

The Times of India, 1 April 2007

**Arrest of two Indians may hurt nuke deal**

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: On March 23, when Indian and US officials were getting ready to negotiate the 123 Agreement to allow India access to US nuclear and dual-use technology, two Indians were arrested in the US for supplying high-tech components to India's strategic establishments in violation of US Arms Export Control Act. This latest twist to the Indian nuclear story could have a very damaging impact on the Indian nuclear deal.

Hindustan Times, 1 April 2007

**India, US contain damage from tech smuggling case**

New York City, March 31: The US State Department informed both the Indian embassy in Washington and the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on Tuesday that the FBI had arrested two people of Indian origin for allegedly exporting dual use technology to Indian agencies involved in missile and rocket development.

The Hindu, 1 April 2007

**'U.S. acted in good faith in 123 talks'**

WASHINGTON: The United States has said it acted in good faith in the negotiations on the proposed 123 agreement with India to operationalise civil nuclear cooperation.

Deccan Herald, 1 April 2007

**More talks on nuclear deal**

Washington: The key US negotiator on the India-US nuclear deal, Nicholas Burns, plans to take the path forward with the Indians at the political level after an in-house assessment of the just concluded Delhi round of talks.

The Tribune, 1 April 2007

**Australia-India uranium deal faces block**

Melbourne, March 31: With Australian Prime Minister signalling a possible uranium deal with India, the anti-nuclear lobby has ratchet up pressure by vociferously opposing any such move. Australian opposition political parties have been quick in taking a tough stand against Prime Minister for his 'recklessness'.

The Times of India, 1 April 2007

**Enlisting NAM's support on Iran issue top US priority**

BREMEN, March 31: EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana said on Saturday Arab countries planning to develop nuclear energy programmes must do so in keeping with a global pact aimed at stopping the spread of atomic weapons.

Dawn, 1 April 2007

**Arab states urged to uphold treaty on N-arms: EU backs peace initiative**

BREMEN, March 31: EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana said on Saturday Arab countries planning to develop nuclear energy programmes must do so in keeping with a global pact aimed at stopping the spread of atomic weapons.

The New York Times, 1 April 2007

**Inspector Lists Computers With Atomic Secrets as Missing**

WASHINGTON, March 30: The office in charge of protecting American technical secrets about nuclear weapons from foreign spies is missing 20 desktop computers, at least 14 of which have been used for classified information, the Energy Department inspector general reported on Friday.

The Tribune, 2 April 2007

**Russia can't help if N-deal fails: Envoy**

New Delhi, April 1: Russian Ambassador to India, V Trubnikov, said he was confident that the Indo-US civilian nuclear cooperation deal would fructify. But in case the deal fell through, he indicated that Russia would not be in a position to help India tide over the energy crisis. "We have international obligations to keep. We cannot ignore these obligations," was his terse reply.

The New York Times, 2 April 2007

**Common Defense**

The American plan to install the forward edge of its antimissile shield in Poland and the Czech Republic has raised memories of the great cold war struggle over America's decision to station medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe. Of course, back then the resistance was largely in the streets. This time most of the questioning is coming from within the governments of Germany and France.

Hindustan Times, 3 April 2007

**Taken for a ride**

A recurring theme in Indian foreign policy has been exuberance and embellishment followed by the painful dawn of realism and even disillusionment. Take the vaunted nuclear deal with the US. When it was sprung as a surprise on the nation in 2005, it came adorned with catchwords such as 'historic', 'path-breaking' and 'a diplomatic coup'. By 2006, that exhilaration had given way to hard realities. And now in 2007, misgivings have begun to smite the establishment.

The Hindu, 3 April 2007

**Australia ready to sell uranium to India**

MELBOURNE: Australian Prime Minister John Howard has expressed his willingness to sell uranium to India provided New Delhi adhered to strict safeguards, and said he would also back the India-U.S. nuclear deal.

The New York Times, 3 April 2007

**U.S. Cites Indian Government Agencies in Weapons Conspiracy**

WASHINGTON, April 2: The Justice Department, in an indictment disclosed Monday, charged that agencies of the Indian government participated in a conspiracy to sidestep United States export regulations and obtain secret weapons technology from American companies over several years.

The New York Times, 3 April 2007

### **Iran Says Bushehr Delays Show Need for Enrichment**

BUSHEHR: Iran said on Tuesday that any decision by Russia not to deliver atomic fuel to its first nuclear power station would show Tehran was right to press on with work to make its own fuel.

The Japan Times, 3 April 2007

### **Britain opts for new nukes**

Britain has decided to renew its nuclear deterrent. A parliamentary vote last month sharply divided the ruling Labor Party, forcing Prime Minister Tony Blair to rely on opposition Conservatives to pass the measure. Mr. Blair made his case by arguing that international uncertainty required Britain to be prepared for all security threats.

The Indian Express, 4 April 2007

### **Arrests not linked to efforts on n-deal, says US; court process on**

NEW YORK, April 3: Parthasarthy Sudarshan, CEO of Cirrus Electronics, who was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on March 23 on charges of allegedly exporting sensitive missile technology to three Indian defence establishments in violation of US laws, was produced in a District Court in Washington this afternoon.

Newindpress, 4 April 2007

### **Japan to take its own time to decide on Indo-US deal**

NEW DELHI: Japan on Tuesday said it was still "closely examining" the progress on India's civil nuclear deal with the US and will "take its own time" to decide on the issue.

