

[Headley a frequent flyer to Pakistan: FBI](#)

The Hindu, 1 November 2009

U.S. national David Coleman Headley, nabbed by FBI for plotting a major terror attack in India at LeT's behest, was a frequent flyer who made multiple trips to Pakistan where he spent "substantial time" undergoing training from the terror group, American investigators have said. 49-year-old Headley was arrested on October 3 along with Tahawwur Hussain Rana, 48, a Canadian citizen of Pakistani origin, by FBI at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport as he prepared to board a flight to Philadelphia, intending to travel to Pakistan.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article41692.ece>

[Virmani says developing nations need more quota](#)

The Hindu, 1 November 2009

The issue of giving more representation to developing and emerging economies in the IMF still remains to be resolved even as the G-20 has agreed to increase their share by five per cent, Arvind Virmani, who will be joining the Fund as Executive Director this month, said. "The basic idea is to even the balance (in IMF between developed countries and developing, emerging economies)...I think that objective remains for emerging and developing countries," Mr. Virmani, whose term ended yesterday as Chief Economic Advisor, told PTI here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article41650.ece>

[Centre to launch anti-naxal operations in tri-junctions](#)

The Hindu, 1 November 2009

As Maoists menace continued to be unabated, the government is all set to launch the much-awaited full-fledged anti-naxal operations at three different areas, considered tri-junctions of worst naxal-affected states. The tri-junctions which have been identified for the offensive are Andhra Pradesh-Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh; Orissa-Jharkhand-Chhattisgarh and West Bengal-Jharkhand- Orissa.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article41634.ece>

[Need to check religious conversions: Rajnath](#)

The Hindu, 1 November 2009

BJP President Rajnath Singh has said that there is a strong need in the country for amending the constitution to check large scale religious conversions allegedly being carried out by foreign forces through inducements. There is a need to check large scale religious conversion being carried out in the country through inducements by incorporating the provision of embracing any faith before a competent authority," Singh said addressing the 'Amrit Mahotsav' of senior BJP leader Kailash Narayan Sarang, here on Saturday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article41645.ece>

[No Taliban militants in Kashmir, says Army](#)

The Hindu, 1 November 2009

The Army has ruled out the presence of Taliban militants in Jammu and Kashmir but has warned of a spill-over if the situation worsens in Pakistan. "Taliban fighters have not entered the State but there is a possibility of spill-over if the situation in Pakistan goes out of control," General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Udhampur-based

Northern Command Lt. Gen. B.S. Jaswal told reporters on Saturday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article41593.ece>

[I will fight terrorism until death: Chidambaram](#)

The Hindu, 1 November 2009

Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Saturday assured the nation that he would never give place for terrorism, unleashed either from the foreign soil or from forces within the country such as the Maoists, until a last drop of blood was left in his body. Reacting to the rejection of his appeal to the CPI (Maoist) to halt violence in order to facilitate talks with the State Governments concerned, he said: "No one. Neither a local rowdy on the streets nor a Naxalite has the right to indulge in violence or armed conflict in this country."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article41585.ece>

[Talks prioritise road improvement](#)

Kuensel, 1 November 2009

To avoid delays in the implementation of hydropower projects, the government of India (GoI) has committed to speed up road construction, which connect various hydropower project sites. Top on the list is to improve the Gelephu – Santabari (Assam) road, which is a vital link for mega hydro projects like Punatshangchu I and II, Chamkarchhu I and Mangdechu projects. This was one of the main issues the two governments agreed during the second annual consultation of the Bhutan – India Development Talks, which was held in Thimphu from October 28 - 30.

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=13857>

[Maoist Rebels Widen Deadly Reach Across India](#)

NYT, 1 November 2009

BARSUR, India — At the edge of the Indravati River, hundreds of miles from the nearest international border, India effectively ends. Indian paramilitary officers point machine guns across the water. The dense jungles and mountains on the other side belong to Maoist rebels dedicated to overthrowing the government. "That is their liberated zone," said P. Bhojak, one of the officers stationed at the river's edge in this town in the eastern state of Chattisgarh. Or one piece of it. India's Maoist rebels are now present in 20 states and have evolved into a potent and lethal insurgency. In the last four years, the Maoists have killed more than 900 Indian security officers, a figure almost as high as the more than 1,100 members of the coalition forces killed in Afghanistan during the same period.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/01/world/asia/01maoist.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page=1

[India to strictly regulate work visa applications for Chinese](#)

People's Daily, 2 November 2009

India will strictly regulate work visa applications for Chinese people hereafter to avoid visa abuse. According to Indian External Affairs Minister Shashi Tharoor, India issued as many as 58,500 visas to Chinese people last year and some of them may have been used as work visas by unskilled and semi-skilled labors. He said that the foreign skilled labors who want to obtain work visas must provide a certificate to prove they were special skilled labors that couldn't be found domestically in India. Early this year, due to an increasing number of business visa applications to India,

large quantities of Chinese skilled workers and labors entered into India to construct roads, electric power plants and other foundation infrastructure projects. This aroused the concerns and doubts of the India security department and business interest groups.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6801039.html>

[No plan to use Army against Maoists: Antony](#)
The Hindu, 2 November 2009

Union Minister for Defence, A.K. Antony, has said the Centre has no proposal to deploy the Army to check Maoists activities in some States. "The role of the Army is different. The last resort is to use the Army for internal security measures. The government does not have any proposal and does not intend to use it against Maoists," Mr. Antony said on Monday while replying to questions of mediapersons after distributing the journalism awards instituted by the Trivandrum Press Club.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article42046.ece>

[TN govt to spend Rs. 12 crore for Sri Lankan Tamils refugees' camps](#)
The Hindu, 2 November 2009

The State government has decided to spend Rs. 12 crore immediately for improving the basic amenities in Sri Lankan Tamils refugees' camps. Ministers and District Collectors will visit 115 camps in the State and present their findings to Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi by November 10 on the condition of the camps. On the basis of their feedback, the government will work out the modalities for the expenditure of Rs. 12 crore. Decisions to this effect were taken at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi on Monday. Eleven Ministers and senior government officials attended.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article42156.ece>

[Take oath in Marathi or face action, Raj warns all MLAs](#)
The Hindu, 2 November 2009

Taking his 'Marathi Manos' agenda a step further, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray on Monday asked the legislators in the new Assembly to take oath "only in Marathi" or face his party's wrath. "The House will witness what my MLAs will do if anyone dares to take oath in other languages," Mr. Raj told reporters. MNS has 13 MLAs in the 288-member House.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article42088.ece>

['Morale-lifting' revamp of posts on China border](#)
Indian Express, 2 November 2009

Up against rapidly modernizing Chinese military infrastructure along its northern border, India has decided to completely revamp its border posts at heights above 14,000-15,000 feet, using know-how from Scandinavian countries. The aim is to improve the conditions in which soldiers live in these high altitudes. The decision was taken after a military survey revealed that poor living conditions were adversely impacting the morale and combat preparedness of soldiers manning these posts.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/moralelifting-revamp-of-posts-on-china-border/536130/>

[China voices firm opposition to Dalai Lama's visit to China-India border region](#)

People's Daily, 3 November 2009

China firmly opposes the Dalai Lama's planned visit to a China-India border region, said a Foreign Ministry spokesman here Tuesday. "China's stance on the eastern section of the China-India border is consistent, and we firmly oppose the Dalai Lama's visit to the region," said Ma Zhaoxu at a regular news briefing. "This further exposes the Dalai clique's anti-China and separatist nature," said Ma.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6802514.html>

[Sri Lankan Tamil refugees wish for Indian citizenship](#)

The Hindu, 3 November 2009

Several Sri Lankan Tamils housed at the refugee camps at Kottapattu and Vazhavanthankottai in Tiruchi district have expressed a desire to be granted Indian citizenship. This was a common demand aired, by many refugees, before the Transport Minister K.N. Nehru who visited both the camps on Tuesday for an assessment of the conditions there. The inspection comes close on the heels of a high level meet convened by Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi to discuss the conditions at the refugee camps for Sri Lankan Tamils on Monday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/states/tamil-nadu/article42734.ece>

[Masjid demolition an act of religious fanaticism: Chidambaram](#)

The Hindu, 3 November 2009

Terming demolition of Babri Masjid as an act of religious fanaticism and extreme prejudice, Home Minister P Chidambaram on Tuesday said communalism in all its forms was deplorable and asserted that it was the duty of the majority community to protect the minorities. He also said that adopting the path of violence in the name of religion must be deplored.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article42577.ece>

[Probe underway to find who left cartridges at Kotla stadium](#)

The Hindu, 3 November 2009

Police today said it may take "some more time" to ascertain who left cartridges at Ferozeshah Kotla stadium, that were found barely two hours prior to the start of the cricket match between India and Australia. However, police emphasised there was "no security issue" involved in the recovery of seven cartridges from the second-floor bathroom of the stadium on Saturday. A senior Delhi Police official said investigators believe that a member of the security personnel "accidentally" kept the cartridges in the rest room and forgot to take when he left.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article42719.ece>

[India rubbishes allegations of fomenting trouble in Pak](#)

The Hindu, 3 November 2009

India on Tuesday rubbished Pakistan's allegations that it was fomenting trouble in the neighbouring country, saying it has nothing to do with their internal developments which are of "their own making." "We have absolutely nothing to do with whatever is happening in Balochistan or whatever is happening within Pakistan. I think it is their own making," External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna said. The minister was of the view that there is "total confusion" in Pakistan and that he did not think that there is any effective government functioning there.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article42622.ece>

[Army chief warns of 26/11-type attacks](#)

The Hindu, 3 November 2009

Army Chief Deepak Kapoor on Tuesday warned that 26/11-type Mumbai terror attacks were a possibility and that India has to take all steps to counter such strikes. "We have to take all steps to prevent any Mumbai-type attacks. We cannot rule out apprehensions of such possibilities," Gen. Kapoor told reporters here on the sidelines of an Army function. To a question if there were any terror alerts in the recent times, he said the South Asian region is infested with terror groups.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article42513.ece>

[Evidence of Indian hand in SWA unrest found: ISPR](#)

The News, 3 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has found concrete evidence of India's involvement behind the trouble in South Waziristan Agency (SWA) and would take up the matter with the Indian government. This was stated by Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Maj-Gen Athar Abbas at a joint media briefing with Information Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira on the ongoing operation Rah-e-Nijat here on Monday. It merits mentioning here that it is for the first time that Pakistan has categorically said about India's hand behind militancy in South Waziristan. General Abbas said a huge quantity of Indian arms and ammunition, literature.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25354

[Precautions taken to safeguard military institution: Govt](#)

The Hindu, 4 November 2009

With the prestigious National Defence College in the national capital being one of the prime targets of Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Government on Wednesday said "adequate precaution" was being taken to safeguard the military institution. "I think there is a constant review of threat perceptions and targets ... and we work on the safeguards adequately. You can be rest assured that adequate precaution is taken wherever there is a threat perception," Minister of State for Defence M M Pallam Raju said when asked if the Government knew about the terrorists' plans and steps taken to secure the institution.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article43005.ece>

[Tribal areas can't be developed under shadow of gun: Manmohan](#)

The Hindu, 4 November 2009

In a clear message to Maoists, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Wednesday said no sustained economic activity is possible under the shadow of gun in tribal areas where decades of alienation is taking a "dangerous" turn. He said there has been a "systemic failure" in giving tribals a stake in the modern economic processes and emphasised that the "systematic exploitation and social and economic abuse of our tribal communities can no longer be tolerated."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article42968.ece>

[Centre to consult Kashmiri Pandits on rehabilitation issue](#)

The Hindu, 4 November 2009

The Centre on Wednesday said Kashmiri pandit migrants would be consulted on issues regarding their return to the valley and rehabilitation. "Kashmiri pandit migrants will be consulted on every issue regarding their return to the valley... I have heard your problems, concerns and apprehensions and will address them faithfully, sincerely and to the best of my ability. My focus will be on results," Union Home Minister P Chidambaram said while interacting with a group of migrants at Nagrota Camp in Jagti, 15 km from here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article43261.ece>

[Agni-II being readied for launch](#)

