

The Hindu, 1 January 2007

They are scared of America: Basu

Kolkata: Veteran Marxist leader Jyoti Basu on Sunday criticised the Centre's response to the hanging of the former Iraqi President, Saddam Hussein.

Hindustan Times, 2 January 2007

US will be defeated in Afghanistan: former CIA hand

Washington/Islamabad, December 31: A former senior CIA operative who tracked Osama bin Laden for 10 long years foresees "an apparent American defeat in Afghanistan".

Hindustan Times, 3 January 2007

US asks India to relax FDI norms in education

Mumbai, January 2: The US on Tuesday asked India to further relax norms for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the education sector to pave the way for American universities to set up base in India.

The Indian Express, 3 January 2007

US aerospace industry seeks Indian partners

London, January 3: More than 86 per cent of US civil and military aerospace contractors including Boeing and Lockheed Martin are planning to form joint ventures with Indian aerospace companies this year, according to a survey.

China Daily, 3 January 2007

US urged to honor one-China policy

China hopes the United States would strictly abide by its promise and not send any wrong signals to secessionists trying for "Taiwan's independence", China's top legislature said yesterday.

The Times of India, 4 January 2007

US warship 'Trenton' to join Indian fleet

WASHINGTON: Nearly two centuries after Bombay's famed Wadia family built HMS Minden - the ship on which the American national anthem Star Spangled Banner was written - history will sail a full circle later this month.

The Indian Express, 4 January 2007

'Without Indians, US economy won't be same'

Houston, January 4: Indian immigrants are a significant driving force behind the creation of new engineering and technology companies in the United States in the past decade than their counterparts from the UK, China, Taiwan and Japan put together.

Hindustan Times, 5 January 2007

Indians overwhelm Chinese in US

Mumbai, January 4: If India is shining at home, the diaspora is dazzling in America. What is more, it has stolen a march over the Chinese.

Daily Times, 5 January 2007

Bush advised to help resolve Kashmir issue

WASHINGTON: President George Bush has been advised to make Kashmir a part of his dialogue with India and Pakistan, now that the nuclear deal with New Delhi is done.

Hindustan Times, 6 January 2007

US looks forward to closer ties with 'global power' India

Washington: After the civil nuclear deal, the United States looks forward to further expanding relations with India in areas ranging from trade to regional security as with any 'global power or ally'.

China Daily, 7 January 2007

US reaffirms commitment to one-China policy

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice reaffirmed on Friday that the United States honors its commitment to the one-China policy. The United States does not support "Taiwan independence", and is opposed to any unilateral move aimed at changing the status quo across the Taiwan Strait and any provocative action as well, said Rice, during talks with visiting Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi.

The Times of India, 7 January 2007

Pak terror network: US, UK find tough to crack

WASHINGTON: Authorities in the United States and the United Kingdom are facing several hurdles as they crack down on a "pipeline" of operatives, supporters and financiers that shuttles terrorists from Pakistan, according to Newsweek.

The New York Times, 7 January 2007

Israel Denies Planning Iran Nuke Attack

LONDON: A British newspaper reported Sunday that Israel has drafted plans to strike as many as three targets in Iran with low-yield nuclear weapons, aiming to halt Tehran's uranium enrichment program. The Israeli Foreign Ministry denied the report.

International Herald Tribune, 7 January 2007

U.S. is selecting a hybrid design for an updated nuclear warhead

WASHINGTON: The Bush administration is expected to announce this week a major step forward in the building of the country's first new nuclear warhead in nearly two decades. It will propose combining elements of competing designs from two weapons laboratories in an approach that some experts argue is untested and risky.

The Hindu, 8 January 2007

Manmohan Singh tells diaspora to help build new India

NEW DELHI : Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Sunday described the U.S. law on civil nuclear energy as an important step forward in bilateral ties. He thanked the Indian American community for their significant role in highlighting the importance of this initiative in the United States and elsewhere.

People's Daily, 8 January 2007

China lodges representations to U.S. on Taiwan leader's possible transit

China on Monday lodged solemn representations to the United States on reported Taiwan leader's transit stop there.

People's Daily, 9 January 2007

Protest made over Chen's US stopover

China protested against the United States yesterday for allowing Taiwan leader Chen Shui-bian to stop over in California on his way to Nicaragua.

China Daily, 9 January 2007

China opposes US sanction on Chinese companies

China is strongly opposed to the US government's sanction on Chinese companies, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao Tuesday.

Daily Times, 10 January 2007

US tells China to reconsider \$16b gas deal with Iran

BEIJING: The US has urged China to reconsider a reported multibillion dollar natural gas deal with Iran amid world efforts to sanction Tehran for its nuclear programmes, an Embassy spokeswoman said on Tuesday.

