

Daily Times, 1 April 2007

**US delegation meets Nawaz Sharif**

LONDON: A delegation of the US House of Representatives sub-committee on National Security and Foreign Affairs met with PML-N quaid and former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at his residence today.

Dawn, 1 April 2007

**US govt urged to focus on nation, not govt : Congressional report's advice**

WASHINGTON, March 31: A Democratic-controlled Congress may pressure the Bush administration to review its Pakistan policy, refocusing it on forging a close relationship with the people rather than the government, says a congressional report made available to the media on Saturday.

China Daily, 3 April 2007

**China's rise inevitable - Kissinger**

Former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, left, shakes hands with Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing April 2, 2007.

People's Daily, 3 April 2007

**China, U.S. should enhance dialogue, cooperation, says Chinese top legislator**

China and the United States should consider bilateral relations from a long-term, strategic perspective in order to enhance dialogue, trust and cooperation, said Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo on Monday.

Hindustan Times, 3 April 2007

**Bush urged to improve economic ties with India**

Washington: Top law makers led by Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives Tom Lantos have urged the Bush administration to maintain favourable conditions for importing products from India to keep up the pace of its trade with the United States.

The Hindu, 4 April 2007

**India and U.S. to cooperate in the environmental sector**

NEW DELHI: "We have to live in a global environment just as we live in a global economy. Issues such as global climate change, regional and long-range transport of air pollutants, protection of our international waters and safe disposal of hazardous waste cannot be addressed by one or even a handful of nations," United States Environmental Protection Agency administrator Stephen Johnson has said.

The News, 4 April 2007

**Pakistan should instill a sense of confidence among people: US**

WASHINGTON: The Pakistani government should instill a sense of confidence among the people that it will adhere to the rule of law as it deals with protestors demonstrating against the ouster of the Supreme Court justice, the U. S. State Department said.

The Times of India, 5 April 2007

**'US using Pak to destabilise Iran'**

WASHINGTON: The US is using Pakistan as a cat's paw to destabilise Iran in what could amount provocative acts of terrorism, going by a stunning new report by an American TV network. A Pakistani tribal militant group called Jundullah, which has claimed responsibility for deadly guerrilla attacks against Iran, including killing Iranian soldiers and officials in its border region, has been secretly encouraged and advised by American officials since 2005, ABC News said, citing unnamed US and Pakistani intelligence sources.

The Indian Express, 5 April 2007

**US demands time-frame for Bangla elections**

DHAKA, April 4: Bangladesh should announce a timetable for elections so the people can see a path back to democracy from the state of emergency declared in January, US ambassador Patricia A Butenis said.

The Indian Express, 5 April 2007

**Pakistan flays US statement on CJ**

Islamabad, April 4: In a strong reaction to the US advice that it should instill confidence among people while dealing with protests over suspension of the Chief Justice, Pakistan has said the issue was 'subjudice' and it would not welcome any comments on it.

China Daily, 5 April 2007

**China paper producers criticize US**

China's paper industry association urged the United States to scrap new tariffs on Chinese paper, criticizing the measure Wednesday as a violation of free trade. The Bush administration, facing increasing anger over soaring trade deficits, said Friday it would impose the tariffs on Chinese coated high-gloss paper.

People's Daily, 6 April 2007

**Warning on American trade protectionism**

On March 29, the US International Trade Committee said that China's export of active carbon products had damaged the US industry equivalent.

The Times of India, 6 April 2007

**US acknowledges India's importance: Experts**

WASHINGTON: The increasing US focus on political and economic relationships in Asia and the rise of India and China have increased New Delhi's strategic importance in Washington's eyes, according to an American think-tank.

The Tribune, 7 April 2007

**US not convinced with IPI pipeline**

A decision taken by India and Pakistan to move ahead with a pipeline that would ship natural gas from Iran does not have much support in Washington.

Daily News, 7 April 2007

### **US busts LTTE's Asian weapons network**

US: US authorities said they had busted an arms-trafficking gang, arresting six Asians who had been trying to smuggle weapons from the United States to the LTTE.

Dawn, 8 April 2007

### **'US legislation should not undercut strategic ties'**

ISLAMABAD, April 7: President Gen Pervez Musharraf on Saturday told a visiting American Congressional delegation that it was essential to ensure that any legislation adopted by the US Congress reinforced not undercut the Pakistan-US strategic cooperation.

The Indian Express, 9 April 2007

### **US inks border management pact with Pak**

Islamabad, April 8: The US has signed a border management pact with Pakistan to check the movement of Taliban and Al Qaeda insurgents in the restive northern areas bordering Afghanistan.

