

## **Quetta Shura**

**News, 2 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday expressed its 'surprise' at the latest volatile interview of US Ambassador Anne W Patterson and said there was clearly a "huge disconnect" between Washington and the US Embassy in Islamabad. In the latest interview to the media, Patterson had claimed the Taliban leadership was hiding in Balochistan and coordinating anti-US operations from Quetta. After reports in the US media, including the interview of Ambassador Patterson, Deputy Chief of the Mission at the US Embassy Gerald M Feierstein told the media on Thursday that Osama bin Laden was alive and that the Taliban leadership, including Mullah Omar, was present in Quetta.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=24793](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24793)

## **U.S. steel pipe probes may increase U.S.-China trade tensions**

**People's Daily, 8 October 2009**

The U.S. Department of Commerce on Wednesday launched investigations into China-made seamless steel pipes that could lead to new tariffs and thus escalate the trade disputes between the two countries. The department said it had initiated anti-dumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations at the request of the U.S. Steel Corporation, V&M Star LP, TMK IPSCO and the United Steelworkers (USW).

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90782/90873/6777464.html>

## **Chinese vice president embarks on trip to five European nations**

**People's Daily, 8 October 2009**

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping on Wednesday departed for tours to five European nations. The fortnight visit will take Xi to Belgium, Germany, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. During his stay in Belgium, Xi will attend a "Europalia-China" art festival. He will also be present at China's guest of honor events at 2009 Frankfurt Book Fair when he visits Germany.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6777396.html>

## **N.Korea Rejects UN Security Resolution**

**Chosun Ilbo, 8 October 2009**

Pyongyang has rejected UN Security Resolution 1887 on a "world without nuclear weapons" drafted by U.S. President Barack Obama. North Korea's UN representative Shin Sun-ho in a letter delivered to the UN Security Council said unless other nuclear weapons states begin to disarm themselves the North will not renounce its nuclear weapons program.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/08/2009100800745.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/08/2009100800745.html)

## **Obama to Visit Seoul in November**

**Chosun Ilbo, 8 October 2009**

U.S. President Barack Obama will visit Seoul on Nov. 18-19 at the invitation of his South Korean counterpart Lee Myung-bak, it was announced Thursday. Cheong Wa Dae said Obama will visit Korea after attending the APEC summit in Singapore on Nov. 14-15. Obama is also expected to visit Tokyo and Beijing. It will be the third meeting between the two leaders since April and Obama's first visit to Seoul.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/08/2009100800534.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/08/2009100800534.html)

**China Aims to Steady North Korea  
NYT, 8 October 2009**

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's leader gave an unusually exuberant welcome this week to the prime minister of China, whose trip was intensely monitored by the rest of the world for progress on efforts to halt North Korea's nuclear weapons program. But the deal struck by the North Korean leader Kim Jong-il and Prime Minister Wen Jiabao of China had far more to do with the two countries' shared goal — stability in North Korea. When Mr. Kim met Mr. Wen on Monday, North Korea said it was ready to return to six-nation talks on ending its nuclear program — but only if it saw progress in bilateral talks with the United States, state-run media in China and North Korea reported Tuesday. For months, North Korea had insisted that it would never return to the talks demanded by the United States, calling them "dead."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/07/world/asia/07korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**Strengthened Sino-Russian ties in both's interests: Russian diplomat  
People's Daily, 9 October 2009**

The continued development of the Russia-China strategic partnership of cooperation has conformed to the interests of both countries, a Foreign Ministry spokesman says. Spokesman Andrei Nesterenko made the comments in a written interview with Xinhua ahead of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's visit to China on Oct. 12-14. Putin was to meet with Chinese leaders on bilateral trade cooperation, culture, and international issues, Nesterenko told Xinhua.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6778812.html>

**Chinese FM tells U.S. legislators to stay out of China's affairs  
People's Daily, 9 October 2009**

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman on Friday urged some United States lawmakers to stop "intervening" in China's domestic affairs in the name of Tibet. "Tremendous progress has taken place in Tibet's social and economic aspects since its democratic reform and the human rights situation there is the best in history," spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said in a statement. Ma's remarks came after the Dalai Lama on Tuesday received a U.S. Congress award in honor of the late U.S. human rights activist Tom Lantos.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6778806.html>

**Interview: China-UN relations to reach new height, says top UN official  
People's Daily, 9 October 2009**

"I believe China-UN relations will reach a new height. China's engagement in UN affairs will be increasingly deep and comprehensive," Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations, told Xinhua in a recent interview. With the launching of its reform and opening-up policy, China's comprehensive national power had begun to ascend, and its national interests had expanded, Sha said, adding that China's participation in the UN had increased.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6778804.html>

**China to develop Iraq's super-giant oilfield**  
**People's Daily, 9 October 2009**

Iraq had signed a deal in Baghdad with British Petroleum (BP) and China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC) to develop its super-giant Rumaila oilfield, according to Iraq's oil ministry on Thursday. The program, worth more than 15 billion U.S. dollars of investment, is a milestone in Iraq's efforts to renew its struggling oil sector, said Asim Jihad, a ministry spokesman. According to the 20-year contract, BP holds a 38 per cent stake in the venture, while CNPC has a 37 per cent share. Iraq's State Oil Marketing Organisation controls the rest.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90777/90854/6778305.html>

**Seoul Stays Firm on UN Sanctions Against N.Korea**  
**Chosun Ilbo, 9 October 2009**

The government says it will collaborate closely with other countries involved in the six-party talks to continue enforcing sanctions under United Nations Resolution 1874 even if North Korea returns to the nuclear negotiations. Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan said in a news conference on Thursday that with Pyongyang's intentions still unclear automatic removal or suspension of punitive sanctions will not happen, especially considering the fact that the regime conducted a second nuclear test this year.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/09/2009100900846.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/09/2009100900846.html)

**U.S. Expert Casts Doubt on 'Grand Bargain' for N.Korea**  
**Chosun Ilbo, 9 October 2009**

The "grand bargain" proposed by President Lee Myung-bak to induce North Korea to relinquish its nuclear weapon program in return for money will not solve the problem, argues Joel Wit, a senior research scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University. Wit, who worked on North Korean affairs in the U.S. State Department during the Bill Clinton Administration, was speaking at a seminar titled "Obama and North Korea: Next Steps" at Columbia University on Wednesday, where he presented a paper on "U.S. Strategy toward North Korea: Rebuilding Dialogue and Engagement." He said the "grand bargain" idea was dead on arrival, and buy-out deals like those offered on Wall Street cannot solve the North Korean nuclear issue.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/09/2009100900812.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/09/2009100900812.html)

**Obama to visit Nov. 12-13**  
**Asahi Shimbun, 9 October 2009**

WASHINGTON--U.S. President Barack Obama will visit Japan from Nov. 12 to 13, the White House announced Wednesday. Afterward, Obama will fly to Singapore to attend the Nov. 14-15 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum summit. A visit by Obama to Hiroshima or Nagasaki is not on the itinerary. Despite repeated invitations from local authorities, no postwar U.S. president has visited the cities devastated by the U.S. atomic bombings in 1945.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/Herald-asahi/TKY200910090224.html>

**Manmohan congratulates Obama on Nobel Peace Prize**  
**The Hindu, 9 October 2009**

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Friday congratulated U.S. President Barack

Obama on being awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize and praised his approach to problem-solving. "The world today is in need of a healing touch. Your pursuit of an inclusive approach to problem-solving, and primacy to dialogue as an instrument of policy are setting new benchmarks for the world community. I am confident that the world will be the better for it," Dr. Singh said in his congratulatory message .

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article31668.ece>

### **US aid with strings under fire in NA Daily Excelsior, 9 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The Kerry-Lugar Bill continued to face the wrath of the opposition on Thursday in the National Assembly. The opposition termed the bill "strategic sell-out of Pakistan's sovereignty", suggesting the government to follow the sentiments of parliament and the people of Pakistan rather to go blindly for the peanuts. The treasury benches had the sole voice of Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Sardar Assef Ahmad Ali, who supported the Kerry-Lugar Bill, saying that it was a massive shift in the US policy by supporting the elected civilian government rather than dictators.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=24917](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24917)

### **Mystery of Kerry-Lugar conditions solved? The News, 9 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Intense search has begun in political and media circles to find out who is the father of the Pakistan Army and ISI-specific conditions in the Kerry-Lugar Bill, which ultimately led to the assertive statement issued by the 122nd corps commanders' meeting on Wednesday. But the search will not be too difficult. All fingers point to the Pakistani lobbyists in Washington who were hired by the Pakistan Embassy after the PPP government came into power in 2008. These lobbyists, including Mark A Siegel and Cassidy and Associates, were supposed to work for Pakistan and were paid million of dollars, but they were actually lobbying against Pakistan and were trying to get anti-Pakistan conditions inserted in the Kerry-Lugar Bill.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=24919](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24919)

### **Army's opposition no threat to Pak govt: US The News, 9 October 2009**

WASHINGTON: US Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs PJ Crowley has said the Obama administration believes that there was no threat to the democratically elected government in Islamabad in view of the Pakistan Army's public opposition to the Kerry-Lugar Bill, which is not in line with the official position of the Zardari government. Crowley was talking to reporters here at the Foreign Press Centre on Wednesday. When asked about the differences that have emerged between the Zardari government and Pakistan's military on the issue of Kerry-Lugar Bill, which provides unconditional non-military aid to Pakistan but imposes conditions for military assistance, Crowley said: "I don't think it is a threat to the civilian government in Pakistan.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=24924](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24924)

### **Govt to resettle IDPs with security Daily News, 9 October 2009**

The Government has provided maximum facilities to the IDPs until they are re-settled in their original villages. The Government has also taken every possible measure to safeguard the rights of these IDPs who have been temporarily sheltered in welfare camps by providing them the opportunity to participate in social activities

