

[Lahore High Court orders release of Hafiz Saeed](#)

Hindu, 3 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: A Full Bench of the Lahore High Court on Tuesday ordered the release of Hafiz Saeed, the chief of the Jamaat-ud-Dawa, known as a front organisation of the Lashkar-e-Taiba. The LeT has been blamed for the November 2008 Mumbai attacks, among other strikes. Mr. Saeed was placed under house arrest in December 2008 during a government crackdown on the JuD following the Mumbai attacks and shortly after the U.N. Security Council 1267 Committee (on Al-Qaeda, Usama bin Laden, the Taliban and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities) designated him and the group as "terrorist."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/03/stories/2009060357150100.htm>

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

Hindu, 3 June 2009

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

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

[Forces rescue 71 kidnapped students](#)

News, 3 June 2009

PESHAWAR/MIRAMSHAH: The law-enforcement agencies on Tuesday recovered 71 students, out of total 122, of the Cadet College Razmak, who had been kidnapped by the Taliban from Bakakhel area of Frontier Region Bannu on Monday evening. There were conflicting reports about the students recovered from the Taliban's captivity and those still missing. Well-placed sources said 43 students and five teachers were still missing and are believed to have been shifted to the distant mountains of the Taliban's stronghold in Ladha, South Waziristan Agency

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22499

[Editorial: Unforgivable!](#)

Daily Times, 3 June 2009

On Monday, an outrage was committed by the administration in the Frontier Region (FR) district of Bannu in the NWFP when it allowed a group of 80 students and teachers of the Razmak Cadet College to be abducted by the Taliban. After hours of anxious wait, the captured persons were rescued by the Pakistan Army from masked Taliban gunmen as they were taking them from North to South Waziristan. One can only be grateful that no one was harmed during this rescue operation. However, the incident forces one to look closely at how the administration in this "normally administered" region allowed this

incident to take place

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\03\story_3-6-2009_pg3_1

[Let's talk: Pakistan](#)

Daily Times, 3 June 2009

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

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

[Hafiz Saeed set free](#)

Daily Times, 3 June 2009

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

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

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

Times of India, 7 June 2009

NEW DELHI: The Pentagon has confirmed one of South Asia's worst kept secrets - that Pakistan has used billions of dollars of US aid to buy a mind-boggling array of conventional American weaponry to use against India. The aid was meant for Pakistan to fight the war on terror. India has repeatedly pointed out that much of the military hardware on Pakistan's shopping list was not suited to anti-terror operations. Now, Pentagon reports have revealed that even the money poured into Islamabad's coffers by the Bush administration after 9/11 specifically to fight al Qaida and the Taliban, was used to develop offensive capabilities against India

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

[Suicide bomber scythes](#)

News, 7 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: Two policemen were killed and five others received

injuries in a suicide attack on Saturday evening at the main office of Rescue-15 located in sector G-8/4 of the federal capital. According to a senior Islamabad Police official, Constable Imtiaz was on duty in the bunker at the main gate of the 'Rescue-15' building. He spotted the suicide bomber and challenged him. However, the bomber paid no heed to the warning of the policeman. At this he opened fire at the advancing bomber. As a result, an explosion occurred causing the death of two policemen, Salahuddin and Munawwar, and injuries to five other cops

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22585

[TNSM deputy, spokesman killed in attack on convoy](#)

News, 7 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: Two close aides of Tehrik Nifaz-e-Shariat-e-Muhammadi (TNSM) chief Maulana Sufi Muhammad were killed in Sakhakot on Saturday when they were travelling in the custody of security forces. "A prisoners' van was carrying Naib Amir of the TNSM Maulana Muhammad Alam and spokesman Amir Izzat from Malakand to Peshawar when an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded," military spokesman and DG ISPR Major General Athar Abbas told newsmen at a media briefing here on Saturday

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[Lashkar tightens noose around militants](#)

News, 9 June 2009

PESHAWAR: Seven more militants were killed and two Lashkar men injured, one of them seriously, during clashes between the Taliban and armed villagers in Doog Darra area of Dir Upper district on Monday. Five more houses of the pro-Taliban residents were torched in the area as the armed villagers were closing in on the militants in Shatkas and Ghazigay areas of Doog Darra. The people of the area believed that Ghazigay served as the nerve-centre of the militants led by an Afghan, Amir Khitab. They had allegedly training camps in the village

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22624

[12 more killed in Karachi](#)