The Hindu, 4 November 2009

Preparations are under way for the launch of India's Agni-II ballistic missile from the Wheeler Island, off the Orissa coast, on November 6. "We are aiming for a launch on November 6. It will be a repeat firing to establish the reliability of Agni-II's systems," a Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) official said. Agni-II is an intermediate range ballistic missile built by the DRDO. It has two stages, both powered by solid propellants. It can reach targets 2,500 km away and carry nuclear warheads. The missile is 20 metres long and weighs 17 tonnes. It can carry payloads weighing one tonne. The missile's re-entry vehicle is made of carbon-composites. Agni-II has been designed and developed by the Advanced Systems Laboratory, a missile facility of DRDO, situated at Hyderabad.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article43193.ece>

[Editorial: The limits of coercive diplomacy](#)

The Hindu, 4 November 2009

India has achieved all it can hope to with its silence; there is nothing more it can reasonably hope to gain by refusing to restart the dialogue process with Pakistan. The so-called 'peace overture' that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh made to Pakistan from the Kashmir Valley last week, came almost a year after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks and New Delhi's subsequent indefinite halt of the peace process with Islamabad. The major dialogue channels between the two countries — the composite dialogue and the back-channel negotiations — continue to remain closed. Since November 2008, there have only been some underdeveloped and half-hearted attempts towards a thaw in the prevailing icy state of relations between the two

countries. There seems to be no way forward.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article42838.ece>

[Rising IT security risk to India Inc: Study](#)

The Hindu, 5 November 2009

A survey revealed only 15 percent of Indian enterprises had any form of data loss prevention measures in place. Increasing use of IT infrastructure by Indian enterprises has led to growing security risks such as loss of critical data, a study by the intelligence marketing firm IDC (India) Ltd. has revealed. "About 80 per cent of Indian enterprises have agreed that loss or theft of critical data is a serious information security risk they face after threats from viruses and hackers," the survey, commissioned by security solutions provider Symantec India, said in its latest report.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/sci-tech/article43508.ece>

[Leaders meet Sonia for Maharashtra govt. formation talks](#)

The Hindu, 5 November 2009

The process of government formation in Maharashtra gained momentum on Thursday evening with consultations by State and central leaders with party chief Sonia Gandhi. Union Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh, former chief minister of the State, had a meeting with Ms. Gandhi on the issue. Chief Minister Ashok Chavan also arrived here in the evening for talks with the central leaders. Senior party leader and Defence Minister A K Antony, the in-charge of party affairs.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article43844.ece>

[Maoists ready for talks, demand withdrawal of security forces](#)

The Hindu, 5 November 2009

Faced with an impending security force operation, a top leader of the Maoists on Thursday said they were ready for talks with the Centre provided some of their conditions were met, including withdrawal of paramilitary forces deployed in Naxal-hit States. Detailing the conditions, top Maoist leader Koteswar Rao alias Kishanji told PTI over phone that the Centre would have to first withdraw paramilitary forces deployed in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand and parts of West Bengal and secondly the problems of tribals would have to be treated in a sympathetic way.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article43713.ece>

[Meeting on resolving Karnataka crisis inconclusive](#)

The Hindu, 5 November 2009

The meeting between BJP central leaders and beleaguered Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa here on Thursday on the leadership crisis in the state remained inconclusive but the leaders are likely to meet again. BJP President Rajnath Singh held a meeting with senior party leaders Sushma Swaraj, Arun Jaitley, M Venkaiah Naidu and Ananth Kumar this morning and Yeddyurappa joined them later.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article43477.ece>

[Cabinet nod for liberalisation of policy for technology imports](#)

The Hindu, 5 November 2009

The Union Cabinet on Thursday decided to further liberalise the rules for import of technology and for use of trademarks and brand names of foreign collaborators. So far, automatic approval was permitted for import of technologies where the payment of lump sum fee was below US dollar 2 million and royalty was less than five per cent on domestic sales and eight per cent on exports.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article43875.ece>

[Ban on pre-paid mobile service in J & K challenged in SC](#)

Daily Excelsior, 5 November 2009

NEW DELHI : The Supreme Court today agreed to give a hearing to the petition challenging the Centre's ban on pre-paid mobile services in Jammu and Kashmir. The petition filed by Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party was mentioned for urgent hearing before a Bench comprising Chief Justice K G Balakrishnan and Justices B Sudershan Reddy and P Sathasivam which put the matter for hearing on November 16.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov05/newsupdate.htm#3>

[PPP plans talks with friends and foes](#)

The News, 5 November 2009

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) will hold talks on Monday here when PML-N supreme leader Nawaz Sharif will be visiting Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani at the PM House. It will be the first get-together of the two parties in the wake of rising tension between them on the question of the National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO). The government will take the PML-N into confidence about the report of the special joint committee of the two houses of parliament. The report will bring about important constitutional amendments as a joint sitting of parliament would be convened immediately after the meeting. The constitutional stalwarts of the two sides will also take part in the deliberations at the PM House, including convener of the committee Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Punjab Chief Minister and PML-N President Shahbaz Sharif and Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25380

[Resettlement of IDPs:](#)

Daily News, 5 November 2009

Tiny Sri Lanka had set a world record by resettling a larger number of IDPs within few months while the big countries could not do so in many years. Hurricane Katrina victims are still living in temporary shelters. But most of these countries did not have a problem of land mines or security problems about their IDPs. But after clearing land mines we have now settled nearly 100,000 IDPs, Senior Presidential Advisor Basil Rajapaksa MP said at Kanthankulam Manthai West recently when he visited the IDPs who were being resettled. This was not an easy task but a very tedious effort made

by the government with the assistance from friendly countries, INGOs, NGOs, specially our neighbour India with its State of Tamil Nadu also encouraging us amidst criticism, he said.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/11/05/news02.asp>

[MoU signed for Hanimaadhoo airport](#)

Minivan, 5 November 2009

The government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with an Indian company today to conduct a feasibility study for an international airport in Hanimaadhoo in the Upper North Province. Speaking at the signing ceremony, Civil Aviation Minister Mahmoud Razi said GMR Infrastructure Global Limited will submit a proposal on development opportunities for the region following the feasibility study.

http://www.minivannews.com/news_detail.php?id=7658

[India Restricts Coverage of Dalai Lama's Visit](#)

NYT, 5 November 2009

NEW DELHI (AP) -- The Indian government refused Thursday to allow foreign journalists to cover the Dalai Lama's visit to a northeastern state at the heart of a long-running border dispute with China. Permits allowing foreign correspondents to travel to Arunachal Pradesh state were not given, and the government revoked passes previously provided to four of them, including two Associated Press journalists. Foreigners require special government permission to visit the mountainous state. "We are incredibly surprised and disappointed to learn that reporters' visas to Arunachal Pradesh have been canceled ahead of the Dalai Lama's visit," said Heather Timmons, president of the New Delhi-based Foreign Correspondents' Club. China has strongly opposed the Tibetan spiritual leader's visit to a Buddhist monastery in the Arunachal Pradesh town of Tawang beginning Sunday.

http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2009/11/05/world/AP-AS-India-China-Journalists.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[All terrorist camps in Pak still intact, says Antony](#)

The Hindu, 6 November 2009

Despite India's repeated requests, "all" terrorist camps in Pakistan were intact with many operating in the vicinity of army bases, Defence Minister A.K. Antony said here on Friday. "There are various terrorists groups operating from Pakistan, but despite our repeated requests all terrorist camps are intact. Many of them are in the vicinity of their army bases. It is a matter of concern and worry to us," Mr. Antony said on the sidelines of a function here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article44425.ece>

[India, EU to resolve differences to reach trade deal](#)

The Hindu, 6 November 2009

With an ambitious target to more than double their bilateral trade to \$200 billion in the next four years, India and EU on Friday hoped they can resolve differences and

reach a free trade agreement within a year. "We have expressed the hope that the negotiations can be completed in one year," Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said after the 10th India-European Union Summit here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article44298.ece>

[Pak authorities arrest 13 Indian fishermen](#)

The Hindu, 6 November 2009

Pakistani authorities have arrested 13 Indian nationals and seized three boats they were travelling in for allegedly entering the country's territorial waters without permission, a spokesman said today. The Maritime Security Agency (MSA) apprehended the three fishing boats with 13 crew members yesterday within Pakistan's exclusive economic zone, he said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article44190.ece>

[India, EU sign civil nuclear pact](#)

The Hindu, 6 November 2009

India and the European Union on Friday signed an agreement in the civil nuclear field to give boost to collaborative research. The agreement in fusion research was signed here by Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Anil Kakodkar from the Indian side and European Commissioner for External Relations Benita Ferrero-Waldner from the EU side.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article44400.ece>

[Top ULFA leaders surrender to BSF](#)

The Hindu, 6 November 2009

Two top ULFA leaders, who have fled Bangladesh following a crackdown by security forces there, have surrendered before the BSF in Tripura and will be handed over to the Assam Police soon, a top BSF official said today. Self-styled ULFA Foreign Secretary Sashadhar Choudhury, and Finance Secretary Chitranban Hazarika, surrendered at Gokulnagar along the Indo-Bangla border in Tripura on the intervening night of November 4 and 5.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/incoming/article44347.ece>

[Pakistan wants good relations with its neighbours "on the basis of equality"](#)

The Hindu, 7 November 2009

Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani on Saturday made a strong pitch for the resumption of the Indo-Pak composite dialogue, saying Pakistan wants good relations with its neighbours "on the basis of equality". Favouring resumption of the stalled dialogue process, Mr. Gilani said Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has also stated that he was ready for discussions on all core issues.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article44936.ece>

[Yeddyurappa sheds tears at fate](#)

The Hindu, 7 November 2009

Yeddyurappa sheds tears at fate, dissidents firm on his removal left with little option but to bow to dissident's demands to save his chair, Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa Saturday shed tears publicly but the rebels stood firm on his removal. In a rare spectacle in Indian politics, the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) first Chief Minister in south India did not try to conceal his helplessness as he told a TV channel in New Delhi that under pressure from the dissidents, he had let down people who trusted him.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article44997.ece>

[Assam police takes custody of ULFA leaders; starts questioning](#)

The Hindu, 7 November 2009

The BSF has handed over the two top ULFA leaders, who were picked up from the Indo-Bangla border in Tripura, to Assam Police which started their interrogation. Self-styled ULFA foreign secretary Sashadhar Choudhury and Finance Secretary Chitran Hazarika, who were pushed into Indian territory by the Bangladeshi authorities, were flown into Guwahati last night in a special aircraft by a team of Assam Police officials.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article44797.ece>

[Maharashtra gets new Govt, 2 weeks after poll results](#)

The Hindu, 7 November 2009

Ashok Chavan was on Saturday sworn in as Maharashtra Chief Minister at the head of 26-member Congress-NCP ministry here this evening, two weeks after the assembly elections results were declared. NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal, who will be deputy chief minister, was also sworn in.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article44924.ece?homepage=true>

[ED issues fresh summons to Koda; Vikash to be brought to Delhi](#)

The Hindu, 8 November 2009

With former Jharkhand chief minister Madhu Koda discharged from a Ranchi hospital on Sunday, the Enforcement Directorate has issued fresh summons to him to appear before it on November 15 in Delhi. According to sources, the Directorate served fresh summons to Mr. Koda as the IT department has communicated to the ED officials about its move to question the former chief minister in the Rs 2,000 crore Hawala and illegal investments case.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article45281.ece>

[Govt better placed to unleash financial sector reforms: Manmohan](#)

The Hindu, 8 November 2009

After unveiling a bold PSU sell off plan, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Sunday said his government is better placed now to unleash financial sector reforms, but the fiscal stimulus will be phased out next year. "We are also better placed than any time in the recent past to push the reform process forward... We need to ensure that financial system can provide the finance needed for our development... This opens up a broad agenda for reforms," he said inaugurating the India Economic Summit

here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article45222.ece>

[Govt. indicates willingness for talks with Maoists](#)

The Hindu, 8 November 2009

The government on Sunday indicated its willingness to start the process of dialogue with Maoists but said such exercise would not be fruitful till they abjure violence. Home Secretary G K Pillai said if the Maoists abjure violence, there was a possibility for dialogue and operation by the government against them was not really a problem.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article45249.ece>

