

### [Obama proposes \\$1.2 bn aid for Pak Army](#)

**The News, 2 February 2010**

WASHINGTON: US President Barack Obama on Monday proposed \$1.2 billion in funding next year to help train and equip Pakistani security forces to fight Taliban militants. Created by the US Congress last year, the Pakistan Counter-insurgency Capability Fund set aside some \$700 million in 2009 to train and equip the Pakistan Army and other security forces.

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### [Pakistan cannot ignore aggressive Indian strategy, says Kayani](#)

**The News, 4 February 2010**

RAWALPINDI: Chief of the Army Staff General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani has said the Indian "Cold Start Strategy" is an aggressive strategy and Pakistan cannot close its eyes towards it. He was briefing media men and anchorpersons on Wednesday. "It is a wrong allegation against Pakistan that it has indulged in a double game," he said adding the casualties of Nato and allied forces in the war on terror were 1,582 during eight years while in one year alone, 2,273 officers and Jawans of Pakistan Army were killed and 6,512 were injured, he underlined.

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### [Nepal Waits as 2 Armies, Former Foes, Become One](#)

**NYT, 4 February 2010**

JHYALTUNG DANDA, Nepal — Up in the foothills of the Himalayas, the soldiers of Nepal's onetime rebel army have spent more than three years in camps monitored by the United Nations. Mornings begin with exercise, breakfast and drilling. Afternoons often mean political education sessions on their Maoist agenda for restructuring Nepal's government. But, more than anything, the Maoist fighters are simply waiting, and Nepal is waiting with them, because the fate of the rebel soldiers will largely determine the fate of the nation. Within the next four months, Nepal must complete the final and most difficult piece of the 2006 peace agreement that ended the brutal Maoist insurrection by integrating these fighters from the People's Liberation Army of Nepal into the country's security forces, including the Nepalese Army.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/04/world/asia/04nepal.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

### [Corps commanders deliberate upon Azm-e-Nau II](#)

**The News, 11 February 2010**

ISLAMABAD: The Corps Commanders Conference held on Wednesday deliberated upon the conclusion of war game (Azm-e-Nau-II) and expressed satisfaction at the evolution of comprehensive and integrated response. The 126th Corps Commanders' Conference held at the General Headquarters was chaired by Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, said an ISPR press release. The conference was part of regular monthly meetings. The Corps Commanders' Conference was synchronised with the conclusion of the Army war game (Azm-e-Nau II) in which through a hardcore professional discourse, response to existing as well as emerging

threat scenarios was exhaustively evaluated.

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### Opposition playing politics

#### **Daily News, 11 February 2010**

Mass Media Minister Lakshman Yapa Abeywardene addressing a media conference at the Ministry yesterday morning blamed the Opposition for trying to politicize the arrest of former Army Commander by the Military Police on certain allegations relating to violation of Army Rules, under the Army Act, Clause 57(1). These allegations include involvement in politics while serving in the Army, conspiring against the Commander in Chief, Protection of over 1,000 Army deserters and for allegations of corruption in the purchase of military equipment. Under the Army Act, they have the right to take such action and the media in the national interest should enlighten the masses about this matter without letting the politicians to distort the issue to gain political mileage over it, he said.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2010/02/11/pol01.asp>

### Govt offers Kayani two-year extension

#### **The News, 14 February 2010**

ISLAMABAD: The government has asked General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani to accept an extension in his tenure as Chief of Army Staff for another two years. The verbal offer was made to sound out General Kayani whether he would agree to or turn it down. The move has been made to ensure continuity in Pakistan's policy on the war on terror and it also has a nod from Washington as the Army has achieved remarkable successes in the war on terror under General Kayani's command. General Kayani has not yet given his consent and is considering this offer, it was learnt.

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