proof of its hand in Balochistan: PM Says Pakistan fighting against terrorism on its own**

#### **News, 19 July 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani on Saturday said Pakistan was fighting the war on terror for its own cause irrespective of whether Washington was

pleased or not. "Terrorism is a menace and we are determined to root out this menace. We are very serious about it," he said while commenting on the recent statement of US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. He was addressing a press conference on his return home on Saturday after attending the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit at Sharm el-Sheikh, where he also met Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh on the sidelines of the summit

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=23342](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=23342)

**Decline in infiltration along Indo-Bangla border: Govt  
Times of India, 24 July 2009**

SHILLONG: There has been a decline in the number of foreign nationals arrested for infiltrating along the Indo-Bangla border, an official statement said on Thursday. Till June this year, 991 foreign infiltrators were held along the Indo-Bangla border while 2559 such persons were apprehended last year. In 2007 and 2006, the figures were 4206 and 5130 respectively, the statement issued by Union home ministry said here. The government has adopted a "multi-pronged approach" to contain cross-border infiltration which includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts, the statement said

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Decline-in-infiltration-along-Indo-Bangla-border-Govt-/articleshow/4813206.cms>

**Indo-Pak joint statement not legally binding: Tharoor  
Times of India, 24 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: In what clearly looks like a distancing act, MoS for external affairs Shashi Tharoor on Thursday downplayed the significance of the controversial India-Pakistan joint statement and said it was a "diplomatic paper" and not a legally binding commitment. The remarks have been interpreted as an indication that the composite dialogue — delinked by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh from terrorism at his meeting with his Pakistani counterpart Yousuf Gilani at Sharm el-Sheikh — is not likely to be resumed any time soon. It does appear that the government will make all efforts to "reiterate" the view that Pakistan must deliver on terrorism

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Indo-Pak-joint-statement-not-legally-binding-Tharoor/articleshow/4813131.cms>

**Only one traveller to PoK  
Daily Excelsior, 24 July 2009**

SRINAGAR, July 23: Only one citizen from here travelled to Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) while 55 guests from across the LoC arrived today in the weekly Karvan-e-Aman bus, operating between Srinagar to Muzaffarabad since 2005. As many 52 returnees also crossed the side, official sources said today. They said only one man from Kashmir crossed over to PoK to meet his relatives for the first time after 1947

**ISI spreading terrorism in India, says US  
Times of India, 25 July 2009**

WASHINGTON: A top US military strategist has affirmed ahead of a meeting with the visiting Indian Army Chief that Pakistan has been fomenting terrorism in India and Afghanistan, endorsing New Delhi's and the Indian Army's long-held view at a time when the two neighbours are sparring over the issue. ( Watch ) The damning public US indictment of Pakistan's use of terrorism came from US Admiral Mike Mullen, who

told the Arabic television network Al Jazeera hours ahead of his meeting with General Deepak Kapoor on Thursday that in the long run the ISI has to change its strategic thrust, which has been to foment chaotic activity in its border countries.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/ISI-spreading-terrorism-in-India-says-US-/articleshow/4818425.cms>

### **Kargil was big success for Pak: Musharraf**

**Times of India, 25 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has described the Kargil operation as a "big success" which forced India to discuss the contentious issue of Kashmir. "Yes, indeed, it was a big success because it had impact even on the attitude of the Indian side. How did we start discussing the Kashmir dispute? How was it that the Indians agreed that we will discuss Kashmir and there must be a negotiated settlement? Before this there was no such thing at all," Musharraf said in an interview to an Indian channel

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Kargil-was-big-success-for-Pak-Musharraf/articleshow/4818429.cms>

### **PM introduced Balochistan, terror delink in Egypt statement**

**Times of India, 25 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Who drafted the controversial joint statement in Sharm-el Sheikh? Sifting through the clutter, this is the picture that has been culled. On July 14, foreign secretary Shiv Shankar Menon had his first official talks with his Pakistani counterpart Salman Bashir. Bashir handed over a paper that detailed the actions taken by Pakistan on the 26/11 terror attacks from January 5, the day India handed over its first dossier to Pakistan

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/PM-introduced-Balochistan-terror-delink-in-Egypt-statement/articleshow/4817599.cms>

### **Congress core group in huddle over Indo-Pak joint statement**

**Hindustan Times, 25 July 2009**

The Congress core group — that includes Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi — met on Friday in the backdrop of the Opposition onslaught and the party's reported unease over the Indo-Pak joint statement delinking terror from the composite dialogue and the reference to Balochistan in the document. The meeting was still on till late at night. Though there is no confirmation, there is speculation that it discussed the issue that would also be debated in Parliament on July 29

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=IndiaSectionPage&id=5e8d108a-5ff4-446d-ad43-af0274e8cb14&Headline=Congress+core+group+in+huddle+over+Indo-Pak+joint+statement>

### **No government-party rift over Pakistan: Manmohan**

**Hindu, 26 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has dismissed reports of differences between his government and the party over the recent India-Pakistan joint statement and maintained that he had the "relevant answers" to all objections and doubts expressed about that statement. Speaking to journalists after a function at

the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Saturday, the Prime Minister said divergence of views on this subject was a "media creation."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/26/stories/2009072657780100.htm>

### **Proceedings against Lakhvi put off**

**Hindu, 26 July 2009**

ISLAMABAD: An anti-terror court has put off proceedings against five suspects in the Mumbai attacks case, including Lashkar-e-Taiba commander Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, to August 29. This is the longest adjournment since the hearing began in February. Accepting separate applications from the government and the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) that probed the involvement of Pakistanis in the attack, judge Baqir Ali Rana also ordered that the proceedings against the five men in custody be held in camera

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/26/stories/2009072657760100.htm>

### **PoK traders relent as threat to stop cross-LoC trade works**

**Daily Excelsior, 26 July 2009**

JAMMU, July 25: Last week's warning by the traders of Poonch and Jammu threatening to stop the cross-LoC trade with their counterparts in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) for not sending goods of an amount equal to the items imported by them from here seemed to have worked with businessmen from across the Line of Control (LoC) this week exporting items worth Rs 3.10 crore, an all time high since the launch of trade. According to official sources and traders, the businessmen of PoK were benefiting a lot from the cross-LoC trade both in terms of import and export.

### **The ghosts of Kargil**

**Dawn, 27 July 2009**

THE ghosts of Kargil continue to haunt us, and will continue to do so, unless we get to know the truth. Surprisingly, nobody talks about it more than the two men responsible for the disaster — the prime minister and the army chief in 1999. We have heard their versions many times, and they keep repeating themselves. Pervez Musharraf says that Nawaz Sharif was "on board" all along and that he was briefed by the military high command beforehand. We have also seen some photographs showing the prime minister being briefed — with maps and all that — and Mr Sharif somewhere in Azad Kashmir. That proves nothing.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/editorial/the-ghosts-of-kargil-779>