[Militants kill BSF jawan, his wife in Rajouri](#)

The Hindu, 8 November 2009

A BSF jawan and his wife were killed by unidentified militants while their son was injured in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday. Two masked militants barged into the house of BSF jawan Mohammad Arif at Khandi village in Kandi belt, about 215 km from here, at around 0400 hours today, official sources said here. The militants opened fire killing Arif and his wife Malika Khatoon besides injuring his 9-year-old son Abrar Ahmed, the sources said, adding the militants later escaped.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article45173.ece>

[Headley had visited India a number of times: Home Secy](#)

The Hindu, 8 November 2009

David Coleman Headley, arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the U.S. for allegedly plotting a major terror attack in India at the behest of the LeT, had visited India, including Mumbai, for a number of times, Union Home Secretary G. K. Pillai said here on Sunday. "We do know that Headley had visited India a number of times. That is being investigated," he told reporters on the sidelines of a seminar. Mr. Pillai said that Headley had been in Mumbai and some other places. It is yet to be ascertained if he was in any way connected to 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article45178.ece>

[Dialogue in interest of people: Farooq](#)

Daily Excelsior, 8 November 2009

SRINAGAR, Nov 7: Reiterating his appeal to the separatist leaders of Kashmir valley to accept Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh's talks offer, National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah today said the dialogue process was in the interests of people of the State, who are peace-loving and abhor violence. Addressing a public rally in Shopian district, Dr Abdullah, who is also the Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, appealed to the separatist leaders to accept the Prime Minister's invitation to hold talks for the resolution of the Kashmir issue.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov08/news.htm#2>

[Nitish demands ban on MNS for slapping Azmi](#)

The Hindu, 9 November 2009

Demanding a ban on Raj Thackeray-led MNS after its members assaulted SP MLA Abu Azmi for taking oath in Hindi in the Maharashtra Assembly, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday called for legal action against the legislators involved in the "unlawful act". "It is a highly condemnable act ... Stern legal action under the Criminal Procedure Code should be taken against the MLAs of the MNS," he said, reacting to the incident.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article45776.ece>

[Attack on students, uranium sale to dominate Rudd's Indian visit](#)

The Hindu, 9 November 2009

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd will visit India this week and will discuss hosts of issues including frequent attacks on Indian students, uranium sale and forging better bilateral ties. Mr. Rudd on his two day visit will be travelling to Mumbai and New Delhi in what appears to be as a part of country's damage control exercise after International students were attacked in Australia. His trip is expected to begin on Wednesday. Mr. Rudd is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Thursday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article45681.ece>

[Fierce gun battle in West Midnapore between Naxals, forces](#)

The Hindu, 9 November 2009

Fierce gun battles took place on Monday between Maoists and combined security forces at three places in West Midnapore district, a day after four EFR jawans were gunned down by the extremists at Gidhni bazar there. According to State Home Secretary Ardhendu Sen, the encounters continued for three to four hours. Any casualty or the exact places of occurrence of the gunfights were not known.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article45947.ece>

[India, Japan agree to take forward defence exchanges](#)

The Hindu, 9 November 2009

Agreeing to take forward their defence exchanges in a meaningful way, India and Japan on Monday expressed commitment to contribute to bilateral and regional cooperation in areas like ASEAN Regional Forum, peacekeeping and disaster relief. This was stated in a joint press statement issued at the end of a meeting between Defence Minister A K Antony and his Japanese counterpart Toshimi Kitazawa in Tokyo where they reviewed the existing defence cooperation between the two countries, Defence Ministry officials said here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article45615.ece>

[Editorial: Dishonourable to the core](#)

The Hindu, 9 November 2009

An inglorious capitulation by the central leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party to

political blackmail by a mining lobby spearheaded by the Reddy brothers has paved the way for a resolution of the Karnataka crisis – for now. The brothers, G. Janardhana Reddy and G. Karunakara Reddy, who are Ministers in the BJP government and claim to have the support of about 50 Members of the Legislative Assembly, made common cause with political discontents having their own ambitions. They got all they wanted – except the removal of Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa, who despite being denuded of his constitutional authority and thoroughly humiliated has been obliged to participate in the farce of a triumphant denouement in New Delhi.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/article45412.ece>

[PPP-MQM alliance in Sindh's interest: Qaim](#)

The News, 9 November 2009

HYDERABAD: Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah Monday said the alliance between Pakistan People's Party and Muttahida Qaumi Movement is in the interest of the province. Talking to journalists here at Hyderabad Press Club, the Chief Minister said the PPP-MQM alliance is not a temporary one; it will continue even after the next general elections. He said PPP did not come in power through any back door, but it was the power of people's mandate which elected the party to form the government.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91117>

[Congress puts up impressive show in by-polls in 7 States](#)

The Hindu, 10 November 2009

Congress on Tuesday put up an impressive show in the by-elections in seven States wresting from Samajwadi Party the Firozabad Lok Sabha seat in UP and vanquishing the Left Front in its bastions of West Bengal, with support from Trinamool Congress, and alone in Kerala. Adding to the misery of Samajwadi Party, the ruling BSP in Uttar Pradesh snatched away four Assembly seats from the party in its tally of seven of the 11 by-elections.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article46382.ece?homepage=true>

['Allow us to talk': J&K youth protest against pre-paid ban](#)

The Hindu, 10 November 2009

The move banning pre-paid mobile phones has left hundreds of youth unemployed, the protestors said and appealed to the Centre to review the decision immediately. Activists of the Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Youth Federation on Tuesday staged a demonstration here demanding lifting of the ban on pre-paid mobile connections in the State immediately. Chanting slogans denouncing the ban, they assembled near Partap Park and later marched to Clock Tower in Lal Chowk, the nerve centre of the city.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article46429.ece?homepage=true>

[15 Indians in ship hijacked by Somali pirates](#)

The Hindu, 10 November 2009

A Somali businessman says pirates have hijacked a Panamanian-flagged ship with 18 crew. Abdirisq Abdulkadir says he heads a business group that hired the al-Mizan to carry food, electronics and other small items from the United Arab Emirates to

Mogadishu. He denied reports that the ship is carrying weapons. Mr. Abdulkadir says there are 15 Indians, two Pakistanis and a Somali on board.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article46329.ece>

[Seven Maoists killed in Dantewada](#)

The Hindu, 10 November 2009

Seven Maoists were shot dead in a gun battle with the security forces near Kishtaram village of Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh on Tuesday afternoon. Additional DG of Chhattisgarh, Giridhari Nayak told The Hindu over phone from Raipur that one of the slain Maoists was identified as Nandu, a commander of a military platoon of the Maoists.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article46403.ece>

[LeT militant held; hideout busted in J&K](#)

The Hindu, 10 November 2009

Srinagar Security forces on Tuesday arrested a Lashker-e-Toiba (LeT) militant and busted a militant hideout in Kashmir valley as another group of ultras exchanged fire with a police party in Baramulla in separate incidents. The LeT militant identified as Ashiq Ahmad Lone alias "Setha", a resident of Haf-Shirmal village of Shopian, was arrested from Anantnag district headquarters, 55 km from here, in South Kashmir, a police spokesman said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article46292.ece>

[Rain-related casualty in Tamil Nadu goes up to 71](#)

The Hindu, 10 November 2009

The rain-related casualty in the State went up to 71 with the Nilgiris accounting for the death of 42 persons in the landslides. Tirunelveli and Villupuram districts recorded the death of six persons each. The overall figure took into account those who died since October 1, a senior official of the Revenue department said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/states/tamil-nadu/article46270.ece>

[Ban on mobiles temporary: Centre](#)

Daily Excelsior, 10 November 2009

NEW DELHI, Nov 9: With Jammu and Kashmir Government expressing its displeasure over banning of pre-paid mobile phones, Centre today said the move was temporary and the operations would be restored once the safety mechanism was in place. Home Ministry officials said the Government understands the problem being faced by the 38 lakh pre-paid SIM card holders in the State but it cannot undermine the security risk involved with the process and hence the decision to impose the ban.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov10/news1.htm#2>

[Misgivings on inter-govt. model](#)

Kuensel, 10 November 2009

10,000 MW Hydro Projects 10 November, 2009 - According to a Times of India (ToI) news story, India's investment in Bhutan's 10,000 MW hydro projects could have an adverse impact on their annual budgetary provisions if it is in the 'inter-government model,' according to records of a recent meeting called by the Indian power sector officials. The record, according to ToI, says that India, under the inter-government

arrangement, is committed to building projects of 10,000 MW by 2020. For this to happen, India will have to take up many projects at one go on a fast-track, requiring an investment of Rs 500 billion at Rs 45 billion per year till 2020.

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=13941>

[Will apologise to House, not to Azmi: MNS](#)

The Hindu, 11 November 2009

Raj Thackeray-led MNS, whose members assaulted SP legislator Abu Asim Azmi in the Maharashtra Assmebly, on Wednesday said they would apologise to the House for their action but not to the MLA. "We will apologise in the Assembly as it was not our intention to malign the image of the House. However, there is no question of apologising to Azmi," MNS leader Atul Sarpotdar told PTI.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article46683.ece>

[Lalgarh operation will continue, says Pranab](#)

The Hindu, 11 November 2009

The operation to flush out Maoists from Lalgarh in West Bengal would continue till the situation was "completely under control", senior Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee said on Wednesday, notwithstanding ally Trinamool Congress' demand that it be called off immediately. Asserting that the security operation to flush out the Maoists from the Lalgarh belt in West Midnapore district was a joint initiative of the Central and the West Bengal governments, Mr. Mukherjee said: "The operation would continue till the entire situation is brought under control."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article46933.ece>

[Finance Ministry allays fears on rising foreign money inflow](#)

The Hindu, 11 November 2009

The Finance Ministry on Wednesday said the surge in foreign capital inflow in the country, powered by initial recovery in the global economy, is not a cause for concern at present and no specific action is required to arrest it. FIIs inflow into securities markets have turned positive after being hit by the global meltdown. FIIs net bought stocks worth about Rs. 75,000 crore this fiscal so far, after taking out around Rs. 37,520 crore from Indian stock markets a year ago.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/business/article46775.ece>

[India, Columbia sign bilateral agreement](#)

The Hindu, 11 November 2009

India and Columbia on Tuesday inked a bilateral investment promotion and protection agreement. The agreement was signed by Commerce and Industry Minister Anand Sharma and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism of Columbia Luis Guillermo Plata. After signing of the agreement, both Ministers hoped that the agreement would serve as a catalyst in boosting investment flows between the two countries.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/business/Economy/article46568.ece>

[Editorial: Militant sanctuaries](#)

The Hindu, 11 November 2009

Militancy with trans-border linkages has been the bane of northeastern India.

