

**Attempt to delink J&K from India: BJP
Hindu, 2 October 2009**

The BJP on Thursday charged the government with deliberately "playing down" recent problems with China, including the one of issuing visas to Indian passport holders from Jammu and Kashmir on a separate sheet of paper instead of stamping them in their passports. Party spokesman Ravi Shankar Prasad said the visa issue was an attempt by China to delink Jammu and Kashmir from the rest of India. India should lodge its strong protest and take up the matter at the higher level. "The BJP condemns this move by China. The Government of India must explain why it has been repeatedly downplaying mischief by China.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article27675.ece>

**Cabinet approves PM's package for Pandits
Daily Excelsior, 2 October 2009**

JAMMU, Oct 1: The State Cabinet today, in principle, gave its approval to Prime Minister's package for Kashmiri migrants which was announced by Dr Manmohan Singh during his visit to Jammu in 2007. According to highly placed sources, the Cabinet, which met in Srinagar under the chairmanship of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah also decided that modalities for implementation of the package will be worked out soon.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct02/news.htm#2>

**Security forces kill mastermind behind Srinagar car bomb
blast**

The Hindu, 8 October 2009

"Doctor Saheb", the alleged mastermind behind last month's car bomb blast outside the high- security Central Jail here, has been killed in an encounter at Ledhu forest in South Kashmir, senior officials said on Thursday. Acting on a tip off, the police and the Army, had cordoned off the forest area stretching between Krew and Tral area of South Kashmir, after which three terrorists were killed while six to seven were still hiding in the forests. Identification of the dead Lashkar militants revealed that one of them was Muddasir, a resident of Awantipura (South Kashmir), who left Bachelor of Dental Science course to join Lashkar terror group.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article30866.ece>

**53 cross sides in Karvan-e-Aman bus
Daily Excelsior, 8 October 2009**

SRINAGAR :As many as 53 people crossed sides in the Karvan-e-Aman bus operating between Srinagar-Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK), official sources said here today. They said 31 residents, including three women and one child, arrived here this afternoon after crossing the Aman Setu bridge on foot at Kaman post, the last Indian Military post near the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri sector. However, only person, who had crossed

over to POK, also returned in the bus after meeting his relatives there.

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**Commander of HM killed
Daily Excelsior, 9 October 2009**

SRINAGAR: Troops this morning foiled a militant plan to carry out a fidayeen attack in the Kashmir valley when they gunned down a top commander of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) in a fierce encounter. The a bomber jacket filled with deadly RDX and carrying other arms and ammunition was recovered from the slain militant identified as Abu Mawia, a resident of Pakistan, who was active in the Pulwama-Badgam districts during the past six to seven years, a Defence Ministry spokesman said.

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**Infiltration bid foiled; three militants killed
Daily Excelsior, 10 October 2009**

SRINAGAR : Three heavily-armed militants were shot dead as the army foiled an infiltration bid from across the border in Gurez Sector of Bandipora district today. Troops guarding the border noticed suspicious movement and as soon as the intruders sneaked into Gurez, 140 kms from here, they confronted them and asked them to surrender but they opened fire, Defence Spokesman Colonel A S Brar said. In the ensuing encounter, three heavily-armed militants were killed, he said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct10/newsupdate.htm#1>

**PM postpones visit to Kashmir for opening railway line
Daily Excelsior, 11 October 2009**

NEW DELHI : Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has postponed by over a week his planned visit to Kashmir, during which he will inaugurate a 12-km railway line connecting Anantnag and Qazigund that will mark the completion of the rail project in the Valley. The Prime Minister was scheduled to visit the state on October 18 but it had to be postponed because of the non-availability of Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee, official sources said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct11/newsupdate.htm#2>

**Conference calls for resumption of India-Pakistan talks
The Hindu, 12 October 2009**

A three day Intra-Kashmir conference organised by the Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation (CDR), a New Delhi-based NGO, concluded here on Sunday evening with a call for resumption of dialogue between India and Pakistan and an end to trade restrictions across the Line of Control (LoC). Winding up the conference, CDR

executive secretary Sushoba Barve said the delegates resolved that the review meeting about trade across the LoC should take place in time.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article33049.ece>

**Army commanders brief Guv on security situation
Daily Excelsior, 12 October 2009**

SRINAGAR : The Governor N N Vohra was today briefed on the security situation in the State by the senior army officers here. Official sources said the Army Commander, Northern Command, Lt Gen B S Jaswal, called on Mr Vohra at Raj Bhavan here. He was accompanied by Corps Commander, 15 Corps, Lt Gen Bikram Singh.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct12/newsupdate.htm#2>

