

The Times of India, 1 June 2007

US to Bangladesh: Work within the framework of law

WASHINGTON: Expressing its support to the Bangladesh interim administration's decision to have an elections timetable, the US has said that any changes that are being done in that country, has to be within the framework of the law.

Daily Times, 1 June 2007

Pakistan's UN envoy rebukes New York Times

WASHINGTON: Pakistan's ambassador to the United Nations, Munir Akram, has taken umbrage at an editorial observation by the New York Times that US aid can prop up any leader in Pakistan.

Deccan Herald, 2 June 2007

US committed to nuclear deal with India

Washington: The United States today said "some technical issues" have delayed progress on an agreement to operationalise the civil nuclear deal with India but it is clearly committed to the initiative.

The Hindu, 3 June 2007

China, U.S. hotline likely

SINGAPORE: China on Saturday announced its willingness to set up a defence-level hotline with U.S. Speaking at the Asia Security Conference here, Lieutenant General Zhang Qinsheng, Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army, said China and the U.S. "will finalise the establishment of the hotline" in September.

The Times of India, 4 June 2007

Fear of Al-Qaida attack on US

ISLAMABAD: Security forces in Pakistan have been put on high alert after intelligence agencies warned of attacks by Al-Qaida and Taliban militants on embassies, consulates and citizens of US and UK.

The Times of India, 4 June 2007

US 'watching' situation in Pak

WASHINGTON: A day after President Pervez Musharraf tightened media regulations, the US on Tuesday said the press should be free to cover the judicial process underway in Pakistan as it is an "important element" of keeping the people posted on what their government is doing. We're watching it closely."

Daily Times, 5 June 2007

Media should be free: US

WASHINGTON: The State Department said on Monday that the media should be free to cover the judicial process. Asked about the situation in Pakistan, a State Department spokesman said, "This is an issue the Pakistani people and government need to resolve within the confines of their law ... there is a judicial process that is under way, and the media should be free to cover that ... it is a situation that we're watching closely."

The Times of India, 6 June 2007

Bush admin nudged on crisis in Pak

WASHINGTON: Key US lawmakers on Tuesday urged the Bush administration to press for full restoration of democracy in Pakistan even as administration hedged from criticising the country's military dictator Pervez Musharraf's latest crackdown on civil liberties.

Daily Times, 6 June 2007

US lawmakers raise alarm over Pakistan

WASHINGTON: Pakistan's use of violent intimidation to quell political protests threatens US and Pakistani interests, and President Pervez Musharraf must be encouraged to restore democratic processes, several US congressmen say.

Daily Times, 7 June 2007

India, Pakistan devise strategy on IPI to avoid US sanctions

NEW DELHI: India and Pakistan have reportedly agreed to a tactical strategy of accessing Iranian gas without inviting sanctions from the United States. Both countries are now trying to wriggle out of the consortium that was to be formed for laying the tri-nation pipeline.

The Tribune, 7 June 2007

US warns Pak against media curbs

Washington, June 6: The USA has cautioned Pakistan against using the newly introduced law to curb media freedom amid a judiciary crisis which has rocked President Musharraf's administration.

The Hindu, 8 June 2007

India to import 50 lakh tonnes of wheat

NEW DELHI: Even as India proposes to import 50 lakh tonnes of wheat this year to augment buffer stocks for the public distribution system, talks between India and the United States on market access for U.S. wheat have failed. The Americans want India to lower its wheat quality specifications to enable it to participate in the huge order that India proposes to place in international market.

The Times of India, 9 June 2007

India, China rise would not end American century: Rice

WASHINGTON: Notwithstanding the rise of India and China, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice does not believe that "American Century" is giving way to the era of American decline or the coming of "somebody else's century."

The Tribune, 9 June 2007

US Embassy acts tough on visa fraud

New Delhi, June 8: The US Embassy has referred seven cases of visa fraud to Indian law enforcement for criminal investigation since June, the Embassy said here today. These police referrals include all visa categories, including religious workers, temporary skilled workers (H1Bs), students, and general tourist/business travelers.

Dawn, 9 June 2007

Emergency to be a step backward, says US

WASHINGTON, June 8: Imposition of emergency would be a step backward for Pakistan and the United States hopes President Pervez Musharraf doesn't take such action, a senior US official said on Thursday.

People's Daily, 10 June 2007

China, U.S. hold consultations on IPR protection

China and the United States have held consultations in Geneva on issues involving the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the Chinese Mission to the World Trade Organization (WTO) said on Saturday.

The Statesman, 11 June 2007

Security talks to go on: USA

Washington, June 10: India and the USA are set to discuss defence and security matters, including global non-proliferation challenges, during a two-day visit of top state department official to New Delhi. US assistant secretary of state Mr C Rood would continue the long-standing dialogue between New Delhi and Washington on these issues, the state department has said.