Bangladesh's seemingly assertive moves against the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), whose operatives have been using its soil as safe havens and bases for their depredations in Assam, is a welcome step. This may well mark a decisive turn in the fight against the region's separatists, akin to the military operation that Bhutan carried out in 2003 to flush out militant groups from its territory. Ever since the Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League government came into being in December 2008, there have been expectations of quick steps to cut the trans-border lifelines of these outfits.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/article46588.ece>

[India, China vow to deepen and widen cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 12 November 2009

Indian Minister of External Affairs S.M. Krishna Wednesday met in New Delhi with Liu Qibao, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Communist Party Secretary of Sichuan Province, both sides agreed to further develop friendly and cooperative relations. Liu said that in the past few years, China-India relations have maintained a good momentum of development. He said China wishes that the both sides can put to work the important consensus already reached by the leaders of the two countries and maintain relations of good friendship and good neighborliness, while deepening and widening cooperation of mutual benefits.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6810714.html>

['Australia committed to ensure safety of Indian students'](#)

The Hindu, 12 November 2009

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on Thursday said his government was committed to take all "physically possible" steps to ensure that foreign students, including nearly one lakh students from India, are safe in his country. "The Australian government is committed to do all that is physically possible to ensure that all international students in Australia have a safe and rewarding experience during their time as welcome guests in our nation," he said at a luncheon meeting with industry chambers CII, FICCI and Assocham here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article47365.ece>

[NIA registers case against LeT suspect Headley](#)

The Hindu, 12 November 2009

India's National Investigative Agency (NIA) has registered a case against David Coleman Headley, the Pakistan born American national who is in custody in the US for allegedly plotting terror attacks against India, Home Minister P. Chidambaram said on Thursday. Headley's alleged accomplice Tahawwur Hussain Rana, a Canadian citizen of Pakistani origin, has also been named in the case of the now foiled terror attacks plotted by the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit, Mr. Chidambaram told reporters after the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article47249.ece>

[Many Naxalites have joined us, says Mamata](#)

The Hindu, 12 November 2009

Welcoming the return of a section of Naxalites to main stream politics, Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said the role reversal would strengthen the democratic system in the country. "A section of Naxalites in West Bengal has shunned violence and joined main stream politics by reposing their faith in democracy. This is a good sign for strengthening the democracy in the country," the Railway Minister told PTI.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article47244.ece>

[India's children stunted, undernourished: UN](#)
The Hindu, 12 November 2009

India has the largest number of stunted children below the age of five in the world, according to the latest UNICEF report released here. Approximately 200 million children, under the age of five, suffer from stunted growth in the developing world. The report "Tracking Progress on Child and Maternal Nutrition" found that stunting is primarily caused due to childhood under-nutrition, which contributes to more than a third of all deaths in children under five.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article47097.ece>

[Security tightened in New Delhi](#)
The Hindu, 12 November 2009

The security machinery has been put on high alert in the national capital after inputs that suspected LeT operative David Headley might have conducted a reeve for carrying out a terror strike. A senior police official said Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) have been activated and patrolling intensified across the city after Union Home Ministry asked five states, including Delhi and Maharashtra, to be on alert as Headley may have carried out reeve of some vital installations for carrying out strikes.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article47162.ece>

[India seeks UN Security Council reforms](#)
The Hindu, 13 November 2009

Making a strong pitch for comprehensive reforms in the UN Security Council, India has cautioned that deferring a decision on the issue would only erode the credibility of the world body's top organ. It made it clear that institutions of global governance cannot remain chained to the balance of power that existed in 1945. "It is imperative that we make genuine and rapid progress on the issue of UNSC reforms, without which the whole process of UN reform would be incomplete," Indian delegation representative, Manish Tewari, told the UN General Assembly.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article47939.ece>

[Quick Reaction Teams, CISF to guard Noida Metro](#)
The Hindu, 13 November 2009

At least 250 CISF personnel along with additional Quick Reaction Teams will provide security to the newly-inaugurated Metro train link to Noida. The 13.1 km long Yamuna Bank-Noida line, inaugurated on Thursday, has been made fully operational on Friday. Securitymen guarding the new stations on the route will be equipped with

sophisticated weapons and rescue devices to tackle any terrorist attack or seige.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article47881.ece>

[India, Australia to step up anti-terror cooperation](#)

The Hindu, 13 November 2009

In an effort to impart dynamism to their ties, India and Australia have decided to take their relationship to the strategic partnership level as they agreed to work closely on security matters by creating a comprehensive framework in this field. During the talks between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his Australian counterpart Kevin Rudd here, the two sides decided to enhance cooperation in combating terrorism through agency-level cooperation and boost trade by expediting efforts to put in place a free trade agreement.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article47798.ece>

[Stapled visas issued by China not valid](#)

The Hindu, 13 November 2009

India on Thursday announced that issuance of paper visas stapled to the passports by the Embassy of China and its consulates in India would not be considered valid for travel out of the country. In a statement here, the Ministry of External Affairs said it has come to the attention of the government that the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in New Delhi and the Chinese Consulates in Mumbai and Kolkata were issuing visas on a separate piece of paper "stapled" to the passport (rather than "pasted" as is the usual practice), to certain categories of Indian nationals on the basis of their domicile, ethnicity and or place of issue of the passport.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article47568.ece>

[Antony asks Navy to close any gap in coastal security](#)

The Hindu, 13 November 2009

The government on Thursday asked the Navy tasked with the overall coastal security of the country to review and draw a plan to close gaps, if any, in the new apparatus established after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. At a review meeting, Defence Minister A.K. Antony also asked all agencies associated with the plan to speed up the process of integration while acknowledging that there was greater cohesion now than last year.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article47581.ece>

[Indian team gathered good information during US visit: Chidambaram](#)

The Hindu, 14 November 2009

Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram said on Saturday that the team of Indian intelligence officials which had gone to the US to get acquainted with the ongoing probe into suspected Lashkar-e-Toiba operative David Coleman Headley's terror plot targeting India has returned with "good information." He, however, refused to divulge details, maintaining investigations were still going on. "The team had a good visit. They have come back with good information," the home Minister told reporters here when asked about the visit of Intelligence Bureau and RAW officials to the U.S.

last week.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article48486.ece>

[Army foils infiltration bid: five militants killed](#)

The Hindu, 14 November 2009

Five separatist guerrillas were killed when the Indian Army foiled their attempt to sneak into Jammu and Kashmir, a military spokesman said. Lt. Col. J.S. Brar of the army's 15 Corps said a group of militants tried to cross the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir's Uri sector.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article48784.ece>

[Amendments to RTI Act on the anvil](#)

The Hindu, 14 November 2009

The Department of Personnel and Training (Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance and Pensions) has admitted that the government is considering amendments to the Right to Information Act, 2005. The admission, which came at a meeting between RTI activists and DoPT Secretary Shantanu Consul on Saturday, ended the suspense over whether or not the government was contemplating amendments to the RTI.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article48769.ece>

[SAARC meet for strengthening administrative mechanism](#)

The Hindu, 14 November 2009

Cabinet Secretaries of SAARC countries on Saturday emphasised the need for strengthening their administrative and delivery mechanism. The top bureaucrats of all the seven member countries attended a two-day meeting here. It was noted in the meeting that "SAARC is transforming from a declaratory body to implementation body and the need to strengthen administrative and delivery mechanism was emphasised."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article48733.ece>

[CIA chief to visit India on November 20-22](#)

The Hindu, 14 November 2009

In the midst of David Headley terror probe, CIA Director Leon E Panetta will visit India for three days beginning November 20. During his visit, Panetta will have discussions with top security experts of the country on issues ranging from cooperation on terror, sharing of intelligence and other issues of mutual interests.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article48648.ece>

[UN seeks South Asia anti-terrorism cooperation](#)

DAILY EXCELSIOR, 14 November 2009

UNITED NATIONS : The United Nations, for the first time brought together counter-terrorism experts from India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and other South Asian nations to join forces to fight terrorism. As a step to building regional cooperation on terrorism,

the U.N. Brought police and prosecutors from eight SAARC countries to share experiences and technical data about problems in fighting terrorism.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov14/newsupdate.htm#1>

[Delhi agrees to provide Dhaka with rail transit to Nepal: Quayes](#)

Daily Star, 14 November 2009

Bangladesh and India would sign three agreements during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in December, Foreign Secretary Mohamed Mijarul Quayes said on Saturday. While briefing journalists on the outcome of the Indian foreign secretary's meeting with the foreign ministry of Bangladesh, he said India has agreed to give Bangladesh railway transit to carry its products to Nepal.

http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest_news.php?nid=20571

[26/11 trial nears end: Nikam says strong case against Kasab](#)

The Hindu, 15 November 2009

As the first anniversary of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks nears, all eyes are set on the special court where the prosecution is gearing up to wrap up the case against Pakistan gunman Ajmal Kasab and two others who are charged with killing 166 persons. With the testimony of 250 witnesses and strong forensic evidence, the prosecution has prepared a water-tight case against Kasab, Special Public Prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam told PTI.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article48988.ece>

[Suspected Pakistani spy arrested from IGI airport](#)

The Hindu, 15 November 2009

An alleged Pakistani spy has been arrested from the Indira Gandhi International airport here by security agencies. "One Pakistani spy was arrested at IGI airport on Saturday," Union Home Secretary G K Pillai told PTI without giving out any further details. Official sources said that security agencies have seized some documents and photographs from him.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49033.ece>

[Pranab meets Sri Lanka's President](#)

The Hindu, 15 November 2009

Union Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Sunday paid a courtesy call on the Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapaksa here on Sunday and exchanged views on matters of mutual interest between Sri Lanka and India over breakfast. "It was a cordial meeting. Since Mr. Mukherjee is the Indian Finance Minister and well versed with the intricacies of the global economic outlook, aspects of international economic issues figured at the interaction", a senior aide of President Rajapaksa told The Hindu.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49007.ece>

[Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to be used against Maoists](#)

The Hindu, 15 November 2009

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) will be used for the first time to detect Naxal hideouts in dense forests and hilly terrains and monitor the movement of ultras to help ground forces carry out precision attacks. The UAVs, with in-built camera, well-equipped data link and video link, will gather and record information which will be shared among the security forces engaged in anti-Naxal operations, specially in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Maharashtra and West Bengal.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article48958.ece>

[CIA chief to arrive in India on Nov. 20](#)

The Hindu, 15 November 2009

In a sign of growing ties between Indian and American security agencies, CIA chief Leon E. Panetta is paying a three-day visit to India from November 20, with anti-terror cooperation high on the agenda. During his visit, the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency head is likely to discuss issues ranging from cooperation on counter-terrorism and sharing of intelligence among others with top security experts of the country.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49167.ece>

[Doing away with double taxation](#)

Kuensel, 15 November 2009

Bhutan and India are trying to hammer out an agreement so that businesses operating in both countries do not end up paying taxes twice. As of now, Bhutanese and Indian firms that have establishments in both countries have been paying double taxes. "The finance ministry presented the draft DTAA (double taxation avoidance agreement) with India to the cabinet on November 10," said the director general for finance ministry, Nima Wangdi. He explained that double taxation occurs when an individual or a corporation is required to pay two or more taxes for the same income, asset, or financial transaction in different countries.

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=13976>

[Press Council forms panel to study 'paid news syndrome'](#)

The Hindu, 16 November 2009

The Press Council of India (PCI) has set up a committee to study the "paid news syndrome", or entering into monetary deals with politicians to pass off their views as news items, in the recent elections, its chairman Justice (retd) G.N. Ray said Monday. "A committee has been set up to collect inputs from various parts of the country and make in-depth study of the malady of paid news syndrome in elections and to make its recommendation to the council," he said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49741.ece>

['Sachin has clean bowled Bal Thackeray'](#)

The Hindu, 16 November 2009

Taking a jibe at Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray for criticising Sachin Tendulkar for his

"Mumbai for all" remark, Minority Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid said the cricketer has clean bowled Thackeray. "Sachin has got Bal Thackeray out. Now, he (Thackeray) may cry as much as he wants after the fall of the wicket but it is true that he has got out," Khurshid said when asked on the controversy between Tendulkar and Thackeray.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49586.ece>

["India's timid response to Kargil resulted in terror strikes"](#)

The Hindu, 16 November 2009

India's "timid" response to the Pakistani military ingress in Kargil in 1999 has been blamed by a retired Army General for the series of terrorist strikes beginning with the attack on Parliament in 2001. He has also come down heavily on the country's then political, executive and military leadership -- Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Defence Minister George Fernandes, Army chief General V P Malik and IAF chief Air Chief Marshal A Y Tipnis -- for not standing up to the challenge.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49642.ece>

[India's n-submarine to be commissioned by year end](#)

The Hindu, 16 November 2009

In spite of the delay in acceptance trials due to stormy sea conditions, Russian Navy is going ahead to commission the Indian Navy's Akula-II class nuclear submarine Nerpa by the year end, a top official said on Monday. "The Nerpa, built by the Amur Shipyard will be delivered on time in December this year," Governor of Khabarovsk Territory Vyacheslav Shport announced on Monday. The submarine is due to be handed over to India by March next year on lease.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49573.ece>

[Obama Administration seeks "assurance" on NPT from India](#)

The Hindu, 16 November 2009

The Obama Administration has sought an "assurance" from India on nuclear non-proliferation to take forward the Indo-US civilian nuclear trade between them. The Indian "assurance" is now being considered as a "proximate obstacle" to Indo-US civilian nuclear trade as Americans in knowledge of the talks on this critical issue have metaphorically termed New Delhi's response as "India is not picking up the phone".