Deccan Herald, 4 April 2007

### **Verification is key to FMCT**

After 11 years of paralysis, the Geneva-based Conference on Disarmament is slowly coming back to life. It is the principal multilateral body tasked to frame rules and treaties for making the world a safer place from the threat of nuclear and other weapons.

The Hindu, 4 April 2007

### **Nuclear plant to take up assault issue with State Government**

TIRUNELVELI: The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) has decided to take up the recent attack on its vehicles carrying the employees of Koodankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP) with the Chief Secretary and the Energy Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, in the next few days.

The Times of India, 4 April 2007

### **US spooks trip India over chip export**

WASHINGTON: More than 20 years ago, the chip firm Intel embarked on a project to produce an advanced microprocessor subsequently named the 1960. Introduced in the late 1980s, around the time India was embarking on its Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) project and with US commitment.

Deccan Herald, 4 April 2007

### **Iran row at critical stage**

London: British moves to get the international community to condemn Iran have angered Tehran while Britain has criticised the parading of its military personnel on Iranian television.

The New York Times, 4 April 2007

**N.Korea Unlikely to Meet Nuclear Deadline: Report**

TOKYO: Pyongyang is unlikely to meet a mid-April deadline to shut down a nuclear reactor as the United States and North Korea remain divided over a transfer of the North's funds in Macau, a Chinese envoy was quoted as saying on Wednesday.

Hindustan Times, 5 April 2007

**Mulford predicts a sweet and juicy future for India-US ties**

The first pilot batch of Indian mangoes will soon reach US stores. This was the sweetener at a 'Coffee with HT' session with the US ambassador to India, David Mulford at Hindustan Times House on Wednesday.

The Hindu, 5 April 2007

**Agni-III flight test soon**

HYDERABAD: The crucial flight trial of Agni-III, the nuclear capable long-range missile (beyond 3000 km), is expected to take place early next week, according to defence sources.

Hindustan Times, 5 April 2007

**America plans to attack Iran by end of April, says report**

The United States is planning to attack Iran's nuclear reactors and other nuclear facilities by the end of this month, the Kuwait-based Arab Times newspaper reported on Wednesday.

People's Daily, 5 April 2007

**NMD cools warming relations with Europe**

The US' attempt to deploy its National Missile Defense (NMD) system in Poland and the Czech Republic has triggered passionate debate in Europe. Some European politicians fear this issue could split Europe, or even the West as a whole.

Kuensel, 5 April 2007

**Integrated approach to bio-security**

4 April, 2007: The Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA) has developed a national bio-security framework to regulate food safety, animal and plant health. Biosecurity is a strategic and integrated approach to analysing and managing risks to humans, animals and plant life and associated risks to the environment.

The Indian Express, 6 April 2007

**US court denies Cirrus CEO bail, FBI says he was Govt agent**

Washington, April 5: A US District court today rejected the bail application of electronics firm Cirrus's CEO Parthasarathy Sudershan, who was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on charges of unlawful supply of banned computer chips to three

Indian defence establishments including the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre.

Asia Times, 6 April 2007

**Mushroom cloud over US-India nuclear talks**

BANGALORE: Even as the tortuous process of operationalizing India-US civilian nuclear cooperation entered a critical phase last week with the two sides beginning negotiations on the details of the bilateral agreement, a new bump has emerged on the road to finalizing the deal.

Dawn, 6 April 2007

**Iran to mark nuclear day**

TEHRAN: President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will visit the key Iranian nuclear plant in the central city of Natanz on Monday to mark the national day of nuclear technology.

Dawn, 6 April 2007

**Iran rejects suspension of N-plan**

TEHRAN, April 5: Iran's nuclear chief Ali Larijani has told the European Union there was no chance Tehran would suspend its programme of uranium enrichment, state television reported on Thursday.

The Tribune, 7 April 2007

**US court rejects Sudarshan's plea**

Washington, April 6: A US court has rejected the bail application of Singapore-based businessman Parthasarathy Sudarsan accused of violating numerous export control laws and shipping sensitive missile and space technology equipment to India.

The Hindu, 7 April 2007

**India to collaborate with South Africa, Brazil, in nanotechnology**

KALPAKKAM: A 12-member overseas delegation is at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) on a tri-lateral collaborative programme among the Departments of Science and Technology of India, Brazil and South Africa.

The Nation, 7 April 2007

**The nuclear saga**

With overt nuclearisation of the sub-continent, South Asia's problems are no longer an exclusive concern of the region itself. They now have a worrisome global dimension, which raises major powers' stakes in the issues of peace and security in this region.

Deccan Herald, 8 April 2007

**India to conduct test of Agni-III this week**

New Delhi: India will conduct a test of the nuclear-capable Agni-III, the country's most powerful missile, some time this week.

The News, 8 April 2007

**Iran to negotiate on European concerns about nuclear program: spokesman**

TEHRAN: Iran said on Sunday that any suspension of sensitive nuclear activities was not

open to discussion adding that it can negotiate about the concerns of the European countries.

The New York Times, 8 April 2007

### **Iran Says Won't Discuss Right to Make Atomic Fuel**

TEHRAN: Iran said on Sunday it would not discuss its "obvious right" to master the nuclear fuel cycle but was open to talks that could reassure the West that its atomic plans were not aimed at producing bombs.

Daily Times, 8 April 2007

### **Targeted sanctions won't influence Iran - Ian Bremmer**

Sanctions give lawmakers and diplomats plenty to talk about. But unless a sea change occurs in Iranian domestic politics, they will merely postpone the difficult, and increasingly likely, choice between military action and accepting a nuclear Iran.

