

[Only bean-spilling spooks can tell why](#)

Dawn, 1 September 2009

ISLAMABAD, Aug 31: Brigadier (retd) Imtiaz Ahmed, or others like him who served in the security services over the past three decades, may alone know the real reason for re-igniting the controversies regarding their role in the making and breaking of political parties, alliances and governments, and of institutionalising corruption in the country's politics. It is unclear whether this was his intention but the retired brigadier, known as Imtiaz 'Billa (the cat)' in the army circles of yesteryear, has done one great service to this nation.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/only-beanspilling-spooks-can-tell-why-199>

[Musharraf, two PPP ministers summoned in Benazir case](#)

Dawn, 1 September 2009

LAHORE, Aug 31: Justice Ijaz Ahmed Chaudhry of the Lahore High Court issued on Monday notices to Gen (retd) Pervez Musharraf, Interior Minister Rehman Malik, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Dr Babar Awan, former Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi and 12 others for Sept 28 on an application seeking registration of an FIR against them for their alleged involvement in the assassination of Benazir Bhutto. The petition filed by Ms Bhutto's former protocol officer Chaudhry Muhammad Aslam was fixed before Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa but he declined to hear it saying one of the respondents was his relative

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/musharraf%2C-two-ppp-ministers-summoned-in-benazir-case-199>

['Smear campaign' against Nawaz Sharif: PML-N gives 48-hour ultimatum to PPP](#)

Dawn, 1 September 2009

LAHORE, Aug 31: Accusing the presidency of backing a 'smear campaign' against former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistan Muslim League-N on Monday gave a 48-hour ultimatum to the Pakistan People's Party to stop the drive or be ready for a befitting response. "All the leads are pointing towards the presidency. So far we have been restraining ourselves for the sake of democracy and the Charter of Democracy, but if the drive does not come to a halt within 48 hours, we'll give a befitting reply," PML-N information secretary Ahsan Iqbal said at a press conference

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/smear-campaign-against-nawaz-sharif-pmln-gives-48hour-ultimatum-to-ppp-199>

[Pakistan not serious about punishing 26/11 plotters: PC Hindustan Times, 2 September 2009](#)

Days after India handed over a fresh dossier to help make out a case against Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed, Home Minister P Chidambaram slammed Pakistan for not acting against the perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. India has already given half-a -dozen dossiers and clarifications to Islamabad over the last eight months on the role of Pakistani citizens in the Mumbai attack "Pakistan is not serious about prosecuting and punishing those responsible for perpetrating the Mumbai attack," he told a press conference. Chidambaram also said the terror infrastructure, that was used to carry out attacks like the one in Mumbai, was intact. "That is my complaint against Pakistan and that is my disappointment with Pakistan," he said

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Pakistan-not-serious-about-punishing-26-11-plotters-PC/H1-Article1-449335.aspx>

Pakistan rapidly ramping up India-specific nuclear arsenal

Times of India, 2 September 2009

WASHINGTON: Pakistan's rapidly ramped up nuclear arsenal is now 70-90 strong with increasingly sophisticated bomb designs and smart delivery systems aimed primarily at India, two US researchers have said, even as Islamabad is running from pillar to post seeking foreign aid to stem an economic collapse. In a paper written for the Bulletin for Atomic Scientists, Robert Norris of the Natural Resources Defense Council and Hans Kristensen of the Federation of American Scientists say Pakistan is "busily enhancing its capabilities across the board," with new nuclear-capable ballistic missiles being readied for deployment, and two nuclear capable cruise missiles under development

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Pakistan-rapidly-ramping-up-India-specific-nuclear-arsenal/articleshow/4961056.cms>

Troops take on militants in Bara

News, 2 September 2009

BARA/PESHAWAR: At least nine suspected militants were confirmed dead as security forces launched a massive operation in the Bara sub-division of Khyber Agency on Tuesday. The security forces and political administration, however, claimed killing 40 militants during the swoop, codenamed Bia Daraghlam (here I come again) launched in the aftermath of a spate of beheading in the lawless region