Daily Times, 9 June 2009

KARACHI: A wave of violence emanating from rivalries between political factions in the provincial capital continued to spread as 12 more people fell victim to target killings on Monday. The number of political activists to have fallen victim to target killings during the first week of June has reached 35, and there are fears that street clashes might erupt. MQM-H: Around four Mohajir Qaumi Movement-Haqiqi (MQM-H) workers were killed in various incidents

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\09\story_9-6-2009_pg1_1

[Over 100 killed as troops target Taliban in Bannu](#)

Daily Times, 11 June 2009

LAHORE: Troops killed more than 100 Taliban during two days of

operation in Jani Khel and Baka Khel areas of Frontier Region (FR) Bannu, a private TV channel reported on Wednesday. According to the channel, Taliban commander Sher Alam is among the dead. Security forces are pounding Taliban positions with gunship helicopters and artillery shells, the channel said.

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\11\story_11-6-2009_pg1_1

Balochistan issue will be resolved as per CoD: PM

Daily Times, 11 June 2009

QUETTA: Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said on Wednesday the government planned to resolve the Balochistan unrest in accordance with the Charter of Democracy. Pakistan People's Party Senator Raza Rabani has in this regard been given the responsibility to evaluate the outcome of previous committees and reports in order to address the Baloch conflict

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\11\story_11-6-2009_pg1_5

PM urges India to resume talks

Dawn, 11 June 2009

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QUETTA, June 10: Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said on Wednesday that India and Pakistan could not afford a war and it was in the interest of the entire region that the two nuclear powers resumed their composite dialogue to resolve bilateral issues. Addressing students and faculty members of the Command and Staff College here, he said the two countries faced common problems and they should resume the dialogue which was halted by India after the Mumbai attacks in November last year

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/pm-urges-india-to-resume-talks-169>

Lashkar intensifies assault on Taliban

Dawn, 11 June 2009

MIANA DOOG: Two more militants were killed on Wednesday as armed villagers of a tribal lashkar intensified their assault on the Taliban holed up in Shatkas and Ghazigay villages of Doog Darra, in Upper Dir district. Sources said that militants were putting up stiff resistance and firing on the advancing villagers. The lashkar fighters attacked Taliban's positions with heavy weapons and destroyed five of their bunkers. Two militants were killed in the attack. Fifteen militants have been killed since the launch of the offensive by the lashkar. Twelve militants and four lashkar men have been injured

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/lashkar-intensifies-assault-on-taliban-169>

[Manmohan, Zardari to meet in Russia](#)

Hindu, 13 June 2009

New Delhi: In what is to be the first high-level contact between India and Pakistan since the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will meet President Asif Zardari on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Russia next week. "They will be in the same room at the same time and they will shake hands and meet and have a conversation," Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon told reporters here on Friday when asked about the possibility of the two principals meeting in Yekaterinburg on June 16. "But what kind of meeting it will be is hard to predict." Mr. Menon said separate time had not been kept aside and that the Prime Minister was on a very tight schedule

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/13/stories/2009061358700100.htm>

[Moderate voice silenced](#)

News, 13 June 2009

LAHORE: Renowned religious scholar and a strong supporter of sectarian unity Dr Sarfraz Hussain Naeemi was martyred, along with five others, when a 17-year-old youth blew himself up at his office in Jamia Naeemia, on the Allama Iqbal Road in Garhi Shahu area of Lahore, soon after the Friday prayers. Seven other people received injuries in the attack on Maulana Naeemi, who was also the principal of Madrassa Jamia Naeemia. Circumstantial evidence and eyewitnesses' accounts suggest that the incident took place due to security lapses, as an unidentified suicide attacker managed to enter the premises of Jamia Naeemia unnoticed and approached Dr Sarfraz Naeemi at his office

[Zardari announces establishment of cantonment in Swat](#)

News, 13 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: Terming the ongoing fight against terrorism and militancy "war of the country's survival", President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday vowed to continue it to the last limit. "This war is for the survival of our country. We have to win this war at every cost. And we will Insha Allah win this war," the president said in his address to the nation telecast on Friday night. The president said this war has the full support and backing of the country's parliament as well as the political parties and the people of Pakistan. He also announced the establishment of a military cantonment in Swat and said: "We will not leave the people of Swat alone in this difficult hour."