The New York Times, 8 April 2007

### **N.Korean Official Praises Nuke Program**

SEOUL: North Korea's defense minister praised the country's nuclear program Sunday at a meeting of top officials and said the North had achieved status as a nuclear power.

The New York Times, 9 April 2007

### **U.S.: NKorea to Allow U.N. Inspections**

PYONGYANG: North Korea's top nuclear negotiator told a visiting American delegation Monday that his government would immediately invite U.N. nuclear inspectors into the country if \$25 million in disputed North Korean funds are released to Pyongyang.

The Indian Express, 10 April 2007

### **In search of an Indian security strategy**

The news on the fissile materials treaty from Geneva should generate a serious debate in India on what should be our credible minimum deterrent and how we should set about reaching it.

The Washington Post, 10 April 2007

### **Iran Asserts Expansion Of Nuclear Operation**

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said yesterday that his country had begun producing nuclear fuel on an industrial scale, an accomplishment that, if verified, would significantly advance Iran's nuclear program.

BBC News, 10 April 2007

### **Iran nuclear 'landmark' angers US**

The US has criticised Iran over its announcement that it can now produce nuclear fuel on an industrial scale.

The Washington Post, 10 April 2007

### **U.S. Visitors Push N. Korea To Close Nuclear Reactor**

PYONGYANG: A U.S. delegation pressed North Korea on Monday to shut down its

main nuclear reactor and allow in U.N. inspectors even as the top U.S. negotiator said it would be difficult for a weekend deadline on the closure to be met.

The New York Times, 10 April 2007

**North Korea Becoming Bigger Threat: South Candidate**

SEOUL: North Korea is becoming more of a threat to the region by dragging out the process of dismantling its nuclear weapons program, one of the front-runners to be South Korea's next president said on Monday.

The Indian Express, 11 April 2007

**Govt told us will help in FBI case, says Cirrus India unit**

BANGALORE, APRIL 10: The Government has promised to take diplomatic steps to prove that Indian officials and Bangalore-based representatives of Cirrus Electronics, the company at the centre of an FBI probe into US defence export law violations, were not part of any conspiracy, said an official associated with the Bangalore-based Cirrus Electronics Marketing Pvt Ltd.

The Indian Express, 11 April 2007

**China stepping up missile programme, warns report**

New York, April 10: China is accelerating the testing of new medium and long-range ballistic missiles, according to new US intelligence reports. The new Chinese missile development could affect Taiwan and US strategy towards China, especially if China were ever to attack Taiwan, the Aviation Week and Space Technology (AW and ST) reported citing the intelligence reports.

The Washington Post, 11 April 2007

**To Prod N. Korea, U.S. Relents in Counterfeiting Case**

Two months before North Korea tested its first nuclear weapon, President Bush was asked about a Treasury Department investigation of North Korean counterfeiting of \$100 bills, which had ruptured talks on ending Pyongyang's nuclear programs.

People's Daily, 11 April 2007

**Ministry: Six-Party Talks have not failed**

The February 13 agreement on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) nuclear issue may have run afoul of some difficulties, but that does not mean the Six-Party Talks have failed or will be rendered invalid, Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said yesterday.

The Japan Times, 11 April 2007

**Sanctions on N. Korea extended six months**

The Cabinet approved a six-month extension Tuesday for trade sanctions on North Korea over its nuclear test in October, an official said.

The Tribune, 12 April 2007

**Menon offers Pak dialogue on N-doctrines**

New Delhi, April 11: Foreign secretary Shivshankar Menon today addressed the

fundamental question of trust deficit between India and Pakistan and offered a dialogue on nuclear doctrines to Islamabad. Menon also bluntly stated that no political party or responsible or influential person in India wished to 'undo' Pakistan as it was against India's self-interest.

The New York Times, 12 April 2007

### **North Korea Set to Carry Out Nuclear Deal**

SEOUL: North Korea said it would begin shutting its main nuclear reactor within a day of retrieving about \$25 million that had been frozen in a Macao bank because of American sanctions, Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico said here on Wednesday.

The New York Times, 12 April 2007

### **How U.S. Turned North Korean Funds Into a Bargaining Chip**

WASHINGTON, April 11: For 18 months, the Bush administration has maintained that the freezing of \$25 million in an account in Macao linked to North Korea was strictly a law enforcement action against money-laundering, not a bargaining chip in a diplomatic effort to persuade North Korea to disarm its nuclear arsenal.

The Korean Herald, 12 April 2007

### **'N.K. now ready to shut down nuke facilities'**

After weeks of stalemate over a financial dispute, North Korea is now ready to shut down its main nuclear facilities and accept U.N. nuclear inspectors, U.S. officials who visited Pyongyang said yesterday.

The Hindu, 12 April 2007

### **India successfully test fires Agni III ballistic missile**

New Delhi, April 12: India successfully test fired on Thursday a new missile capable of carrying nuclear warheads across much of Asia and the Middle East, a defence ministry spokesman said.

The Washington Post, 12 April 2007

### **Experts Prepare New Nuclear Treaty**

UNITED NATIONS: Independent arms control experts from 15 countries are drafting a treaty to ban production of uranium and plutonium for nuclear weapons that could rival a U.S. text under consideration by the U.N.'s top disarmament body.

Hindustan Times, 13 April 2007

### **India's list of demands may scuttle nuclear deal: US daily**

The Indo-US civil nuclear deal risks a collapse because Indian demands including the right to continue testing nuclear weapons - undermine the US rationale for seeking it, according to a leading American daily.