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49494.ece>

[BSF to protest with Pak Rangers after DIG killed in IED blast](#)

DAILY Excelsior, 16 November 2009

NEW DELHI : The BSF will lodge a protest with Pakistan Rangers at a flag meet after a DIG of the force was today killed and its two other security personnel were seriously injured in a blast triggered by militants near the Indo-Pak border in Samba sector. "A flag meeting will be held with Pakistan Rangers where a protest will be lodged," a senior BSF officer at the force headquarters here said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov16/newsupdate.htm#4>

[Regional development, connectivity hit by cross-border terrorism: Krishna](#)
The Hindu, 17 November 2009

India on Tuesday said it is willing to take on more responsibilities than other South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) members for the economic development of the region but said "bright" prospects of co-operation have been hurt by cross-border terrorism. "Let me assure you that India is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities in SAARC in an asymmetric and non-reciprocal manner for the benefit of the countries in the region," External Affairs Minister S. M. Krishna said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50225.ece>

[Asian Development Bank to fund projects in India](#)
The Hindu, 17 November 2009

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said Tuesday it would loan \$700 million to India for infrastructure projects to be developed by public-private partnerships. The loan would be released in three tranches over five years to state-owned India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd, the Manila-based bank said. It aims to assist India in promoting public-private partnerships to increase employment opportunities and incomes as well as reduce poverty, the ADB said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50125.ece>

[Pak Rangers, Army facilitating infiltration: BSF DG](#)
The Hindu, 17 November 2009

Accusing the Pakistani Army and the Rangers of facilitating infiltration, BSF chief Raman Srivastava on Tuesday said the Indian Army and BSF have been alerted along the border to foil attempts by a large number of militants waiting at different launching pads to cross over. "We have inputs from various sources that a large number of militants are waiting at different points along the International Border (IB) and the Line of Control (LoC) at different launching pads in Pakistan to enter this side," he told reporters at BSF headquarters here after placing a wreath on the body of DIG O P Tanwar.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50123.ece>

[White Paper on Railways to be tabled in Parliament](#)
The Hindu, 17 November 2009

The much-awaited white paper on railways is likely to be tabled in the coming session of Parliament, bringing forth its financial position and former minister Lalu Prasad's claim of turning around the PSU behemoth. A senior railway official said, "It (white paper) is almost ready and final touches are being given to it." "It will have certain basic data on railways' operational and financial condition," he said without elaborating.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50062.ece>

[We'll make IAF dominant airpower: Antony](#)

The Hindu, 17 November 2009

Defence Minister A.K. Antony on Monday said the government is taking a series of steps to develop the Indian Air Force (IAF) into a "dominant aerospace power." Addressing the first meeting of the Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament attached to his Ministry, Mr. Antony said the steps include enhancing significantly the strategic reach of the IAF and integrating potent capabilities in terms of space-based assets and air defence, surveillance, modern aircraft and advanced weapon systems, an official release said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article49992.ece>

[President wishes for early restoration of peace in J&K](#)

Daily Excelsior, 17 November 2009

NEW DELHI : President Pratibha Devisingh Patil today wished for early restoration of peace in 'trouble-torn' Jammu and Kashmir for ensuring fast-track development there. "I wish for early restoration of peace in J&K so that it can be brought on the track of socio-economic development," Ms Patil said. Interacting with a group of 35 students of Kupwara and Shopian districts of Jammu and Kashmir at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, she said, "The Army is serving the nation with courage while being away from their families. Their courage has set a benchmark for other citizens to follow."

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov17/newsupdate.htm#6>

[Charge-sheet against Raj, 20 aides for attack on North Indians](#)

The Hindu, 18 November 2009

Police today filed a 73-page charge-sheet in a local court against Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) Chief Raj Thackeray and 20 others for rioting and assault on North Indians appearing for a Railway Recruitment examination here last year. The assault had taken place when MNS was agitating against what they termed as the Railway's policy to issue advertisements in newspapers in North India to attract candidates from that region instead of giving priority to the "sons of the soil" (local people).

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50889.ece>

[New Delhi against third party role](#)

The Hindu, 18 November 2009

A day after U.S. President Barack Obama and his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao issued a joint statement, which briefly mentioned India and Pakistan, the Ministry of External Affairs said India did not envisage a role by a third party in what was essentially a bilateral dispute. "The Government of India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through a peaceful bilateral dialogue in accordance with the Simla Agreement. A third country role cannot be envisaged. Nor is it necessary. We also believe that a meaningful dialogue with Pakistan can take place only in an environment free from terror or the threat of terror," the Ministry spokesperson Vishnu Prakash said in a statement.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50901.ece>

[Govt will take steps to check FII inflows if needed: Pranab](#)

The Hindu, 18 November 2009

The government on Wednesday said the surge in Foreign Institutional Investor inflows is not a matter of concern and measures will be taken to counter it, if "distortions" emerge. "It is not a matter of concern we have a system of monitoring. Whenever we find that there are some distortions we have the arrangement to counter it therefore it is not disturbing," Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee told reporters here on the sidelines of Union Bank event.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50566.ece>

[Hideout busted in J&K](#)

The Hindu, 18 November 2009

Army troops busted a hideout in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir and recovered arms and ammunition from the place, police said here. Acting on a tip off, troops launched a search and cordon operation in Nud forest area of Surankote tehsil, about 210-kms from here, last night, they said, adding the natural cave-type hideout was busted in the operation.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50554.ece>

[Winter session of Parliament from tomorrow](#)

The Hindu, 18 November 2009

The opposition would raise issues like plight of Tamilians in Sri Lanka, Climate Change, foreign policy -- especially vis-a-vis China. Issues ranging from alleged telecom scam to Madhu Koda affair coupled with price rise, give all indications of a stormy session of Parliament beginning on Thursday. Maoist violence on which the Left parties and Trinamool Congress are at loggerheads, problems of cane growers that have brought several opposition parties together are some other prominent issues which are likely to generate heat in the month-long session.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article50528.ece>

[Government talking Musharraf's formula with J&K separatists' : BJP](#)

Daily Excelsior, 18 November 2009

NEW DELHI: The BJP today took exception to reports suggesting that the Government was having talks with separatist forces like Hurriyat parties in Jammu and Kashmir on the formula sought to be evolved by former Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf and urged the Government of India to react to such reports. BJP spokesman Prakash Javadekar said according to reports India was discussing with Hurriyat parties the four-point formula evolved by General Musharraf. The reports were indicating that the Government would have accepted these solutions but for the November 26 attacks on Mumbai.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov18/newsupdate.htm#5>

[India rules out role for third party in Indo-Pak ties](#)

Daily Excelsior, 18 November 2009

NEW DELHI: India's irritation at the reference to Indo-Pak ties in the joint communique issued by President Barack Obama and his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao was apparent from an official statement issued today making it clear that a third party role was not necessary. Sticking to its stand that no "meaningful dialogue" can take place unless there was a terror-free environment, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson said, "The Government of India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through a peaceful bilateral dialogue in accordance with the Simla Agreement.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov18/newsupdate.htm#4>

Pakistan slips into more corrupt category: TI

The News, 18 November 2009

KARACHI: Corruption in Pakistan increased in one year of the PPP government and Transparency International ranked Pakistan 42nd among the world's most corrupt countries against 47th last year. Pakistan's 2009 Corruption Perception Index (CPI) score was 2.4, ranking it at 42, TI Pakistan chief Adeel Gilani said while releasing the report here on Tuesday. Against this, Bangladesh has marginally improved its position also ranked 42nd against 38th last year. India has been at 84th position.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25629

Obama wants China to play role in Indo-Pak ties

The News, 18 November 2009

BEIJING: The United States appears to have accepted the idea that China could play a vital role in the task of improving relations between India and Pakistan. This is what emerges from a remark made by President Barack Obama and the joint statement issued by the US and Chinese governments here on Tuesday. The US and China have agreed to work together to bring about "stable and peaceful relations in all of South Asia," Obama said during his joint briefing with Chinese President Hu Jintao in Beijing. Hu, who spoke first in the briefing, did not mention Pakistan or South Asia.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25631

Maldives slips in corruption perception index

Minivan, 18 November 2009

The Maldives slipped 15 places on the corruption perception index since last year and continues to rank below Sri Lanka and India in the region, global corruption watchdog Transparency International (TI) said in a report released this week. The Indian Ocean archipelago scored 2.5 on a scale of zero to 10, with zero indicating high levels of corruption and 10 very low. The score is down from 2.8 in 2008 and 3.3 in 2007, signalling worsening levels of perceived corruption.

http://www.minivannews.com/news_detail.php?id=7736

Koda fails to appear before ED in Ranchi

The Hindu, 19 November 2009

Former Jharkhand chief minister Madhu Koda, facing money laundering and

corruption charges, on Thursday failed to appear before the Enforcement Directorate citing reasons of election campaigning in interior areas of the State. The ED had summoned Mr. Koda to appear before its officials in Ranchi at 1530 hours for questioning in the multi-crore hawala and illegal investments case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article51385.ece>

[Now, Tharoor talks in support of private sector](#)

The Hindu, 19 November 2009

Union Minister Shashi Tharoor on Thursday said when it comes to economic relations with India it was more important to talk to the private sector than the public sector. "In India when you talk about economic relationship, it is far more important to talk to private sector than the public sector. Far more valuable to talk to the business community than to a government minister," Mr. Tharoor said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article51372.ece>

[Krishna, Qureshi talk terror over lunch in Kabul](#)

The Hindu, 19 November 2009

Foreign Minister S M Krishna met with his Pakistani counterpart Shah Mehmood Qureshi today at a luncheon here after Hamid Karzai was sworn-in as Afghanistan President for a second term. Krishna and Qureshi were seated next to each other at the luncheon hosted by Afghan Foreign Minister Rangin Dadfar Spanta, also attended by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article51409.ece>

[Poor evidence collection techniques are proving to be a drag on the Mumbai terror attack investigat](#)

The Hindu, 19 November 2009

Poor evidence collection techniques are proving to be a drag on the Mumbai terror attack investigation, claim forensic experts. The most glaring example is the missing bulletproof vest of Maharashtra ATS chief Hemant Karkare, killed during the attack. The experts said there was a need to ensure that officers from the forensic department quickly reach the crime spot for proper gathering and preservation of evidence. "Investigating officers must inform forensic scientists immediately about the crime so that they can work".