Dawn, 10 January 2007

Washington moves to calm Islamabad, Kabul

WASHINGTON, Jan 9: The United States has sent its pointman for South Asia to Kabul amid growing tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan that threaten to undo the US-led alliance against terrorism.

Deccan Herald, 11 January 2007

US official sent to Afghanistan on trouble-shooting mission

Washington: A senior State Department official has been sent to Afghanistan amid concerns in Washington that relations between Kabul and Islamabad are getting out of hand.

Daily Times, 11 January 2007

Democracy Pakistan's internal matter, says US envoy

KARACHI: Democracy is Pakistan's 'internal issue' and Washington does not interfere in the internal affairs of any country, US ambassador Ryan C Crocket has said, ostensibly indicating that the USA may not object to President Pervez Musharraf's election for another term in uniform.

The Indian Express, 12 January 2007

Pakistan a haven for extremists: US spy chief

Washington, January 12: The head of US spy operations has said that Pakistan, while a key ally in the US hunt for terrorists, represents a major source of Islamic extremism and a refuge for top terror leaders.

Daily Times, 12 January 2007

Pakistan genuinely fighting terror: US

KABUL: Pakistan's commitment to fighting terrorism is genuine and the country remains an important ally of the United States, a senior US official said on Thursday.

Dawn, 13 January 2007

'US, Pakistan both failed to curb terrorism': Boucher holds high-level talks in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, Jan 12: US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher said here on Friday that Pakistan and the United States had been unsuccessful in eliminating terrorists and both needed to do more.

Dawn, 13 January 2007

US disturbing balance of power in South Asia, says report

WASHINGTON, Jan 12: An apparent new US embrace of India, particularly the recently concluded nuclear pact, has fuelled Pakistan's anxieties about the balance of power in South Asia, says a report formulated for the US Congress.

The Indian Express, 13 January 2007

Pak denies US terror haven charge, says share intelligence

ISLAMABAD, January 12: Pakistan on Friday rejected allegations by America's spy chief that it is a refuge for terror leaders, and demanded that US intelligence networks share information on the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden and other top al-Qaeda figures.

The Hindu, 13 January 2007

India a "reliable ally" against global terrorism: U.S. report

NEW DELHI: The United States expects that India's growing confidence on the world stage as a result of its high economic growth rates will make it a "more effective partner" for the U.S. and a more formidable interlocutor in areas of disagreement, particularly the World Trade Organisation.

Daily Times, 13 January 2007

US urged to get Pakistan and India to come closer

WASHINGTON: The US has been urged to use its close relations with New Delhi and Islamabad to encourage continued forward movement in the two countries' relations and to take advantage of this historic opportunity to hammer out the details of an agreement and be willing to take political risks for meaningful progress towards peace.

China Daily, 13 January 2007

China, Russia veto US draft to punish Myanmar

China and Russia on Friday vetoed a US resolution calling on Myanmar government to stop persecution of opposition groups, killing the measure in the UN Security Council. The vote was 9-3 in favor, with three abstentions. Two of the negative votes came from permanent members with veto rights.

Dawn, 14 January 2007

Pakistan needs to do more, says US

WASHINGTON, Jan 13: Pakistan needs to do more to prevent the Taliban and Al Qaeda from using the tribal areas as a safe haven, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in an interview.

Dawn, 14 January 2007

Hillary arrives in Lahore

KARACHI, Jan 13: Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived in Lahore on Saturday, according to television reports. Ms Clinton is expected to meet President Pervez Musharraf in Islamabad on Sunday.

The Hindu, 15 January 2007

"Debate farm component of deal with U.S."

CHENNAI: The Bharatiya Janata Party on Sunday demanded a comprehensive debate in Parliament on the agriculture component of the 2005 India-United States agreement. Accusing the Centre of not bothering to bring that aspect of the agreement before the people, Murli Manohar Joshi, former Union Minister, told journalists that in the name of a second Green Revolution, conditions totally detrimental were being imposed upon farmers and scientists.

Daily Times, 15 January 2007

There is no terrorist sanctuary in Pakistan: Aziz

WASHINGTON: Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz has emphatically denied that there are any terrorist hideouts or sanctuaries in Pakistan as alleged by US intelligence czar John Negraponted at a congressional hearing last week.

Daily Times, 15 January 2007

'War on terror': US will not leave allies before success: Cheney

WASHINGTON: US allies helping in fighting terrorism - Pakistan, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf states and Egypt - must have confidence that the United States will not leave before a successful outcome, Vice President Dick Cheney said on Sunday.

Daily Times, 16 January 2007

Musharraf debunks US military claim

ISLAMABAD: President Gen Pervez Musharraf on Monday rejected US Maj Gen Benjamin Freakley's claim that Jalaluddin Haqqani was perating from inside Pakistan to foment violence in Afghanistan, and said that the 'baseless allegations' could harm Pak-US cooperation in the war on terror.