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/10/09/news01.asp>

**Investing in India-Russia relationship  
The Hindu, 10 October 2009**

With India's relationship with the United States and China under relentless focus, it is not surprising that the Indian President's recent visit to the Russian Federation went almost unnoticed. Yet the trip served to remind both sides of a friendship that they once swore by and whose potential remains high despite years of mutual neglect, changed global circumstances and diversification of interests. At one level, Pratibha Patil's trip, like any presidential outing, was all ceremony and nostalgia. Dulcet tunes from the Raj Kapoor-directed Shri 420 filled the Grand Kremlin Palace's incredibly beautiful gold and red Alexander Hall when President Dmitry Medvedev raised a toast to his Indian guest. If the blast from the past was ever so sweet, so was the ritual recalling of the golden years of "Hindi-Rusi bhai-bhai" and the references to India and Russia's shared civilisational roots.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article27117.ece>

**Wen says DPRK wants better US, Japan, Seoul ties  
People's Daily, 10 October 2009**

BEIJING: The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) wants better ties with the United States, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK), Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Saturday, days after he visited Pyongyang for talks. "North Korea does not only hope to improve relations with the United States, it also hopes to do so with ROK and Japan," Wen told a news conference on Saturday after a summit with Japan and the Republic of Korea.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6779988.html>

**Obama may agree to 'middle ground' on Kerry-Lugar Bill  
The News, 10 October 2009**

KARACHI: Amid raging controversy in Pakistan over the controversial clauses of the Kerry-Lugar Bill, US officials are believed to be working, behind the scene, with Pakistani officials to find a middle ground to save the spirit of enhanced partnership with the people and the Government of Pakistan enshrined in the US aid bill, informed officials said. United States officials are acknowledging that inappropriate language was used in several controversial phrases of the bill and President Obama has already heard this from his key advisers on Pakistan.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=24935](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=24935)

**Lanka subject to maritime terrorism - Kohona  
Daily News, 10 October 2009**

Sri Lanka had fallen victim to dangerous forms of maritime terrorism. Following the recent defeat of a terrorist group [LTTE], it had been discovered that their networks were being transferred to arms smuggling and drug trafficking on the international

arena, said Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, Dr. Palitha Kohona. He was speaking at the UN general debate of the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) on crime prevention, criminal justice and international drug control. He noted that terrorist groups with their transnational linkages and multi-faceted criminal networks generated a vast and complex mix of criminal activities, ranging from fund-raising, using overseas bases, terrorist financing, money laundering, arms procurement and other organized criminal activities, all of which were interrelated.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/10/10/sec01.asp>

### **American-Chinese professionals pledge to promote cooperation between two countries**

**People's Daily, 11 October 2009**

Members of the Association of Chinese-American Scientists and Engineers (ACSE) pledged on Saturday to further promote U.S.-China cooperation and exchanges in science and technology field. Speaking at the 17th annual conference of the ACSE in Chicago, the President of the ACSE Zhou Lubo said that the United States and China have common interests in many aspects, such as energy, climate change and economy. The ACSE and its members are in the unique position to help and promote such cooperation.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6780176.html>

### **Chinese Premier Calls for Dialogue Between U.S. and North Korea**

**NYT, 11 October 2009**

BEIJING — China's prime minister called Saturday for the United States and North Korea to engage in a "conscientious and constructive dialogue" aimed at reviving multilateral talks over the North's nuclear weapons program. North Korea's leader, Kim Jong-il, suggested in a meeting with China's premier last week that his country would return to multilateral talks if the United States held bilateral talks and if those negotiations went well. The United States has said it would hold talks with North Korea, but only if they quickly lead to the resumption of multilateral deliberations aimed at resolving the nuclear issue. The statement by Prime Minister Wen Jiabao seemed to indicate that China was ready to take a more active role in trying to end the standoff between the United States and North Korea, but it remains unclear if he won concessions from the North that will induce Washington to enter into bilateral talks.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/11/world/asia/11korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

### **Presidency blinks: troika agrees to disagree with US**

**The News, 11 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: A confrontation between the political and military establishments of the country was narrowly averted when the troika comprising the president, the prime minister and the Army chief met at the Presidency here on Saturday and 'mutually' decided to resolve their differences arising from their contrasting interpretation of the Kerry-Lugar Bill. At the end of the almost three-hour-long huddle, it was decided to ask the Obama administration to address the concerns of Pakistan, particularly those pertaining to the controversial clauses relating to national security.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=24951](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=24951)

**'Blame game against Pakistan should stop'**

**The News, 11 October 2009**

WASHINGTON: Reacting strongly to his Afghan counterpart's hastily made allegations of a Pakistani connection to this week's bombing in Kabul, Islamabad's Ambassador to the United States Hussain Haqqani has denounced the blame game against Pakistan. Haqqani pointed out that Pakistan itself was a major victim of terrorism and Saturday's attack on its military headquarter in Rawalpindi could raise doubts about the involvement of Pakistan's traditional enemies. "It is unfortunate that instead of working together with Pakistan to eliminate the common threat of terrorism, some of our neighbors choose to blame us," he said in a statement.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=24959](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=24959)

**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](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=24964)

**Russian PM arrives in China for official visit**

**People's Daily, 12 October 2009**

At the invitation of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin arrived in Beijing Monday evening for a 3-day official visit, the first official visit to China since he took office as prime minister last May. During Putin's visit in China, Chinese President Hu Jintao, Chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress Wu Bangguo will meet with him. Wen will hold talks with him.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6781490.html>

**Chinese state councilor meets Kissinger**

**People's Daily, 12 October 2009**

Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo met here Sunday with former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. They discussed Sino-U.S. relations as well as issues of common concern at the Diaoyutai State Guest House in Beijing. Kissinger, who paved way for the establishment of China-U.S. diplomatic relations in the 1970s, was here for a bi-track dialogue with Chinese diplomats and researchers.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6780691.html>

**China, Russia sign 12 agreements during Putin's visit**

**People's Daily, 13 October 2009**

China and Russia signed 12 agreements, including agreements on natural gas and oil, as the government heads of the two countries held their 14th regular meeting in Beijing on Tuesday. The signing ceremony was overseen by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin after their talks in the Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing. Prior to their talks, Wen hosted a red-carpet welcome ceremony for Putin, who is on his first official visit to China since taking office in May 2008.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6782599.html>

**China, Uzbekistan pledge to enhance security cooperation in fighting "three forces"****People's Daily, 13 October 2009**

China and Uzbekistan on Tuesday vowed to join hands to further step up security cooperation in combating "three forces" of separatism, terrorism and extremism. Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang met with visiting Uzbek Prime Minister Shavkat Mirziyayev in Beijing, saying that it is the common responsibility of both countries to fight "three forces" and maintain peace and security in the region.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6782577.html>

**China and Russia Reaffirm Gas Deal Plans****NYT, 13 October 2009**

BEIJING — The main Russian gas exporter signed a general trade agreement with China's largest state-run energy company here on Tuesday, but failed to work out pricing details and other mechanisms that would actually put the agreement into effect. The agreement was signed in the presence of the Russian prime minister, Vladimir V. Putin, and the Chinese prime minister, Wen Jiabao, and was called a "framework" by Alexei Miller, the head of Gazprom, the Russian state-run gas exporter, which made the deal with the China National Petroleum Corp., China's largest oil and gas producer. The deal calls for the supply of nearly 2.5 trillion cubic feet of gas per year via two potential routes originating from Siberia. China has one of the fastest-growing economies in the world and has been searching far and wide for new sources of energy. It has focused on Central Asian nations and Russia as potential suppliers of large amounts of natural gas.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/14/world/asia/14china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**CPI (M) demands strong action against persons taking bribes from U S firms  
The Hindu, 13 October 2009**

Demanding an investigation into reports of Indian officials accepting bribes from U.S. companies, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) on Tuesday also insisted the Government blacklist all American firms involved in it. Expressing grave concern at the report that Indian officials took the bribes for showing special favours and awarding them major facilities and contracts, the CPI (M) Polit Bureau in a statement said the Government should also identify the persons who received the bribes and give them stringent punishments.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article33326.ece>

**Concerns over KLB be addressed: Zardari**  
**The News, 13 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has said there exist some concerns in certain quarters about some clauses of the Kerry-Lugar Bill (KLB) and that the US and Pakistan need to work together to address these concerns. He said this while talking to US Senator Daniel Inouye, chief of the US Senate Appropriation Committee. The president emphasised that there was an urgent need for the US to approve the pending bill on the Reconstruction Opportunities Zone (ROZs), as it would create employment opportunities in the conflict-hit areas of Pakistan besides improving the economy.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=24987](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=24987)

**Pakistan Aid Places U.S. in the Midst of a Divide**  
**NYT, 13 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The new aid package for Pakistan passed by Congress last month — a promise of \$7.5 billion for civilian needs over the next five years — has unwittingly thrust the United States into the center of the perennially uneasy relationship between Pakistan's powerful military and its weak civilian governments. In this case, the United States stepped into the middle of what politicians describe as a deteriorating relationship between the head of the army, Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, and President Asif Ali Zardari, by insisting on greater civilian oversight of the military as a condition of the aid. With its economy in tatters, and a tenacious insurgency that last weekend breached the military headquarters outside the capital, Pakistan would seem more in need than ever of the kind of assistance Washington is offering.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/13/world/asia/13islambad.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**India-US making efforts to step up trade engagement**  
**The Hindu, 14 October 2009**

Commerce and Industry Minister Anand Sharma has met US Trade Representative Ron Kirk and discussed ways of increasing bilateral commercial engagements through an institutional framework. On Tuesday, the two leaders met, for the fourth time in the last six months, and reviewed the agenda for India-US Trade Policy Forum (TPF) meeting to take place in New Delhi on October 26. "... the United States and India are working together to create greater opportunities for trade and investment," a statement from the USTR office said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article33739.ece>