The Indian Express, 9 April 2007

### **US hints at dragging China to WTO over fake-products dispute**

If US files the complaint, it will be its third attempt this year at forcing the dragon over trade; its trade deficit with China was \$235 bn last year. After months of prodding China to crack down on pirated copies of American movies, music and software, the Bush administration appears ready to escalate the dispute into a legal confrontation.

The Nation, 10 April 2007

### **Drift in Pak-US relations**

Relations between Pakistan and US over the last half century have alternated between close embrace as an ally and indifference and betrayal by an unreliable friend. Currently these relations have been experiencing tension and deterioration much to the dismay of Islamabad and Washington.

China Daily, 10 April 2007

### **US move to file trade cases against China 'not wise'**

WASHINGTON: The Bush administration announced new trade cases against China on Monday over copyright piracy and restrictions on the sale of American movies, music and books, and Beijing said the US move is not a wise choice.

The Indian Express, 11 April 2007

### **Indo-US defence JWG reviews ties, regional security**

NEW DELHI, APRIL 11: In its first meeting since its formation in June 2005, the Indo-US Defence Joint Working Group met here today to review the performance overseen by the Defence Policy Group.

Daily Times, 11 April 2007

### **Focus on Pakistan, not Musharraf: US**

LAHORE: Richard Boucher, US assistant secretary of state for South Asian affairs, says

the United States is investing more in its relationship with the people of Pakistan than rather than with President Gen Pervez Musharraf.

Daily Times, 11 April 2007

**Enough US soldiers in Afghanistan: US commander**

LAHORE: Major General David Rodriguez, commander of US forces in Afghanistan, believes there are enough American soldiers in the war-torn country.

The Indian Express, 12 April 2007

**'Musharraf told me to meet Clinton on Kargil'**

Islamabad, April 11 : Accusing President Pervez Musharraf of 'deliberately' hiding some facets of the Kargil war from him, deposed Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has claimed that the Army Chief had pressed him to meet US President Bill Clinton to resolve the Kargil issue.

Deccan Herald, 12 April 2007

**Indo-US ties stronger than before: Rice**

Washington: The US has said it has the strongest ever relationship with India and good ties with Pakistan as well as Central Asia though its policy of not negotiating with terrorists has forced it to make some 'unpopular' decisions.

The Tribune, 12 April 2007

**India can't balance China's rise: US panel**

Enhanced cooperation between the USA and India is indicative of Washington's dependence on New Delhi to balance the rise of China, but architects of this policy do not understand the regional power balance, according to a U.S. think-tank.

China Daily, 12 April 2007

**US envoy defends China role in Darfur**

A United States envoy Wednesday defended China from criticism that it is not pressing the Sudan government hard enough to stop the violence in the Darfur region, Britain's Financial Times said in a story published on its website.

The Times of India, 13 April 2007

**India, Pakistan should not destabilise the region: US**

WASHINGTON: The Bush administration has cautioned Asian nations not to do anything that would "destabilise" the region after India successfully tested its nuclear-capable Agni III missile, while maintaining that New Delhi demonstrated "responsibility" with respect to prevention of weapons proliferation including nuclear technology.

The Hindu, 14 April 2007

**"There's a growing fascination with India in the U.S."**

Mark A. Emmert, president of the University of Washington (Seattle), speaks on the scope for cooperation in education.

The Times of India, 14 April 2007

**India's economic ties with US critical: Lavin**

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

The News, 14 April 2007

**Musharraf rules out Pak-US joint action against terrorists**

WASHINGTON: President General Pervez Musharraf has rejected "absolutely and totally" the prospect of a joint US-Pakistan military operation to pursue retreating insurgents inside Pakistan. "The whole population of Pakistan will rise against it," he told US news channel.

Daily Times, 15 April 2007

**No joint Pak-US anti-terror raids**

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The News, 15 April 2007

**US Pakistan policy ineffective: report**

WASHINGTON: A new and updated Congressional Research Service report has said that the outcomes of the Bush administration's policies toward Pakistan since 9/11, 'while not devoid of meaningful successes, have neither neutralised anti-Western militants and reduced religious extremism in that country, nor have they contributed sufficiently to the stabilisation of neighbouring Afghanistan'.

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 Nation, 16 April 2007

**PM's grouse**

Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz appears to have taken umbrage at the US media critical of Pakistan's policies and has obliquely hinted that it is taking its cue from the thinking in administration circles.

People's Daily, 17 April 2007

**Is trade war between US and China looming' (1)**

The United States has formally lodged its WTO complaint against copyright piracy in China. According to sources, the US trade delegation in Geneva had handed the documents detailing the complaint to the World Trade Organization, activating the WTO's dispute settlement process. The US has also filed a case accusing China of restricting distribution of foreign music, films and books.