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24253

Establishment — the main target in current fiasco

News, 2 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: No matter who has authored the script of the ongoing Brig Imtiaz tamasha, engulfing the political arena, the establishment that includes the military-led intelligence agencies and the Pakistan Army have emerged as the main villains, presumably as the authors of the fiasco wanted. Nawaz Sharif and his party are uncomfortable; demand for Musharraf's trial has been sidetracked at least for the time being; the MQM gets into a position where it believes that its

stand is vindicated but the Jinnahpur controversy also created an opportunity for its opponents for a much open criticism of the party and its policies; the issues like the scrapping of 17th Amendment have now become more complex with the two leading parties setting up for a political confrontation after the PML-N finds the Presidency behind the current smear campaign against its top leadership

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24254

MQM shifts blame for 1992 operation from military to Nawaz News, 2 September 2009

LAHORE: The much trumpeted 1992 operation clean-up in Sindh had actually been launched against the backdrop of the infamous 'Major Kaleem kidnapping case', when a serving Army major was abducted and tortured, allegedly by a group of activists belonging to the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (which was then known as the Muhajir Qaumi Movement). While the MQM leadership has recently blamed former prime minister Nawaz Sharif for the 1992 operation and asked him to apologise for the atrocities committed during his tenure, it remains a fact that the MQM high command had held at that time the military leadership responsible for the action, saying it actually wanted to avenge the honour of Major Kaleemuddin

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24255

Brig Imtiaz takes Rehman Malik to task News, 2 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: Former Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief Brig (ret'd) Imtiaz Ahmed has said that Nawaz Sharif, as prime minister, never gave him any target for the character assassination or persecution of politicians or opponents. "During my tenure in the IB, only once Mian Nawaz Sharif referred a case to me at the request of Arbab Ghulam Rahim, who met me but I excused and the prime minister did not ask me about that case again," said Brig (ret'd) Imtiaz, who has caused a stir in the national politics by making some 'controversial' disclosures, in an exclusive talk with this correspondent at his residence here on Tuesday

Seek apology to save your neck, Abdullah tells Musharraf News, 3 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: Former president Pervez Musharraf's visit to Saudi Arabia has turned out to be a fiasco since he failed in persuading the Saudi authorities to secure clemency from his detractors in Pakistan, particularly the Sharif family. Instead, the Saudi authorities have advised him to seek pardon and tender an unconditional apology for his unconstitutional acts directly from the people who had to suffer due to his actions during his days in power

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24280

Audacious attack on minister in capital; driver killed Dawn, 3 September 2009

ISLAMABAD, Sept 2: Religious Affairs Minister Hamid Saeed Kazmi was injured in a brazen attack here on Wednesday. His driver was killed and a police guard injured. The assailants attacked the minister's car when he was leaving his ministry at G-6/3, some yards away from the Aabpara police station, along with his driver Mohammad Younus and guard Mohammad Ashraf

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/audacious-attack-on-minister-in-capital-driver-killed-399>

[Order lifting curbs on A.Q. Khan suspended](#)

Dawn, 3 September 2009

LAHORE, Sept 2: The Lahore High Court suspended on Wednesday its earlier decision lifting restrictions on the movement of nuclear scientist Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan. A division bench comprising Mian Saqib Nisar and Justice M. Khalid Alvi suspended the order passed by a single-judge bench on Friday and accepted an intra-court appeal of the federal government for regular hearing

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/order-lifting-curbs-on-a.q.-khan-suspended-399>

[Pakistan disturbed at reports of India planning nuclear test](#)

Hindu, 4 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday picked up the cry about a suspected Indian plan to conduct another nuclear test, and said it hoped that a moratorium on nuclear testing in the region since 1998 would continue to be observed. "We are obviously disturbed by the reports that India might be considering to conduct an additional nuclear test," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Abdul Basit

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/04/stories/2009090460931300.htm>

[Latest Indian dossier on 26/11 'rehash' of previous info: Pak](#)