Asia Times, 13 April 2007

### **India as a nuclear pariah - or partner**

BANGALORE: While it is India's negotiations with the United States on the civilian nuclear deal that has captured media attention over the past 19 months, no less important

has been New Delhi's diplomacy to get the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) on board in its effort to break out of its three-decade-long nuclear isolation. Indian officials have been seeking support from NSG members to exempt India from nuclear export controls.

The Hindu, 13 April 2007

**Agni-III test-fired successfully**

HYDERABAD: Nuclear capable long-range ballistic missile Agni-III was successfully test-fired on Thursday, signalling India's entry into a select group of nations that have the ability to hit targets 3,500 km away with accuracy and precision.

The Indian Express, 13 April 2007

**Agni-III tested, gives Delhi capability to reach Beijing which says: work for peace**

BALASORE, NEW DELHI, APRIL 12 : In a significant leap for the country's missile programme, India today successfully test-fired Agni-III, a nuclear-capable intermediate range ballistic missile (IRBM) designed to reach over 3,000 km. This brings China's major cities, Beijing and Shanghai included, and the Middle East well within range.

The Indian Express, 13 April 2007

**Long range over China**

The successful test firing of the long-range Agni III missile on Thursday marks the belated maturing of India's atomic weapons programme and positions India to join the big league of nuclear great powers. Before we thump our chests and wrap the flag around the defence establishment, a few sobering thoughts are in order. They relate to the difficulties we have had in getting here and the new challenges that confront us in going beyond Agni III.

The Hindu, 13 April 2007

**Perfect mission: Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister**

CHENNAI: There is a lot about Agni III that makes India proud, not the least of them is the fact that it is India's own missile to the last nut and bolt. The long-range missile's strength, according to the present and former top brass of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), was that it was totally indigenously developed.

The Indian Express, 13 April 2007

**UN nuke chief discredits Iran's nuclear claims**

RIYADH, April 12: Iran is still operating only several hundred centrifuges at its uranium enrichment plant at Natanz, despite its claims to have activated 3,000 of the devices, the head of the UN nuclear watchdog agency said on Thursday.

The Indian Express, 14 April 2007

**'Indo-US nuke deal risks collapse'**

Washington, April 13: The landmark Indo-US nuclear deal risks collapse as Indian demands, including the right to continue testing nuclear weapons, undermine the US rationale for seeking the deal, a media report said.

Hindustan Times, 14 April 2007

### **India not to accept any legal binding on N-testing**

Ahead of negotiations on the bilateral agreement to operationalise the civil nuclear deal with US, India on Saturday made it clear that it would not accept any legal binding on nuclear testing.

Hindustan Times, 14 April 2007

### **Amorim wants civil nuclear cooperation with India**

Brazil will seek "positive and pragmatic" steps towards civil nuclear cooperation with India, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said on Friday. He added that Brazil would take a positive view of the Indo-US nuclear deal at the NSG.

The Japan Times, 14 April 2007

### **Japan: Say no to India-U.S. nuclear deal**

The Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) is hardly a household name. The proceedings of its meetings are secret and it doesn't even have its own web site, but in recent months it has become the focus of more attention than usual.

Asia Times, 14 April 2007

### **India has China in its range**

NEW DELHI: Even as India celebrates the successful test-firing on Thursday of its home-grown Agni-III intermediate-range ballistic missile - capable of delivering a 1.5-tonne nuclear or conventional payload over much of Asia - officials admit that the test had the tacit approval of the United States.

Deccan Herald, 14 April 2007

### **And in the dragon's arsenal are...**

Even as the world apprehends the start of another nuclear war, China is improving its ballistic missile arsenal in a number of key ways, making them a growing threat to regional and international security.

The Tribune, 14 April 2007

### **Agni-III being seen as India's ICBM**

New Delhi, April 13: The successful launch of the Agni-III missile is being seen in the strategic circles here as India's unannounced inter-continental ballistic missile (ICBM).

The Tribune, 14 April 2007

### **Fire in the sky**

The successful test-firing of the Agni-III intermediate range ballistic missile (IRBM), coming as it does on the heels of a failed launch last July, is a crucial step ahead for India's security.

Hindustan Times, 14 April 2007

### **Going ballistic makes sense**

It is good to see India's Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) finally picking up steam. The successful flight test of the nuclear-capable intermediate range ballistic missile Agni-III on Thursday was the latest in a series of triumphs for the

IGMDP in the last six months, including the Prithvi interceptor missile and the Dhanush.

The Indian Express, 14 April 2007

**Now, DRDO eyes 5000-km range missile**

New Delhi, APRIL 13: Buoyed by the successful test-firing of Agni-III missile, the Defence and Development Research Organisation (DRDO) today set its sights on a 5,000-km range missile that, it said, could be developed in the next two to three years.

The Hindu, 14 April 2007

**Increasing India's missile reach**

Nine months after Agni-III's unsuccessful maiden flight, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has triumphed in its efforts to boost India's long-range missile capabilities.

The Times of India, 14 April 2007

**Agni Pariksha**

Both Washington and New Delhi have exhibited a great deal of vision and political determination in piloting the Indo-US nuclear treaty to where it is now, and it would be a pity if it fell through on the last mile negotiating the 123 agreement.

The Indian Express, 15 April 2007

**Will N-deal be done this year' Depends on key Indo-US meeting in South Africa**

NEW DELHI, APRIL 14: Driven by a sense of urgency to step up the pace on the nuclear deal, India and US have decided to hold negotiations on the 123 bilateral nuclear cooperation agreement next week in South Africa. These talks will be held on the margins of the Nuclear Suppliers Group plenary meet in Cape Town starting Monday.