**US not to review KLB but will address concerns**  
**The News, 14 October 2009**

WASHINGTON: US lawmakers and the Obama administration sought on Tuesday to allay Pakistani concerns over conditions tied to the Kerry-Lugar Bill, but made it clear

that the legislation would not be changed. Democratic Senator John Kerry, who co-sponsored the aid bill, sought to soothe anger in Pakistan over the proposed multibillion-dollar US aid package, saying lawmakers would prepare an explanatory statement to accompany the bill for President Barack Obama's signature into law. The statement would "set the record absolutely straight" and correct misinterpretations about the bill, Kerry told reporters after his meeting with Qureshi.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=24997](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=24997)

**No more unchecked comings and goings for US officials**  
**The News, 14 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: All US officials and diplomats will now have to go through normal airport checks at the Islamabad Airport as the government has decided to withdraw the extraordinary concession offered to them after 9/11 by former president Pervez Musharraf. Under the concessions, the US officials and their vehicles enjoyed unchecked arrivals and departures and no scrutiny of their luggage was done at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport (BBIA), Islamabad.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=25000](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25000)

**Tigers On Trial**  
**Daily News, 14 October 2009**

Twenty-two cadres of the suspected Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) went on trial Monday for running an extortion racket among Paris's ethnic Tamil diaspora. The defendants include Nadaraja Matinthiran, the alleged leader in France of the LTTE, which is accused of extorting some five million euros (US \$ 7.4 million) from the country's 75,000 Tamils. Also in the dock is a group called the Tamil Coordination Committee in France, believed to be a legal front for the LTTE, which has been listed as a terrorist organisation by the European Union since 2006. Experts believe the Tigers exert a controlling influence over the political life of the 1.5-million-strong world Tamil diaspora, levying a "revolutionary tax" based on household size and income.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/10/14/sec01.asp>

**PM hopes to leave mark at UN summit**  
**Kathmandu Post, 14 October 2009**

DOHA (QATAR) - Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, before leaving the Qatari capital for New York on Monday to attend the 64th United Nations General Assembly, expressed hope that his address to the assembly would bring Nepal and other UN members closer. The prime minister was upbeat about his scheduled meeting with the US President Barrack Obama, expressing confidence that it will help further strengthen bilateral ties.

[http://www.ekantipur.com/tkp/news/news-detail.php?news\\_id=444](http://www.ekantipur.com/tkp/news/news-detail.php?news_id=444)

**Chinese top legislator, Russian PM vow to boost bilateral ties**  
**People's Daily, 14 October 2009**

Top Chinese legislator Wu Bangguo and visiting Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin pledged here Wednesday to boost bilateral ties and cooperation between the two parliaments. Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), hailed the China-Russia strategic partnership of coordination, saying it was developing rapidly from a new starting point.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6783716.html>

**Ex-President Bush Promotes Six-Party N.Korean Talks  
Chosun Ilbo, 14 October 2009**

Former U.S. President George W. Bush says multilateral diplomacy is the key to resolving the standoff over North Korea's nuclear program. During a speech in Seoul, South Korea Wednesday, Mr. Bush said the six-nation talks are "the best way to bring peace to the Korean peninsula."

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/14/2009101402073.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/14/2009101402073.html)

**In Recession, China Solidifies Its Lead in Global Trade  
NYT, 14 October 2009**

SHANGHAI — With the global recession making consumers and businesses more price-conscious, China is grabbing market share from its export competitors, solidifying a dominance in world trade that many economists say could last long after any economic recovery. China's exports this year have already vaulted it past Germany to become the world's biggest exporter. Now, those market share gains are threatening to increase trade frictions with the United States and Europe. The European Commission proposed on Tuesday to extend antidumping duties on Chinese, as well as Vietnamese, shoe imports. China is winning a larger piece of a shrinking pie. Although world trade declined this year because of the recession, consumers are demanding lower-priced goods and Beijing, determined to keep its export machine humming, is finding a way to deliver.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/14/business/global/14chinatrade.html?ref=asia&agewanted=print>

**China ready to enhance coordination with U.S. on Asia-Pacific affairs:  
spokesman  
People's Daily, 15 October 2009**

China is ready to enhance coordination and cooperation with the United States on Asia-Pacific affairs, said a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman on Thursday. China is willing to see the United States' constructive role in regional peace, stability and development and beef up their coordination and cooperation on Asia-Pacific affairs, said Ma Zhaoxu at a regular press conference.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6784864.html>

**US taps China to renew Six-Party Talks**  
**People's Daily, 15 October 2009**

A high-level official from the United States is consulting with the Chinese government on the next steps to bring the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) back to the Six-Party Talks. Kurt Campbell, US assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, told reporters yesterday in Beijing that he has already compared notes with high-level Chinese officials on Premier Wen Jiabao's visit to Pyongyang earlier this month. China has been for months trying to re-engage DPRK officials to resume denuclearization discussions.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6784810.html>

**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>

**India, Russia to launch fifth generation fighter jets**  
**The Hindu, 15 October 2009**

India and Russia will launch the joint fifth generation fighters by year-end and have agreed to collaborate to develop heavy lift cargo helicopters and futuristic infantry combat vehicles. The path for more hi-tech defence collaboration between Moscow and New Delhi was paved with the signing of the joint defence protocol by Defence Minister A.K. Antony and his Russian counterpart Anatoly Serdyukov.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article34376.ece>

**Explanatory statement added to Kerry-Lugar bill**  
**Daily Times, 15 October 2009**

WASHINGTON: Attaching an explanatory statement to the Kerry-Lugar bill on Wednesday to clarify its intent behind the legislation, the US Congress has stressed that Washington does not want to micromanage Pakistani affairs, nor does it want to impugn its sovereignty and national security. “The core intent of the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act is to demonstrate the American people’s long-term commitment to the people of Pakistan,” pledged the document, which was unveiled by Senator John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Congressman Howard Berman, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\10\15\story\\_15-10-2009\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\10\15\story_15-10-2009_pg1_1)

**Russia to support resumption of Indo-Pak dialogue**  
**The News, 15 October 2009**

BEIJING: Russia has announced its support for the resumption of the composite dialogue between Pakistan and India while Pakistan and Russia have decided to re-engage in comprehensive process of dialogue through re-launching of the inter-governmental commission of the two countries by December next. The commission will cater to revamping and building of infrastructure, energy, rail links, heavy industries, trade and expansion of the Pakistan Steel Mills.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=25017](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25017)

**British MPs advocate on behalf of Maldives**  
**Minivan, 15 October 2009**

British MPs from the Conservative Party pleaded the case of the Maldives at the House of Commons yesterday, urging the UK government to dig deep into its pockets to help the country out of its financial quagmire. Addressing Ivan Lewis, the British state minister at the foreign and commonwealth office, MP David Amess said the UK Department for International Development (DFID) - which aims to reduce overseas poverty through aid - had offered relatively little support to the fledgling democracy.

[http://www.minivannews.com/news\\_detail.php?id=7497](http://www.minivannews.com/news_detail.php?id=7497)

**General's trip signals improved US ties**  
**People's Daily, 16 October 2009**

A planned visit to the US by one of China's top soldiers is being seen as an indication of improved ties between the nations after recent setbacks. General Xu Caihou, a vice-chairman of the People's Liberation Army's top command, will travel to the US on Oct 24, the Pentagon said on Wednesday. He will visit Washington and bases throughout the US during his eight-day trip, said Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6785082.html>

**China takes 45% stake in Russia Nobel Oil group**  
**People's Daily, 16 October 2009**

According to a statement from China Investment Corporation (CIC) on Thursday, CIC will take a 45 percent stake in Russia Nobel Oil group. Hong Kong East England Group will take a five percent stake in the company while Nobel Oil will take the remaining 50 percent. Of the 300 million U.S. dollars invested in Nobel Oil by CIC, 100 million was used for share acquisition; 50 million for daily operating expenses in oilfield.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6785708.html>

**In Face of Sanctions, China Premier Warms to Iran  
NYT, 16 October 2009**

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's effort to marshal global support for new sanctions against Iran hit another snag on Thursday, when China said it was seeking to increase cooperation and high-level exchanges with Iran, suggesting that it would not support additional punitive measures over Tehran's nuclear program. The comments by Prime Minister Wen Jiabao came a day after Russia's prime minister, Vladimir V. Putin, said that sanctions were "premature" and two days after its foreign minister, Sergey V. Lavrov, said that threatening Iran while talks were under way would be "counterproductive." China and Russia are crucial to a muscular sanctions campaign, analysts said, because of their geopolitical and commercial links to Iran and because they have historically resisted sanctions in the United Nations Security Council, where each holds a veto.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/16/world/asia/16diplo.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**India, US hope to clinch agreement on reprocessing n-fuel  
The Hindu, 16 October 2009**

India and the US may clinch the much-awaited "arrangements and procedures" agreement on reprocessing the spent nuclear fuel of American origin when they meet in Vienna soon. The talks between officials of the nuclear establishments of the two countries are expected to take place within the next fortnight and will be observed very closely by US companies which are keen to set up nuclear power plants in India.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article28658.ece>

**Will walk extra mile if Pak acts against 26/11 attackers: India  
Daily Excelsior, 16 October 2009**

NEW YORK : India is prepared to walk the "extra mile" to normalise relations with Pakistan if it takes action against the perpetrators of the Mumbai attacks and dismantles terrorism infrastructure, Minister of State for External Affairs Shashi Tharoor has said. Tharoor, who is on a visit here, said India was not interested in an environment of conflict and hostility with its neighbour and asked Pakistan to step up efforts to combat terrorism in a "holistic way".