**Complete inquiry into Shopian case by December 14 : HC
Daily Excelsior, 13 October 2009**

SRINAGAR : The Jammu and Kashmir High Court today granted two months time to the CBI to complete inquiry into the Shopian double rape and murder case. A Division Bench of the High Court, comprising Chief Justice, Barin Ghosh and Justice Mohammad Yaqoob, fixed December 14 as next date of hearing in the case. Earlier, the CBI counsel Ashok Bhan sought time to investigate case of Neelofar and Asiya, who were raped and murdered at Shopian in south Kashmir on the intervening night of May 29 and 30, which led to Valley-wide protests.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct13/newsupdate.htm#1>

**Omar for early engagement of people to address
Daily Excelsior, 13 October 2009**

SRINAGAR: With the hope that dialogue with Pakistan will be on track soon, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today favoured early engagement of people of all shades of opinion, including separatists, for addressing the internal aspect of Kashmir issue. He said that India's talks with Pakistan and engagement with the State of Jammu and Kashmir by the Centre should go simultaneously, maintaining that separate talks with Kashmiri people and Pakistan have not been of any help.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct13/newsupdate.htm#2>

**India objects to Chinese activities in PoK
The Hindu, 14 October 2009**

India today took objection to its engagement in projects in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) and asked it to cease such activities taking "long-term view" of India-China relations. A day after China objected

to the visit of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Arunachal Pradesh, the Ministry of External Affairs took a strong view of President Hu Jintao's remarks that China will continue to engage in projects with Pakistan inside Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article33702.ece>

**Quiet talks, no verbal gymnastics, in J&K: Chidambaram
The Hindu, 14 October 2009**

Reaching out to separatists in Jammu and Kashmir, Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Wednesday said Government will hold "quiet" talks with all shades of opinion to find a political solution to the Kashmir problem that may be "unique" and not indulge in "verbal gymnastics." Responding promptly to the Home Minister's statement, Hurriyat Chairman Mirwaiz Umer Farooq welcomed it saying they also believed in constructive dialogue rather than having a photo-opportunity.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article33908.ece>

**Omar calls for simultaneous dialogue with Pak, J&K people
Daily Excelsior, 14 October 2009**

SRINAGAR, Oct 13: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today expressed hope that Centre will simultaneously initiate a dialogue process with Pakistan and with all the sections of people in Jammu and Kashmir to address both external and internal aspects of Kashmir issue. "The dialogue process to address the external and internal aspects of Kashmir issue has to be carried out simultaneously ... in the past, separate processes between India and Pakistan and Centre and the State have not been of much help," Omar said at the inauguration of the two-day All India Editors' Conference at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) here.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct14/news.htm#1>

**PoK 'Prime Minister' resigns
The Hindu, 15 October 2009**

Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) "Prime Minister" Sardar Yaqoob Khan has resigned ahead of a planned no-confidence motion against him by the opposition parties in the Assembly. Mr. Khan said he was quitting to avoid a political controversy in the legislative Assembly and to discourage horse-trading. "I took this decision to discourage horse-trading in the Assembly and set a democratic tradition aimed at promoting democracy," Mr. Khan told reporters on Wednesday night after submitting his resignation to the PoK "President".

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article34521.ece>

**Situation not conducive for talks with Pakistan: Farooq
Daily Excelsior, 15 October 2009**

KATHUA : Pointing out that Pakistan has its own attitude towards tackling militancy, Union Minister Farooq Abdullah said today the present situation was not conducive for re-starting Indo-Pak dialogue. "There has been an attack on our mission in Afghanistan after the Mumbai terror attack last year", he said, adding the militancy was also going on in Jammu and Kashmir and armed militants infiltrating from across the border.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct15/newsupdate.htm#4>

**India invites Pak for talks on Kishenganga project
Daily Excelsior, 15 October 2009**

NEW DELHI : India has invited Pakistan for talks over Kishenganga power project in Jammu and Kashmir, an issue over which Pakistan has threatened to move the World Bank for arbitration. Indus Water Commissioner G Ranganathan has written a letter to his Pakistani counterpart Syed Jamaat Ali Shah inviting him for discussing the issue, official sources said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct15/newsupdate.htm#2>

**I wanted to walk out of Agra summit: Musharraf
The Hindu, 20 October 2009**

Former Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf has said he wanted to walk out of the failed 2001 Agra summit but was dissuaded from doing so by a senior official. His frustration, he told reporters in New York, stemmed from the fact that then Indian prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had twice refused to include a reference to Kashmir in the joint declaration issued after the summit.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article36176.ece>

