

**U.S. Arms for Taiwan Send Beijing a Message  
NYT, 1 February 2010**

WASHINGTON — For the past year, China has adopted an increasingly muscular position toward the United States, berating American officials for the global economic crisis, stage-managing President Obama's visit to China in November, refusing to back a tougher climate change agreement in Copenhagen and standing fast against American demands for tough new Security Council sanctions against Iran. Now, the Obama administration has started to push back. In announcing an arms sales package to Taiwan worth \$6 billion on Friday, the United States leveled a direct strike at the heart of the most sensitive diplomatic issue between the two countries since America affirmed the "one China" policy in 1972.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/01/world/asia/01china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

**Chief of Russia's Far East region to visit China for co-op discussions  
People's Daily, 1 February 2010**

Victor Ivanovich Ishaev, Russia's presidential representative to the Far Eastern Federal District, will visit China later this week to discuss Sino-Russian regional cooperation, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said Monday. Ishaev is scheduled to visit China from Feb. 5 to 10 at the invitation of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Ma Zhouxu said in a statement.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6884469.html>

**Arms sale causes severe damage to overall China-U.S. cooperation  
People's Daily, 1 February 2010**

Ignoring repeated solemn representations made by China, the U.S. government on Friday notified Congress of its nearly 6.4 billion-U.S.-dollar arms sale package to Taiwan. The sale is a wrong decision, which not only undermines China's national security interests and her national unification cause, but also once again hurts the national feelings of the Chinese people.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6884323.html>

**Beijing: Military links with US will halt  
People's Daily, 1 February 2010**

China fired back over the weekend after the Obama administration approved a \$6.5 billion arms package to Taiwan on Friday, with Beijing saying it was severing military and security communications with the United States. Calls were also made for the imposition of sanctions on US companies involved in the arms sales.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6883547.html>

**U.S. 'Would Welcome Inter-Korean Summit  
Chosun Ilbo, 1 February 2010**

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg said Friday he would support an inter-Korean summit. In a seminar co-hosted by Korea's University of North Korean

Studies and the U.S. Woodrow Wilson Center, Steinberg said, "We strongly support President Lee and the very clear path he set forward about what is necessary to achieve peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula."

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/02/01/2010020100969.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/02/01/2010020100969.html)

**Seize Opportunity for Free Trade with Korea, Says Obama  
Chosun Ilbo, 1 February 2010**

U.S. President Barack Obama has called on his country to seize opportunities for free trade with Seoul. He made the remarks at the GOP House Issues Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on Jan. 29. "The European Union is about to sign a trade agreement with South Korea, which means right at the moment when they start opening up their markets, the Europeans might get in there before we do," Obama said. "So we've got to make sure that we seize these opportunities. I will be talking more about trade this year."

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2010/02/01/2010020100940.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/02/01/2010020100940.html)

**Has Hakimullah died of wounds?  
The News, 1 February 2010**

PESHAWAR: Military authorities and government functionaries were not yet ready to confirm reports about the death of Pakistani Taliban leader Hakimullah Mehsud even though news started circulating again on Sunday that he had succumbed to injuries suffered in a US drone attack in South Waziristan on January 14. Major Gen Athar Abbas, military spokesman and Director General of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), said efforts were being made to check the reports about Hakimullah's death. "We neither confirm nor deny these reports," he told The News.

[http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=26990](http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=26990)

**Terror war has wrecked Pak internal stability: Qureshi  
The News, 1 February 2010**

OXFORD: Underscoring Pakistan's contributions to the war against extremists and militancy, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said the war on terror has wrecked the internal stability of Pakistan. He said Pakistan had rendered a lot more sacrifices than the international forces in Afghanistan and the West must reciprocate by helping in revitalising its economy and enhancing its capacity to counter terrorism. He expressed these views while delivering a talk on "Situation in Pakistan and its role in the war against terrorism" at the University of Oxford here late on Saturday. The event was held at the Frewin Court and organised jointly by the Oxford Pakistan Society and the Oxford Union as part of the Pakistan Young Leaders Conference.

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**Opinion: Aid to nowhere  
The News, 1 February 2010**

Delivering aid effectively is no easier than finding the money to fund it. From a damning report published on the USAID website we find that 'little progress' has

been made in a development programme funded by the US and running in FATA since 2008. Only \$15.5 million has been spent out of a programme budget of \$46 million; and given that we are now 22 months into a 36-month programme the chances of spending the whole of the budget seem remote indeed. The project was designed to somehow blunt the appeal of Al Qaeda and the Taliban, but appears to have failed to get much past the start line. There is confusion about which agency is to deliver the project as it was conceived under the Bush administration and is being delivered under the Obama – which has different views on project delivery, preferring to direct aid money through Pakistani institutions rather than US aid contractors.

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### **Pakistani Taliban Leader Is Reported Dead NYT, 1 February 2010**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani and American officials said Sunday that they were increasingly convinced that the leader of the Pakistani Taliban, Hakimullah Mehsud, Pakistan's chief domestic enemy and the man behind the suicide attack on a C.I.A. base in Afghanistan in December, had died from wounds sustained in a drone strike. The Pakistani military, which mounted a major offensive against Mr. Mehsud and his loyalists in South Waziristan last fall, said it could not confirm the report. But state-run television set off a storm of speculation on Sunday when it reported that Mr. Mehsud had died. Government officials in the capital, Islamabad, and Peshawar, the capital of the North-West Frontier Province, said they believed that there was a good chance Mr. Mehsud was dead, though they could not offer proof.

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