Asian Tribune, 17 April 2007

**Italy and USA together monitoring flow of funds and weapons to LTTE - Foreign Ministry**

Colombo, 17 April, (Asiantribune.com): Italy and United States of America are together monitoring the flow of funds and weapons to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Italy has sought the assistance and support to curb intimidation and extortion from the Tamil Diaspora and fundraising by the LTTE and its front organizations in Italy. Italy also has categorically condemned all forms of terrorism including indiscriminate attacks on civilians.

Dawn, 18 April 2007

**Afghanistan seeks more cooperation from Pakistan**

KABUL, April 17: Taliban militants are still crossing the border from Pakistan to attack targets in Afghanistan and the two key US allies must boost cooperation to stop them, an Afghan spokesman said on Tuesday.

The Hindu, 19 April 2007

**Join global policing of sea lanes, U.S. asks India**

NEW DELHI: The United States has asked India to join a worldwide network to combat illegal activity on the high seas. Talks are on to involve Russia and China, while many other nations have started implementing the "1,000-ship navy" concept, said a U.S. Admiral.

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.

Daily Times, 21 April 2007

**US wants Pakistan to do more for women's security**

LAHORE: Pakistan needs to make more efforts to provide security to its women, Representative Betty Mccollum (D-MN) said at a hearing of the State Foreign Operations and Related Programmes Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee on Thursday.

The Tribune, 22 April 2007

**US senators see threat from Pak militants**

The presence of militant groups in Pakistan threatens not only India and the USA but Pakistan as well, four US senators have told President Pervez Musharraf.

Daily Times, 23 April 2007

**US institute plans briefing for Benazir**

DUBAI: The US-based International Republican Institute (IRI) has organised a

presentation for Pakistan People's Party Chairwoman Benazir Bhutto next month.

The Indian Express, 24 April 2007

**US knew of China missile test, but kept silent**

WASHINGTON, APRIL 23: After a Chinese interceptor smashed into a target satellite in January, Bush administration officials criticised the test as a destabilising development.

Deccan Herald, 24 April 2007

**US, India sign aviation pact**

New Delhi: India and the United States, on Monday, signed an Aviation Co-operation Programme (ACP) to help both the governments work together for identifying and supporting modernisation priorities of the former's civil aviation sector.

Dawn, 25 April 2007

**US sanctions Pakistani for arms deals with Iran**

WASHINGTON: A Pakistani citizen, Arif Ali Durrani, is among more than a dozen foreigners and entities the US sanctioned this week to stop transfers of advanced weaponry to and from Iran and Syria.

The News, 26 April 2007

**Most Pakistanis are anti-American, says Musharraf**

MADRID: Any U.S. attack on Iran would fuel anti-American sentiments in Pakistan, President Pervez Musharraf said in an interview with a Spanish newspaper published on Thursday. "There would be an effect on Pakistan as well, with implications for religious sectarianism, from any operation against in Iran, " Musharraf told the daily during a visit to Spain.

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. We did not fail to impress upon our American interlocutors that the 'first, second and third' impediment was technology denial.

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 Indian Express, 27 April 2007

**India faces complex diplomatic challenge, says Ashley Tellis**

New Delhi, April 30: Matching strategic agility with compulsions of domestic politics is a major challenge India, like the United States, faces in the changing world, said Ashley J Tellis, strategic affairs expert who played a valuable role in discussions leading to the Indo-US civilian nuclear deal, today.

The Hindu, 28 April 2007

**Ex-envoy to U.S. appointed China's Foreign Minister**

Beijing: On Friday, China announced the appointment of a new Foreign Minister, replacing veteran diplomat Li Zhaoxing with a younger Yang Jiechi, who is a former ambassador to the United States. The move comes at a time when China has begun to pursue a newly active diplomacy, mending fences with neighbours and wooing countries that can supply it with the oil and commodities needed to keep its economy growing in double digits.

Dawn, 28 April 2007

**US arrests mastermind of attack on Musharraf**

WASHINGTON, April 27: A top Al Qaeda commander, who led operations in Afghanistan and plotted the assassination of President Gen Pervez Musharraf, has been taken into US custody, the Pentagon said on Friday.

Daily Times, 28 April 2007

**US senator backs strategic ties with Pakistan**

WASHINGTON: Democratic Senator Tom Harkin on Friday voiced his strong support for US strategic ties with Pakistan, acknowledging that the country had been a key US ally for a long time.

The Tribune, 29 April 2007

**When Indians won civil rights in US**

Long before Harvard professor Joseph (Joe) Nye Jr conceptualised 'soft power' as 'ability to get what you want by attracting and persuading others to adopt your goals,' Indian immigrants, mostly Sikhs, in the US successfully practised its variant to win civil rights.