

Daily Times, 1 February 2007

FO expects 'balanced language' in US legislation on Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan said on Wednesday that it expects the US administration to intervene to introduce more 'balanced language' on a piece of legislation in the US Congress on linking military aid to Pakistan with the Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan.

Daily Times, 1 February 2007

'Pakistan was key to 1971 breakthrough in US-Sino ties'

NEW YORK: Chinese distrust of Romania led the then US president, Richard Nixon, to use Pakistan as his diplomatic conduit to Mao Zedong, said Henry Kissinger on Wednesday.

Newindpress, 2 February 2007

Top US defence firms on India mission

WASHINGTON: Leading US defence companies are mounting a mission to India to consolidate what they call "the momentum of the recent US-India strategic partnership" and to showcase American excellence in technology superiority, reliability and long-term partnership.

Hindustan Times, 2 February 2007

US Defence Mission to participate in Aero India 2007

Washington: Seeking to consolidate the momentum of the recent US-India strategic partnership, an executive Defence Mission would be arriving in India to participate in the country's major air show - Aero India 2007. in the successful passage of the Civilian Nuclear Legislation.

Daily Times, 2 February 2007

US Senate bill supports Pakistan

WASHINGTON: A bill moved in the US Senate towards the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the 9/11 Commission recommends to the president to provide \$3 billion in assistance to Pakistan for the next five years.

The Washington Post, 3 February 2007

U.S. Takes China to WTO Over Subsidies

The Bush administration, under pressure from the Democratic-controlled Congress to do something about America's soaring trade deficit, filed a trade case yesterday against China in a dispute involving government subsidies.

Daily News, 3 February 2007

US, Nato should do more, says Musharraf

ISLAMABAD: President General Pervez Musharraf on Friday rejected criticism that Pakistan was not doing enough in the war against terrorism, saying that Pakistan was not solely responsible to check Taliban movement to and from Afghanistan.

Hindustan Times, 3 February 2007

India's top bureaucrats to need US seal of approval

New Delhi, February 2: Indian bureaucrats now need an American stamp of approval before they can qualify as top brass. Starting this year, three US-based universities will train officers at different stages of their careers and only those who get a 'satisfactory' report will be empanelled for promotion.

The Washington Post, 4 February 2007

U.S. Takes China to WTO Over Subsidies

The complaint, filed with the World Trade Organization in Geneva, alleges that China is using government support and tax policies to bolster local companies in competition against U.S. and other foreign firms.

The Indian Express, 4 February 2007

What does China's space test mean? Top security meet Monday

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3 : The country's highest decision-making body on security affairs, the Strategic Policy Group (SPG), is meeting on Monday to discuss the ramifications of China's anti-satellite weapon test last month and formulate an Indian response to this major military development in the neighbourhood.

The Indian Express, 5 February 2007

123 countdown

India's special envoy on civilian nuclear cooperation, Shyam Saran, has done well to clear the air in Washington on the next steps towards the implementation of the July 18, 2005 Indo-US agreement.

The Hindu, 6 February 2007

'Rice to work with Indian counterparts to cement ties'

Washington, Feb. 6: The Indo-US civil nuclear agreement has deepened relationship between the two countries and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice would work with her Indian counterparts to build on the impetus provided by it, the State Department has said.

The Indian Express, 6 February 2007

Our interests are in common with India: US

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The Tribune, 6 February 2007

US expects big pie of defence deals

New Delhi, February 5: The United States expects a big pie of the \$ 30 billion defence deals with India including the contract for 126 frontline fighter jets for the Indian Air Force. "We are convinced that the US has the most capable aircraft. We expect to prevail," observed former American Defence Secretary William Cohen in an interface with mediapersons here today. "The competition will be fair and depends on how it turns out."

The Times of India, 7 February 2007

More US cash for Pak, cut for 'donor' India

WASHINGTON: US president George Bush's proposed \$2.9 trillion budget for fiscal year 2008 seeks \$20.3 billion for foreign assistance with increases for Afghanistan and Pakistan, but a cut for India as it has become a "donor country".

China Daily, 7 February 2007

Trade dispute unlikely to spark trade war between China, US

The trade dispute between China and the United States is unlikely to lead to trade war as the two countries share overlapping interests, said Li Xiangyang, the Deputy Director of the Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEP) of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

People's Daily, 8 February 2007

China shares control of nuclear fusion reactor

Chinese scientists have allowed their counterparts in the United States to start up and control a thermonuclear fusion reactor in eastern Anhui Province.