**Doctors continue stir; Govt constitutes committee
Daily Excelsior, 20 October 2009**

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government today constituted a six-member committee to take stock of the situation arising out of ongoing strike of agitating junior doctors in the State. Government doctors across the state are on an indefinite strike called by the Doctors Joint Action Committee (DJAC), demanding revision in their pay packages. The strike continued for the 16th day today even as the health-care services in both the Government Medical Colleges and several hospitals remained paralysed.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct20/newsupdate.htm#1>

**Divisional Commander among 3 HM ultras killed in encounter
Daily Excelsior, 21 October 2009**

JAMMU : A self-styled Divisional Commander of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen was among three militants killed by the police in Reasi district's Mahore belt, 200 kms from here today. On a tip off, Special Operation Group of Police assisted by Rastriya Rifles troops launched a joint operation in Dangal top forest belt in Pathria belt of the district and cordoned off the hideout around 0145 hours, a police officer said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct21/newsupdate.htm#1>

**AJK parliament to elect its PM tomorrow
The News, 21 October 2009**

MUZAFFARABAD: Azad Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly will elect its leader of the house tomorrow. Speaker AJK assembly, Shah Ghulam Qadir will preside over the session which will commence at 10 AM. Muslim Conference's candidate Raja Farooq Haider Khan and Haji Yaqoob Khan representing coalition parties will contest one on one to become the ninth Prime Minister of AJK.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89657>

**Govt to check Pak mobile network intrusion: Pilot
Daily Excelsior, 22 October 2009**

JAMMU, Oct 21: Stating that all possible steps are being initiated to check misuse of communication technology by the anti-national elements in this border and militancy infested State, Union Minister of State for Information Technology and Communication, Sachin Pilot today said that State-run Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) will shortly install required number of towers near the borders to extend cellular services to the people living along the territories of State and check interference of foreign telecom network on this side of borders.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct22/news.htm#2>

**Talks with every section to be result oriented: Omar
Daily Excelsior, 22 October 2009**

SRINAGAR, Oct 21: The proposed talks between the Centre and every section of political opinion in the State to find a solution to the Kashmir issue will be result-oriented, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said. "The Centre is initiating a political dialogue in the State. The previous such rounds have failed. We have realised past mistakes and the proposed talks would be result-oriented and taken to logical conclusion," Omar said while addressing police commemoration day at Zewan, 20 kms from here, in Pulwama district today.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct22/news.htm#1>

Habibullah appointed as SCIC
Daily Excelsior, 23 October 2009

JAMMU, Oct 22: Governor N N Vohra today appointed Wajahat Habibullah, who had recently resigned as Chief Information Commissioner of the country, as State Chief Information Commissioner (SCIC). His appointment will have effect from the date he assumed charge of the post, official sources said. The appointment was made by the Governor in exercise of powers under Sub Section (3) of Section 12 of Jammu and Kashmir Right to Information Act.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct23/news1.htm#4>

J&K quiet diplomacy to consider all issues brought to table:PC

Daily Excelsior, 25 October 2009

NEW DELHI : Union Home Minister P Chidambaram today said that the "quiet diplomacy" promised with "every shade of political opinion" in Jammu and Kashmir will consider "everything that is brought to the table". He indicated that separatist Hurriyat Conference will be part of the dialogue that will also cover issues like autonomy in the State. He also said that the issue of amendments to the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), which the state would like to be withdrawn, was before the Cabinet.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct25/newsupdate.htm#1>

Pak army violates cease-fire to push infiltrators on LoC
Daily Excelsior, 25 October 2009

JAMMU, Oct 24: After making repeated abortive attempts to facilitate infiltration from the Line of Control (LoC) during night hours, Pakistan army today targeted Indian Army posts at Krishna Ghati sector in broad day light reportedly with an aim to create confusion and push militants from other areas. Three Army jawans were injured, one of them seriously, in firing by Pakistani troops. Official sources said Pakistan army opened firing with LMG, MMG and some small arms from their Battalion post targeting Kirpan and surrounding posts of Indian troops in Krishna Ghati sector at 9.25 am.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct25/news.htm#2>

Erdogan due in Azad Kashmir on Monday
The News, 25 October 2009

MUZAFFARABAD: Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyap Erdogan will reach Muzaffarabad, capital city of Azad Jammu and Kashmir on Monday. He will inspect various developmental projects being carried out with the assistance of Turkey in the city. Government of AJK has

finalized arrangements to giving a warm welcome to the Turkish prime minister. Big welcome banners have been displayed in various parts of the city, which is also decorated with flags and bunting, to greet the distinguished guest.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89987>

**Three militants killed in encounter in south Kashmir
Daily Excelsior, 26 October 2009**

SRINAGAR : Three Hizbul Mujahideen militants, including two self-styled commanders, were killed in a gunbattle which broke out between the ultras and security forces in Shopian district of south Kashmir today. Police assisted by security forces cordoned off Naspura-Keller, 70 kms from here, this morning to flush out the militants, a police spokesman said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct26/newsupdate.htm#1>

**Forces on alert on eve of PM's Kashmir visit
Daily Excelsior, 27 October 2009**

SRINAGAR: Security forces across the Kashmir valley have been put on maximum alert with firm instructions to foil any militant attempt to cause disturbances during the two-day visit of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh from tomorrow. Dr Singh is arriving here to dedicate the 18-km-long Anantnag-Qazigund rail link to people of Kashmir.