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct16/newsupdate.htm#1>

**PAF squadron reaches Egypt for multinational exercise  
The News, 16 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: A PAF fighter Squadron comprising fighter aircrafts along with its compliment of Airmen have reached at an operational Air Base in Egypt to participate in Exercise "Bright Star 2009". It is a multinational biennial joint exercise designed to improve security and defence capabilities, a Directorate of Public Relations (Air) media release said here Friday. Besides PAF and Egyptian Air Forces, the air forces from US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Jordon, and Kuwait are also

participating in the exercise.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89260>

**Cabinet approves Vote on Account  
Daily News, 16 October 2009**

The Cabinet had approved President Mahinda Rajapaksa's proposal to present a Vote on Account for 2010 at its meeting on October 16, for four months to cover the Government expenditure till a budget is presented in Parliament, Mass Media and Information and Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion Minister Anura Priyadarshana Yapa said at the weekly Cabinet press briefing yesterday.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/10/16/pol02.asp>

**Official: the Chinese people never allow other countries to interfere with  
internal affairs  
People's Daily, 17 October 2009**

An interview with Zhu Weiqun, vice minister of the United Front Work Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, by the Focus magazine of Germany on September 22, 2009. China Tibet Information Center's note: At the request of the German magazine Focus, Zhu Weiqun, vice minister of the United Front Work Department of the CPC Central Committee, had an interview with the magazine on September 22, on condition that the magazine would carry the main contents of the interview. On October 5, the Focus reported the interview with a few more than 400 words when translated into Chinese. The China Tibet Information Center hereby presents the main contents of the interviews. 'Every country is entitled to handle ethnic relations in accordance with its own conditions.' Focus: In China, Tibet is an autonomous region. How do you understand the concept of "autonomy?"

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/6785850.html>

**N.Korean Official Plans U.S. Visit  
Chosun Ilbo, 17 October 2009**

A Senior North Korean official has been granted a visa to visit the United States this month, at a time when the two countries are trying to resume stalled disarmament talks. The U.S. State Department approved a visa for Ri Gun, Director General of the American Affairs Bureau of the North Korean Foreign Ministry. North Korea wants to begin bilateral talks with the United States, and has issued an invitation to U.S. special envoy Stephen Bosworth to visit Pyongyang.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/17/2009101700409.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/17/2009101700409.html)

**Chinese Company Is Near First Deal to Buy Stake in Oil Drilling Leases in  
Gulf of Mexico  
NYT, 17 October 2009**

HOUSTON — Trying to acquire a foothold in the American oil patch, a Chinese company is closing in on a deal to buy stakes in a few drilling leases in the Gulf of Mexico from a Norwegian company, an executive close to the talks said. The prospective purchase would not do much to quench China's huge and growing thirst for energy, which makes it the second-leading consumer of oil after the United States. But such an oil acquisition would be symbolically important as the first by China in the United States, coming four years after the Chinese company's \$18.5 billion bid for the American oil company Unocal collapsed under pressure from Congress.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/17/business/energy-environment/17cnooc.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**90,000 people to migrate from SWA**  
**The News, 17 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Speaker Faisal Kareem Kundi has said that 80 to 90 thousand people are expected to migrate from South Waziristan to Tank and Dera Ismail Khan as a result of the ongoing operation there. Faisal Kareem spoke to Geo news in a ceremony held under auspices of US Aid programs, where two ambulances were donated to NWFP and Azad Kashmir. He said South Waziristan operation has been launched against extremists and it is not fair to perceive South Waziristan as home to militants, because the people of South Waziristan have always supported us in difficult times.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89355>

**Prevent corruption to eradicate poverty: PM**  
**Daily Star, 17 October 2009**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today stressed the need to prevent corruption aiming to eradicate poverty from the country. She also expressed her hope that the Anti-Corruption Commission will work in a free and impartial way to achieve the goal. Pointing out that democracy is the weapon to eradicate poverty, the prime minister said, "We will not be able to eradicate poverty entirely if we can't prevent corruption."

[http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest\\_news.php?nid=19966](http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest_news.php?nid=19966)

**Evict, sue river grabbers**  
**Daily Star, 18 October 2009**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the administration to free rivers and wetlands from the grabbers' clutches and take legal actions no matter how influential the encroachers are. Addressing secretaries of different ministries and divisions, she also said, "Stay vigilant so the grabbers cannot reoccupy the rivers, canals and wetlands to be retrieved."

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=110379>

**U.S. welcomes site allocation for nuclear plants**  
**The Hindu, 18 October 2009**

The U.S. has welcomed India's allocation of sites for the construction of nuclear plants by U.S.-led companies. Russia has been given a site at Haripur in West Bengal, besides Koodankulam. French company Areva will start work at Jaitapur in Maharashtra. Anil Kakodkar, Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, had said recently that the government would soon announce the sites. The grant of the sites to the U.S.-led consortia at Chhayamithi Virdi in Gujarat and Kovvada in Andhra Pradesh followed an agreement between the U.S. and India for expanded cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article35557.ece>

**Climate change meet in Delhi from October 23**  
**The Hindu, 18 October 2009**

Terming the Delhi High Level Conference on Climate Change scheduled for next week a step forward in the process of the international policy dialogue on technologies needed to address climate change, the government on Thursday approved the proposal to exchange letters of agreement with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) for providing necessary privileges and immunities to the UN-invited participants. This is in accordance with the Charter of the UN and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the UN.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/article34336.ece>

**35 men of banned outfit held in Islamabad**  
**The News, 18 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The Capital police have arrested 35 people belonging to banned organisation Hizb ut-Tahrir, including their key leaders, and booked them under the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA), police said. The activists of the banned group were busy in a secret meeting at a house in F-8/3 when the police raided the place on the information of an intelligence agency. Highly-educated people, including computer engineers, educational institutions' head, businessmen, telecom engineers, students of different institutions, environment scientists, civil engineers and an officer of a US-Aid project were among the arrested activists of the Hizb ut-Tahrir.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=25066](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25066)

**China, ASEAN to strengthen agricultural cooperation**  
**People's Daily, 19 October 2009**

China and members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) pledged to enhance agricultural cooperation to help improve economic development and prevent food crisis. China and ASEAN countries inked "Nanning Consensus" on stepping up agricultural exchange and cooperation at a summit forum held on Monday in Nanning, capital city of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90783/91300/6787515.html>

**Forum on strategic China-U.S. clean energy practical co-op to be held**

**People's Daily, 19 October 2009**

The first China-U.S. clean energy practical cooperation strategy forum will be held in Beijing between October 22 and 23. It aims to explicitly outline the respective national strategy of China and the U.S. in the clean energy field through deep discussion between the two sides, seeking to find common ground between the two countries' clean energy strategies and interests and take this opportunity to promote the practical cooperation between Chinese and U.S. enterprises, research institutions and cities (as well as regions).

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6787490.html>

**U.S. Official Says Kim Jong-il Invited Lee for Summit  
Chosun Ilbo, 19 October 2009**

North Korean leader Kim Jong-il has invited President Lee Myung-bak for a summit, a senior official with the U.S. Defense Department claimed Sunday. He cited the putative invitation as an example of a change in the North toward more friendly relations with its neighbors. The official was talking in a press briefing for journalists accompanying U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates on his way to Asian security talks and a NATO conference. He did not say when Kim invited Lee and what South Korea's reaction was, but publicly announcing a delicate matter between two third countries would still appear to be unusual in international protocol.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/19/2009101900259.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/19/2009101900259.html)

**U.S. plane with Marines takes off  
The Hindu, 19 October 2009**

A Bangkok-bound chartered U.S. plane carrying U.S. Marines among 205 passengers, which was ordered by authorities to land at Mumbai airport for flying over Indian airspace without getting mandatory military clearance, took off on Monday after being grounded for over 33 hours. The aircraft was ordered to land in Mumbai on Sunday (Oct. 18) after it entered Indian airspace without necessary permission. "The necessary regulatory permissions have been worked out," a Mumbai Air Traffic Control (ATC) official told PTI here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article35912.ece>

**On whose side is US anyway?  
The News, 19 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The US-led Nato forces vacated more than half a dozen key security checkpoints on the Afghan side of the Pak-Afghan border just ahead of the major Pakistan Army ground offensive (code named: Rahe Nijaat) against Taliban-led militants in the volatile tribal area of South Waziristan, it is learnt. It is feared that the American decision will facilitate Afghan Taliban in crossing over to Pakistan and support militants in striking back at the Pakistani security forces in the troubled tribal area.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=25079](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25079)

**Kaira at pains to defend KLB, NRO Minister admits explanatory note not part of law in**

**The News, 19 October 2009**

RAWALPINDI: Admitting that the explanation annexed to the Kerry-Lugar Bill (KLB) is not part of the law, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Qamar Zaman Kaira on Sunday said that heads of two committees had to file their interpretation and the US president had endorsed it. Talking to Dr Shahid Masood in the 'Meray Mutabiq' programme of Geo News, the information minister said that they agreed with the interpretation and if they (the Americans) set aside that interpretation, Pakistan would not accept the assistance.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=25082](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25082)

**China to advance financial co-op with ASEAN**

**People's Daily, 20 October 2009**

Heads of Chinese financial institutions vowed Tuesday to step up financial cooperation with members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area heads for operation in 2010. There is huge potential for financial cooperation between China and ASEAN as the two sides record fast development in the financial sector and their financial ties are inadequate to keep up with their trade exchanges," Su Ning, vice governor of China's central bank, said at a forum, part of the 6th China-ASEAN Expo held from Oct. 20 to 24 in Nanning, capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90778/90857/6788867.html>

**US envoy on DPRK sanction visits Beijing**

**People's Daily, 20 October 2009**

A United States envoy charged with sanctions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) is visiting Beijing from Monday to Tuesday, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Beijing Tuesday. "During his stay in Beijing, Philip Goldberg, the U.S. coordinator for United Nation Security Council Resolution 1874, met with Chinese officials and they exchanged views on the implementation of the UN resolution," spokesman Ma Zhaoxu told a press briefing.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6788861.html>