The Hindu, 15 April 2007

**United States, India taking steps on 123 Agreement: Lavin**

Washington: The United States has said that it was taking steps with India to finalise the civilian nuclear initiative by coming to an understanding on the 123 Agreement that was currently under discussion.

The Hindu, 15 April 2007

**Missile tests only to create enough deterrence: Antony**

ALL FOR MODERNISATION: Defence Minister A.K. Antony (left), accompanied by HAL Chairman Ashok Baweja, takes part in a press conference after visiting the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in Bangalore on Saturday.

The Hindu, 15 April 2007

**DRDO to focus on ICBMs**

NEW DELHI: After having successfully launched the nuclear-capable intermediate range ballistic missile, Agni-III, from Wheeler Island off the coast of Orissa on Thursday, scientists at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have now set their sights on developing the technical capability for an inter-continental ballistic missile over the next three years.

The Times of India, 15 April 2007

**US fears Pak may be approached for 'Sunni bomb': Report**

NEW YORK: US President George W Bush has reportedly expressed the fear that if Shiite Iran acquires nuclear weapons, the Middle Eastern countries might turn to the nuclear-armed Pakistan for help to create a "Sunni bomb."

The New York Times, 15 April 2007

**Russia Launches New Generation Nuclear Submarine**

MOSCOW: Russia on Sunday launched its first new generation nuclear submarine since the fall of the Soviet Union as the Kremlin seeks to upgrade its undersea nuclear strike force.

The New York Times, 15 April 2007

**Eye on Iran, Rivals Pursuing Nuclear Power**

Two years ago, the leaders of Saudi Arabia told international atomic regulators that they could foresee no need for the kingdom to develop nuclear power. Today, they are scrambling to hire atomic contractors, buy nuclear hardware and build support for a regional system of reactors.

The New York Times, 15 April 2007

**Iran to Seek Bids for Two Atomic Power Plants**

TEHRAN: Iran, embroiled in a row with the West over its nuclear ambitions, will issue tenders in the next few days for two new atomic power plants, a senior official said on Sunday.

The Washington Post, 15 April 2007

**Deadline Passes for N. Korea**

SEOUL, April 14: A deadline for North Korea to shut down its nuclear reactor passed Saturday with no known compliance action by the communist state, which has said it must first collect \$25 million in frozen assets.

The Indian Express, 16 April 2007

**India gears up to face Nuclear Suppliers Group**

Durban, April 16: As a crucial meeting of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) begins in Cape Town on Monday, India is expected to present its case informally as part of its efforts to join the international nuclear commerce regime.

The Indian Express, 16 April 2007

**Mumbai vs New Delhi**

When the Indian delegation sits down today at the plenary meeting of the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group in Cape Town, South Africa, it may find there is little interest in the intricacies of the Indo-US nuclear deal.

The Washington Post, 16 April 2007

**South Africa's U.N. Votes Disappoint Some**

UNITED NATIONS: Nelson Mandela's South Africa projected an image of a virtuous nation, reconciling with a brutal white minority government, scrapping the country's nuclear weapons program and serving as an enduring symbol of resistance to political oppression.

The Tribune, 16 April 2007

**N-deal faces uncertainty**

Sceptics of the India-US nuclear deal may be feeling vindicated when reports from Washington suggest that the final agreement may not come about. It is, however, too early to say that the strenuous efforts made so far will go waste..

The Asahi Shimbun, 16 April 2007

**N. Korea nuclear issue**

Under the agreement reached in February at the six-party talks, North Korea's nuclear facility should have been shut down and sealed by Saturday. It is unfortunate that the agreement has already stumbled with its first step.

Dawn, 16 April 2007

**'Pakistan can cope with attacks on N-assets'**

WASHINGTON, April 15: Terrorists can attempt to hijack radioactive material in Pakistan during transportation and would want to use it for causing massive damages inside the country, says a paper presented recently at a Washington think-tank.

The Hindu, 17 April 2007

**Great progress in 123 agreement talks: US**

Washington, April 17: Seeking to play down reports that the US is unhappy with the slow pace of movement in the 123 nuclear agreement talks with India, a State Department official has said "great progress" has been made up to this point and that subsequent negotiations would have to sort through serious issues.

The Tribune, 17 April 2007

**India to allay NSG fears on N-deal**

New Delhi, April 16: India is making a determined but unobtrusive effort with the 45-member Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) which began its five-day plenary in Cape Town, South Africa, today to put the record straight among those continuing to have misgivings about the Indo-US civilian nuclear deal.

The Times of India, 17 April 2007

**Hi-tech N-sub launched by Russia after 17 yrs**

MOSCOW: Russia launched its first new generation nuclear submarine since the fall of the Soviet Union on Sunday as the Kremlin seeks to upgrade its undersea nuclear strike force.

Daily Times, 17 April 2007

**Iran could reveal new 'nuclear achievements'**

TEHRAN: Iran will announce unspecified new 'nuclear achievements' if the United

Nations takes fresh steps against it over its disputed atomic programme, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Monday.

The News, 17 April 2007

**Iran won't back down on nuclear issue: Ahmadinejad**

TEHRAN: President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed on Monday that Iran would not give in to Western demands over its nuclear drive, saying Tehran would 'resist to the end' in the intensifying crisis.

The Indian Express, 18 April 2007

**India, US, 123... testing**

After the recently concluded bilateral talks between the Indian and US government officials it was stated that the two sides hoped to conclude an US-India agreement for civil nuclear cooperation between the two countries - the so-called 123 agreement - by this year end. It is almost two years since the Indo-US agreement on nuclear commerce was announced on July 18, 2005.