Times of India, 4 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday described the latest dossier provided by India on the Mumbai attacks as a "rehash of information" contained in previous documents, indicating that it is inadequate for taking action against LeT founder Hafiz Mohammad Saeed. "The last dossier from India was a rehash of information received in previous dossiers," Foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit told a weekly news briefing

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Latest-Indian-dossier-on-26/11-rehash-of-previous-info-Pak/articleshow/4969793.cms>

[The return of the Daylight Jackals](#)

News, 4 September 2009

WASHINGTON/ISLAMABAD: The main characters of the famous 'Midnight Jackals' operation of the late 1989 Benazir era have now

returned to the TV screens and front pages of newspapers to speak about their adventures, blaming everybody else but themselves, and portraying themselves in their new role as great promoters of truth and honesty

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24299

[Informant in ministry aided assailants, says Malik](#)

Dawn, 4 September 2009

ISLAMABAD, Sept 3: Police investigators are looking at all possible links to Wednesday's gun attack on Religious Affairs Minister Hamid Saeed Kazmi in which he was injured and his driver killed. So far four prime suspects have been taken into custody and the investigators are trying to trace the facilitator who, they believe, was in Islamabad at the time of the attack.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/informant-in-ministry-aided-assailants,-says-malik-499>

[Ecneec approves 20 projects worth Rs260bn](#)

News, 4 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) on Thursday approved, among other things, the Karachi Circular Railway project at a cost of Rs128.60 billion. Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin chaired the meeting. The execution of the project, however, has been linked to the third-party evaluation to ensure transparency and best utilisation of the state funds, Information Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira told a press briefing after the meeting

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24298

[Army chief: Pakistan going beyond degree of deterrence](#)

Times of India, 4 September 2009

"There is a difference between having a degree deterrence, which is required for protection, and going beyond that. If the news reports of (Pakistan) having 70 to 90 atomic bombs are correct, then I think they are going well beyond the requirement of deterrence," said Gen Kapoor, who was speaking during his visit to the army's Artificial Limb Centre (ALC) at Wanowrie in Pune

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Army-chief-Pakistan-going-beyond-degree-of-deterrence/articleshow/4966246.cms>

[Operation in Khyber](#)

Dawn, 5 September 2009

WHILE the country is distracted by politicians run amok, a potentially key military operation has got underway in Bara, Khyber Agency against the Lashkar-i-Islam and other criminal elements. Early reports suggest that Operation Biya Daraghlam (Here I Come Again) is going well. Until the present operation the Lashkar-i-Islam operated in the area with impunity, terrorising the locals, in

particular the artist community, medical professionals and religious minorities.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/editorial/operation-in-khyber-599>

[Punjab to implement LHC order: Shahbaz](#)
News, 5 September 2009

LAHORE: Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said the decision of the Lahore High Court regarding sugar will benefit the consumers and the Punjab government will implement this order. He said sugar is already being sold in Ramazan bazaars at Rs 40 per kg whereas 10 kg flour bag is available at Rs 100 and 20 kg for Rs 200. He was addressing a meeting regarding implementation of the decision of the Lahore High Court with regard to the sale of sugar at Rs 40 per kg at the Chief Minister's Secretariat on Friday

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24318

[Talks only after action by Pakistan: Krishna](#)
Hindu, 6 September 2009

BANGALORE: External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna on Saturday blamed Pakistan for the "abrupt suspension" of the composite dialogue and said talks would resume only if Islamabad satisfied New Delhi's requirements by acting sternly against those responsible for the Mumbai terror attacks. Pakistan recently blamed India for the delay in resumption of talks between the Foreign Secretaries and said restarting dialogue would benefit both countries

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/06/stories/2009090657580100.htm>

[MQM chief calls for trial of dictators, collaborators](#)
Dawn, 6 September 2009