**Chinese FM to attend foreign ministers' meeting of China, Russia, India**

**People's Daily, 20 October 2009**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi is to attend the foreign ministers' meeting of China, Russia and India next week, Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said in Beijing Tuesday afternoon. During the meeting to be held in Bangalore, India on Oct. 27, Yang will meet Indian Foreign Minister S.M. Krishna. Ma said the two foreign ministers will, in an extensive way, exchange views on bilateral ties and regional and international issues of common concern.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6788835.html>

**U.S. Ups Pressure on Korea Over Afghanistan  
Chosun Ilbo, 20 October 2009**

U.S. Defense Department press secretary Geoff Morrell on Sunday claimed Korea has "an obligation" to support his government's war in Afghanistan. He made the remarks in an interview with the Chosun Ilbo on Sunday en route to Hawaii, the first stopover of Defense Secretary Robert Gates' Asian tour. Morrell said Korea has made "great contributions" to the execution of the Afghan war but urged it to continue at least the current level of support. He claimed all countries that wish for the peace and prosperity and economic growth of the world have an obligation to support Afghanistan.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/20/2009102000295.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/20/2009102000295.html)

**Beijing Goes After U.S.-Made Nylon  
NYT, 20 October 2009**

BEIJING — Toothbrushes and nylon socks have become the latest projectiles in the continuing trade skirmish between the China and the United States. The Chinese Ministry of Commerce issued a preliminary ruling Monday that imposed a 36 percent tariff on American-made Nylon 6, a synthetic filament that ends up in a wide array of products, including toothbrushes, auto parts, socks and the handles of Glock handguns. Nylon 6 from Taiwan and Russia would also be taxed, but at much lower rates. In making its announcement, the ministry said it would begin collecting the tariff immediately, though the money would be kept as a deposit and returned, should the decision be reversed. The ruling was the latest in a series of punitive measures that started last month, when the administration of President Barack Obama imposed a 35 percent tariff on Chinese-made tires. Beijing quickly followed up with a threat to increase tariffs on American exports of chicken meat and car parts.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/20/business/global/20yuan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**I wanted to walk out of Agra summit: Musharraf  
The Hindu, 20 October 2009**

Former Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf has said he wanted to walk out of the failed 2001 Agra summit but was dissuaded from doing so by a senior official. His frustration, he told reporters in New York, stemmed from the fact that then Indian prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had twice refused to include a reference to Kashmir in the joint declaration issued after the summit.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article36176.ece>

**'U.S. ready to support India to modernise its armed forces'  
The Hindu, 20 October 2009**

Pitching for robust India-U.S. military ties, U.S. Ambassador to India Timothy J.

Roemer on Monday said that America is ready to support India's drive to modernise its armed forces. "The United States is ready to support India in its drive to modernise its armed forces," Mr. Roemer said, inaugurating the five-day Cope India 2009 joint air exercises here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article35777.ece>

**Krishna to arrive in Moscow today, to attend IRIGC session  
The Hindu, 20 October 2009**

External Affairs Minister S M Krishna will arrive here on Tuesday on a two-day visit during which he will co-chair a session of Indo-Russian Intergovernmental Commission (IRIGC) to discuss ways to further consolidate the bilateral strategic partnership. Mr. Krishna and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Sobyenin will chair the 15th session of IRIGC meet tomorrow which will review the progress made by the two countries in bilateral cooperation in trade, economic, cultural, scientific and technical spheres.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article36127.ece>

**Check infiltration from Afghan side, Petraeus told  
The News, 20 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Monday made it clear to the US that as Pakistan was engaged in military action against the militants in South Waziristan, infiltrations from Afghanistan into Pakistan should be checked by the US and Nato forces. The prime minister was talking to General David Petraeus, Commander US Central Command, who called on him at the PM House. The prime minister also urged the US to expedite the delayed payments of the Coalition Support Fund claims and Foreign Military Funds (FMF) to Pakistan at this critical juncture when the Government of Pakistan was engaged in the military action in South Waziristan.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=25095](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25095)

**US suggests Bangladesh seek duty cut on products  
Daily Star, 20 October 2009**

Bangladesh should continue dialogue for duty reduction and preference programme rather than demanding duty-free access for Bangladeshi products to US market, said Assistant US Trade Representative for South Asia Michael J Delaney on Tuesday. The third option for Bangladesh is to continue negotiation for signing a Free Trade Agreement, FTA, with the US for getting bilateral trade advantages, said Delaney at the regular October luncheon meeting of American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh, AmCham, at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

[http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest\\_news.php?nid=20047](http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest_news.php?nid=20047)

**Chinese, U.S. presidents in phone link on ties, climate change**

**People's Daily, 21 October 2009**

Chinese President Hu Jintao and his U.S. counterpart, Barack Obama, exchanged views on bilateral ties and climate change during a phone conversation Wednesday morning. Obama expressed appreciation over China's contribution to the success of the G20 Pittsburgh summit in September, saying that he looked forward to visiting China in November and discussing with Hu issues of mutual concern.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6790057.html>

**Korea, U.S. 'on Schedule for Handover of Troop Control'****Chosun Ilbo, 21 October 2009**

U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates on Tuesday said he was sure that the deadline for the transfer of full operational control of Korean troops from Washington to Seoul in April 2012 will be met. Speaking on an airplane en route to Tokyo, Gates said he was glad to see progress. He said when he met President Lee Myung-bak in Washington a few months ago, he found all other processes going smoothly, including the relocation of U.S. bases to Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, Gyeonggi Province.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/21/2009102100270.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/21/2009102100270.html)

**UNP MP gets funds from Rajaratnam?****Daily News, 21 October 2009**

Colombo District UNP parliamentarian Ravi Karunanayake's name is being mentioned about receiving funds from US based millionaire Raj Rajaratnam. He was arrested by the US Central Bureau of Investigations on allegations of defrauding the stock market, obtaining confidential information on corporate bodies illegally and also funding the LTTE front organization TRO to siphon off funds for the terrorist group before it was defeated in May. Karunanayake and two others were indicted in the High Court of Colombo in connection with the transfer of US \$ 3 million from USA to a bank account in Colombo violating the Exchange Control Act.

**China to continue playing constructive role in Mideast peace process****People's Daily, 22 October 2009**

China will continue to play a constructive role in pushing forward the Middle East peace process, said a Foreign Ministry spokesman Thursday. "China is ready, together with the international community, to continue its constructive efforts for the realization of peace, stability and development in the Middle East at an early date," Ma Zhaoxu told reporters. Ma made the remarks in response to a question on China's stance on the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)'s endorsement of Goldstone report last week.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6791432.html>

**China welcomes progress achieved in Iran nuclear-fuel talks: FM****People's Daily, 22 October 2009**

China said on Thursday it welcomed progress achieved in Iran nuclear-fuel talks and the gradual implementation of the consensus reached in Geneva talks this month. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu made the remarks in response to questions relating to China's stance over the draft agreement presented

by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). IAEA director general Mohamed El Baradei proposed that enriched uranium with a higher purity needed for a research reactor in Iran would be produced abroad.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6791430.html>

**Senior Chinese legislator meets Israeli lawmaker  
People's Daily, 22 October 2009**

Chen Changzhi, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), met in Beijing Thursday with Tzachi Hanegbi, a senior member of Israel's Knesset (parliament). Hanegbi, chairman of the parliament's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, is visiting China at the invitation of the NPC Foreign Affairs Committee from Oct. 20 to 27.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6791390.html>

**Fourth China-U.S. Relations Conference opens in Beijing  
People's Daily, 22 October 2009**

The fourth China-U.S. Relations Conference opened in Beijing Thursday under the theme "U.S.-China: Looking ahead after 30 years." At the opening ceremony, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said that since China and the United States forged diplomatic ties 30 years ago, bilateral relations had made a historic achievement to bring the two countries and two peoples tangible benefits and had a positive and far-reaching impact on the international situation.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6791387.html>

**S.Korea-U.S. to Set Down Nuclear Deterrence in Writing  
Chosun Ilbo, 22 October 2009**

The South Korean and the U.S. governments plan to deter a North Korean nuclear attack by means of nuclear force, conventional force and missile defense. The plan is to be set down in a resolution concluding the 41st South Korea-U.S. Security Consultative Meeting. In working-level negotiations about an extended deterrence plan that the U.S. promised South Korea, the two countries agreed to set it down Thursday, a government source said.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/22/2009102200719.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/22/2009102200719.html)

**Korea, Vietnam Pledge Greater Cooperation  
Chosun Ilbo, 22 October 2009**

President Lee Myung-bak and his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Minh Triet on Wednesday agreed to study the feasibility of a bilateral free trade agreement. Meeting in Hanoi, the two leaders also agreed to expand cooperation in economy, trade, development, science and technology, including doubling bilateral trade from US\$10 billion in 2008 to \$20 billion by 2015.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/22/2009102200294.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/22/2009102200294.html)

**U.S. Defense Secretary Urges S.Korea to Spend More on Security  
Chosun Ilbo, 22 October 2009**

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates says North Korea remains a real threat to security on the Korean peninsula and in the world. He is in South Korea, where he is urging Seoul to beef up its military to reflect its status as an emerging world

power. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates praised South Korean defense reforms Wednesday, saying the country's military is becoming more mobile and better able to contribute to international peacekeeping and security operations.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/22/2009102200212.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/22/2009102200212.html)

### **China and U.S. Try to Speed Global Climate Strategy NYT, 22 October 2009**

BEIJING — Senior American and Chinese officials urged their governments on Thursday to accelerate joint efforts to reduce pollution, even as their diplomats appeared at odds over crucial elements of a global strategy to fight climate change to be considered in Copenhagen in December. The calls for cooperation, led by Vice Premier Li Keqiang, came at a clean energy forum attended by nearly 200 of both nations' leading experts on climate change issues and technologies. The forum's primary goal is to devise new ways in which Chinese and American researchers, corporations and others can work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/23/world/asia/23china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

### **23 Indians picked up in U.K. The Hindu, 22 October 2009**

Twenty-three Indians were picked up in a major operation to arrest illegal immigrants in Norfolk in England on Thursday. Five multi-agency teams carried out warrants to search for suspected illegal immigrants at various locations in Thetford, officials said. Twenty-three Indians, five Hungarians and three Polish workers were found, while three were detained by the U.K. Border Agency and taken to the Harwich port on the Essex coast for "immigration procedures," media reports said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article37320.ece>

### **Military aid to Pakistan The News, 22 October 2009**

WASHINGTON: The US Congress is getting ready to impose new restrictions on the military aid to Pakistan, including efforts to track where US military hardware given to Pakistan ends up with a warning that the US aid must not upset the "balance of power in the region". The new restrictions, crafted by US Senators Robert Menendez and Bob Crocker, are part of the US defence appropriations 2010, which were passed by the US House of representatives on October 8.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=25131](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25131)

### **Cabinet approves KLB The News, 22 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The cabinet on Wednesday accepted, in principle, the explanatory statement attached to the Kerry-Lugar Bill (KLB) and decided to go ahead to avail the aid package. No formal decision was announced in this regard but at the press briefing Information Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira said: "There are no two opinions on the explanatory note. What the United States is giving us is not charity but compensation for the losses the country suffered in the war against terror."