The Hindu, 11 June 2007

U.S. presidential campaign and India

With the U.S. 2008 presidential campaign in full swing, nearly 20 Republican and Democratic contenders (and possibly more to join soon) are already crisscrossing the country and outlining their policy positions and platforms. This frenzy of campaigning even seems early for most Americans, but for those abroad - in India and elsewhere - it is worth asking: how does this matter to us

Daily News, 11 June 2007

'US wants Musharraf to accommodate Benazir'

LAHORE: Washington wants President Gen Pervez Musharraf to accommodate Benazir Bhutto and other secular political parties because the US administration has now come to a point where it sees its dependence on the Pakistan Army as inappropriate, said former foreign secretary Tanveer Ahmad Khan while speaking in Geo television's programme Meray Mutabiq on Sunday.

Deccan Herald, 12 June 2007

China building military force to challenge US

New York: China is now building a military force to challenge any attempt by the United States to intervene in a conflict over Taiwan, Western and Chinese military analysts have said. An increasingly wealthy China is now building a military force tailored specifically to challenge any attempt by the United States to intervene in a conflict over Taiwan, Western and Chinese military analysts have said.

The Guardian, 13 June 2007

Pentagon report chills US-China relations

Even as the US struggles to stop relations with Russia plunging into deep freeze, a distinct chill has descended over its dealings with Beijing following a new Pentagon report on China's military build-up. Richard Nixon knew better than to antagonise both superpower rivals at once. No such wisdom troubles George Bush.

Deccan Herald, 13 June 2007

US for lifting ban on indoor politics in Bangladesh

Dhaka: "The longer the ban is kept in place, the more difficult it will be to enact reforms, it is as simple as that," says US ambassador in Dhaka Patricia Butenis. US ambassador in Dhaka Patricia Butenis has urged the military-backed interim government in Bangladesh for lifting the ban on indoor politics to allow parties to contribute to the electoral reforms.

Hindustan Times, 13 June 2007

US warns India over 'world's largest human trafficking problem'

The US has warned India to act swiftly on what it called the "world's largest human trafficking problem" involving hundreds of thousands of victims of sexual exploitation and millions of bonded labourers or face sanctions.

The Indian Express, 13 June 2007

US hopes Gen will give up uniform

Washington, June 12 : Notwithstanding the fact that Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf has ruled out quitting as army chief, the United States has said it expects him to honour his commitment of putting aside his uniform if he continues to hold political office.

The Washington Post, 14 June 2007

U.S., China Aim to Mend Ties

At Pentagon official yesterday cited plans to establish a crisis hotline between Washington and Beijing as well as expanded exchanges involving top U.S. and Chinese defense officials as signs of improving U.S.-Chinese military ties.

Daily Times, 14 June 2007

US military aid to Pakistan restored

WASHINGTON: Reluctant US lawmakers restored \$50 million in military aid to Pakistan on Tuesday to help it weather its current political turmoil as a bill to finance US foreign aid advanced in Congress.

The Hindu, 15 June 2007

India to apply for membership in Washington Accord

NEW DELHI: Two years after its application for provisional membership in the Washington Accord was rejected for want of sponsors, India is all set to approach the 18-year-old grouping next week with a fresh application seeking recognition for its engineering programmes accredited by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

The Tribune, 16 June 2007

US court ruling on tax may cost India \$37 million

The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday ruled that New York City can take India to court for not paying taxes on a property it owns in Manhattan. The city claims the Indian government owes \$37 million in interest and unpaid property taxes for the building housing the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations.

Dawn, 16 June 2007

US-Pakistan accord on new round of strategic talks

ISLAMABAD, June 15: US Deputy Secretary of State John D. Negroponte arrived here on Friday and held a 45-minute meeting with Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri at which an understanding was reached for early convening of the much-delayed second round of the Pakistan-US strategic dialogue.

The Times of India, 16 June 2007

Hillary pilloried for India 'connections'

WASHINGTON: Some four decades ago, Indian lawmaker Pilloo Modi famously walked into the parliament wearing a sign around his neck that read 'I am a CIA agent.' He was mocking the paranoia in those days about the 'foreign hand,' an expression that dominated Indian political discourse and was used to stigmatize opponents for their alleged American leanings.

Hindustan Times, 16 June 2007

US tightens controls on military-use items to China

The United States is imposing new export controls on high-tech goods ranging from aircraft to space communication systems that could be used by China's rapidly expanding military, the US Commerce Department said on Friday.