ISLAMABAD, Sept 5: Muttahida Qaumi Movement chief Altaf Hussain has called for trial of all dictators who subverted the Constitution under Article 6 and their supporters, "including those from the judiciary". In a telephonic address from London to an Iftar dinner for journalists here on Saturday, he said parliament should have concentrated on resolving basic problems confronting the people instead of wasting months on discussions on Article 6, which deals with high treason

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/mqm-chief-calls-for-trial-of-dictators,-collaborators-699>

[43 militants killed in Khyber operation](#)
Dawn, 6 September 2009

LANDI KOTAL, Sept 5: Another 43 militants were killed in Bara tehsil of Khyber Agency on the fifth day of the operation "Here I come again". According to military sources, 35 militants were killed on Saturday when helicopter gunships shelled bases of the outlawed

Lashkar-i-Islam in Sandan area of Tirah valley and Gogrina village in Bazaar-Zakhakhel area. Paramilitary troops and artillery units also took part in the operation

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/43-militants-killed-in-khyber-operation-699>

[Pakistan wants ties with India on equal footing: Gilani](#)
News, 6 September 2009

KARACHI: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has said Pakistan wants relations with India on an equal footing and sought resumption of proper dialogue with India. "We want relations with India on an equal basis and it is our resolve that we will not allow our soil to be used for terrorism. Therefore, we want a proper dialogue to be resumed as in the present situation, the terrorists are getting benefit of the situation," he said

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24342

[NWFP, Balochistan want provincial autonomy](#)
News, 6 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: The nationalist parties from Balochistan and NWFP, including the ANP, have linked the repealing of the 17th Amendment with granting of autonomy to the provinces. According to sources, during the three-day proceedings of the Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Reforms that ended on Saturday the nationalist parties made it clear that there would be "give and take" on the issue of repealing the 17th Amendment

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24351

[PPP committee recommends withdrawal of cases: Amnesty plan ready for Balochistan](#)
Dawn, 11 September 2009

ISLAMABAD, Sept 10: The government has decided to withdraw cases against Baloch leaders and grant general amnesty to political prisoners and those who are in exile or allegedly involved in anti-state activities. Sources associated with the Balochistan Committee of Pakistan People's Party said recommendations of the committee had been approved by President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/ppp-committee-recommends-withdrawal-of-cases-amnesty-plan-ready-for-balochistan-199>

[ISI chief at Indian HC's party](#)
Dawn, 11 September 2009

ISLAMABAD, Sept 10: Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Lt-Gen Ahmed Shuja Pasha created ripples in diplomatic circles by attending an iftar-dinner hosted by Indian High Commissioner

Sharat Sabharwal at a hotel here on Thursday. Lt-Gen Pasha was possibly the most senior Pakistani official at the event, which was also attended by Foreign Office personnel, retired diplomats, government officials, artists, businessmen and a large number of journalists

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/isi-chief-at-indian-hcs-party-199>

'We don't have luxury of time': Zardari rejects US Af-Pak strategy

Dawn, 11 September 2009

ISLAMABAD, Sept 10: President Asif Ali Zardari has rejected the Obama administration's strategy of linking the policy on Pakistan and Afghanistan in an effort to end a Taliban insurgency and bring stability to the region. President Barack Obama earlier this year appointed senior diplomat Richard Holbrooke as his special representative to Pakistan and Afghanistan in a move intended to address the two states as a single arena of conflict

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/we-dont-have-luxury-of-time-zardari-rejects-us-afpak-strategy-199>

'Taliban active in 97pc of Afghanistan'

Dawn, 11 September 2009

SINGAPORE, Sept 10: The Taliban had a significant presence in almost every corner of Afghanistan, data from a think tank showed on Thursday. A security map by policy research group the International Council on Security and Development (ICOS) showed a deepening security crisis with substantial Taliban activity in at least 97 per cent of the country.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/taliban-active-in-97pc-of-afghanistan-199>

Security threats from Pakistan have not lessened: Chidambaram

Hindu, 12 September 2009

Washington: Security threats to India from militant groups operating from Pakistani soil have not diminished, Home Minister P. Chidambaram said on Friday. He also said that there was an increase in infiltration from Pakistan in the last four months. He conveyed New Delhi's concerns during meetings with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and top security officials of the Obama administration