[Five die in Nowshera mosque bombing](#)

News, 13 June 2009

NOWSHERA: Five worshippers were killed and 105 others sustained injuries when a suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden van into a mosque during the Friday prayers in the Cantonment area here at the Grand Trunk Road. Sources said the congregation was in the second Rakat when the bomber in the vehicle, carrying 125 kilogrammes of explosives, struck the wall of the mosque near the Army Supply Depot

[Pakistan briefs India on 26/11 probe](#)

Hindu, 14 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: Ahead of a possible meeting between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari next week, the government here addressed a long-standing Indian request to be kept updated about the Mumbai attacks investigation on the Pakistani side and the court proceedings against those arrested in the case. On Saturday, Pakistan's Interior Minister Rehman Malik met High Commissioner Sharat Sabharwal and briefed him about the case, according to officials

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/14/stories/2009061459720800.htm>

[Lacklustre budget promises little](#)

News, 14 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: The PPP government on Saturday took a huge double gamble of presenting a Rs2.9 trillion budget without knowing whether the resources pledged by foreign donors would be available, and without taking any major initiative to expand the tax base, bridge the rich-poor gap or provide visible relief to the poor. Announcing its second budget for 2009-10, the government estimated a total revenue of Rs2174.9 billion and budget deficit of 4.9 per cent (Rs722.5 billion), but the huge risk of uncertain external financial inflows clouded much of its effort. Finance czar Shaukat Tarin himself said he expected only two billion dollars from Friends of Pakistan though pledges of \$5.28 billion had been made

[EDITORIAL: Death of Mufti Naeemi...](#)

Daily Times, 14 June 2009

Taliban warlord Baitullah Mehsud has admitted the killing of Mufti Sarfraz Naeemi in Lahore through a teenaged suicide-bomber after the Friday prayer congregation at Jamia Naeemia. The reason for this murder was not far too seek. Mufti Naeemi, arguably the most influential of the Ahle Sunnat-Barelvi school of thought in Pakistan, had recently presided over an all-Barelvi conference in Islamabad condemning the Taliban practice of suicide-bombing, and presenting to the nation, as it were, a choice between the extremist Deobandi Taliban and the moderate Ahle Sunnat clerical confederation

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\14\story_14-6-2009_pg3_1

[No real increase in defence budget](#)

News, 14 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: Without jacking up defence spending in real terms despite fighting an insurgency on the western borders of the country, the government on Saturday allocated Rs 342.914 billion for defence for the fiscal 2009-10. The allocation for defence is 10.15 per cent higher as compared to the Rs 311.303 billion revised defence budget for the outgoing fiscal year. As inflation stands at 14 per cent, the defence budget is almost four per cent less than the inflation rate. In the outgoing fiscal, the government originally allocated Rs 296.077 billion. The amount was, however, revised to Rs 311.303 billion

[Get Baitullah, forces ordered](#)

News, 15 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has launched a "full-fledged" assault against the Taliban in the lawless northwest tribal belt and will continue until all militants are eliminated, NWFP Governor Owais Ahmad Ghani said on Sunday. "The government has launched a full-fledged operation in the tribal areas including Waziristan," he told a press conference in Islamabad. "Operations will continue till the elimination of the militants." Owais Ahmed Ghani said the Pakistan Army had been ordered to carry out a full-fledged offensive against the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) chief Baitullah Mehsud and his fighters in South Waziristan Agency (SWA)

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22751

[Nine killed in DI Khan market blast](#)

News, 15 June 2009

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Nine people were killed and over 40 injured when a powerful explosion ripped through a busy market here on Sunday. Source said the bomb, weighing five kilogrammes and apparently planted on a cycle cart, went off when the busy Tejarat Gunj Bazaar was teeming with people. The blast smashed the windowpanes of the nearby shops and houses, creating panic in the area. Those killed in the explosion included Habibullah, Niaz Muhammad, Abdul Hameed, Ahmad Gul, Rahmuddin and Muneer Ahmad while the identity of three victims could not be ascertained

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22754

[US drone strike in SWA kills five](#)

News, 15 June 2009

A US missile strike targeting militants killed five people on Sunday in the Laddha region of the South Waziristan Agency (SWA), officials said. "A drone attack targeting a militant vehicle killed three people in Mardar Algad area," said Amir Mohammad Khan, local administration official in Laddha. "There is a training camp close to this area," he added. Khan said the Taliban militants had surrounded the area of the attack and security forces were not able to gather any more information about the missile strike. An intelligence official in the area confirmed the missile attack

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22756

[Editorial: Budget and our ground realities](#)

Daily Times, 15 June 2009

The Budget 2009-10 has an outlay of Rs 2.48 trillion with an anticipated deficit of Rs 722.5 billion or 4.9 percent of GDP, aiming at a growth rate of 3.3 percent of the GDP. A negative reaction to it at the national level has already set in, which is intense despite the fact that this kind of thing happens routinely every year, starting many decades ago when the country first tilted into political instability, bad law and order and terrorism. Budgets have always "disappointed" everyone and not lived up to their projections. Hence the lack of confidence in budgetary predictions.