"We have deployed additional forces in the entire Anantnag district to ensure peaceful function," official sources said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct27/newsupdate.htm#3>

**HM commander among 3 militants killed in Valley
Daily Excelsior, 27 October 2009**

Srinagar, Oct 26: In a major success, security forces today shot dead three top militants of Hizbul Mujahideen outfit including a self-styled divisional commander during an encounter in Shopian district of South Kashmir. Army, police and CRPF launched a joint operation in the forests of Shalidar in Keller area of Shopian district following receipt of credible information about presence of militants in the area, officials sources said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct27/news.htm#2>

**Security agencies put on alert: Tuku
Daily Excelsior, 27 October 2009**

State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku on Tuesday said the law enforcement agencies have been asked to remain on highest alert. Tuku said the government took the decision to foil any attempt of the 'evil forces' who are trying to spoil the ongoing trial of the Bangabandhu assassination case, private television ATN Bangla

reports. Tuku was talking to reporters after a programme at the Department of Narcotics Control in the city.

http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest_news.php?nid=20211

Pak. should destroy terror groups wherever they are operating: Manmohan

The Hindu, 28 October 2009

In a fresh initiative, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh today expressed the Centre's willingness to "talk to anyone" having "meaningful ideas" to promote peace in Jammu and Kashmir and offered to resume dialogues with Pakistan provided it curbed activities of those engaged in terrorism in India. Flanked by Congress President Sonia Gandhi and State leaders — Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Union Ministers Farooq Abdullah and Ghulam Nabi Azad and former Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed — Dr. Singh announced the Centre's assistance to a series of development measures in the State at a public meeting here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article39755.ece>

Quiet diplomacy in J&K will consider all issues: Chidambaram

The Hindu, 28 October 2009

Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Sunday said the "quiet diplomacy" promised with "every shade of political opinion" in Jammu and Kashmir will consider "everything that is brought to the table." He indicated that the separatist Hurriyat Conference will also be part of the dialogue that will also cover issues like autonomy in the State.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article38491.ece>

Kashmir a political issue, solve it we will help, Omar to PM

Daily Excelsior, 28 October 2009

WANPOH : Assuring full support to any move by the Centre which would help resolve the Kashmir issue, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said it is not financial but a political issue which needs a political solution. You have helped us by providing enough financial and other support, not only to my coalition Government, but to the Mufti Mohammad Sayeed and Ghulam Nabi Azad Governments also, Mr Omar said addressing a public meeting organised in connection with the inauguration of 18-km-long rail link by Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh here this afternoon.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct28/newsupdate.htm#3>

Manmohan, Sonia arrives on two-day visit

Daily Excelsior, 28 October 2009

SRINAGAR : Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi arrived here today on a two-day visit to Kashmir valley. They were accompanied by Union Ministers Mamata Banerjee, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Dr Farooq Abdullah, Prithviraj Chavan and K H

Muniyappa. Dr Singh was received at the airport by Jammu and Kashmir Governor N N Vohra, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, his Cabinet colleagues, senior Army, paramilitary and police officers.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct28/newsupdate.htm#1>

**Two militants killed in encounter
Daily Excelsior, 30 October 2009**

SRINAGAR: Army today foiled an infiltration bid in north Kashmir's Bandipora district by gunning down two militants. The two heavily-armed infiltrators were confronted by the army when they were trying to sneak into Gurez sector, 160 kms from here, a defence spokesman said. The ultras were asked to surrender but they opened fire at the security forces, he said, adding in the ensuing gunbattle the duo was killed.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct30/newsupdate.htm#1>

**Air force copter crashes in Doda, pilots missing
Daily Excelsior, 30 October 2009**

JAMMU : An Air Force helicopter crashed in the mountainous Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, this morning police sources here said. "Two MI-17 copters of Air Force left for Doda from Jammu this morning while one of them crashed near Parangal area in Assar and fell into river Chenab at around 1315 hrs," police sources said. Sources said two pilots are reportedly missing and more details are awaited.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct30/newsupdate.htm#1>