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/12/stories/2009091258020100.htm>

BSF strikes back as Pak fires rockets into Punjab border **Times of India, 12 September 2009**

AMRITSAR: Pushed to the wall by Pakistan on Friday night, when it reportedly fired two rockets into border villages of Punjab — the second such provocation in two months — India for the time is said to have struck back with machine guns. The unsettling attack from a belligerent neighbour came on a day when the Border Security Force had deployed its first batch of women along the border. No causality was reported till news last came in at 11.45 pm, stating that Pakistan had fired three more rockets which were yet to be traced

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/BSF-strikes-back-as-Pak-fires-rockets-into-Punjab-border/articleshow/5001451.cms>

[Swat Taliban mouthpiece, top commander captured](#)

Dawn, 12 September 2009

PESHAWAR, Sept 11: The military said on Friday it had arrested Muslim Khan, the spokesman for the Swat-based Taliban, and four other senior commanders from the outskirts of Mingora, the headquarters of Swat district. Reports varied about the circumstances leading to the capture of the 55-year-old public face of militancy in Swat

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/swat-taliban-mouthpiece,-top-commander-captured-299>

[Balochistan package](#)

News, 12 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has said the parliamentary committee on Balochistan set up by the government has already finalised its report and recommendations and the government will take further action after consultation with other political leaders and stakeholders.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24479

[India lodges protest against rocket attacks](#)

Hindu, 13 September 2009

NEW DELHI: India on Saturday lodged a protest with Pakistan over the rocket attacks from its side on Friday night. The rockets exploded on farm land in the Attari area of Amritsar district of Punjab. "There were four rocket attacks from Pakistan at about 10 p.m. The BSF immediately retaliated with machine gun and mortar fire," BSF DIG Mohammed Aqueel told The Hindu on the phone from Amritsar. The 107 mm rockets fell on paddy fields and their impact was reduced in rain and water. He said there was no loss of life or damage to property

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/13/stories/2009091357100100.htm>

[LeT behind Pak rocket fire?](#)

Times of India, 13 September 2009

AMRITSAR: Lashkar-e-Taiba has emerged as the main suspect

behind the Friday night's rocket fire into Indian villages from Pakistan side after Pak Rangers claimed their troops had no role in the incident. Four rockets had smashed into villages in Punjab, shattering the late night calm as they exploded in the fields and triggered a major scare. The attack had forced BSF — perhaps for the first time — to retaliate with machine gun and mortar fire

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/LeT-behind-Pak-rocket-fire/articleshow/5004651.cms>

[India's train service proposal approved](#)

Dawn, 13 September 2009

ISLAMABAD, Sept 12: The Ministry of Railways has technically approved an Indian proposal to launch a South Asian regional train service between Bangladesh, India and Pakistan and the proposal has been forwarded to the ministry of foreign affairs and the commerce ministry for further evaluation. The proposal had been floated by the Indian railways two weeks ago, officials said.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/indias-train-service-proposal-approved-399>

[PN gets frigate built in China](#)

Dawn, 13 September 2009

KARACHI, Sept 12: The first F-22 P frigate of the Pakistan Navy, PNS Zulfiquar, constructed in China, arrived here on Saturday and took part in the ongoing naval exercises in the Arabian Sea. The ship was welcomed by the PN surface and aviation units conducting exercises. PNS Zulfiquar also participated in its very first naval exercises, which were witnessed by the Commander of Pakistan Fleet, Rear Admiral Asif Sandila

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/pn-gets-frigate-built-in-china-399>

[Policeman among three injured in suicide attack](#)

Dawn, 13 September 2009

KOHAT, Sept 12: A police official and two civilians were injured when a suicide bomber blew himself up at the gate of the Doaba police station in Hangu on Saturday night. According to the police, a teenager was asked to stop when he approached the police station. But, he started running towards the main gate when the guards opened fire at him and blew himself up