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\06\15\story_15-6-2009_pg3_1

[Manmohan, Zardari set to break the ice](#) Hindu, 16 June 2009

Yekaterinburg: With the world's eyes riveted on this Russian city on the Asian side of the Urals where the potentially system-shaping international interactions of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and the Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) quartet get under way on June 16, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh arrived on Monday with an additional target in his sight: his first encounter with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari since last November's terrorist attacks in Mumbai put bilateral relations into cold storage

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/16/stories/2009061657340100.htm>

[Army, PAF at one against militancy](#) News, 16 June 2009

PAF OPERATIONAL BASE: Pakistan Air Force and Pakistan Army on Monday expressed complete solidarity and oneness in successfully meeting the challenges confronted the nation with the spirit of hand and glove. Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, who visited the base, along with senior officers of both the forces, also addressed the airmen on the occasion.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22769

[Zardari, Hu vow to boost strategic partnership](#) News, 16 June 2009

YEKATRINBURG, Russia: Pakistan and China on Monday reiterating their

strong desire for enhanced cooperation in all areas stressed stronger collaboration to counter threats from the extremists and terrorists and vowed to make progress on their strategic partnership. President Asif Ali Zardari and President Hu Jintao who met here ahead of the meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation also discussed the prevailing regional situation. Both the leaders were of the view that the two nations were opposed to terrorism and would continue to cooperate with each other, with increased sharing of information and closer collaboration to counter threats. President Zardari, who was supported by Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi apprised the Chinese president of the ongoing operation against the militants and for the elimination of terrorists from parts of the NWFP province

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22770

[14 militants killed in Dir districts](#)
News, 16 June 2009

PESHAWAR: Fourteen militants were reportedly killed in Dir Lower and Upper districts while security forces secured Aligrama area in the Swat Valley on Monday. Also, two guards of the nephew of veteran politician Afzal Khan Lala were killed in the Swat Valley. Sources said nine suspected Taliban militants were killed in Dir Lower and five in Dir Upper, respectively.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22771

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

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

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

[India, Pakistan set talks ball rolling](#)
Hindu, 17 June 2009

Yekaterinburg: Terrorism was the “primary issue” five months ago when India suspended high-level interaction with Pakistan and remains so

today. But Prime Minister Manmohan Singh broke the dialogue logjam on Tuesday, meeting President Asif Ali Zardari on the sidelines of the SCO summit here and agreeing that their Foreign Secretaries should discuss the T-word so that the two leaders could decide how to take the bilateral relationship forward when they meet again mid-July at the Nonaligned summit in Egypt. With one eye presumably focused on those back home who might see the resumption of contact with Islamabad as a softening of India's stand, Dr. Singh began what was meant to be a one-on-one meeting with Mr. Zardari in the full glare of the media which had gathered to capture the 'photo-op.' "I am very happy to meet you," he told the Pakistani President after the two delegations had greeted each other and reporters, including this one, were still in the room clicking away

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/17/stories/2009061756890100.htm>

Pakistan caught off-guard, but feels the ice has melted

Hindu, 18 June 2009

ISLAMABAD: The Manmohan-Zardari encounter in Yekaterinberg was not quite the opening to the re-engagement with India that Pakistan had expected, and it has left many somewhat stunned and disappointed. But observers also said they were hopeful it had broken the ice for an eventual resumption of the peace process, with calls for a new model of talks between the two countries instead of a return to the composite dialogue, seen in Pakistan as already jaded by the time of the Mumbai attacks.