Dawn, 18 April 2007

**27 pacts signed with China: N-cooperation discussed: Aziz**

BEIJING, April 17: Pakistan and China have signed 27 agreements and memorandums of understanding to 're-energise' their strong bilateral cooperation in all fields, including defence, space technology and trade and economics. Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz confirmed at a news conference here on Tuesday after holding talks with his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao that they had discussed nuclear cooperation but declined to comment further.

The Statesman, 19 April 2007

**Threat of biological weapons**

Since 11 September, 2001, Al-Qaida has risen as the chief terrorist organisation in the international arena. Never before in history has the world seen a terrorist group displaying the same level of universal reach, cadre motivation, training, financial power, insensitivity towards human life and contempt towards democracy and freedom of the world.

China Daily, 19 April 2007

**Nation to build uranium reserve**

China plans to set up a strategic reserve of natural uranium to ensure that the emphasis on nuclear power development is backed by a "stable and reliable" fuel supply.

The Japan Times, 19 April 2007

**Nuclear basics for the alliance**

HONOLULU: Nuclear strategy has become a core concern in the U.S.-Japan alliance. North Korea is the immediate trigger for Japanese anxiety, but similar uncertainties lie just beneath the surface when Japan contemplates China as well. U.S. assurances are needed -- both to Japan and to potential adversaries that need to be deterred.

International Herald Tribune, 19 April 2007

**Atomic agency confirms advances by Iran's nuclear program**

WASHINGTON: Iran has now begun enriching small amounts of uranium in more than 1,300 centrifuges at a newly opened underground site at its main nuclear complex, the International Atomic Energy Agency's top inspector said Wednesday.

The Tribune, 19 April 2007

**N-deal: USA 'can go only this far'**

Frustrated by Indian demands and the slow pace of negotiations on a civilian nuclear deal, Washington has indicated there is only so much it can do within US law and India 'needs to appreciate that.'

The Hindu, 20 April 2007

**Indian officials cautious about clinching civilian nuclear deal**

NEW DELHI: Caution appears to be the guiding principle in South Block as Indian and U.S. officials grapple again with the text of a possible civilian nuclear cooperation agreement between the two countries in Cape Town, South Africa.

Deccan Herald, 20 April 2007

**It's economics, not politics**

That there is an impasse in defining the contours of the US-India civil nuclear cooperation is evident to any lay observer - though cautious optimism is still in abundance. Let it be said upfront that the current impasse in the US-India civil nuclear deal is due to factors which are economic, and not political.

The Times of India, 20 April 2007

**Uranium thorn**

Late last month, senior officials from a country with massive energy needs came to Canberra asking if Australia might sell them fuel to make electricity.

The Washington Post, 20 April 2007

**Administration Moves to Expedite Indian Nuclear Talks**

U.S. officials, frustrated by the slow pace of negotiating final agreements with India on President Bush's deal to give it access to civil nuclear technology, have informed the Indian government that they want a major push next month to complete negotiations before the deal unravels from bureaucratic inertia and increased congressional anxiety of India's dealings with Iran.

The Washington Post, 20 April 2007

**The End of START'**

The crowning international security agreement that reduced and stabilized nuclear forces in the former Soviet Union and the United States is set to expire in 2009.

The Washington Post, 20 April 2007

**Nuclear Regulatory Commission Ranks as Top Workplace**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission was dubbed the No. 1 large government agency to

work for in rankings released by a nonprofit group yesterday.

The Indian Express, 21 April 2007

**Can't change our law (on testing) to meet Indian demands on N-deal: US**

WASHINGTON, APRIL 20: The United States has told India that it will not make changes in its law to meet Indian demands in negotiations over a US-Indian civilian nuclear cooperation agreement, the State Department said on Thursday.

The New York Times, 21 April 2007

**India Debates Its Right to Nuclear Testing**

NEW DELHI, April 20: A nuclear accord hailed as the centerpiece of India's deepening friendship with the United States appears to be in jeopardy, as Indian officials argue about whether its limitations on their nuclear activities offend the country's sense of sovereignty.

The Indian Express, 21 April 2007

**US frustrated on N-deal, Delhi wary**

Washington, April 20: The United States said on Friday it was frustrated at the pace of negotiations with India on a civil nuclear cooperation agreement and will try to break the impasse in talks that begin later this month.

The Economic Times, 21 April 2007

**Nuke deal enters choppy waters**

Media reports emanating from the US and widely reported here in India about the current negotiations in the 123 Agreement between the two countries (that will facilitate civilian nuclear cooperation as envisaged in the July 2005 Agreement) suggest that the deal is entering choppy waters.

Daily Times, 21 April 2007

**Bush fears nuclear arms race in ME**

TIPP CITY: US President George W Bush said on Thursday he was concerned that Iran's nuclear ambitions would trigger an atomic arms race in the Middle East.

Daily Times, 21 April 2007

**PM wants Pak access to civil N-technology**

CHENGDU: Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Friday called for a level playing field for access to civilian nuclear technology and urged members of the Nuclear Suppliers Group to adopt an objective criteria-based approach to end discrimination.

The Japan Times, 21 April 2007

**Seven nuke utilities told to conduct new checks**

The government ordered four power utilities Friday to conduct additional checks, along with regular inspections, on seven nuclear plants in order to prevent further data falsifications and reactor defect and accident coverups in an industry that has been plagued with such misdeeds.

