

### **Move for seeking US envoy on Kashmir scuttled**

**Dawn, 1 February 2009**

ISLAMABAD, Jan 31: The Foreign Office and a federal minister have scuttled a move for adoption of a resolution in the National Assembly asking US President Barack Obama to appoint an envoy on Kashmir or include the settlement of the dispute in the mandate of the US envoy on Afghanistan and Pakistan. A top official of the Foreign Office blocked the move by setting aside a joint resolution approved by members from both the sides of the aisle, and came out with another version, excluding the call for sending a US envoy on Kashmir

### **Cricketers stopped from going to India for IPL**

**Dawn, 3 February 2009**

ISLAMABAD, Feb 2: Pakistan barred its cricketers on Monday from travelling to India and playing in the Indian Premier League tournament. The decision has been taken because of security concerns. Five Pakistani cricketers — Yasir Hameed, Yasir Arafat, Asim Kamal, Danish Kaneria and Mohammad Hafeez — were to attend the IPL auction of players for the second season in Goa on Feb 10. The government has earlier stopped hockey and squash teams from going to India for the same reason

### **103 cross sides in Poonch**

**Daily Excelsior, 3 February 2009**

JAMMU, Feb 2: As many as 103 civilians today crossed Line of Control (LoC) on Poonch-Rawlakote bus service during weekly cross-LoC crossing in Poonch district. Official sources said 48 civilians crossed over to Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) from Poonch this morning. Among them were 21 first timers from this part of the State visiting PoK to meet their divided relatives and friends while 27 others were returnees of PoK who left back homes after meeting their relatives on this side

### **Pranab contradicts NSA, says Pak yet to respond**

**Hindu, 3 February 2009**

New Delhi: Contradicting National Security Adviser M K Narayanan's claim that Islamabad has reverted on Mumbai attacks dossier, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Tuesday asserted that India is yet to receive any official response from Pakistan. "That he (Narayanan) has said in his own way. The fact of the matter is that after they (Pakistan) received material from us, we have not received any official communication about the progress of investigation conducted by them," Mukherjee told reporters here when referred to the NSA's comments

### **Tons of potatoes, apples exported to PoK**

**Daily Excelsior, 4 February 2009**

JAMMU, Feb 3: Four trucks carrying a large quantity of potatoes, apples and rajmash today crossed over to Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) from Poonch as a part of weekly cross-LoC trade on Poonch-Rawlakote route. In view of increased demand in PoK, 38 tons of potatoes were exported to that part of divided State from Poonch and Jammu, official sources said

### **Pranab, NSA sing different tunes on Pakistan probe**

**Hindu, 4 February 2009**

New Delhi: Two days after National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan said Pakistan had "reverted to us and asked a number of questions" on the Mumbai terrorist attacks dossier, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee reiterated that India had received no "official communication" from Islamabad "about the progress of the investigations conducted by them" into the November 26-29 events. Asked on Tuesday about Mr. Narayanan's assertions to the contrary, the Minister said, "That he has stated in his own way." India had been informed by Pakistan about the receipt of the dossier, he said, but "thereafter" there had been no word

**Dry fruits, sandals reach Poonch from PoK**  
**Daily Excelsior, 5 February 2009**

JAMMU, Feb 4: After yesterday's export of potatoes, apple and rajmash in large quantity to Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), the traders in Poonch today imported kinnow, onion, cashew nuts, almonds, dry grapes, rice, moong dal and Peshawari sandals as cross-LoC trade on Poonch-Rawlakote route continued to increase with every passing week. Official sources said the traders on both sides (Poonch and Rawlakote) were getting huge demand of some products but they were unable to meet the requirement mainly in the absence of any guidelines framed by India and Pakistan Governments on use of currency

**Quotes taken out of context have given a distorted view: Narayanan**  
**Hindu, 5 February 2009**

New Delhi: In a case of one man's (sound) bite being worse than another's bark, National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan has rushed to clarify that his remarks about the new American President "barking up the wrong tree" on Kashmir were really aimed at underlining the "high expectation India had from the Obama administration." And that "selective quotes taken out of context have tended to give a distorted idea of what was actually said" by him

**'Armed forces prepared for surgical strikes'**  
**Indian Express, 9 February 2009**

Feb. 8: Post-Mumbai terror attack, after months of debate on the option of surgical strikes against terror targets in Pakistan, Army Chief Gen. Deepak Kapoor has stated that such strikes were militarily very feasible. "Surgical strikes are definitely feasible but whether you wish to take that decision or not is a separate issue," Gen. Kapoor said. "Whether you would like to look at doing it (carrying out such strikes) by air or artillery or by another means or physically there," he said

**Delhi's dossier insufficient': Pakistan seeks concrete evidence**  
**Daily Times, 10 February 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The Defence Committee of the Cabinet (DCC) has said that a dossier of information given by India to Islamabad is 'insufficient' to make headway in a conclusive investigation into the Mumbai attacks, and called on India to provide substantial evidence, Daily Times has learnt. The committee met here under Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani to deliberate on the findings of an inquiry – conducted by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) – into the Mumbai attacks

**Mumbai attacks: anatomy of a failed strategy By Kanwal Sibal**

### **Hindu, 10 February 2009**

Our post-Mumbai strategy has lacked purposefulness and coherence. We have been overly cautious in our reaction to the Mumbai carnage, as if the overriding concern was to somehow salvage the policy of engagement with Pakistan pursued in recent years. We were defensive in accusing "elements in Pakistan," and not the state agencies, of the outrage, despite the common sense view that such a highly organised, skilful commando-style operation could not have been mounted without institutional connivance and notwithstanding the earlier evidence of the involvement of the Inter-Services Intelligence in blasting our Kabul Embassy. Subsequently, the Prime Minister chose to mention the involvement of "official agencies."

