

### [Defence ministry to purchase 6 more Akash squadrons](#)

**The Hindu, 2 February 2010**

The Defence Ministry has decided to procure six more squadrons of Akash - the medium range surface-to-air missiles - from public sector unit Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Defence Minister A. K. Antony said. The decision was taken at the Defence Acquisition Council meeting on Monday, Mr. Antony told reporters.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article99367.ece>

### [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.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?id=27015](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=27015)

### [Nato offers to train Pakistani officers](#)

**The News, 2 February 2010**

BRUSSELS: Nato Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said on Monday that Nato and Pakistan had discussed ways to boost cooperation and the military alliance stood ready to train Pakistani officers, if requested. "I can confirm that we had a good discussion on how we could further develop practical cooperation, including training activities," he said, following talks last week with Chief of the Army Staff General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani.

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### [Editorial:Fighting funds](#)

**The News, 3 February 2010**

Any help we can get to pay for the war we are fighting is welcome, and President Obama has proposed helping us with the cost of bullets by dipping into the American pocket to the tune of \$1.2 billion in fiscal 2011 to support the training and equipping of our security forces. The Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Fund allocated \$700 million in 2009 for the same purpose. So the increase is considerable by any standard. President Obama has also requested \$1.322 billion from the Economic Support Fund (ESF) which is designed to promote economic and political stability in countries where the US has a strategic interest. Again, this is an increase, by almost a third, over funding in the previous fiscal and is consistent with the American commitment to increase economic aid to Pakistan. There is more – the US administration has asked Congress to approve \$296 million for us under a programme called Foreign Military Financing which disburses grants for the purchase of American military equipment, services and training. And all this before we receive a single cent of the money that should be coming our way via the Kerry-Lugar Bill.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/daily\\_detail.asp?id=222139](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/daily_detail.asp?id=222139)

### [North Korea has reopened two maritime](#)

**Chosun Ilbo, 4 February 2010**

North Korea has reopened two maritime firing zones in waters near the Northern Limit Line, the de-facto maritime border in the West Sea. The Defense Ministry in a report on recent North Korean military movements told a conference of ruling-party and government officials at the National Assembly that day that the two firing zones will active for four days from Feb. 5 to 8. The ministry believes the North will launch additional provocations.

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/02/04/2010020400320.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/02/04/2010020400320.html)

### [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.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=27060](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=27060)

### [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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### [No rethink on Arjun tank: DRDO chief](#)

#### **The Hindu, 21 February 2010**

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) dispelled apprehensions that there was a question mark over the capability of the indigenously manufactured Arjun tank. Speaking at a press conference here on Saturday, DRDO chief V.K. Saraswat dismissed reports that the tank was undergoing yet another series of revaluations vis-à-vis the Russian T-90 main battle tanks.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article110458.ece>