The Indian Express, 22 April 2007

**US agrees to keep tests out, DAE wants more**

NEW DELHI, APRIL 21: Making some headway on the difficult issues slowing down negotiations on the nuclear deal, the US is said to have agreed to India's demand not to convert New Delhi's policy of unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing into a legally binding commitment in the bilateral nuclear cooperation agreement. In other words, India will have its right to test.

The Tribune, 22 April 2007

**Nuclear deal: US not keen on more changes**

The US is not willing to consider "any further changes" to its laws to accommodate Indian demands over the civilian nuclear deal, a State Department spokesman said on Friday.

The Times of India, 22 April 2007

**Brahmos test firing 100 per cent success: Scientist**

BALASORE: The BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, jointly developed by India and Russia, was successfully test-fired from the interim test range (ITR) at Chandipur near here today.

Hindustan Times, 22 April 2007

**Bomb, bomb, bomb Iran, sings US senator**

Republican US presidential contender John McCain turned to popular music to illuminate the debate on the Middle East, singing at the suggestion that the United States "bomb, bomb, bomb" Iran.

The Hindu, 22 April 2007

**PSLV-C8: final countdown begins**

CHENNAI: The final countdown for the lift-off of Indian Space Research Organisation's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C 8) began at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. The PSLV's 11th flight is expected to take place from the new sophisticated second launch pad at 3.30 p.m. on Monday (April 23).

The Times of India, 22 April 2007

**Iran rules out nuclear suspension ahead of EU talks**

TEHRAN: Iran on Sunday rejected Western calls for a suspension of its sensitive nuclear activities just days ahead of crucial talks on its atomic drive with EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana. "Halting uranium enrichment is definitely deleted from the literature of Iran's nuclear activities," foreign ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini told reporters.

The Washington Post, 22 April 2007

**Congress Skeptical of Warhead Plan**

Congressional hearings over the past several weeks have shown that the Bush administration's plan to move ahead with a new generation of nuclear warheads faces strong opposition from House and Senate members concerned that the effort lacks any

strategic underpinning and could lead to a new nuclear arms race.

The Washington Post, 22 April 2007

**Olmert: Iran Can Be Stopped Peacefully**

JERUSALEM: Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said in an interview aired Sunday that Iran's nuclear program could be stopped without military action.

International Herald Tribune, 22 April 2007

**U.S.-India nuclear deal runs into trouble**

NEW DELHI: A nuclear accord hailed as the centerpiece of India's new friendship with the United States appears to be in jeopardy, as officials here argue about whether its limitations on Indian nuclear activities are an affront to the country's sovereignty.

The Washington Post, 23 April 2007

**India says won't be pressured on U.S. nuclear deal**

NEW DELHI: India will not be hurried into concluding a landmark but controversial nuclear cooperation deal with the United States, despite the latter's frustration over an impasse in negotiations, an Indian official said on Monday.

The Tribune, 23 April 2007

**Diplomacy and N-energy**

Jawaharlal Nehru, the builder of modern India, was a recognised internationalist. He advocated that India should play an international role befitting its size, population and civilisational heritage.

Daily Times, 23 April 2007

**Pakistan and China cooperating on nuclear energy: PM**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said on Sunday that the government of China and Pakistan agreed to enhance cooperation in conventional and nuclear energy during his recent visit to China.

The New York Times, 23 April 2007

**Iran Wants to Stay in Nuclear Non - Proliferation Treaty**

MADRID: Iran would prefer to remain within the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and resist U.N. sanctions peacefully, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told Spanish television on Monday.

International Herald Tribune, 23 April 2007

**U.S. knew of China's missile test, but kept silent**

WASHINGTON: After a Chinese interceptor smashed into a target satellite in January, Bush administration officials criticized the test as a destabilizing development.

Hindustan Times, 23 April 2007

**India enters elite satellite launch market**

India on Monday launched the first fully commercial satellite to become the fifth country to enter the multi billion dollar launcher market.

The Indian Express, 24 April 2007

**Big boost to ISRO: PSLV's 11th flight launches India**

SRIHARIKOTA, APRIL 23: In a 'perfect' mission, India's first commercial space flight, the PSLV-C8 carrying an Italian astronomical satellite, thundered into a clear sky at 3.30 pm today from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, about 80 km north of Chennai, marking another significant achievement for the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Hindustan Times, 24 April 2007

**It's not as easy as 123**

To paraphrase Mark Twain, reports of the Indo-US nuclear deal's death appear to be greatly exaggerated. Were that the case, we would not have been witnessing the intense, and almost continuous round of negotiations that have been taking place between officials of the two countries for the past three months.

The Hindu, 25 April 2007

**Major obstacles persist in nuclear deal**

New Delhi: Despite four days of talks in Cape Town last week, India and the United States have failed to narrow their differences on the conditions under which bilateral civilian nuclear cooperation can take place.

The Hindu, 25 April 2007

**India feels U.S. backsliding on prior commitments**

NEW DELHI: As Indian officials complete their assessment of the latest round of technical negotiations with the United States over the implementation of the July 2005 nuclear agreement, the words that comes up most frequently to summarise the obstacles in the way are the "Hyde Act."

The Hindu, 26 April 2007

**Talks with IAEA only after 123 negotiations conclude**

New Delhi: The United States may want India to speed up its discussions with the International Atomic Energy Agency but the Government has decided to postpone detailed technical talks with the IAEA on safeguards until after the bilateral nuclear cooperation agreement has been finalised.