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/policeman-among-three-injured-in-suicide-attack-399>

[Lashkar, Jaish still active: Chidambaram](#)

Hindu, 15 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Expressing concern over cross-border terrorism, Union

Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Monday cautioned that terrorist groups, including the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), were persisting in their attempts to launch terror attacks against India with the support they found among disgruntled elements within India

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/15/stories/2009091557580100.htm>

Pakistan asks India to share "actionable" intelligence
Hindu, 15 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, once again, reminded India on Monday of the agreement at Sharm-el-Sheikh to share "actionable" intelligence to prevent future terrorist attacks, and urged re-activation of the joint anti-terror mechanism and composite dialogue for "pragmatic co-operation" in dealing with terrorism. The reminder came after remarks by Home Minister P. Chidambaram about the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed planning possible terror strikes against India

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/15/stories/2009091557520100.htm>

Drone strike kills five in Waziristan
Dawn, 15 September 2009

MIRAMSHAH, Sept 14: Five people were killed and three others injured when missiles fired from a drone hit a car in a village in Mirali tehsil of North Waziristan on Monday. The attack which took place at dawn also damaged several houses in the village of Khushali Torikhel. Local people who retrieved bodies from the wreckage, said the drone continued to hover over the area after the attack

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/drone-strike-kills-five-in-waziristan-599>

Infiltration rising: Manmohan
Hindu, 16 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Sounding a note of caution against certain "worrisome developments" having an impact on internal security, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday said infiltration from across the Line of Control and also via Nepal, Bangladesh and the sea was going up. "Encounters with armed militants have become more frequent in recent weeks and months. Secessionist and militant groups within the State are again attempting to make common cause with outside elements and have embarked on a series of protest movements."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/16/stories/2009091657780100.htm>

US aid not misused: Musharraf
Dawn, 16 September 2009

WASHINGTON, Sept 15: Former president Gen (ret'd) Pervez Musharraf on Tuesday denied saying that while he was in power, he allowed using US military aid to Pakistan to strengthen its defences

against India. In a statement issued in Philadelphia, Mr Musharraf said the issue highlighted by some Indian leaders and media was not even raised in the interview. The former president is currently in the United States on a lecture tour

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/us-aid-not-misused-musharraf-699>

[PML-N asks govt to explain 'exit deal'](#)

Dawn, 16 September 2009

ISLAMABAD, Sept 15: The revelation by President Asif Ali Zardari that the 'safe exit' of former president Gen (ret'd) Pervez Musharraf was the result of a 'deal' arranged by international powers has once again brought the ruling PPP and the opposition PML-N at loggerheads, with the latter asking the president to take parliament into confidence.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/pmln-asks-govt-to-explain-exit-deal-699>

[Kaira takes oath as Gilgit-Baltistan governor](#)

News, 16 September 2009

GILGIT: Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Northern Areas (KANA) and Information and Broadcasting Qamar Zaman Kaira took oath as the first governor of Gilgit-Baltistan here on Tuesday. Chief Judge Gilgit-Baltistan Chief Court Justice Muhammad Nawaz administered the oath to the governor

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24571

[149 militants in Swat surrender](#)

Dawn, 16 September 2009

MINGORA / BATKHELA, Sept 14: Six bullet-riddled bodies, believed to be of militants, were found in Charbagh, Matta and Khwazakhela areas of Swat on Monday. At least 105 suspected militants surrendered in Kanju and 44 in Matta. According to the ISPR, 16 terrorists and a soldier were killed during the Rah-i-Rast operation in the Malakand division

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/149-militants-in-swat-surrender-599>

[Balochistan hopeful of consensus on NFC award](#)

Dawn, 21 September 2009

QUETTA: Sept 20: Punjab is demonstrating flexibility on the issue of considering resource constraints and under-development in distribution of national resources, according to Balochistan Finance Minister Mir Asim Kurd Gailo. Talking to newsmen at the Chief Minister's Secretariat after a reception hosted by Chief Minister Nawab Mohammad Aslam Raisani on Sunday night, Mr Gailo

expressed the hope that a consensus would develop among provinces on the National Finance Commission award