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article51268.ece>

[US House welcomes Manmohan's visit](#)

The Hindu, 19 November 2009

In a rare gesture, the House of Representatives on Thursday unanimously passed a resolution welcoming Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's state visit here next week and said the Indo-US ties had great potential to promote peace, stability and democracy throughout the world. The resolution, sponsored by co-chairs of Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans Representatives Jim McDermott and Ed Royce, commended the maturing of the relationship between

the two countries, exemplified by Dr. Singh's 4-day official visit beginning on November 22.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article51211.ece>

[Marked improvement in J&K situation: Gen Kapoor](#)
Daily Excelsior, 19 November 2009

PUNE, Nov 18: Expressing his concern over the external threats India had been facing for decades, the chief of Army Staff General Deepak Kapoor today said the disputed borders were the reasons behind the traditional land centric threats. Elaborating further, Gen Kapoor said that India shares approximately 3323 Kms of land borders with Pakistan and 3488 Kms with China, portions of which are still unsettled.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov19/news.htm#1>

[Ex-Military Officer in Pakistan Is Linked to 2 Chicago Terrorism Suspects](#)
NYT, 19 November 2009

WASHINGTON — The arrests last month of two Chicago men accused of planning an attack on a Danish newspaper have widened into a global terrorism inquiry that has led to arrests in Pakistan and implicated a former Pakistani military officer as a co-conspirator, government officials said Wednesday. In India, where the pair from Chicago are said to have wanted to attack the country's national defense college, investigators are trying to determine whether the two men played a role in attacks a year ago in Mumbai in which more than 160 people were killed. Officials said they had not clearly established a connection.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/19/world/asia/19mumbai.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pa_gewanted=print

[Deadlock over sugarcane ordinance ends as Govt. bows to Opposition pressure](#)

The Hindu, 20 November 2009

Bowing to Opposition pressure and to resolve the political deadlock, the Union Government on Friday decided to bring forward a Bill that will shift the burden of certain payments to farmers on sugarcane purchase from State governments to mills. The government offer came at a meeting of all political parties to resolve the issue over which Parliament was stalled by the Opposition parties for two days as farmers converged on the capital on Thursday protesting against the Sugarcane Ordinance.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article51941.ece>

[Shiv Sena men attack IBN Lokmat's office](#)
The Hindu, 20 November 2009

Shiv Sena activists on Friday ransacked the office of a Marathi news channel in suburban Mumbai, assaulting journalists and damaging furniture. The attackers barged into the IBN Lokmat office in Vikhroli and thrashed the staff members, Deputy Police Commissioner R M Vatkar told PTI. "The office of the news channel was

ransacked by the attackers," he added.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article51940.ece>

[Sonia, Pillai castigate Maoists](#)

The Hindu, 20 November 2009

Terming Naxalism as the foremost challenge before Jharkhand, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Friday said violence cannot be a solution to any problem and that everything can be solved through dialogue. "Non-violence is the only way to solve all problems. The Congress believes that problems can be solved peacefully and through dialogue," Ms. Gandhi said while addressing poll meetings in Dhanbad and Dumka.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article51929.ece>

[Liberal tech. transfer, nuke cooperation on PM's agenda](#)

The Hindu, 20 November 2009

India will seek a "liberal" regime of technology transfer from the U.S. and an early operationalisation of the civil nuclear deal, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has said ahead of his visit here next week. Terming the US and India as "strategic partners," Dr. Singh said renewing partnership with a new administration and identifying new areas of cooperation will be an important part of his visit as the first state guest of President Barack Obama.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article51782.ece>

[Editorial: Another tryst: imagining India & Russia](#)

The Hindu, 20 November 2009

I arrived from Stockholm via Moscow a few days ago. It was already dark when I stepped off the plane at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport. As I looked up to the sky, the stars seemed to be falling to the earth, throwing celestial light on to the part of the world to which I have been emotionally and professionally attached most of my life. I tuned my ears and nose to the sounds and smells of the place, eagerly selecting the familiar ones. Are they the same as they were five years ago, when I finished my previous ambassadorial tenure here? Is this country the same today as it was some 38 years ago, when I first stepped on its soil and immediately felt at home?

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article51633.ece>

[India not serious for talks: FO](#)

The News, 20 November 2009

Foreign Office Spokesman Abdul Basit said India does not seem intent on initiating the composite talks with Pakistan, Geo News reports Friday. In an interview today, the FO spokesman said if Pakistan and India do not hold talks, it would be tantamount to the accomplishment of the terrorists' agenda. Pakistan wishes the commencement of the composite talks with India, not just a photo session, adding his country wants fruitful negotiations with its neighbor.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=91831>

'India failed to respond positively on peace talks'

The News, 20 November 2009

KABUL: Reiterating his strong stance that India is not serious in the process of dialogue with Pakistan, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi on Thursday underlined that India had not given Pakistan a positive response in its proposal for the restoration of dialogue. He expressed these views in an informal chat with his Indian counterpart SM Krishna. Diplomatic sources say that Indian Foreign Minister Krishna came face to face with his Pakistani counterpart Shah meeting lasted for a short while in which both the leaders deliberated on the stance that the perpetrators behind the Mumbai terrorist attacks must be exposed.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25677

India bristles at closer Sino-US ties

People's Daily, 21 November 2009

The Indian government and media may have been a little too sensitive toward the newly signed China-US joint statement by saying they do not want a third-country role in the India-Pakistan relationship, Chinese analysts said on Thursday. The US appears to have accepted the idea that China could play an important role in the task of improving the relationship between India and Pakistan, The Times of India reported Tuesday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6818479.html>

CIA chief meets M.K. Narayanan

The Hindu, 21 November 2009

Chief of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency Leon Panetta met National Security Advisor M.K. Narayanan on Saturday. Sources said during their 30-minute meeting, the two discussed the strengthening cooperation between India and the U.S. in sharing intelligence on a real time basis. They also exchanged views on issues relating to the presence of terror groups in Pakistan and Afghanistan and their impact on India, said sources.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article52306.ece>

Ansari asks India, China to be mutually sensitive

The Hindu, 21 November 2009

Vice-President Hamid Ansari admitted that even as India and China enunciated Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence as the corner stone of inter-state relations, the bilateral relations did not always conform to those very principles. Speaking against the backdrop of acrimonious exchanges between India and China recently, Vice - President Hamid Ansari advised both countries to be mutually sensitive to each other's concerns. This attribute is vital if stability, security and prosperity in the shared spaces in their near and distant neighbourhood are to be effectively ensured, he said at a conference "China: Prospects for partnership in Asia" organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs and Association of Asian Scholars here on Saturday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article52579.ece>

[Shopian lawyers protest against CBI, to challenge re-examination](#)

The Hindu, 21 November 2009

The CBI is investigating the alleged rape and murder of two women in Shopian. It was earlier investigated by a Special Investigation Team of Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Justice Jan Commission. Taking exception to summoning of seven members of Shopian Bar Association by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the lawyers in the district on Saturday observed a day-long strike and have decided to challenge the re-examination of witnesses in the alleged rape and murder of two women. The CBI is investigating the alleged rape and murder of two women in Shopian in the last week of May this year.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article52571.ece>

[Social activists to challenge RTI amendment in Bihar](#)

The Hindu, 21 November 2009

Upset with Bihar's NDA government for its decision to amend the Right to Information Act, social activists in the state are preparing to challenge the decision in Patna High Court. Opposition RJD-LJP too is opposed to the amendments. "We are now left with no option other than challenging the arbitrary amendment to the Act in Bihar," senior RTP (Right to People) activist, Praveen Amanullah said on Saturday. "We will also launch a campaign against the amendment," Amanullah said describing the move as "undemocratic and violation of human rights".

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article52558.ece>

[State from which terrorists operate responsible: Prez](#)

Daily Excelsior, 21 November 2009

NEW DELHI : Without naming Pakistan, President Pratibha Patil asserted today that the responsibility to deal with terrorists "lies with the State from which they operate." "It is the sanctuary, support and finances that they receive, which sustains their heinous and perverse acts," Mrs Patil said, urging the world community to "collectively" defeat terrorism-- "not deflect responsibility on to non-State actors."

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov21/newsupdate.htm#1>

[Arrests for Mumbai Attacks in Italy](#)

NYT, 21 November 2009

MILAN (Reuters) - Italian anti-terrorist police have arrested two Pakistanis suspected of helping to finance the Islamic militant group responsible for the attacks on Mumbai in November 2008, that killed 166 people. Police said in a statement on Saturday the men, identified using leads from Indian authorities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, sent funds overseas using the money transfer business they owned in the north Italian town of Brescia. Shortly before the Mumbai attacks, the two men transferred money to pay the Internet phone calls of individuals in direct contact with the militants, the statement said.

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2009/11/21/world/international-us-italy->

pakistanis.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[Nuke-capable Agni-II to be tested during night](#)

The Hindu, 22 November 2009

India is likely to test its nuclear capable Agni-II Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) for the first time during night, defence officials said here on Sunday. The trial is expected to be conducted from the Wheelers Island off Orissa coast tomorrow, they said. "Range integration work in Integrated Test Range (ITR) for the proposed trial has been completed and if final check-up in the sub-system of the missile is found flawless, the mission will be taken up tomorrow," the officials said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article52915.ece>

[Pakistan trade team complains of "problems"](#)

The Hindu, 22 November 2009

The "chill" in the India-Pakistan relations after the 26/11 Mumbai attacks has now spilled onto the area of trade at people-to-people level at the ongoing India International Trade Fair (IITF). Faced with "harassment" and multiple "problems" in exhibiting their goods brought from across the border, a 132-strong traders' delegation from Pakistan, which is taking part in the IITF, is having a re-think of their future participation in the fair, held here annually.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article53139.ece>

[China says no third party role in Indo-Pak affairs](#)

The Hindu, 22 November 2009

China has conveyed to India that it has no intention of playing a broker in Indo-Pak relations and favours direct talks between them. Beijing has communicated to New Delhi that it respects its stance that there was no role for any third party in mediation of Indo-Pak affairs, Indian government sources said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article52791.ece>

[CIA chief meets heads of IB, RAW](#)

The Hindu, 22 November 2009

CIA chief Leon E Panetta held extensive talks with Chiefs of Intelligence agencies and National Security Advisor M K Narayanan relating to the presence of terror groups in neighbouring Pakistan and Afghanistan and their impact on India. Mr. Panetta met Research and Analysis Wing Director K C Verma for two hours on Saturday afternoon, where matters pertaining to cooperation on counter-terrorism and intelligence sharing mechanism on groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba, HuJI and Jaish-e-Mohammed were discussed, official sources said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article52966.ece>

[Boost to intelligence sharing, countering terror likely during Manmohan's U.S. visit](#)

The Hindu, 22 November 2009

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his entourage arrive later today in Washington

for meetings with U.S President Barack Obama and others in his administration, expecting the visit to culminate in intensified cooperation with the United States in matters such as intelligence sharing and American assistance in countering terrorist attacks in India. India and the U.S. are also likely to announce here an agreement on arrangements relating to the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel, an issue that had impeded the completion of the landmark 2005 agreement on nuclear cooperation.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article52723.ece>

[Another intrusion attempt thwarted](#)

Daily Excelsior, 22 November 2009

In less than a week, Pakistan Army today made second attempt to facilitate infiltration of militants into the Jammu region but the bid was foiled by the troops who killed two intruders and forced their associates to retrieve to Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) in Balakote sector of Poonch district. However, in the process, an Army jawan also lost his life while two others were injured. Official sources said last night's cease-fire violation by Pakistan Army at Tarkundi in Balakote sector of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch district during which they fired heavily on Indian positions was aimed at pushing a group of five to seven militants into the Indian territory.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov22/news.htm#1>

[Violence down but 700 ultras still active: DGP](#)

Daily Excelsior, 22 November 2009

JAMMU, Nov 21: Director General of Police (DGP) Kuldeep Khoda said today that the current year was likely to end on lowest ever violence in 19 years which was quite a significant and positive development for the State. However, he added that about 700 militants belonging to different militant outfits were still active in the State. Replying to questions of mediapersons at a press conference on the eve of All India Police Lawn Tennis championship, Mr Khoda said there was a decline of 35 per cent militancy related incidents in the State in 2008 as compared to 2007 whereas the current year was likely to register a drop of about 23 to 24 per cent in such incidents in comparison to last year.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov22/news.htm#3>

[Parliament rocked over Liberhan panel report](#)

The Hindu, 23 November 2009

The alleged leakage of the Liberhan Commission report on the demolition of Babri Masjid rocked Parliament on Monday with enraged BJP members demanding its immediate tabling despite Government's assurance that it would do so in this session itself. It was trouble from the word go in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in the wake of a newspaper report about the findings of the Commission that top BJP leaders including Atal Bihari Vajpayee, L.K. Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi have reportedly been indicted by it.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article53334.ece>

[No redrawing of borders in Kashmir, says Manmohan Singh](#)

The Hindu, 23 November 2009

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has made it clear that there can be no redrawing of borders in Kashmir, triggering a sharp response from Pakistan on Monday which said the "dispute" must be settled in line with the UN resolutions. "I have publicly stated that there can be no redrawing of borders (in Jammu and Kashmir)," the Prime Minister said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article53592.ece>

[Antony warns of 'wrong hands' possessing N-weapons](#)

The Hindu, 23 November 2009

With increasing terror attacks in Pakistan raising concerns over the safety of its nuclear arsenal, Defence Minister A. K. Antony on Monday said the threat of these weapons falling in wrong hands was an "area of serious concern" and its consequences would be "unimaginable". Noting that there was scarcely any country which was not affected by terrorism, Mr. Antony said the recent terror-related incidents in Pakistan and Afghanistan have "thrust South Asia into a sub-conventional conflict and instability."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article53479.ece>