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=25134](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25134)

**Sri Lanka contributes towards South-South Cooperation**  
**Daily News, 22 October 2009**

Sri Lanka has become a source of development assistance to the other developing countries, This has been highlighted by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) said a press release issued by the Sri Lanka Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York yesterday. In its report to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York last week. Their statement was made to the 2nd Committee during the debate on South-South Cooperation at the 64th Session of the General Assembly on October 14, 2009.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/10/22/news03.asp>

**Govt sees '75 links in attack on Taposh**  
**Daily Star, 22 October 2009**

Brother of fugitive killer Dalim arrested; security of key personalities, installations beefed up. Law enforcers yesterday detained younger brother of Maj Dalim in connection with Wednesday night's bomb attack on ruling Awami League (AL) lawmaker Fazle Noor Taposh, who is also a prosecution lawyer in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman murder case. Maj Dalim is one of the convicts in the case, who is currently absconding abroad. Home Minister Sahara Khatun at an emergency meeting of AL Central Working Committee (ALCWC) yesterday informed a few other ministers about the detention of Dalim's younger brother Kamrul Haque Swapan, according to meeting sources.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=110958>

**China rejects U.S. "cyber warfare" allegations as "fabrications"**  
**People's Daily, 23 October 2009**

China on Friday rejected a U.S report accusing China of building cyber warfare capabilities against U.S. targets as "fabrications." A report released Thursday by the U.S.- China Economic and Security Review Commission to the Congress said China was ratcheting up cyber espionage operations against the United States. "The commission has always played up 'China threat,'" Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said when asked to comment on the report.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6792630.html>

**Korea-U.S. Defense Meet Brings Mixed Blessings for Seoul**  
**Chosun Ilbo, 23 October 2009**

The major issues the Korea-U.S. Security Consultative Meeting held in Seoul Thursday took up were the transfer of full operational control of Korean troops to Seoul, help in the war in Afghanistan and what is called "extended deterrence" of the North Korean nuclear threat. Seoul's position was amply reflected in the matter of extended deterrence, but on the other two issues the outcome fell short of the government's expectations.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/23/2009102300744.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/23/2009102300744.html)

**U.S. Report Claims N.Korea Passing WMD Tech to Syria via Iran**  
**Chosun Ilbo, 23 October 2009**

A new U.S. congressional report claims North Korea is transferring weapons technology to Syria through Iran. In the report, the Congressional Research Service, an entity that works exclusively for the U.S. Congress, revealed that Iran was assisting in the procurement of weapons of mass destruction-related technology by providing North Korea with a platform for such trade with Syria.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/23/2009102300666.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/23/2009102300666.html)

**Base policy unlikely before Obama visit  
Asahi Shimbun, 23 October 2009**

Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada said Thursday the government would probably not make a decision about the relocation of a U.S. military base in Okinawa Prefecture before President Barack Obama visits Japan next month. Speaking on a Tokyo Broadcasting System news variety show, Okada said in light of "the public opinion expressed through the (Lower House) election, we can't rush to a conclusion just because there is a Japan-U.S. agreement."

<http://www.asahi.com/english/Herald-asahi/TKY200910230201.html>

**Clinton to travel to Pakistan soon: official  
The News, 23 October 2009**

The US State Department said Friday that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will travel to Pakistan "soon" but that dates cannot be announced for security reasons. US Assistant Secretary of State P.J. Crowley told reporters he arranged a briefing by Richard Holbrooke, the US representative to Pakistan and Afghanistan, "in light of her desire to travel to Pakistan soon." But Crowley added: "We are not going to announce specific dates for security reasons."

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89821>

**Yangon unhappy over Dhaka's bid for UN arbitration  
Daily Star, 23 October 2009**

Myanmar is disappointed as Bangladesh decided to take the maritime boundary delimitation issue to arbitration at the United Nations. As India and Myanmar have started developing their offshore resources, Bangladesh government opted for UN arbitration. "When Bangladesh has decided to take the issue of delimitation of maritime boundary to arbitration at the UN, we were a little (bit) disappointed," Myanmar Ambassador in Dhaka Phae Thann Oo told UNB in an interview.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=111084>

**Quake costs 10th Plan  
Kuensel, 23 October 2009**

The September 21 earthquake has cost the government Nu 2.5 billion and could delay programmes in the 10th Plan, which is already short by Nu 4.8b for the second year (2009-2010) of the plan period. The government needs Nu 2,192m for early

recovery, reconstruction and disaster risk reduction, according to the final cost assessment report released yesterday. The amount is almost 70 percent of the annual net revenue of Tala, the country's biggest hydropower project. Prime Minister Lyonchhoen Jigmi Y Thinley said that the government is concerned that the earthquake would cost programmes in the 10th Plan, but "there has been a heartening response from the international community and developing partners, especially India, UN and Turkey to support the reconstruction".

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=13789>

**Airport privatisation untimely, advises UN report  
Minivan, 23 October 2009**

While the government's economic policy is broadly appropriate, alternative revenue measures must be sought as privatisation of the airport and the new tax measures are yet to be realised, a UN report advises. The UNDP report, a comprehensive examination of the socio-economic impact of the food, fuel and financial crises on the Maldives, notes that while the government's economic policy is based on opening up the country to privatisation and public-private partnerships based on foreign financing, the timing of such an undertaking is inopportune.

[http://www.minivannews.com/news\\_detail.php?id=7563](http://www.minivannews.com/news_detail.php?id=7563)

**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>

**Senior N.Korean Official Makes Rare Trip to U.S.  
Chosun Ilbo, 24 October 2009**

A high-level North Korean official is traveling to the United States for meetings that may help push forward stalled diplomacy with Washington. The trip coincides with South Korean media speculation of talk between the North and South about a potential meeting of their leaders. North Korean diplomat Ri Gun was departing for the United States Friday. He will reportedly land in New York, then on Monday is scheduled to attend an academic forum on Asian security at the University of California San Diego.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/24/2009102400168.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/24/2009102400168.html)

**Hatoyama eyes early decision on Futenma  
Asahi Shimbun, 24 October 2009**

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama signaled Friday the government would make a decision about the relocation of U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Ginowan, Okinawa Prefecture, possibly by the end of the year. On the same day, Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada suggested it would be difficult to transfer the Futenma facility out of the prefecture. The remarks have heightened the possibility that the government will stick with the original plan to shift the base to Nago, Okinawa Prefecture, even if it makes some minor modifications.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/Herald-asahi/TKY200910240134.html>

**14 killed in US drone attack in Damadoola  
The News, 24 October 2009**

KHAR: Fourteen terrorist have been killed and many hurt in US drone attack in Damadoola area in Bajaur Agency, Geo News quoted sources as saying. Foreigners are also included among the deceased. The sources feared more casualties as many injured reported in a critical condition.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89875>

**Vietnam-Sri Lanka trade to reach US\$100m by 2012  
Daily News, 24 October 2009**

Vietnam and Sri Lanka have agreed to promote cooperation in economy, trade and investment to raise a two-way trade path which is at US\$ 65 million to US\$100 million by 2012. President Mahinda Rajapaksa congratulated the Vietnamese leadership and its people for the impressive economic development achieved during the past two decades. Being present in Vietnam with a delegation of several ministers and a business group from Sri Lanka, the President noted that the business group would be keen to interact with the Vietnamese business circle to forge bilateral partnership for the betterment of trade and economy of both nations.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/10/24/news02.asp>

**Pakistan Said to Seize Taliban Town  
NYT, 24 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD (AP) -- Soldiers captured the strategically located hometown of Pakistan's Taliban chief Saturday after fierce fighting, officials said, the army's first major prize as it pushes deeper into a militant stronghold along the Afghan border. A suspected U.S. missile killed 22 people elsewhere in the northwest, but apparently missed a top Taliban figure, authorities said. Pakistan's eight-day-old offensive in the Taliban and al-Qaida stronghold of South Waziristan is considered its most critical test yet in the campaign to stop the spread of violent Islamist extremism in this nuclear-armed, U.S.-allied country. The army operation has prompted a wave of retaliatory attacks by militants this month that have killed some 200 people.