The Times of India, 8 February 2007

Bush is not frustrated with Mush, says US

WASHINGTON: The Bush administration has said that it considers Pakistan president General Pervez Musharraf as an absolutely essential ally in the war on terror and it would continue to work with him.

The Times of India, 9 February 2007

US seeks Indian cooperation to break Doha deadlock

WASHINGTON: US Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez will seek India's "full cooperation", specifically in efforts to liberalise trade in industrial and agricultural products and services, to break a deadlock in world trade talks during a visit next week.

Hindustan Times, 10 February 2007

US commerce chief to visit India to push American exports

Washington, February 9: US Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez has said he will travel to India next week to hold talks with government and business leaders in a bid to boost American exports.

The Times of India, 10 February 2007

US decides to end all aid to 'rising' India

WASHINGTON: The United States has decided to end all bilateral financial aid to 'rising' India, following the country's economic surge in recent years.

The Indian Express, 11 February 2007

Are you an American scholar? You aren't welcome in India

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 10 : For all the talk about a buzzing, confident India, there couldn't be a better - or, to be more accurate, worse - showcase of how some things haven't changed than this: the country, which is on its way towards signing a landmark

nuclear deal with the United States, whose engagement with Washington is a centrepiece of its foreign policy, makes US scholars virtually bend and crawl when it comes to their visiting India for research.

The New York Times, 12 February 2007

Gates Vows Cooperation With Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Pentagon chief Robert Gates vowed Monday that the United States will not neglect Pakistan and will work with the government of President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to combat the Taliban in neighboring Afghanistan.

Daily Times, 12 February 2007

US launching artillery into Pakistan in self-defence, says commander

BAGRAM AIR BASE: Asserting a right to self-defence, American forces in eastern Afghanistan launched artillery rounds into Pakistan to strike Taliban fighters who attack remote US outposts, the commander of US forces in the region said on Sunday.

The Nation, 12 February 2007

No approval required for attacks inside Pak, says US

Asserting a right to self-defence, American forces in eastern Afghanistan have launched artillery rounds into Pakistan to strike Taliban fighters who attack remote US outposts, the commander of US forces in the region said Sunday, reports ABC News.

Daily Times, 13 February 2007

US-Pakistan science committee meets

WASHINGTON: The first meeting of the-Pakistan Science and Technology Joint Committee began here on Tuesday and will end on Wednesday, followed by a joint news conference. The Pakistan delegation is being led by Dr Attaur Rehman, science adviser to the prime minister of Pakistan, while the US side is headed by Science and Technology Joint Committee co-chair Dr Arden Bement, The two delegations were welcomed by Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs Paula Dobriansky and Pakistani Ambassador Mahmud Ali Durrani.

Newindpress, 14 February 2007

India, US to set up centre to share satellite data

NEW DELHI: India and the United States will set up a centre to share and study satellite images related to climate, a step towards enhancing cooperation in the area of science and technology. The decision was taken during a meeting Science and Technology Minister Kapil Sibal had with visiting US Commerce Secretary Carlos M Gutierrez here on Tuesday.

The Hindu, 15 February 2007

Indian-American paves the way for MRI being more accurate

Washington: An Indian-American scientist at the Florida State University has collaborated a project that paves the way for producing sharper magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), providing doctors with a highly accurate tool for diagnosing maladies within the body.

Dawn, 15 February 2007

Sanctuaries of Taliban must be hit: US general

WASHINGTON, Feb 14: A top US military commander has called for 'steady and direct' attacks on Taliban sanctuaries in Pakistan. Lt-Gen Karl W. Eikenberry, the outgoing commander of the US forces in Afghanistan, warned that the Karzai government would suffer an irreversible loss of legitimacy among Afghans if the internal situation did not improve.

The International Herald Tribune, 16 February 2007

India firm reports raid in U.S.

NEW YORK: Ranbaxy Laboratories, the Indian pharmaceutical company, said U.S. officials had raided its American corporate offices in Princeton, New Jersey. Raghu Kochar, head of corporate communications for the company in India, confirmed on Friday that U.S. officials had searched Ranbaxy's American facilities and promised that the company would cooperate fully.

