

[Pak-Afghan border needs a fence like US-Mexico: Gilani](#)

News, 4 July 2009

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Friday sought the support of the United States to work out a permanent solution for uncontrolled, illegal crossings, particularly of militants and terrorists, and drug trafficking across the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Gilani was talking to US Secretary for Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, who called on him here at the PM House on Friday. Referring to Janet's initiative, as governor of Arizona, of erecting a wall between the US and Mexico border, the prime minister said a similar pattern of fencing between Pakistan and Afghanistan could be implemented to stop infiltration and drug trafficking

[Running Out Of Options, Afghans Pay For an Exit](#)

New York Times, 4 July 2009

KABUL, Afghanistan — Through two decades of war, Abdul Ahad never contemplated leaving Afghanistan. But as his country started to deteriorate rapidly in 2007, so did his life. He was laid off from his full-time driving job and forced to take the only work he could find

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/05/world/asia/05smuggle.html?_r=1&ref=world

[Insurgents Step Up Attacks on Marines](#)

Washington Post, 5 July 2009

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan, July 3 -- Taliban insurgents stepped up attacks Friday against U.S. Marines in southern Afghanistan's Helmand River valley, forcing troops in some areas to spend the day fighting instead of carrying out plans to meet with residents and local leaders

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/07/03/AR2009070300877.html>

[Sarkozy links Afghan success to Pakistan](#)

Daily Times, 9 July 2009

PARIS: French President Nicolas Sarkozy said on Wednesday the international community will not succeed in Afghanistan if it fails in Pakistan. "I will go to Pakistan before the end of the year," Sarkozy said in an interview with France 5 television to be broadcast on Monday. "Pakistan is a nuclear power and we cannot allow it to fall into terrorists' hands," Sarkozy warned. "France supports the Pakistani authorities," he added. "We have launched an in-depth collaboration. It is in our interest that Pakistan succeeds in its struggle against the Taliban." Pakistani troops have been pressing a battle to dislodge the Taliban that has displaced nearly two million people. Washington alleges the Taliban hide out in the mountains of Pakistan along the Afghan border, plotting attacks on Western targets in Afghanistan

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\07\09\story_9-7-2009_pg7_11

[Suspected US missile attack kills three](#)

Dawn, 11 July 2009

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, July 10: A suspected US missile strike hit a communications centre of the Taliban on Friday, killing at least three people, intelligence officials said. The attack was the latest in a string of similar strikes by suspected US drone aircraft in recent weeks to target Baitullah Mehsud and his network of militants. Two missiles struck a communications centre on Friday night belonging to Mehsud's group in the Paindakhel region of South Waziristan, three intelligence officials said on condition of anonymity

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/suspected-us-missile-attack-kills-three-179>

[Criticism of Afghan War Is on the Rise in Britain](#)

New York Times, 12 July 2009

LONDON — Just as President Obama's plan to sharply increase American troop strength in Afghanistan gets into high gear, Britain's involvement in the war has come under the fiercest criticism yet at home as a result of a steep increase in British casualties, including the deaths of 15 soldiers in the past 10 days. The latest losses are the heaviest British forces have suffered in any comparable period since the 1982 Falklands war. With the Defense Ministry's announcement of eight soldiers' deaths on Friday, Britain's toll in Afghanistan is now 184 killed, five more than its total losses in Iraq, where Britain's combat commitment ended this spring

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/12/world/europe/12britain.html?_r=1&ref=asia

[Can the National Police provide security in Afghanistan?](#)

Christian Science Monitor, 12 July 2009

JALREZ, AFGHANISTAN - To expand their influence beyond district centers and into the surrounding countryside, the US will need a massive troop increase, soldiers here say. But short of that, they say they must rely on their Afghan allies – the Afghan National Army (ANA) and the Afghan National Police (ANP). Troops speak glowingly about the ANA, which they say is developing into a competent, professional force. But they have deep reservations about the ANP

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/0709/p06s02-wosc.html>

[Kabul, Islamabad agree to boost border controls](#)

News, 19 July 2009

KABUL: Afghanistan and Pakistan vowed on Saturday to work together in the fight against an insurgency gripping both nations, promising boosted border controls and closer cooperation on arresting terror suspects. Interior Minister Rehman Malik told a press conference held jointly with his Afghan counterpart, Mohammad Anif Atmar, that mistakes had been made "by both sides in the past" in the fight against militants.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=23338

[Poll candidate among 39 dead in Afghan unrest](#)

News, 20 July 2009

JALALABAD, Afghanistan: A provincial election candidate and two policemen were killed in separate attacks in Afghanistan on Sunday, officials said, while 35 militants have died in commando raids. On Sunday, provincial council candidate Jan Mohammad was killed when gunmen attacked him as he campaigned in northern Kunduz province, provincial governor's spokes-man Mahbubullah Saidi

said. Mohammad is the third provincial election candidate to be killed since registration for the polls in May. The defence ministry, meanwhile, announced that Afghan commandos backed by international forces and war planes had killed 35 rebels in raids on the Taliban hideouts in the southern province of Kandahar

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=23361

[Two US troops killed in Afghanistan](#)

Dawn, 25 July 2009

KABUL, July 24: Fighting killed two US soldiers and 12 militants in Afghanistan, where foreign troop deaths have soared to record highs, officials said on Friday. The Nato soldiers were killed as a result of a militant attack in southern Afghanistan, the alliance said in a statement

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/two-us-troops-killed-in-afghanistan-579>

[Movement of US, Nato troops worries Waziristan tribes](#)

News, 26 July 2009

PESHAWAR/MIRAMSHAH: The movement of Afghanistan-based US and Nato troops over the past few days close to North and South Waziristan Agencies has frightened tribesmen, who are already under stress due to the increasing number of drone attacks and a possible military operation by the Pakistan Army. Official and tribal sources informed The News from the border villages of North Waziristan about the unusual movement of what they termed ihuge numberi of the US and Nato forces along the Pak-Afghan border. They said the Nato troops were armed with helicopter gunships, tanks and armoured personnel carriers (APCs) and had started establishing camps and checkpoints along the border

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=23487