[http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2009/10/24/world/AP-AS-Pakistan.html?\\_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2009/10/24/world/AP-AS-Pakistan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print)

**N.Korean Envoy Meets with U.S. Official  
Chosun Ilbo, 25 October 2009**

A U.S. diplomat has held a rare face-to-face meeting in New York with a North Korean envoy, fueling hopes for progress on stalled nuclear disarmament talks. The State Department said the U.S. special envoy for disarmament talks, Sung Kim, met with North Korean envoy Ri Gun Saturday. The two officials are the second-ranking envoys for international talks aimed at ending Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program. A State Department spokesman said Kim conveyed the U.S. position on denuclearization and the stalled talks to his North Korean counterpart.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/25/2009102500544.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/25/2009102500544.html)

**Chinese vice premier to visit Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea  
People's Daily, 26 October 2009**

Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang will pay an official visit to Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea from Oct. 29 to Nov. 5 at the invitation of governments of the three countries, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu announced Monday.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6794449.html>

**U.S., North hold rare nuclear talks in New York City  
JoongAng Daily, 26 October 2009**

In a rare occasion that could help advance the Washington-Pyongyang bilateral talks on ending a nuclear standoff, senior North Korean and American nuclear officials held a face-to-face meeting in New York early Sunday, Korean time (Saturday, EST). The U.S. State Department said that Ri Gun, deputy North Korean negotiator to the six-party talks, met with Sung Kim, chief U.S. nuclear representative and special U.S. envoy on the North's nuclear disarmament.

<http://joongangdaily.joins.com/article/view.asp?aid=2911734>

**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>

**Russian FM here today  
Daily News, 26 October 2009**

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei V. Lavrov will arrive in Sri Lanka today, October 26 at the invitation of Foreign Minister Rohitha Bogollagama. During the visit the Russian Foreign Minister is expected to call on President Mahinda Rajapaksa. He will also have consultations with Foreign Minister Bogollagama on further enhancing the cordial and flourishing relations between the two countries. Discussions are also expected to focus on boosting economic cooperation, culture, education and tourism and issues of regional and international interests.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/10/26/news13.asp>

**China appeals for U.S. to lift embargo against Cuba**  
**People's Daily, 27 October 2009**

China on Tuesday called for the United States to lift its almost five-decade trade and travel embargo against Cuba. "The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution urging the United States to end its embargo against Cuba, which China approved," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said at a regular briefing. Ma's comments came a day ahead of the UN General Assembly's vote on a similar resolution, the 18th consecutive year that the resolution has been brought to the assembly.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6795676.html>

**China eyes consensus on Iran's nuclear-fuel supply issue**  
**People's Daily, 27 October 2009**

China hoped relevant parties could reach consensus through consultations on the issue of Iran's nuclear-fuel supply at an early date. IAEA director general Mohamed El Baradei proposed a draft agreement over nuclear-fuel needed for a research reactor in Iran, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu. "We hope relevant parties could reach consensus through consultations on this issue at an early date."

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6795674.html>

**China, U.S. to advance agricultural cooperation**  
**People's Daily, 27 October 2009**

China and the United States should promote a mutually reciprocal cooperation on agriculture from a strategic perspective, said Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu on Tuesday. In a meeting with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Hui called on the two countries to enhance trade on agricultural products and scientific research, and to contribute to improving world agricultural industry and food security.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6795672.html>

**Chinese, Russian and Indian FMs reach major consensus at meeting in Bangalore**  
**People's Daily, 27 October 2009**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi Tuesday met with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov and Indian counterpart S.M. Krishna in the southern Indian city at the 9th meeting of foreign ministers of the three countries. The ministers exchanged in depth views on deepening trilateral cooperation and on international and regional issues of common concern, and reached important consensus.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6795622.html>

**China urges U.S. commission to stop interfering in its internal affairs**  
**People's Daily, 27 October 2009**

China urged Tuesday the U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC) to stop interfering in China's internal affairs with issues concerning Tibet. Asked to comment on the special report on Tibet released by the commission, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said the so called report by the commission "ignores facts, calls white black and is full of bias".

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6795196.html>

### **N.Korean Envoy in San Diego for Nuclear Talks**

**Chosun Ilbo, 27 October 2009**

A senior North Korean diplomat who is currently visiting the U.S. arrived in San Diego for an informal meeting of experts on Northeast Asia, after meeting with Washington's special envoy to six-party nuclear talks in New York last week. Ri Gun, the director-general of North American affairs at Pyongyang's foreign ministry, and his U.S. counterpart Sung Kim, who is also said to be in San Diego, are expected to meet for talks.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/27/2009102700853.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/27/2009102700853.html)

### **Korea to Boost Non-Combat Troops in Afghanistan**

**Chosun Ilbo, 27 October 2009**

In response to U.S. pressure, the government wants to boost the civilian support unit in Afghanistan and could send troops to protect them. At a session of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs, Trade and Unification Committee that day, Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan said the government plans to dispatch at least 130 civilian specialists to Afghanistan for reconstruction "and is also considering sending police or military troops to protect them."

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/27/2009102700302.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/27/2009102700302.html)

### **Hatoyama Outlines Goals to Parliament**

**NYT, 27 October 2009**

TOKYO — Japan's new prime minister declared Monday that reviving the nation's sluggish economy was a top priority for his government and stressed seeking "close and equal" ties with the United States in a speech outlining his main policy goals to Parliament. Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, whose government swept to power in an August election that unseated a long-governing conservative party, said key objectives included creating new jobs, cutting public works spending and giving cash to families with children. Mr. Hatoyama also said he wanted to seek a "close and equal" alliance with the United States, which he described as the "cornerstone" of Japanese diplomacy. He added that he wanted to "frankly" discuss a plan to realign U.S. military bases in Japan, where 47,000 American troops are based under a security pact.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/27/world/asia/27iht-japan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

### **India, China and Russia agree to enhance cooperation**

**The Hindu, 27 October 2009**

India, Russia and China on Tuesday agreed to closely cooperate in the fight against terrorism emanating from Pakistan and Afghanistan to provide stability to the region. The three countries also decided to give impetus to their trilateral relations in various areas including health, agriculture and disaster mitigation besides deciding to cooperate closely on climate change and reducing the impact of global recession.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article39284.ece>

### **Sibal to meet US officials on education sector**

**The Hindu, 27 October 2009**

Union Human and Resource Development Minister Kapil Sibal is slated to meet top

officials of the Obama Administration later this week as part of the endeavour of the two countries to forge greater collaboration in the field of education. During the visit of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, to India in July, education was identified as one of the pillars of deepening relationship between the two countries.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article39147.ece>

**Kerry rules out US combat troops on Pakistani soil**  
**The News, 27 October 2009**

WASHINGTON: The United States has enormous stakes in Pakistan's stability and must assist the country economically and militarily to help it overcome serious challenges and at the same time make it clear to the Pakistanis that Washington respects their sovereignty, Senator John Kerry advocated on Monday. "We need to make it clear that we respect their (Pakistanis) sovereignty," he stated at the Council on Foreign Relations while speaking about the US policy toward the region in the light of his visit to Pakistan and Afghanistan last week.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=25217](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=25217)

**Russia assures support for Lanka**  
**Daily News, 27 October 2009**

Sri Lanka was capable to face any international pressure on alleged war crimes or any other problems as it had a proper judicial system and the Russian government had always supported the Sri Lankan government to protect its national integrity. We supported Sri Lanka to fight against terrorism and to bring peace, visiting Russian Foreign Minister Sergei V. Lavrov said at a press conference held at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. This was the first occasion a Russian Foreign Minister visited Sri Lanka during the history of 52 years of diplomatic ties between Russia and Sri Lanka relations.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/10/27/news02.asp>

**No Rushing on Decisions, Obama Says**  
**NYT, 27 October 2009**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — President Obama defended taking his time as he rethinks his strategy in Afghanistan and considers whether to send more troops, telling a military audience on Monday that he would not "rush the solemn decision of sending you into harm's way." "I won't risk your lives unless it is absolutely necessary," Mr. Obama said. "And if it necessary, we will back you up to the hilt." The president's speech at Naval Air Station Jacksonville offered few clues about where the review of his policy toward Afghanistan and Pakistan was heading. He flew here after huddling with his national security advisers at the White House in the sixth such session in the last six weeks, and the first since President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan agreed to participate in a runoff election.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/27/world/asia/27policy.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**Pressure From U.S. Strains Ties With Pakistan**  
**NYT, 27 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The Obama administration is putting pressure on Pakistan to eliminate Taliban and Qaeda militants from the country's tribal areas, but the push is straining the delicate relations between the allies, Pakistani and Western officials

say. The Pakistani military's recent heavy offensive in South Waziristan has pleased the Americans, but it left large parts of Pakistan under siege, as militants once sequestered in the country's tribal areas take their war to Pakistan's cities. Many Pakistanis blame the United States for the country's rising instability. When Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton arrives in Pakistan this week, as she is scheduled to do, she will find a nuclear-armed state consumed by doubts about the value of the alliance with the United States and resentful of ever-rising American demands to do more, the officials said.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/27/world/asia/27pstan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**Senior Chinese military official meets U.S. officials on bilateral, military ties**  
**People's Daily, 28 October 2009**

Sino-U.S. relations have been maintaining a good momentum of development since U.S. President Barack Obama came to office in January, a senior Chinese military official told U.S. officials on Tuesday. Visiting Vice Chairman of China's Central Military Commission Xu Caihou held separate meetings with U.S. National Security Advisor James Jones and Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg on Tuesday.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6796985.html>

**China rebukes U.S. report on religious status**  
**People's Daily, 28 October 2009**

China on Wednesday expressed "firm opposition" to a U.S. report on religious situation in China. The U.S. State Department on Monday released its annual international religious freedom report which continued to include China on a list of "Countries of Particular Concern."

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6796984.html>

**Non-combat troops may go to Afghanistan, sources say**  
**JoongAng Daily, 28 October 2009**

A plan to deploy about 300 troops to protect South Korean civilians working on reconstruction projects in Afghanistan is being considered by the Lee Myung-bak administration, government sources said yesterday. As the United States shifts military attention from Iraq to Afghanistan, pressure has grown on Seoul to better assist the effort to rebuild war-torn Afghanistan. No specific demand was made of the South Korean government for troop aid at annual security consultations between Seoul and Washington last week. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the decision - what and how much to contribute - is entirely up to Korea.