The Indian Express, 16 February 2007

It's official: US engines to power Indian LCAs

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15: It's official now that the first squadron of the indigenously-developed Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Tejas, meant for the IAF will be powered by American-made jet engines. On Wednesday, with none of the usual fanfare that surrounds the announcement of contracts, HAL quietly finalised an order for 24 General Electric F404 jet engines at a cost of just over \$100 million (Rs 440 crore).

The Tribune, 16 February 2007

US helping 'ally' Pak: Bush

Washington, February 15: The US is helping Pakistan, a key American ally in the war on terror, equip its border security forces to launch offensives against the Taliban and the Al-Qaida, common enemies of Washington and Islamabad, President George W Bush today said.

Daily Times, 17 February 2007

US operations in Pakistan expose flaws, says Fazl

ISLAMABAD: Maulana Fazlur Rehman, the Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA) secretary-general, said on Friday that the statements by US commanders saying that they have been hitting Al Qaeda and Taliban targets inside Pakistan exposed fault lines in the Pakistani government's policies.

The Hindu, 17 February 2007

Sino-U.S. cooperation vital for regional peace: Hu

BEIJING: Chinese President Hu Jintao and his U.S. counterpart George W. Bush on Thursday exchanged views in a telephone conversation on bilateral ties and the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula.

The Indian Express, 17 February 2007

Menon's first US visit may pave way for white list of dual use items

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 16: With Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon set to make his first trip to US next week after assuming charge, both countries are looking to make some headway in drawing up a white list of dual use items, meant for civilian purposes, for which Washington will make a license exception.

Daily Times, 18 February 2007

Pakistan's deal with tribal leaders disappointing: Rice

WASHINGTON: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice expressed disappointment on Friday with a deal between Pakistan and pro-Taliban militants. In September, Pakistan signed an agreement with tribal leaders in its North Waziristan region, along the border with Afghanistan, meant to stop cross border attacks.

The Statesman, 18 February 2007

Gates supports deal proposal

Islamabad, Feb. 17: US defence secretary Mr Robert Gates has supported Islamabad's proposal to strike a deal with tribal elders in the northern areas of Pak-Afghan border to contain insurgency, officials claimed here.

The Nation, 19 February 2007

Pak-US ties in historical perspective

After World War II, containment of Soviet Union was on top of the US agenda. Geographically and strategically Pakistan fitted into the US scheme of encirclement, intelligence gathering, and preventing Communist expansion into West and South Asia.

The Tribune, 19 February 2007

US ready to help India set up N-data centre

Mumbai, February 18: The US is ready to help India set up a National Nuclear Data Centre (NNDC) and train nuclear and IT scientists to make it an international facility, a US scientist has said.

Hindustan Times, 20 February 2007

The Indian advantage

Africans joke that Indians are bad at football because every time they are awarded a corner, they build a shop. An American version could be: Why are Indians so bad at rafting? Because the only thing Indians want to launch are startups. Unfunny, but significant as more evidence arrives of the Indian-American consolidation as the nobility of the United States of Technology.

Deccan Herald, 20 February 2007

The price for US support

On Pakistan's western front, war in Afghanistan may be about to take a fateful turn. Despite Pakistan's objections, the Nato and American officials assert that Taliban are using Pakistan as a sanctuary from where to mount attacks on western and Afghan targets.

Hindustan Times, 21 February 2007

US to help India, Pakistan to counter terrorists

Washington, February 21: The United States says it will continue to support and work with both India and Pakistan in their efforts to halt extremists and counter terrorist threats.

Hindustan Times, 21 February 2007

India-US meet to focus on high technology exports

Washington, February 21: The 5th US-India High Technology Cooperation Group (HTCG) meeting in Washington will focus on streamlining the export control regimes of the two countries that hamper trade and investment in high technology.

The Tribune, 21 February 2007

US condemns attack on Samjhauta Express

Washington, February 20: The United States has condemned the deadly blasts in the Samjhauta Express that killed 68 passengers and said those behind the attack were trying to undermine the progress in relations between India and Pakistan.

The Indian Express, 22 February 2007

India, US talk of 'relationship beyond N-deal'

Washington, February 22: The whole gamut of bilateral relations, the Indo-US nuclear deal and regional affairs came up for intensive discussions during talks Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon had with US Undersecretary of state for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns.

The Indian Express, 23 February 2007

US non-committal on support for UNSC seat

Washington, February 23: The US has appreciated the role India is playing in global affairs but remained non-committal on supporting its candidature for a permanent seat in an expanded UN Security Council.