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/balochistan-hopeful-of-consensus-on-nfc-award-199>

[Curfew in Hangu](#)

Dawn, 21 September 2009

KOHAT, Sept 20: District authorities imposed a curfew in Hangu bazaar after four people were killed and several others injured in clashes between two sectarian groups on Sunday. The trouble started when saboteurs blew up four shops in the main bazaar early in the morning and started firing

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/curfew-in-hangu-199>

[Riaz likely special envoy for back-channel talks: Qureshi](#)

Dawn, 21 September 2009

LONDON, Sept 20: Pakistan is considering naming a former top diplomat as a special envoy for informal peace talks with India, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said. Mr Qureshi told Reuters Pakistan might appoint former foreign secretary Riaz Mohammad Khan to handle the informal dialogue known as 'back-channel diplomacy'

[Chidambaram wants Pakistan to question Saeed on 26/11](#)

Hindu, 22 September 2009

CHENNAI: Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Monday demanded that Pakistan question Hafiz Saeed, founder-leader of the Jamat-ud-Dawa/Laskhar-e-Taiba, for the November last Mumbai terror attacks. Asked whether India was satisfied with Pakistan's action against him, he said: "He has been charged under two FIRs unrelated to 26/11 [the Mumbai attacks]. If this is a face-saving technique, I have no objection. My demand is that he be interrogated for the 26/11 attacks... on his role in the 26/11 attacks."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/22/stories/2009092257730100.htm>

[Army close to winning anti-terror war: COAS](#)

Dawn, 24 September 2009

WANA/TANK, Sept 23: The army is close to winning the war against terrorism and it will guarantee national security without letting anyone cast an evil eye on Pakistan, says Chief of the Army Staff General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani. Addressing army Jawans during a visit to South Wazirisitan and Tank on Wednesday, Gen Kayani praised the soldiers' devotion and dedication and said that the strategy adopted by the army and people's support had led to the dismantling of the terror network

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content->

library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/army-close-to-winning-antiterror-war-coas-499

[Obama pledges to defeat Al Qaeda](#)

Dawn, 24 September 2009

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 23: US President Barack Obama pledged on Wednesday to defeat Al Qaeda and said the United States would permit no safe havens for terrorists to launch attacks from Afghanistan or any other country. "The violent extremists who promote conflict by distorting faith have discredited and isolated themselves," the US president told the 192-member UN General Assembly.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/obama-pledges-to-defeat-al-qaeda-499>

[US general criticises Indian influence in Afghanistan](#)

Dawn, 24 September 2009

WASHINGTON, Sept 23: India's increasing influence in Afghanistan is jeopardizing US efforts to defeat the Taliban and Al Qaeda extremists, warns Gen Stanley McChrystal, the top US and Nato commander in the war-ravaged country. The suggestion to scale back India's growing influence in Afghanistan is included in an assessment submitted to US President Barack Obama on Wednesday

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/us-general-criticises-indian-influence-in-afghanistan-499>

[Assisting Pakistan a priority: Japan](#)

Dawn, 25 September 2009

NEW YORK, Sept 24: Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada has assured Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi of his government's commitment to reconstruction and economic assistance for Pakistan. Mr Okada, who became Japanese foreign minister just days ago, said during a meeting with Mr Qureshi here that the newly elected government in Tokyo assigned top priority to cooperation with Pakistan and Afghanistan

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/assisting-pakistan-a-priority-japan-599>

[Does India favour talks with Taliban?](#)

Dawn, 25 September 2009

NEW DELHI, Sept 24: Has India changed its stance towards a military solution to end the bloody rebellion in Afghanistan? In his interview to the Wall Street Journal in New York, Indian Foreign Minister S. M. Krishna appeared to canvass for a political solution for the Afghan violence, but his ministry on Thursday said he was

misquoted

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/does-india-favour-talks-with-taliban-599>