Daily Times, 16 January 2007

Pakistan warns against pre-emptive strike

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Monday rejected statements made by John Negroponte, director of US intelligence, that Al Qaeda was regrouping from a secure hideout in Pakistan, and warned against any pre-emptive strike. "This is unacceptable ... Pakistan will not tolerate this," Foreign Office spokeswoman Tasnim Aslam told reporters at a

weekly news briefing.

Daily Times, 16 January 2007

Three killed in bid to kidnap PAEC officials

KARAK: Police foiled a bid to abduct four officials of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission on Monday, killing three kidnapers and arresting two accomplices.

The Times of India, 17 January 2007

US arms surplus finds way to Iran and China

WASHINGTON: The US military has sold forbidden equipment at least a half-dozen times to middlemen for countries - including Iran and China - who exploited security flaws in the defence department's surplus auctions. The sales include fighter jet parts and missile components.

Daily Times, 17 January 2007

Pakistan buying 700 air-to-air missiles from US company

TUCSON: Pakistan is buying 700 air-to-air missiles made by US defence group Raytheon for 284 million dollars, the company said on Monday. Pakistan is purchasing 500 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), the largest international order for this weapon, and 200 short-range AIM-9M Sidewinder missiles, Raytheon said in a statement.

The News, 17 January 2007

US threats to Pakistan

The US intent towards Pakistan has now become completely unambiguous and it is a threatening and hostile design the US is unfurling in the context of its frontline ally in the war on terror.

Dawn, 17 January 2007

US praises Pakistan role against terror

WASHINGTON, Jan 16: The United States on Tuesday acknowledged Pakistan was trying to prevent terrorists from creating safe havens inside its territory hours after an air raid killed several suspected militants in the tribal area.

Daily Times, 18 January 2007

US will not dictate Pak-Afghan border settlement

LAHORE: Nicholas Burns, the US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, said Afghanistan and Pakistan should resolve their border issues mutually and his country would not dictate a settlement.

Dawn, 18 January 2007

India likely to join US-led club: Plan to isolate China

NEW DELHI, Jan 17: India was reported on Wednesday to be poised to join a US-led club involving Australia, and Japan in a major policy move aimed obliquely at isolating China. The Hindu reported the move as senior Indian and Chinese officials began a fresh round of talks to resolve their Himalayan border dispute that led to a brief war in 1962.

The Tribune, 19 January 2007

Indian Navy takes over USS Trenton

Mumbai, January 18: The US Navy formally handed over USS Trenton, an amphibious transport dock ship to the Indian Navy yesterday. She will be rechristened INS Jalashva and inducted into the Indian Navy next month, according to sources.

Daily Times, 19 January 2007

Pakistan must address Taliban 'sanctuary': US

WASHINGTON: Pakistan must do more to address the 'sanctuary' that Taliban fighters enjoy in Pakistan before security can improve in Afghanistan, the head of US spy operations said on Thursday.

Dawn, 19 January 2007

US govt's help sought to bridge Pakistan-Afghan rift

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18: A US congressional delegation has urged the White House to appoint a presidential envoy for removing differences between Pakistan and Afghanistan. At a Wednesday afternoon news conference, members of the delegation also claimed that President Pervez Musharraf told them at a meeting in Lahore that the North Waziristan agreement needs to be 'reworked.'

Deccan Herald, 20 January 2007

China tests missile; US worried

China has given notice of its increasing power in space - and provoked widespread international concern - with a successful test of an anti-satellite weapon that could be used to knock out enemy surveillance and communications craft.

Dawn, 21 January 2007

US in a fix over Pakistan role in global strategy

WASHINGTON, Jan 20: Pakistan, along with Afghanistan and Iraq, is among the three top countries the United States sees as the hub of activities that threaten America's global interests.

Deccan Herald, 22 January 2007

India, a reliable ally against terror: US

Washington: The US anticipates that India will emerge as a more effective global partner because of its growing confidence as a world player due to sustained high rates of economic growth, the Department of Homeland Security expressed in its annual report to the Congress.

Hindustan Times, 22 January 2007

India could punish Pakistan for terror attack: US

Karachi, January 21: Improved India-Pakistan relations notwithstanding, the US apprehends a terror attack on a high profile target could prompt India to "punish Islamabad for its continued support to Pakistan-based militants".

The Times of India, 22 January 2007

'Pakistan continues to fuel jihad, terrorism'

WASHINGTON, Jan 21: An American foreign correspondent who was assaulted by Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI and warned not to interview the Taliban has reported that Islamabad continues to fuel jihad and terror as a state policy.