[BJP responsible for Babri Masjid demolition: Congress](#)

The Hindu, 23 November 2009

Amid controversy over the leakage of Liberhan Commission report, the Congress on Monday targeted the BJP saying the indictment of those responsible for the incident is very clear. "Perceptionally the indictment is very clear. Perceptionally the issue in the mind of people is already settled as far as guilt and culpability are concerned". BJP and its affiliates are responsible (for the demolition)," party spokesperson Manish Tewari told reporters here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article53653.ece>

[Liberhan probe was India's longest running inquiry commission](#)

The Hindu, 23 November 2009

It took 17 years and 48 extensions for the Liberhan Commission probing the 1992 demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya to submit its report to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in June this year. One of the country's longest running inquiry commissions, which has cost the government nearly Rs 7 crore, the Liberhan Commission was set up to probe the sequence of events leading to the razing of the Babri mosque on December 6, 1992.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article53360.ece>

['Infiltration has gone up in J&K post 26/11'](#)

Daily Excelsior, 23 November 2009

MUMBAI: Though there has been a decline in violence in Jammu and Kashmir since 1995, infiltration in the troubled state has gone up after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, the border State's Director General of Prisons Ashok Bhan said today. Bhan said there was a noticeable trend that whenever there was a decline in Pakistan-

sponsored terror strikes in Jammu and Kashmir, there was a spurt in terror attacks in other parts of the country.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov23/newsupdate.htm#4>

[India supporting terrorism: FM](#)

The News, 23 November 2009

BERLIN: Foreign Minister Shah Mehmud Qureshi has said India is supporting insurgents in Pakistan, including areas bordering Afghanistan. Speaking with the German press agency DPA, Qureshi claimed Pakistan was "compiling hard evidence of India's involvement and interference in Balochistan and Fata". "India should refrain from such nefarious activities," said Qureshi, speaking of India's alleged support for militants.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25728

[India's Path Was Paved by Soviet Fall](#)

NYT, 23 November 2009

With all the attention being paid this month to the fall of the Berlin Wall, I've found myself thinking of how much India has changed over the last 20 years. Most of the media coverage has, quite understandably, focused on Europe. But the tremors from Communism's collapse were felt far beyond the immediate battlegrounds of the Cold War. The breakup of the Soviet Union had a profound impact on India. In many ways, it paved the way for a reinvention of the country: from a stultified, socialist economy to a more dynamic, capitalist one; from a foreign policy defined by suspicion of America to one defined by shared interests and even mutual affection; and from public attitudes that frowned on individualism, consumerism and ambition to a nation that today exalts those same qualities.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/20/world/asia/20iht-letter.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China urges favorable conditions for labor service cooperation with India](#)

People's Daily, 25 November 2009

China on Tuesday called for favorable conditions for labor service cooperation with India, saying the cooperation benefits both countries. "We have insisted that China and India should develop trade relationship, promote investment cooperation, and create favorable conditions for labor service cooperation," said Qin Gang at a regular news briefing. "This complies with the interests of both countries," Qin said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6822814.html>

[India, US set to resolve n-deal problems in two weeks: Manmohan](#)

The Hindu, 25 November 2009

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Wednesday said India and the US have agreed on "early and full implementation" of the civil nuclear cooperation agreement and the problems on the deal may be resolved within two weeks. "There are no insurmountable problems in sorting out the deal," Dr. Singh told reporters here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article54874.ece>

[Two hideouts busted in J&K](#)

The Hindu, 25 November 2009

Army troops have busted two hideouts in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir and recovered a cache of arms and ammunition, defence officials said. Troops of Rashtriya Rifles launched a joint search and cordon operation in the forest belt of Aritel nallah in Gulabgarh valley of Reasi district last night and busted a hideout, they said. The recoveries from the hideout included 13 detonators, 17 pistol rounds among other things.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article54553.ece>

[Lok Sabha debate on December 1](#)

The Hindu, 25 November 2009

As decided at a meeting of party leaders on Tuesday, the Lok Sabha will discuss on December 1 the Liberhan Commission report on the demolition of the Babri Masjid. The demand for discussion was made by the Bharatiya Janata Party's Sushma Swaraj at the Business Advisory Committee meeting and accepted by other parties and the government. Apparently, no subject for discussion has been listed for December 2.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article54445.ece>

[RSS ran parallel government: report](#)

The Hindu, 25 November 2009

The Liberhan Commission report has come down strongly on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, accusing them of manipulating the common masses and turning them "into a frenzied mob, capable of acts of the greatest depravity... unparalleled in recent times." The report charges the RSS with running a parallel government that minutely supervised the smallest detail in the events leading up to the demolition of the Babri Masjid. The RSS, Shiv Sena, Bajrang Dal, the BJP etc. collectively formed an "immense and awesome entity with a shrewd brain, a wide encompassing sweep and the crushing strength of a mob."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article54432.ece>

[Pakistan must abjure terror first: Manmohan](#)

The Hindu, 25 November 2009

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has denounced Pakistan's "selective" approach in the fight against terrorism, and said he did not want to speculate about India's response in the event of another 26/11-type attack. At an interaction at the Council on Foreign Relations – an American non-profit and non-partisan membership organisation, here, he, however, indicated India's readiness to resume dialogue with Pakistan provided it abjured terrorism and came to the table with "good faith and sincerity."

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article54393.ece>

[Terror infrastructure in Pak has to be dismantled: Tharoor](#)

Daily Excelsior, 25 November 2009

NEW DELHI : Concerned that Pakistan has not taken "adequate" steps to curb terror activities emanating from its soil, India today demanded that it take "effective action" to dismantle terror infrastructure and ensure that terrorists do not get financial support. "Government of India has been concerned for quite some time that the steps we have asked the Government of Pakistan to take to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism in that country have not been adequately taken," Minister of State for External Affairs Shashi Tharoor told reporters here.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov25/newsupdate.htm#2>

[No US mediation to resolve historic Indo-Pak conflicts: Obama](#)

Daily Excelsior, 25 November 2009

WASHINGTON : President Barack Obama has ruled out any outside role for the US to help resolve the "historic conflicts" between India and Pakistan. He, however, said his country wants to be "encouraging of" ways in which the two neighbours can feel secure and focus on the development of their own countries and their people.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov25/newsupdate.htm#1>

[US wants to reduce Indo-Pak tensions: Obama](#)

The News, 25 November 2009

WASHINGTON: US President Barack Obama on Tuesday took note of the historic animosity between Pakistan and India and signaled the United States wanted to find ways to reduce tensions between the two countries. "We want to be encouraging of ways in which both India and Pakistan can be secure and focus on development," Obama said while speaking at a joint news conference with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The US president said he believed Pakistan was making progress in fighting extremism as he tried to assuage India's concerns about its historic rival.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25767

[Pakistan Charges 7 in Mumbai Attacks](#)

NYT, 25 November 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan —Seven men accused of planning last year's attacks in Mumbai were formally charged on Wednesday, the eve of the anniversary of the assault, which killed more than 160 people in India's sprawling commercial capital. The seven include the suspected organizer, Zaki ur-Rehman Lakhvi, the operational commander of the Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba; Hammad Amin Sadiq, who is accused of coordinating the financing; and Zarar Shah, described as a computer and networks expert. All pleaded not guilty, according to a lawyer from the defense.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/26/world/asia/26mumbai.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[India's Guard Is Up, but Weaknesses Remain](#)

NYT, 25 November 2009

A year after the deadly assault here by Pakistan-based militants that killed 163 people, this sprawling mega-city is a more cautious and safer place, but it remains vulnerable despite government pledges to overhaul security. The public outrage that many thought would usher in a political groundswell for a firmer government response has dissipated. India has done little of the painful public soul-searching that followed the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, to which the Mumbai attacks are often compared. Unlike the United States, India did not create the equivalent of a Homeland Security Department. While a high-profile bipartisan American commission published a best-selling report on the failures that led to the 2001 attacks, Indian lawmakers have kept secret a similar report about the Mumbai attacks.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/25/world/asia/25mumbai.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pa_gewanted=print

US Secretary of Navy arrives in Mumbai

The Hindu, 26 November 2009

A year after terrorists struck Mumbai via the sea route, United States Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus arrived here today on a four-day visit to India to discuss cooperation on challenging maritime security issues. Mr Mabus will meet officials in Mumbai and New Delhi during his visit, an American consulate release said here. "Arriving in India on the anniversary of the terrorist attack on Mumbai makes our discussions particularly relevant and highlights the shared challenges facing our two great nations and the global community," Mr Mabus said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article55291.ece>

Srikumar Banerjee named Atomic Energy Commission chairman

The Hindu, 26 November 2009

Srikumar Banerjee, a leading expert in Materials and Technology in the country and director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has been appointed as chairman of Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and will take charge on December 1. Dr. Banerjee will take over from Anil Kakodkar, who will be retiring on November 30, DAE officials said here today.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article55261.ece>

Pranab-Advani tiff marks first anniversary of 26/11 in Lok Sabha

The Hindu, 26 November 2009

The first anniversary of the Mumbai terror attacks on Thursday saw Leader of the Opposition L. K. Advani expressing concern over the slow pace of relief to the victims and Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee hitting back accusing the BJP of exploiting the 26/11 incident for political gains. "You are making politics out of this. Earlier also you did it and were paid back. ... You will be again paid back in your own coin," an angry Leader of the House, Mr. Mukherjee, remarked in the Lok Sabha.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article55190.ece>

No additional forces deployed on China border: Army

The Hindu, 26 November 2009

The Army today dismissed reports of a build-up by Indian forces on the Sino-Indian border, but said infrastructure on the boundary in Arunachal Pradesh was being developed in a "big way". "There has been no change in the force level along the border. No additional forces have been deployed along the Chinese border anywhere in the North East," Shillong-based 101 Area GOC Major General K.S. Sethi said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article55180.ece>

[Manmohan: Pakistan not doing enough to punish 26/11 culprits](#)

The Hindu, 26 November 2009

Asking the global community to put its "combined pressure" on Pakistan, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Wednesday it was not doing enough to punish the perpetrators of the Mumbai attacks and asserted that India "will not rest" till it was done. Paying homage to the innocent civilians who died in the 60-hour assault on Mumbai last November, he said he sincerely hoped that the combined pressure of the world community, including the United States, would work to ensure that the "ghastly act" of Mumbai attacks would not happen again.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article54957.ece>

[PM dismisses talk of limited war in Pak](#)

Daily Excelsior, 26 November 2009

WASHINGTON, Nov 25: Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh today expressed confidence that the "combined pressure" of the world community, including the US, will work to ensure that the "ghastly" terror attacks like the one on Mumbai last year will not happen. Addressing a press conference a day before he winds up his State visit, he said he has discussed with US Administration the issue of putting pressure on Pakistan on containing infiltration and has been assured that it will "work in that direction."