[Eight killed in drone attack](#)

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MIRAMSHAH, Oct 24: Eight people were killed and two others injured when two missiles fired by a drone hit the Markaz of Afghan com mander Ahmad Haqqani, son of Jalaluddin Haqqani, in Dandi Derpakhel area of North Waziristan on Thursday night. The area is a stronghold of the Taliban and Jalaluddin Haqqani is believed to be living here. Jalaluddin Haqqani, it may be mentioned, was a minister in the Taliban government of Afghanistan. —Correspondent

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[Army to support initiative: 12,000-strong lashkar to be formed in Swat](#)

Dawn, 25 September 2009

MINGORA, Sept 24: About 10,000 people of Kabal tehsil assembled at Saidu Sharif airport on Thursday and decided to raise a lashkar to help security forces clear the area of militants.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/army-to-support-initiative-12,000strong-lashkar-to-be-formed-in-swat-599>

["Give us some time to probe Saeed's role in 26/11"](#)

Hindu, 25 September 2009

New York: Ahead of two key bilateral meetings here, Pakistan on Thursday sought more time to investigate the role of detained Jamat-ud-Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed in the November last Mumbai terror attacks. It, however, claimed that India had so far provided it with only "leads" and not "credible tangible evidence."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/25/stories/2009092558660100.htm>

[India expresses concerns over latest US aid to Pak](#)
Hindustan Times, 25 September 2009

With the US Senate voting to triple the non-military aid to Pakistan at \$1.5 billion, India on Friday once again expressed concern over such funds being diverted by Islamabad to support hostile operations against it. External Affairs Minister S M Krishna, who is here to participate in the opening session of United Nation General Assembly, said New Delhi was concerned as former Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf had himself disclosed that US aid to fight terrorists were used to bolster defences against India

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/americas/India-expresses-concerns-over-latest-US-aid-to-Pak/Article1-457818.aspx>

[Zardari urges world to do more for terror-hit people](#)
News, 26 September 2009

NEW YORK: President Asif Ali Zardari, stressing that Pakistan's democracy has begun to deliver, on Friday urged the world to do more for peace and development of the people affected by militancy and terror. Addressing the United Nations General Assembly, the president said: "We are doing more in our self-interest. We urge the world democracies to do more for peace and for the development of people affected by militancy and terror."

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24699

[FoDP's next focus is Pak energy crisis](#)
News, 26 September 2009

NEW YORK: Recognising Pakistani people's sufferings due to the prolonged electricity shortfalls, the Friends of Democratic Pakistan (FoDP) said in a statement Thursday that its next focus will be to support Pakistan's efforts in formulating a sustainable, integrated energy plan. A joint statement issued by US President Barack Obama, President Asif Ali Zardari and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the participants agreed to assist and support for Pakistan's economic and human development

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24702

[Four promoted as lieutenant generals](#)
News, 26 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: Four major generals have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant generals, including Maj-Gen Shafqat, former military secretary to Gen (ret'd) Pervez Musharraf. The other three are Maj-Gen Khalid Nawaz, Commandant Staff College Quetta, Maj-Gen Alam Khattak, Deputy Chief of General Staff (DCGS) and Maj-Gen Sardar Mehmood, DG Military Training and an international basketball player

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24704

[A lot to go on managing the aid](#)

News, 26 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: An amount of \$175 million from the total US assistance to be provided in the next five years to Pakistan under the Kerry-Lugar Bill will be spent on implementing the provisions. The Pakistan assistance specific bill triples annual assistance to Islamabad to \$1.5 billion and decouples it from the military aid. It represents a stick and carrot policy

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24707

[Pashto film released in Swat on Eid day](#)

Dawn, 26 September 2009

MINGORA, Sept 23: Film shows and other forms of entertainment returned to Swat district on Monday, after about three years. On the first day of Eid a new Pashto film was released in two cinema halls which ran three daily shows. Authorities did not allow the late-night show because of curfew. Another cinema house is likely to reopen in a few days

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