Hindustan Times, 23 January 2007

India on US 'special watch list' for human trafficking

Washington: India figures among 39 countries placed on a US "special watch list" of nations deemed to warrant special scrutiny of their anti-trafficking efforts under a 2003 US law.

Deccan Herald, 23 January 2007

Answers within

Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf left for a tour of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria and UAE on January 20. A day earlier, he had talked with the Iranian President over the current crisis in relations, or absence thereof, between the United States and Iran.

Daily Times, 24 January 2007

Pakistan responsible for resurgent Taliban: NYT

WASHINGTON: In a scathing editorial titled 'From Pakistan, with jihad', the New York Times - which has run a succession of critical reports about Pakistan's support for the resurgent Taliban - contends that its correspondent's reporting has established that Quetta is an 'important rear base' for the Taliban.

Daily Times, 25 January 2007

Musharraf rejects US allegations

ABU DHABI: An angry President General Pervez Musharraf on Wednesday labelled 'preposterous' suggestions that Pakistani military and intelligence officials may have helped Taliban militants cross into Afghanistan.

Dawn, 25 January 2007

US legislation seeks ban on assistance to Pakistan

WASHINGTON, Jan 24: A new legislation, already endorsed by the House of Representatives, calls for stopping US military assistance to Pakistan if Islamabad fails to halt the resurgence of Taliban inside its territory.

The Tribune, 25 January 2007

Indians among 750 held by US immigration officials

Washington, January 24: US immigration officials have arrested more than 750 foreign nationals, including Indians, in one of the largest such enforcement actions carried out so far in the country.

The Tribune, 26 January 2007

US Bill seeks ban on assistance to Pak

Washington, January 25: A new legislation, already endorsed by the House of

Representatives, calls for stopping US military assistance to Pakistan if Islamabad fails to halt the resurgence of Taliban inside its territory.

Daily Times, 26 January 2007

'Some airbases on standby for US'

ISLAMABAD: The Government of Pakistan has not given naval berth in Karachi to the United States and only some airbases have been put on standby for coalition forces because Pakistan is a partner in the war against terrorism, Defence Secretary Lt Gen (r) Tariq Waseem Ghazi told the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Thursday.

The Economic Times, 27 January 2007

Making sense of US tilt towards India

President George Bush has accorded a special, even an exceptional, status to India by putting the seal of approval on the US-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act, 2006 (Hyde Act). He declared on December 18, 2006 that 'the Act will strengthen the strategic relationship between the US and India, and deliver valuable benefits to both nations.'

Daily Times, 27 January 2007

Use of Pakistani airbases by US: Defence secretary refuses to share information with PAC

ISLAMABAD: Defence Secretary Lt Gen (r) Tariq Waseem Ghazi refused to share the details of agreements signed on the use of Pakistani airbases by US forces and their financial benefits, with the Public Accounts Committee on Friday.

Deccan Herald, 28 January 2007

Iran-India ties cause for concern in US

Washington: India's ties with Tehran are on an upswing in the same week that US-Iranian relations have hit another low with all the signs pointing to another emerging bilateral crisis.

Daily Times, 28 January 2007

Nicholas Burns asks Pakistan to 'do more' in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON: Nicholas Burns, US under secretary of state, said here this week that 'there is a problem of forces coming from Pakistan into Afghanistan to attack and then to return to Pakistan to seek refuge and refitting.' He also repeated what has become an American refrain, namely that Pakistan should 'do more.'

The Times of India, 29 January 2007

India Prized

Well-intentioned as US president George W Bush might be towards India, he has yet to grasp a basic point - that India is a land of promise and opportunity, a young nation on the move.

Daily Times, 29 January 2007

Washington sending mobile taskforce for Afghanistan

LAHORE: The US is sending to Afghanistan a mobile taskforce that the outgoing British commander of Nato forces, General David Richards, has been pleading for throughout his nine-month tenure, writes Christina Lamb.

China Daily, 30 January 2007

US to send 'clean energy' mission to China, India

The United States is to send a mission to China and India to market technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the world's two most populous nations, the US Commerce Department has announced.

China Daily, 31 January 2007

US seeks to engage with, not confront China

WASHINGTON: Incoming number-two US diplomat John Negroponte has said Washington should adopt an engagement policy at all levels with China. Negroponte, currently the top US spy chief and set to become Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's deputy, also told a Senate hearing on his confirmation that it would not be wise for Washington to review its policy on Taiwan.

China Daily, 31 January 2007

Bush defends US-China trade

EAST PEORIA, United States - US President George W. Bush, launching a two-day campaign to tout his economic priorities, defended growing US trade with China while acknowledging it was "controversial." In remarks at the US bulldozer-maker Caterpillar, Bush also urged the US Congress, held by opposition Democrats for the first time in a dozen years, not to raise taxes and to embrace his free-trade agenda.