

Sikhs banished by Taliban want to migrate to India

Asian Age, 6 May 2009

May 5: Scores of Sikh families, banished from Pakis-tan's tribal areas by Taliban militants, want to migrate and settle in India for good, this newspaper learned. "We can't say anything openly against the Taliban as we fear for our lives. What we will prefer is to migrate to India where we will have more freedom," a Sikh, a doctor by profession, told this newspaper. He added, "We have conveyed this to the Pakistan government but they have promised us that things will change and we will be secure." The Sikhs approached by this newspaper requested anonymity fearing Taliban reprisals.

<http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/news/top-story/sikhs-banished-by-taliban-want-to-migrate-to-india-.aspx>

India not a "threat" to Pakistan: Zardari

Hindu, 10 May 2009

Washington (PTI): In a rare admission by a Pakistani leader, President Asif Ali Zardari has said India is not a "threat" to his country, hours after he confirmed that Islamabad had moved some of its forces from its eastern border to eliminate Taliban in its tribal belt. "Well, I am already on record. I have never considered India a threat," Mr. Zardari said in an interview on the PBS news channel's popular show "Newshour With Jim Lehrer" on Saturday.

<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/000200905101851.htm>

No transit rights to India under Pak-Afghan agreement

Hindu, 14 May 2009

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan on Thursday said that no transit rights have been granted to India under an MoU Islamabad has signed with Kabul for concluding a trade pact and the agreement was strictly a bilateral matter with Afghanistan. Foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit said the MoU signed between Pakistan and Afghanistan in Washington envisages the finalisation of a transit trade agreement between the two countries by the end of the year.

<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/001200905142011.htm>

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Daily Excelsior, 20 May 2009

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JAMMU, May 19: Cross-LoC trade today touched Rs 1.07 crore as 39 trucks crossed sides from Chakan-Da-Bagh on Poonch-Rawlakote route during weekly trade between two parts of divided State today. Traders from Poonch and Jammu exported items worth Rs 54.45 lakh to their counterparts in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK). Businessmen from this part of the State, mostly Jammu and Poonch, imported tradable items worth Rs 52.59 lakh from PoK, official sources said. However, garlic didn't figure in the list of items imported by the traders of Poonch and Jammu from PoK following a ban imposed by the Centre after Agriculture Department's Plant and Quarantine wing had detected infusion in it

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/>

[The transit trade controversy By Ijaz Hussain](#)

Daily Times, 20 May 2009

The Pakistani government should absolutely seek a quid pro quo from India for the right to transit trade. The argument that this right is no longer important for India because it has found an alternative route from the Chahbahar port is without much substance. The Memorandum of Understanding on transit trade that the Gilani government recently signed with the Afghan government in Washington is proving to be a hot potato. Opposition political parties are out to wreck it on the ground that through this MoU, the government has granted India the right of transit trade to Afghanistan and beyond. The PMLN has threatened street agitation if the government does not back down on the issue

[26/11: More data provided to Pakistan](#)

Hindu, 21 May 2009

NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday handed over additional information to Pakistan on the

involvement of its citizens in the Mumbai terror attacks. The External Affairs Ministry handed over

to a diplomat of the Pakistan High Commission the details sought by Islamabad, official sources

confirmed. The information consisted of the confessional statement of the lone surviving gunman,

Ajmal Amir 'Kasab' and DNA samples of all the terrorists. Pakistan had complained that one of

the DNA samples was a duplicate. India acknowledged the "clerical error" and sent fresh samples.

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/05/21/stories/2009052157350100.htm>

[Pak ready to phase out nuclear arms, if India does the same](#)

Times of India, 23 May 2009

WASHINGTON: Stating that Pakistan's nuclear weapon is a "deterrent" against India, the country's top diplomat to the US on Friday expressed willingness to enter into an agreement with New Delhi to phase out all atomic arms possessed by the two countries. Appearing on the CNN to make a public appeal to the Americans to donate USD five each through cell phone for the refugees of Swat Valley, Pakistan Ambassador to the US Hussein Haqqani insisted that the nuclear weapons of his country are safe and there should be no concern about their security

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Pak-ready-to-phase-out-nukes-if-India-does-the-same/articleshow/4568227.cms>

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Daily Excelsior, 23 May 2009

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[Govt nod to double number of trucks](#)

Daily Excelsior, 24 May 2009

JAMMU, May 23: Following a massive jump in cross-LoC trade on Poonch-Rawlakote route, the authorities on both sides proposed to raise infrastructure at Trade Facilitation Centres (TFCs) in both parts of divided State to facilitate movement of 40 trucks from each side every Wednesday and Tuesday. similar capacity for another cross-LoC trade route on Uri-Muzaffarabad route is proposed at 50 trucks each

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[Manmohan must be bold on Pakistan by Siddharth Varadarajan](#)

Hindu, 25 May 2009

Fresh from his election victory, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh needs to move quickly and decisively to break the logjam in India's relations with Pakistan. In the wake of last November's terrorist attacks on Mumbai, the government suspended the composite dialogue process and placed its armed forces on high alert. The military establishment in Pakistan, which was perhaps never fully comfortable with the

direction in which the peace process with India had gone over the past few years, took advantage of the situation to move its forces to the border and generate international concern about the danger of war

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/05/25/stories/2009052555220900.htm>

[4 more Pakistani SIM, memory cards seized from PoK visitor](#)