### **Pakistan seeks more information on 26/11**

#### **Hindu, 10 February 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will register a case on the Mumbai attacks to bring the perpetrators to justice under its own laws but says it needs more information from India to complete its investigations, or will find it "exceedingly difficult" to proceed. This was the outcome of a marathon four-hour meeting of the Pakistan Cabinet's Defence Co-ordination Committee that Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani chaired on Monday to take stock of a report prepared by the Federal Investigation Agency on the material provided by India on the Mumbai attacks

### **26/11 partly planned in Pakistan: Malik**

#### **Hindu, 13 February 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday delivered a big part of its promise of cooperation with India on the Mumbai attacks by registering a case of terrorism against eight Pakistani suspects, and formally acknowledging that part of the planning for the attacks was done in this country. The move is unprecedented and marks an important milestone in India-Pakistan relations. Rehman Malik, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Interior, who also heads the crucial Ministry, told journalists that the case was registered under sections of the 1997 Anti-Terrorism Act that enable the prosecution of Pakistanis for directing, abetting, conspiring or facilitating a terrorist act in another country

### **New Delhi sees a positive development**

#### **Hindu, 13 February 2009**

NEW DELHI: India on Friday said certain actions taken by Pakistan with regard to the Mumbai terror attacks were a "positive development." It, however, urged Islamabad to take credible action of dismantling the terror infrastructure on its territory. In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) offered to share "whatever" it can after examining the issues raised by Pakistan in its communication to the Indian High Commissioner in Islamabad

### **Islamabad hands over Mumbai probe report to New Delhi**

#### **Daily Times, 13 February 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has formally handed over the details of its investigation into the Mumbai terror attacks to India, the Foreign Office said on Thursday as Adviser to the Prime Minister on Interior Rehman Malik admitted that the attacks were 'partially planned' in Pakistan. "The Indian high commissioner was ... [on Thursday given] material pertaining to the Mumbai terror attacks probe by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), by the foreign secretary," said Foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit

### **India: take action to logical conclusion**

**Hindu, 14 February 2009**

NEW DELHI: While reiterating that the official Pakistan response to the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks was a positive development, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee told Parliament on Friday that "much depends on actions in the Mumbai case reaching their logical conclusion." Making suo motu and unscheduled statements in both Houses of Parliament, Mr. Mukherjee underlined that India had no quarrel with the people of Pakistan and wished them well. "We do not think that they should be held responsible or face the consequences of this situation. We have, therefore, consciously, and after due deliberation, not thought it necessary or fit to curtail people-to-people contacts, trains and road links," he observed

### **Pakistan must allay Indian fears: US spy chief**

**News, 14 February 2009**

WASHINGTON: Pakistan holds the key to defusing tensions with nuclear rival India by executing a serious clampdown on Islamic militants, US Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair said on Thursday. Without such action from Islamabad, President Barack Obama's new chief of intelligence told Congress, New Delhi could feel compelled to ignite a wider conflict in a region already fraught with security risks. The best efforts of Indian and Pakistani leaders to improve relations "could unravel unless Islamabad takes sustained, concrete, meaningful steps to allay Indian concerns about Islamabad's support to anti-Indian militant groups."

### **Suspects not produced in Pakistan court**

**Hindu, 15 February 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Contrary to expectation, Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency has failed to produce in court the suspects in the Mumbai attacks two days after the government announced the registering of a first information report against them and declared six of them to be in its custody. The case was registered on Thursday. It was widely anticipated that the six would be produced in an anti-terrorist court in Rawalpindi on Friday, in keeping with the rule that suspects must be produced 24 hours after their arrest. But that did not happen, and they were not produced on Saturday either

### **After 26/11, infiltration goes down on LoC, IB**

**Daily Excelsior, 15 February 2009**

JAMMU, Feb 14: A steep decline in infiltration has been observed on Line of Control (LoC) in twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri during last one and a half month of this year. Official sources attributed this new phenomenon to closure of training camps of major militant outfits and shifting of militants inside Army camps to hide them in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) in the aftermath of 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai. According to sources, very rare intrusion bids were noticed on the LoC in Jammu region and there was no Intelligence report of any successful infiltration attempt either from Rajouri and Poonch districts during first 45 days of 2009

### **'Remand' for 6 terror suspects in Pakistan**

**Hindu, 16 February 2009**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency has obtained a 14-day remand for

at least six suspects it has arrested in connection with the Mumbai attacks, according to media reports. A judge granted the remand after recording the statements of the suspects at a secret location, Dawn and Geo Television said. Dawn newspaper, quoting sources, said the FIA had obtained remand for seven suspects

**N-weapons could be brought through sea: Navy**  
**Indian Express, 18 February 2009**

New Delhi: In the backdrop of the Mumbai attacks having exposed the vulnerability of Indian coastline, Navy Chief Admiral Sureesh Mehta on Wednesday said cargo containers could be used to transport nuclear weapons. "Today, 70-75 global cargo is containerised. It is acknowledged that the container is the most likely means for terrorist organisations to illegally transport a nuclear weapon and, hence, there is a serious concern about container security," he said while inaugurating a seminar organised by the National Maritime Foundation in New Delhi