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/18/stories/2009061860751000.htm>

Editorial: The message from Yekaterinburg

Daily Times, 18 June 2009

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

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

EU offers aid to Pakistan but no trade concessions

News, 18 June 2009

BRUSSELS: The European Union pledged aid on Wednesday to people fleeing fighting between the Pakistan Army and Taliban militants but denied Pakistan the trade breaks it says will help it win the struggle. At a first EU-Pakistan summit, the EU executive said it would provide 20 million euros (\$27.72 million) to help people from the Swat valley combat zone and would ask EU states to provide a further 45 million

euros from a reserve fund. But a push by some EU states to offer Pakistan significant trade concessions was blocked by others concerned about the effect on their domestic industries

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Drone attack kills 12 in SWA **News, 19 June 2009**

WANA: Twelve persons were killed and 10 others sustained injuries when the US spy planes attacked two suspected training centres of a Taliban commander in Sholam and Raghzai areas, eight kilometres west of Rustam Adda in South Waziristan Agency (SWA) on Thursday. Elders and officials of the political administration told The News the drones fired five missiles at the two compounds of a local Taliban commander Malang Wazir and his men in Sholam and Raghzai areas, killing 12 people and injuring 10 others. The attacks, carried out at about 12 noon, also reduced to ashes the suspected militant training centres

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22822

34 more militants die in Swat, Dir Upper: ISPR **News, 19 June 2009**

PESHAWAR: Security forces killed 34 more Taliban militants in the ongoing operation in the troubled Swat and Dir Upper districts, while seven others were arrested, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Thursday. Security forces continued action against the Maulana Fazlullah-led militants in Kabal area of the Swat Valley. The militants are still offering some resistance in the area. On Thursday, according to the ISPR, security forces secured the area around Bridge-II, Kabal and Kotlai. The militants and security forces clashed in these areas. During the gunfight, the ISPR said, 12 militants were killed while five soldiers suffered injuries

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22824

Baitullah's hideouts bombed **News, 20 June 2009**

WANA/TANK: Amid reports of Nato's assistance in military offensive against Baitullah Mehsud-led Taliban, Pakistani warplanes and gunship choppers on Friday continued pounding suspected hideouts of the militants in South Waziristan Agency (SWA), killing six militants. Sources told The News that two jet fighters of the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) and the Pakistan Army's two gunship choppers bombed the suspected hideouts of TTP chief Baitullah Mehsud in Barwand, Madejan, Serwakai and adjoining areas

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22835

11 militants die in Dir Upper **News, 20 June 2009**

PESHAWAR: Eleven Taliban combatants were killed in Doog Darra area of Dir Upper by armed villagers and artillery shelling by security forces as the militants started fleeing the area after giving up resistance. Also,

the Chitral police arrested 10 fleeing militants, including an Afghan national, who was in an injured condition, when they sneaked into the district to escape the villagers' onslaught. The armed villagers have ringed the Taliban militants, led by Afghan commander Amir Khitab, since June 6 in the mountains in Doog Darra area.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22836

US Congress okays \$1.4 bn for Pakistan **News, 20 June 2009**

WASHINGTON: The US Congress approved \$1.4 billion in economic and security assistance for Pakistan, as the Senate overwhelmingly passed a \$106 billion war supplemental bill on Thursday, giving the Obama administration the urgently-needed \$225 million as relief assistance for displaced persons of the tribal areas. The whopping funding bill, primarily meant for Afghanistan and Iraq wars, had faced a stiff resistance in the US House of Representatives, getting through with a narrow vote earlier this week.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22843

39 Taliban die in SWA, Bajaur **News, 22 June 2009**

WANA: Twelve militants were killed and seven others sustained injuries when gunship helicopters and fighter planes pounded their suspected hideouts in different areas of South Waziristan Agency, while 27 insurgents perished in the military operation in Bajaur Agency on Sunday. Tribal sources said security forces continued shelling the hideouts of the militants in Makeen, Kaniguram, Badar and Mula Khan Serai areas, destroying four compounds of the militants. Forces claimed that 12 militants were killed and seven others injured in shelling by gunship helicopters and fighter planes

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22879

Taliban on their last legs in Swat **News, 23 June 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Security forces are in the final phase of eliminating terrorist hideouts and camps in Swat, Director-General ISPR Maj-Gen Athar Abbas said on Monday. Addressing a press briefing here, Athar Abbas said: "In the north, Biha Valley — the last stronghold of terrorists — has been fully secured and in the west, Shamoza area is being cleared. Search operations are being carried out in the secured areas to ensure that they are safe for the return of the internally displaced persons (IDPs)." Minister of State for Information Samsam Bukhari, Secretary Information Ashfaq Gondal and Principal Information Officer Mian Shabbir Anwar were also present on the occasion

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22882