[http://joongangdaily.joins.com/article/view.asp?aid=2911816&cat\\_code=030101](http://joongangdaily.joins.com/article/view.asp?aid=2911816&cat_code=030101)

**India can count on help in tackling terror: Roemer**  
**The Hindu, 28 October 2009**

India could look forward to American help in anti-terror measures such as the setting up of a national counter-terrorism cell and rapid deployment of forces at the time of terror strikes besides sharing 'actionable intelligence,' U.S. Ambassador to India Timothy J. Roemer said here on Wednesday. He was responding to a question at a press conference on the outcome of the recent visit of Home Minister P. Chidambaram to the U.S. and the cooperation between the two countries in fighting terror.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article36834.ece>

**Russia, India, China for concerted action**  
**The Hindu, 28 October 2009**

The Foreign Ministers of Russia, India and China (RIC) on Tuesday pushed their trilateral dialogue towards a strategic dimension by coordinating their approaches on several pressing international issues including terrorism and climate change. Sergei Lavrov (Russia) and Yang Jiechi (China) came out strongly in support of India in its fight against terrorism and called for the implementation and "strict observance" of all United Nations resolutions on the issue.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article39622.ece>

**India, Britain natural partners: Pratibha**  
**The Hindu, 28 October 2009**

Drawing a parallel between the traditions of diversity and democracy embraced by India and Britain, President Pratibha Patil on Tuesday described the two countries as "natural partners" who are set to shape the course of the 21st century. "Our bilateral relations have been, for some time now, perhaps better than they have ever been before — we are conscious of the need to continuously nurture it," the President told a gathering of some 150 guests at a state banquet hosted in her honour by Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's reigning monarch, in Windsor Castle.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article39698.ece>

**Ethno-nationalism: theory and practice**  
**The Hindu, 28 October 2009**

In the beginning it was Indian nationalism, an idea that took birth from the very forces in opposition to which it was mobilised: the European powers, principally England, that rapaciously colonised this land, and their more progressive ideological aspect, European Enlightenment, integral and causally linked to this colonial rapacity and cruelty to which, when necessary, it also provided rationalisations. It is true that some ideologues of Indian nationalism maintain that the idea of an Indian nation, indeed the reality of a complexly structured and administered Indian state, goes back deep into history, to historical figures like Mauryan king Ashoka, if not to pre-historic figures of myth and legend like Ramachandra of Ayodhya.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article39650.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](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25239)

**OHCHR statement unwarranted**  
**Daily News, 28 October 2009**

The Disaster Management and Human Rights Ministry is of the view that the statement attributed to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to the effect that an inquiry, similar to that carried out by the Gaza fact finding mission, is required with regard to the final stages of recently concluded military conflict in Sri Lanka, is unwarranted and uncalled for. The statement was timed to follow the issuance of a report by the Department of State of the United States of America to the Houses of Congress, on several incidents during the recent conflict in Sri Lanka, the Ministry said.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/10/28/news31.asp>

**Organisations with militant link to face ban'**  
**Daily Star, 28 October 2009**

The government would ban all the organisations gradually if their link with militant outfit or activities were found, Home Minister Sahara Khatun said on Wednesday. "The activities of several numbers of organisations are being keenly observed," she said while addressing a meeting organised by the National Committee on Militancy Resistance and Prevention at her ministry office.

[http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest\\_news.php?nid=20230](http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest_news.php?nid=20230)

**Clinton, in Pakistan, Confronts Rising Hostility**  
**NYT, 28 October 2009**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton landed here Wednesday, saying she was determined to broaden America's relationship with Pakistan beyond the security and anti-terrorism concerns that have dominated ties and sowed mutual suspicion. Mrs. Clinton's three-day mission, conducted under an extraordinary security blanket, may be the greatest test yet of her skills as a messenger of American good will to an often-suspicious world. It comes at a tense moment in Pakistani-American relations, in the wake of a furor over an American aid package that many Pakistanis say intrudes on their country's sovereignty, and in the heat of a military offensive in South Waziristan, which the United States encouraged, but that has set off terrorist attacks across the country.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/28/world/asia/28diplo.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**Chinese, U.S. military ties face opportunity for new development**  
**People's Daily, 30 October 2009**

Gen. Xu Caihou, vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission, is being under the spotlight when he visits the United States from Oct. 24 to Nov. 3. He is the first senior Chinese military leader to visit the country since Barack Obama assumed the presidency in January. The high-profile trip is also the most important event in the China-U.S. military relationship this year, officials said.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6799056.html>

**Cuba hosts Latin America-China friendship forum**  
**People's Daily, 30 October 2009**

The Second Friendship Forum between Latin American and Caribbean peoples with China was held here on Thursday, with a view to strengthen bilateral ties. During the

inauguration, Cheng Siwei, former vice chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress and current president of the China-Latin American Friendship Association, said both sides should elevate cooperation to a higher level for mutual benefits with a spirit of practice and innovation.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6799054.html>

### **China, U.S. pledge no new trade protection measures as Obama's visit in sight**

**People's Daily, 30 October 2009**

China and the United States said Thursday they would not stage any new trade protection measures against each other, a significant step which lays the groundwork for the presidential summit next month. "Both sides agreed on not introducing any new trade protection measures against each other as both vowed to oppose trade and investment protectionism and observe the related consensus of the G20 summit," Chinese Commerce Minister Chen Deming said later Thursday.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6798389.html>

### **East Asia's Future in Korean, Chinese, Japanese Eyes**

**Chosun Ilbo, 30 October 2009**

Korean, Chinese and Japanese experts laid out their visions for the future of the region at a seminar in Seoul on Thursday. Co-sponsored by the Chosun Ilbo and North East Asia Research, the seminar discussed the initiatives for an East Asian Community in light of the recent change of government in Tokyo. Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama has announced a shift in foreign policy away from the focus on the U.S. and toward improving relations with China and Korea. But experts from the three countries had different ideas about how an East Asian Community is to be approached.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/30/2009103000755.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/30/2009103000755.html)

### **N.Korea 'Preparing for Possible Return to Nuke Talks'**

**Chosun Ilbo, 30 October 2009**

A Russian representative announced that North Korea is gearing up for a potential return to the multilateral negotiating table depending on the outcome of upcoming bilateral talks with the U.S. Stressing that this does not necessarily mean the six-party nuclear talks, Georgy Toloraya, director of the Korean program at the Russian Academy of Science, projected that the communist regime would not renounce its nuclear program unless it is sure it will "get some tangible results."

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/30/2009103000437.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/30/2009103000437.html)

### **India, Switzerland to discuss tax treaty in Nov.**

**The Hindu, 30 October 2009**

Amid allegations of black money being stashed in Swiss banks, India and Switzerland have advanced their talks on amending the taxation treaty by a month to the second week of November. The discussions on renegotiating the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), which comes in the wake of India seeking details of the black money stashed in Swiss banks, was earlier scheduled to be held in December.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article40946.ece>

## **ISLAMABAD: US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met with members of National Assembly from FATA.**

**The News, 30 October 2009**

During a meeting, tribal leaders made it clear that use of power is not the solution of problems and drone attacks creating hatred in FATA. The delegation has assured US secretary of state that tribal are not terrorists. Clinton said US will continue its cooperation with Pakistan in war against terror.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=90421>

## **Just say no**

**The News, 30 October 2009**

KARACHI: Hillary Clinton's ongoing visit to Pakistan must be seen in the context of a awareness in the Obama administration that there was something fundamentally wrong in the US treatment of Pakistan, that 'turning a new page' was necessary to lay out the parameters of our future relationship. Clinton is an excellent example of why it is important to have a experienced politician rather than an apparatchik as the US Secretary of State, time usefully spent in the US Congress is important in the correct articulation of US policy. If George W Bush Jr was not bad enough, Condoleezza Rice was truly the pits. She symbolized the depths to which the foreign policy of the greatest nation on this Earth had sunk to in the beginning of the 21st century.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=25277](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25277)

## **In Military Campaign, Pakistan Finds Hint of 9/11**

**NYT, 30 October 2009**

Pakistani forces pushing toward a lair of hard-core Taliban fighters found documents this week linked to a member of the Hamburg cell of Al Qaeda that is believed to have planned the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. In a small village in the dun-colored hills of South Waziristan, soldiers found a German passport belonging to Said Bahaji, a German citizen and associate of Mohammed Atta, the leader of the 9/11 hijackers. The passport was issued in Hamburg in August 2, 2001 and was accompanied by a Pakistani visa dated August 3, 2001. The documents indicated that Mr. Bahaji landed in Karachi from Istanbul on Sept. 4, 2001.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/30/world/asia/30pstan.html?\\_r=1&ref=asia&page\\_wanted=print](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/30/world/asia/30pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print)

## **Clinton Challenges Pakistanis on Al Qaeda**

**NYT, 30 October 2009**

LAHORE, Pakistan — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, on a visit meant to improve relations with Pakistan, strongly suggested Thursday that some Pakistani officials bore responsibility for allowing terrorists from Al Qaeda to operate from safe havens along this country's frontier. "I find it hard to believe that nobody in your government knows where they are, and couldn't get to them if they really wanted to," she said to a group of Pakistani journalists on her second day here. "Maybe that's the case; maybe they're not gettable. I don't know."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/30/world/asia/30clinton.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

## **Investigations in India Point to New Government Focus on Corruption**

**NYT, 30 October 2009**

Less than a year after India was rocked by a large fraud at one of its biggest technology companies, Indian authorities are starting a raft of high-profile corporate investigations. On Thursday, Sesa Goa, the country's biggest exporter of iron ore, confirmed that the Serious Fraud Investigation Office had begun an inquiry into "mismanagement, malpractices, financial and other irregularities" at the company. Regulators have sought documents dating to 2001. Other government agencies are investigating the finances of India's second-largest mobile phone company, allegations of favoritism against an energy regulator and irregularities in how the Telecommunications Ministry handed out cellular licenses nearly two years ago.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/30/business/global/30fraud.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>