The Times of India, 23 February 2007

Pak to top Indo-US talks agenda

WASHINGTON: The regional situation in the subcontinent arising from Pakistan's growing instability and its precipitous slide into extremism has jumped to the top of the agenda for Indian foreign secretary Shiv Shankar Menon's talks with his US counterparts this week.

The Indian Express, 24 February 2007

Dow to US watchdog: we bribed Indian officials for clearances

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23: Dow Chemicals has admitted that to 'expedite' registration of its pesticides in India between 1996 and 2001, its senior management in India approved and made 'irregular payments' to government officials, at the Centre and in states, including an influential member of the registration committee of the Central Insecticide Board, the Agriculture Ministry's apex regulatory authority responsible for

approving pesticides.

Dawn, 24 February 2007

Ties strategic with both India, Pakistan: US

WASHINGTON, Feb 23: US Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns told a joint briefing with Indian Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon on Friday that the United States and India do not have a joint approach towards Pakistan.

China Daily, 24 February 2007

Academic counters Cheney's 'threat' remarks

China is committed to its goal of peaceful development, a Beijing academic said in response to Friday's remarks on the country's "military threat" by US Vice-President Dick Cheney.

Daily Times, 25 February 2007

US meeting to discuss 'brand image' of Pakistan

WASHINGTON: A meeting to be held here next month will examine the 'brand image' of Pakistan and why it is what it is. The meeting being jointly sponsored by the South Asia Studies programme of the Johns Hopkins University and the Association of Pakistani Professionals, will make an effort, according to its organisers, to address the impact of Pakistan's 'brand' image in the areas of public policy and the media.

The Tribune, 25 February 2007

Cooperation with India to continue at all levels: US

Washington, February 24: The USA has said its cooperation with New Delhi will continue at 'all levels', as India is one of the fastest-growing economies in South-east Asia.

The New York Times, 26 February 2007

Bush to Warn Pakistan to Act on Terror

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25: President Bush has decided to send an unusually tough message to one of his most important allies, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, the president of Pakistan, warning him that the newly Democratic Congress could cut aid to his country unless his forces become far more aggressive in hunting down operatives with Al Qaeda, senior administration officials say.

The Indian Express, 27 February 2007

Bush, Mush and us

The media leaks in Washington that the Bush administration is threatening to withdraw its economic assistance to Pakistan if Pervez Musharraf does not crack down on the Taliban were obviously timed to coincide with US Vice President Dick Cheney's surprise visit to Islamabad on Monday.

Daily Times, 27 February 2007

Bush to send tough message to Pakistan

WASHINGTON: US President George W Bush has decided to send an unusually tough

message to President Gen Pervez Musharraf warning that the new Democratic-led Congress could cut aid to Pakistan unless it does more to crack down on Al Qaeda operatives, The New York Times reported on Sunday.

The Tribune, 28 February 2007

Cheney visit mounts pressure on Musharraf

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan: United States Vice President Dick Cheney's unannounced visit to the Pakistani capital on Monday was the latest and most visible signal of renewed U.S. pressure on President Pervez Musharraf to crack down on Islamic militants in Pakistan's lawless tribal areas bordering Afghanistan.

Daily Times, 28 February 2007

Taliban target Cheney in suicide blast, 12 killed

KABUL: A Taliban suicide bomber killed at least 12 people at the main US military base in Afghanistan on Tuesday in an attack the rebels said was aimed at Dick Cheney, but the visiting US vice president was not hurt.

Daily Times, 28 February 2007

US alliance with Musharraf runs its course: CSIS

WASHINGTON: A report released on Monday by researchers at the United States-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) suggested that Washington seriously consider the possibility that its post-9/11 relationship with Pakistan has run its course.

Daily Times, 28 February 2007

'Do-more' mantra

It seems that the Americans never tire of telling Pakistan to do more in the fight against terrorism, particularly as far as securing its border with Afghanistan is concerned. It is believed that US Vice-President Dick Cheney said pretty much this when he met President Pervez Musharraf in Islamabad for a couple of hours on Monday.

Daily Times, 28 February 2007

Threat nuances against Pakistan

It seems the US is not prepared to give the Pakistani leadership any decent respite from its "do-more" mantra in relation to Afghanistan. And as NATO/ISAF continue to show an inability to deal with the resurgent Taliban threat, which is increasingly becoming more of a Pashtun resistance, the proclivity to blame Pakistan for their failures increases.