The Hindu, 26 April 2007

**Fall-back safeguards, NSG, sequencing remain areas of concern in nuclear talks**

New Delhi: Apart from big-ticket obstacles like the "right of return" and fuel supply assurances, negotiators from India and the U.S. have not managed to bridge their differences on the sequencing of next steps in the implementation process for the Indo-U.S. nuclear deal as well as on "fall-back safeguards" as a condition for the sale of nuclear equipment and material.

The Hindu, 26 April 2007

**Taking care of the last lap**

With nuclear negotiations between India and the United States entering the final pit stop, it is evident that political intervention from the highest levels is needed to ensure full and complete delivery of the promises Washington made on July 18, 2005 and March 2, 2006.

Hindustan Times, 26 April 2007

**Manmohan-Bush meeting in Germany can unlock 123 pact**

Even as Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon heads to Washington on Monday to breathe life into the shaky civil nuclear negotiations, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's meeting with President George W Bush in Germany in June is expected to overcome any remaining hiccups over a civil nuclear pact.

Daily Times, 26 April 2007

**Pakistan cannot sign CTBT because of neighbouring N-state: PM**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Wednesday said Pakistan could not unilaterally sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty or the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty because it neighboured another nuclear state.

The Times of India, 26 April 2007

**China to buy four N- reactors from US**

BEIJING: China will purchase four state-of-the-art nuclear reactors from the United States at an estimated cost of \$8 billion.

The Tribune, 26 April 2007

**India's space programme has no military interest: Kalam**

Strasbourg, April 25: Replying to a question posed by a student of the Strasbourg-based International Space University (ISU), Kalam said, "Indian Space Programme has no military interest. It has been built to be locally relevant when globally challenged and its foundation is the quest of India and other space faring nations to use the collective wisdom of humanity to solve the socio-economic problems of our society".

The Hindu, 27 April 2007

**President reiterates India's stand on nuclear programme**

ATHENS: President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on Thursday asserted that India had always stood for nuclear non-proliferation and its nuclear programme was meant for peaceful purposes.

The Hindu, 27 April 2007

**Parliamentary panel supports India-U.S. civilian nuclear deal**

NEW DELHI: A Parliamentary panel has supported the India-United States civilian nuclear deal to plug the gap in the country's energy requirements but cautioned the Government against any let-up in the quest for self-reliance.

The Tribune, 27 April 2007

**India not to cross 'red lines', says Menon**

New Delhi, April 26: India is staying engaged in its own way with the 45-nation Nuclear

Suppliers Group (NSG), to bring about adjustment of NSG guidelines to enable full civil nuclear cooperation and in this endeavour the United States too is contributing its bit.

The Tribune, 27 April 2007

**N-deal can still be saved**

During the brief India-US honeymoon between the advent of the second Clinton Administration and the Indian nuclear tests, there was an effort to identify the problems standing in the way of a meaningful bilateral relationship.

The News, 27 April 2007

**'Iran must cease all uranium reprocessing'**

OSLO: US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said on Thursday that Iran must stop all uranium reprocessing activities in order to head off further UN sanctions.

Daily Times, 27 April 2007

**N-talks with EU moving towards united view: Iran**

ANKARA: Iranian negotiator Ali Larijani said on Thursday that talks with a senior EU official had made progress towards a 'united view' on ending the crisis over Iran's refusal to halt uranium enrichment.

The Tribune, 27 April 2007

**US offers advance missile system**

New Delhi, April 26: After the development of the world's first super-sonic missile Brahmos with Russia, India has now been offered by the USA one of the most advanced ship-board missile defence systems capable of tracking and neutralising up to 100 missiles.

Deccan Herald, 27 April 2007

**Provocative move**

The United States plan to deploy a missile defence system in eastern Europe is a provocative move that has unsettled Russia and other countries and made inevitable a new nuclear and missile race.

The Hindu, 28 April 2007

**Radioactive leak was arrested**

NEW DELHI: The Government has acknowledged the leakage of radioactive material near the uranium mine in Jharkhand a few months ago but claimed that the threat of radiological and chemical contamination to villagers was countered by remedial measures.

Dawn, 28 April 2007

**'Dr Khan case still open'**

LONDON, April 27: The case of Pakistan is not yet closed, declares a dossier entitled Nuclear Blackmarkets: Pakistan, A.Q. Khan and the Rise of Proliferation Networks - A Net Assessment scheduled to be released on Wednesday.

The Indian Express, 29 April 2007

**123: Now Menon to sort out the ABCs**

NEW DELHI, APRIL 28: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Special Envoy on Indo-US nuclear deal Shyam Saran has significantly given way to Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon as the lead negotiator for the 123 bilateral agreement with Washington with the former now concentrating on dialogue with the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and border infrastructure.

The Tribune, 30 April 2007

**N-deal: Menon leaves for US**

New Delhi, April 29: Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon left today morning for a visit to the US to explore whether New Delhi and Washington can still be on the same page on their bilateral nuclear deal.

The Times of India, 30 April 2007

**We will get this nuke deal done, says US**

WASHINGTON: Ahead of a crucial meeting between India and the US to iron out differences on the civil nuclear agreement, Washington on Monday said it would like to "move rapidly" to operationalise the deal.

The Indian Express, 30 April 2007

**Iran dismisses talk of partial freeze in atom work**

TEHRAN: Iran dismissed on Sunday any suggestion it might agree to partially suspend its uranium enrichment activities as a way towards ending an international stand-off over its nuclear programme.

The New York Times, 30 April 2007

**Iran Challenge Hits Meeting on Ailing Nuclear Treaty**

VIENNA: A meeting on how to rescue the faltering nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty ran into early difficulty on Monday when Iran balked at plans to focus on non-compliance issues, fearing it would be singled out.