Daily Excelsior, 26 May 2009

JAMMU, May 25: Within a week after the recovery of four SIM cards— two each from two truck operators of Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), who had come to Poonch carrying items for the traders, police today detained another PoK citizen soon after he reached Poonch from weekly Poonch-Rawlakote bus service and seized three SIM cards of a Pakistan mobile company and a memory card from his possession. Once again, there was no visitor from this part of the State to PoK in the weekly bus service with Pakistan's Ministry for Home Affairs not issuing permits to the aspirants even after the new policy under which not only the divided families but even general public can seek permits for cross-LoC visit

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/>

['All except Geelani supported K-deal'](#)

Greater Kashmir, 26 May 2009

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Lahore, May 25: Former Pakistan foreign minister, Khursheed Mehmood Kasuri, has said India and Pakistan had reached an agreement on Kashmir in 2006 and the Kashmir leadership had also supported the deal, except Syed Ali Geelani. "We agreed on how to define Kashmir units on both sides, the de-militarization of borders, and formation of a mechanism that included Pakistan, India and Kashmiris. All Kashmiri leadership was with us on this issue, except Syed Ali Geelani," Kasuri said in an interview with Najam Sethi on Dunya News

http://greaterkashmir.com/today/full_story.asp?Date=26_5_2009&ItemID=55&cat=1

[Editorial: IPI becomes 'peace pipeline'](#)

Daily Times, 26 May 2009

The big dividend from the tripartite Iran-Afghanistan-Pakistan meeting is the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline deal announced on Sunday. President Asif Ali Zardari and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad signed a "framework" agreement in Tehran which will lead to a formal agreement on the building of a pipeline in a fortnight. The pipeline project has taken 14 years to materialise because of the political vicissitudes of the region and, one has to admit, inexperience on the part of the parties concerned of the culture of pipelines.

[Complexities of nuclear risk reduction in South Asia by Michael Krepon](#)

Hindu, 29 May 2009

The key to nuclear risk-reduction on the subcontinent may now lie in governments' ability to trust each other to share intelligence against common terrorist threats. The Indian electorate has now voted into office a very strong coalition government led,

once again, by the Congress party. Pakistani domestic politics, on the other hand, have produced a weak civilian government that faces extraordinary internal security challenges. In due course, dialogue between Islamabad and New Delhi will resume, but it will be hard for leaders to make significant progress on bilateral disputes given existing disparities in domestic political circumstances and the certainty that new acts of mass casualty terrorism will occur

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/05/29/stories/2009052954910900.htm>

[Engaging Pakistan: task for new government by Chinmaya R. Gharekhan](#)
Hindu, 30 May 2009

The political leadership will have to assess whether the people are ready to forget Mumbai and forgive Pakistan, and whether we can resume the composite dialogue. One of the messages the Indian electorate conveyed during the recent Lok Sabha elections is that the people do not want the government to engage in adventurism in the form of military intervention in our neighbourhood. No one seriously suggested intervening — again — in Sri Lanka, but there were a few proposals for doing so in Pakistan. The 26/11 Mumbai attack generated a two-fold sense of frustration and anger among the citizens: at the government for the disastrous failure of intelligence and lack of instant preparedness to deal with such incidents, and against Pakistan for mounting such an audacious attack on the financial capital of India. In the weeks and months following Mumbai, the public's bitter resentment at having been let down by the government has probably not diminished by much. But the change of guard in the Home Ministry and the decision to revamp the intelligence set-up might have assuaged the public's anger to some extent

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/05/30/stories/2009053053870800.htm>

[N-deterrence to be retained at all costs: PM](#)
News, 30 May 2009

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Friday said nuclear weapons were the cornerstone of Pakistan's deterrence strategy, which has complete national consensus and support. The prime minister said this while chairing a meeting of the Strategic Planning Division (SPD) at the Prime Minister House here on Friday in which he was briefed on the qualitative upgrades in the nuclear programme. Referring to an orchestrated campaign against Pakistan's nuclear programme, he said: "We are determined to retain nuclear deterrence at all costs and no compromise will be made on our core security interest."

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=22433

[Lahore court bench poser to A-G: Why was India not bound to implement UN resolutions on Kashmir?](#)

Hindu, 31 May 2009

ISLAMABAD: If Pakistan was bound to implement the UN Security Council resolution on Jamat-ud-Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed, why was India not bound to implement UN resolutions on Kashmir, a full bench of the Lahore High Court

wanted to know from Pakistan Attorney-General Latif Khosa on Saturday. The observation came during the hearing of a petition by Mr. Saeed and another JuD leader Colonel (retired) Nazir Ahmed against their house arrest since December 2008

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/05/31/stories/2009053154760800.htm>

[Pakistan urges India to honour Indus Water Treaty](#)

Daily Times, 31 May 2009

ISLAMABAD: Complaining of violations of the Indus Water Treaty, Foreign Office (FO) spokesman Abdul Basit on Saturday said India should honour the treaty in its true letter and spirit. Talking to the state-run TV channel, the FO spokesman said a Pakistani delegation led by Indus Water Commissioner Syed Jamaat Ali Shah was on a three-day visit to India to convey Pakistan's concerns about the Kishan-Ganga project and inequitable water distribution. He said the delegation would lay emphasis on fair distribution of water

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\05\31\story_31-5-2009_pg7_1