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov26/news.htm#1>

[Seven indicted for Mumbai attacks](#)

The News, 26 November 2009

RAWALPINDI: A special anti-terrorism court (ATC) of Rawalpindi on Wednesday framed charges against operational commander of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi and six others for their alleged involvement in last year's Mumbai attacks. Special Anti-Terrorism Court, Rawalpindi Division, Judge Malik Muhammad Akram Awan, who is conducting the trial at the Adiala jail for security reasons, formally indicted the seven suspects. The accused — Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi, Hammad Amen Sadiq, Shaheed Jamil Riaz, Abdul Wajid alias Zazar Shah, Mazhar Iqbal, Yousuf Anjum and Muhammad Jamil — protested against their indictment and pleaded not guilty.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=25788

[Vajpayee was involved in Ram Janma Bhoomi movement: VHP](#)

The Hindu, 27 November 2009

Senior BJP leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee was involved in the Ram Janma Bhoomi movement, which led to the Babri Mosque demolition in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, VHP chief Ashok Singhal said on Friday. "Ataljee was also involved in the movement. He had been also arrested. I won't say that he was not involved. He had been arrested in Lucknow," Mr. Singhal told reporters when asked to comment on the Liberhan Commission report indicting 68 persons including Mr. Vajpayee for the Babri Mosque demolition.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article55830.ece>

Chidambaram asks anti-Naxal forces to ensure tribals' safety

The Hindu, 27 November 2009

Chidambaram asks anti-Naxal forces to ensure tribals' safety With security forces preparing to launch a multi-State coordinated offensive against Naxals, Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Friday said they need to ensure that the poor and tribals do not suffer in the fight against Maoist violence. "While you should be firm, decisive and unrelenting in dealing with those who indulge in violence, you should show a great degree of sensitivity, patience and maturity to the poor people, especially the tribals," Mr. Chidambaram said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article55792.ece>

New force of BSF to man hostile creeks along Indo-Pak border

The Hindu, 27 November 2009

Creeks are a very hostile terrain constituting of numerous raised grounds having mangroves and a network of water channels which are quite shallow where all movements are tide dependent. Creek Crocodiles are trained to thwart any evil designs from across the border, BSF Commandant Pushpendrasinh Rathore, who is training the commando unit at Koteshwar outpost of BSF, told PTI.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article55551.ece>

Krishna, Qureshi meet unlikely at Commonwealth summit

The Hindu, 27 November 2009

Unhappy with the behaviour of Pakistan over terrorism, particularly Mumbai attacks, India is not too keen to have a Foreign Ministerial meeting with Pakistan even though both S. M. Krishna and his counterpart Shah Mahmood Qureshi are here to attend an international summit. Sources said though India is not averse to talks with Pakistan at any level, these serve no purpose on the ground given the attitude of Pakistan.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article55494.ece>

U.S. help sought to set up National Environmental Protection Authority

The Hindu, 27 November 2009

India has sought help from the United States for setting up the National Environmental Protection Authority (NEPA) on the lines of a similar agency in the U.S. The issue also came up during discussions between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and U.S. President Barack Obama earlier this week, Minister of State (Independent charge) for Environment and Forests Jairam Ramesh said here on

Thursday. Dr. Singh is now on an official visit to the U.S.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article55389.ece>

[TRS chief detained ahead of proposed fast unto death](#)

The Hindu, 29 November 2009

Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) President, K. Chandrasekhar Rao, was on Sunday detained ahead of his proposed fast unto death for separate Telangana. Mr. Rao was taken into custody at Aljunoor on the outskirts of Karimnagar, while leaving along with his son and MLA, K.T. Rama Rao and scores of party men for Siddipet town in Medak district, where he proposed to observe the fast, police said. Expressing anger over the detention of Mr. Rao, the TRS called for a bandh in Telangana region on Monday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/states/andhra-pradesh/article56771.ece>

['Pakistan should ensure nuclear weapons don't reach wrong hands'](#)

The Hindu, 29 November 2009

The Chief of Army Staff, General Deepak Kapoor, today said it was important to ensure that the control of Pakistan's nuclear weapons command did not go to the "wrong hands". Reacting to media reports that the National Command Authority, which controls the nuke button, has been handed over to Pakistan Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani, General Kapoor said "What is more important is to have proper control over nuclear weapons and ensure that it does not go to wrong hand".

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article56828.ece>

[Maoists blow up railway station in Jharkhand](#)

The Hindu, 29 November 2009

Maoists began their two-day state-wide shutdown on Sunday by blasting a railway station, tracks and utility buildings at various places in Jharkhand. Armed Maoists planted explosives and triggered the blast, damaging the one-room building of Mahubuang railway station in Simdega and railway tracks in the wee hours, Inspector General of Police V Deshmukh said here. Forces have reached the spot and repair work is going on, he added.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/states/article56777.ece>

[Indo-Bangladesh Home Secy. level talks begin tomorrow](#)

The Hindu, 29 November 2009

Cross-border terrorism, illegal immigration, smuggling of narcotics and activities of North-east militants will come up for discussion at the Home Secretary-level talks between India and Bangladesh beginning here tomorrow. The Indian delegation, led by Home Secretary G. K. Pillai, will seek cooperation from Bangladesh to deal with security issues, especially combating anti-India jihadi groups and North-east militants operating from its soil, sources said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/incoming/article56745.ece>

[Manmohan concludes his 8-day two-nation tour; leaves for home](#)

The Hindu, 29 November 2009

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday wound up a visit to Port of Spain in Trinidad and Tobago, where he attended the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), and left for home concluding a two-nation tour which also covered the US. During his eight-day long visit, Dr. Singh met U.S. President Barack Obama in Washington where he was the first State guest under the new Administration.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article56731.ece>

[China, India powerhouses for growth: Zhang Yan](#)

The Hindu, 29 November 2009

The cooperation between China and India in education is of strategic importance in the context of the two countries being the main powerhouses for the growth of Asia, and the source of power coming from young generations vested with quality education, said Zhang Yan, Chinese Ambassador to India. Inaugurating the silver jubilee celebrations of the VIT University and an international summit on 'Global Trends in Higher Education and Challenges' organised in connection with the celebrations on the VIT campus here on Saturday, Mr. Zhang said if this century would be the Asian century, China and India were surely the powerhouses for the growth. China attached great importance to cooperation in education with India.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article56658.ece>

[Mumbai police on alert after threat of multiple bomb blasts](#)

The Hindu, 29 November 2009

Police today sounded alert in the city after a mysterious letter threatened of multiple bomb blasts in different places, including the Raj Bhawan and the Chief Minister's residence. Security around the vital installations has been stepped up and thorough checking was on across the city, police said. The letter, received by Churchgate railway station master, threatened of bomb blasts either on November 14 and November 28, a senior police official said adding all security agencies were on alert.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article56418.ece>

[IAF eastern commanders 3 day meet begins in Shillong](#)

The Hindu, 29 November 2009

The three-day conference of station commanders of Eastern Air Command on issues pertaining to operational requirements in North-East began here this morning. Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Air Command Air Marshal S K Bhan inaugurated the conference held at the command's headquarters here. Various issues pertaining to operational requirements in North-East and development plans are likely to be discussed with the commanders of Air Force stations of 12 states in the region, an IAF spokesman said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/states/other-states/article56235.ece>

[1998 nuke test was a huge success: Kakodkar](#)

The Hindu, 29 November 2009

Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Dr. Anil Kakodkar has said India's 1998 nuclear test was a 'hundred per cent success'. "I assure (you) that the nuclear test conducted in 1998 was hundred per cent success. The yield of the test was verified using various alternative methods and it was perfect," he told reporters after inaugurating the Zirconium complex at Pazhayakal near here on Friday. Dr. Kakodkar's remarks came in response to a question about the controversy surrounding the 1998 Pokhran nuclear test after some top nuclear scientists raised doubts about the success of the explosion.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article56286.ece>

[Omar favours triangular talks among](#)

Daily Excelsior, 29 November 2009

NEW DELHI: In a shift of stand, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today favoured triangular talks among India, Pakistan and separatist leadership and also offered to be a facilitator if militant outfit Hizbul Mujahideen wanted to come to the negotiating table. The 39-year-old Chief Minister, however, had a word of caution for moderate Hurriyat Chairman Mirwaiz Umer Farooq asking him to take his other members on board for talks as "otherwise all they will do is (to) jump on to the hard-line bandwagon and threaten the process."

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov29/newsupdate.htm#1>

[Pakistan building defensive bunkers along IB: BSF DG](#)

Daily Excelsior, 29 November 2009

NEW DELHI, Nov 28: The BSF today said Pakistani Rangers are building bunkers along the border which are very "defensive" in nature and could be aimed at preventing attacks from within its own territory. "We have come across certain construction activities across the border. In some of the instances the bunkers being constructed are facing their own territory," BSF Director General Raman Srivastava told reporters here.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09nov29/news.htm#1>

[Militancy to rule Indo-Bangla home secy-level talks ahead of Hasina's trip](#)

Daily Star, 29 November 2009

Ahead of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's official visit to India next month, home secretaries of the two countries are expected to start talks in New Delhi from Monday with illegal migration and cross-border movement of insurgents and criminals high on the agenda. During the three-day meeting, the Indian delegation led by Home Secretary Gopal Krishna Pillai, is scheduled to discuss Bangladesh's cooperation to deal with militants and northeastern Indian insurgents that New Delhi alleges have been operating from Bangladesh, home ministry sources said in New Delhi on Saturday.

http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest_news.php?nid=20828

[Growing. Yes, but India Has Reasons to Worry](#)

NYT, 29 November 2009

PONDICHERRY, India — During President Obama's recent visit to China, many in India speculated that an emerging "G2" would leave their nation out in the cold. "Obama's China (credit) card casts shadow on PM's US visit," ran a headline on The Times of India's Web site shortly before India's prime minister left for America and his own meeting last week with Mr. Obama — highlighted by the president's first state dinner. The country's prickly response points to the lingering distrust with which India, which often leaned toward Moscow during the cold war, still views the United States. It is a reminder, also, of the many sensitivities that drive Indian foreign policy — sensitivities that are not always recognized in America. For all the talk of a new era of Indo-American collaboration, Americans tend to view India through the narrow prisms of two shared concerns — a battle against Islamic extremists, and the benefits of international trade. But India is a complicated country in a complex part of the world — buffeted by internal insurgencies, surrounded by hostile neighbors, marginalized until recently as underdeveloped.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/29/weekinreview/29kapur-web.html?ref=asia>

[Parliament rocked over decision to send central team to Bengal](#)

The Hindu, 30 November 2009

The decision to send a central team to West Bengal rocked Parliament on Monday with Left and Trinamool Congress clashing but the Centre made it clear that there was "no scope" for imposition of President's Rule after the Bommai judgement. "Post-Bommai, there is no scope ... (for imposition of central rule). The move to send the central team is entirely non-confrontational. There is no need to view it through the prism of Article 356," Home Minister P Chidambaram said in Lok Sabha, after an almost similar statement in the Rajya Sabha.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article57307.ece>

[India proposes to invest \\$6.5 billion in Iran gas fields](#)

The Hindu, 30 November 2009

At the same time, India asked Iran to honour the 2005 LNG import deal and ensure secured supplies of gas through the Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline. In the first high-level contact in two years, India told the visiting Iranian Deputy Oil Minister and National Iranian Oil Co (NIOC) Managing Director, Seifollah Jashnsaz, that it was keen to buy 5 million tonnes of LNG a year besides the ones signed in 2005, sources said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article57385.ece>

[Proceedings collapse in Lok Sabha during Question Hour](#)

The Hindu, 30 November 2009

In a record of sorts, proceedings in the Lok Sabha collapsed on Monday for absence of as many as 34 members who had listed questions prompting Speaker Meira Kumar to voice concern over the matter. Question Hour is the "essence of democracy", observed the Speaker outside the House close on the heels of the 34 members, who had given notices for questions but were not present.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article57404.ece?homepage=true>

[26/11 trial: Kasab's lawyer terminated by court](#)

The Hindu, 30 November 2009

The special 26/11 trial court on Monday terminated Pakistani gunman Ajmal Kasab's lawyer Abbas Kazmi, observing that he was "not co-operating with it in the interest of justice." The order on Mr. Kazmi's termination came after he refused to consider the court's suggestion to pick out 71 witnesses out of the total 340, divided into 12 categories including claimants of the deceased, panch witnesses and doctors.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article57277.ece?homepage=true>

[Wave of Maoist attacks in Jharkhand; schools targeted](#)

The Hindu, 30 November 2009

Maoists blew up the house of an RJD leader in Chatra district and schools in Palamau and Khunti district as the two-day Jharkhand shutdown called by the naxalites entered the second day today. About 100 armed naxalites surrounded the house of RJD's block president Chandrika Yadav at Chatra's Johri village last night and asked the family members to vacate the house, Superintendent of Police Jatin Narwal told reporters here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/states/article57140.ece>

[Indian Army Chief's statement on limited nuke war irresponsible: Gilani](#)

The News, 30 November 2009

Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani has said that the Indian Army chief's statement relating to the limited nuclear war was irresponsible and added that the conflicts between Pakistan and India could be resolved through dialogues. Prior to his departure on a four-day tour of Germany and Britain, talking to newsmen, Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani said that Germany was a key economic partner of Pakistan and his visit would help boost the ties between the two countries.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=92484>