The Tribune, 16 June 2007

US Dy Secy of State meets Kasuri

US deputy secretary of state, John Negroponte flew into Islamabad for talks with top Pakistani leaders amid indication of a nuanced shift in US stance on Gen. Musharraf's dual role in politics and plans for re-election.

The Times of India, 17 June 2007

US-India initiative forges ahead

WASHINGTON: United States-India Agriculture Knowledge Initiative (AKI) has made significant progress in forging lasting private sector and university relationships between the two countries, American Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has said.

Daily Times, 17 June 2007

Pakistan has top-of-the-line US arms

WASHINGTON: The defence relationship between Pakistan and the US has been described as "robust" in a research study published here and the military and defence equipment received by Pakistan since 2001, "top of the line".

Daily Times, 18 June 2007

Kasuri leaves for Washington

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri on Sunday left for Washington to meet his US counterpart Condoleezza Rice and discuss cooperation in counter-terrorism, situation in Afghanistan, composite dialogue with India, the Middle East peace process and situation in Iraq.

Deccan Herald, 19 June 2007

Mujibur killer sent to jail after US deports him

Dhaka: A K M Mohiuddin, a retired army major, is among the 12 retired and sacked army officers who were given death sentences by a court on November 8, 1998 for killing Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. After nine years of hiding in the United States, the condemned killer of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangladesh's founding leader, arrived in Dhaka amidst tight security on Monday noon. He was then taken to a magistrate court which sent him to the Dhaka central jail.

Hindustan Times, 19 June 2007

Pak determined to implement IPI gas pipeline project

Terming US skepticism on the Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas pipeline as "undesirable", Islamabad has said it was determined to implement the project. Foreign Office spokesman Tasnim Aslam said Pakistan is determined to implement the project and transfer Iran's gas to Pakistan and India.

The Times of India, 19 June 2007

US, China set for dialogue on critical issues

WASHINGTON: Senior officials from the United States and China are to hold a twice-yearly dialogue in Washington this week on bilateral and multilateral issues, the State Department said on Monday.

The News, 19 June 2007

Rice seeks fair elections in Pakistan

WASHINGTON: Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri held talks with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Monday afternoon on further enhancing bilateral relations under the strategic partnership.

The Tribune, 20 June 2007

Indian firms on hiring spree in US

New York, June 19: Indian companies - which are becoming major players in the international arena - are hiring aggressively in the USA, reversing the earlier trend when they always transferred Indians to work in America on temporary visas.

The Indian Express, 20 June 2007

Bush 'proud' of Indo-US relations

Washington, June 20: In the backdrop of controversy over Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama's comments on his party rival Hillary Clinton's connections with Indian-Americans, the White House has said President George W Bush is "proud" of the relationship between India and the United States.

The Times of India, 21 June 2007

'China pips US as top CO2 emitter'

AMSTERDAM: China has overtaken the US as the top emitter of carbon dioxide because of surging energy use amid an economic boom, a Dutch government-funded agency said on Wednesday.

The Indian Express, 22 June 2007

Indian-Americans rally behind Hillary

New York, June 21: US Presidential hopeful Barack Obama's campaign ridiculing rival Hillary Clinton's links with Indian-Americans has apparently helped to rally more support for the latter in the community, boosting her fundraising.

The Times of India, 22 June 2007

India, US sign pact for tie-up in aviation sector

WASHINGTON: With the country's aviation industry facing challenges of rising passenger level and cargo volume, India on Friday entered into an agreement with the United States to establish an Aviation Cooperation Programme (ACP) to modernise the sector's infrastructure.

Daily Times, 22 June 2007

US-Pakistan alliance not a "marriage of convenience", says Boucher

WASHINGTON: Richard Boucher, assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asia, told a gathering of Pakistani-Americans here on Wednesday that for the United States, Pakistan is "more than the war on terrorism" and that the US-Pakistan alliance is not a "marriage of convenience."

Daily Times, 22 June 2007

US delegation observes Rescue 1122 exercise

LAHORE: A delegation from the United States visited the Emergency Services Academy and inspected Rescue 1122 exercises on Thursday. The delegates had a meeting with Punjab director general of the Emergency Services Dr Rizwan Naseer and other instructors and officials of the service, regarding benefits of providing training in Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) to the officials by the Anti Terrorism Assistance programme (ATA) in June, 2005 and 2006.

The Hindu, 23 June 2007

India warns U.S., EU as G-4 talks collapse

NEW DELHI: A day after the G-4 Trade Ministers' talks at Potsdam in Germany failed to make any headway, India on Friday warned the U.S. and the European Union (EU) against their concerted efforts to divide the developing nations by creating differences and declared that the Group's role in building a consensus in the stalled WTO negotiations had come to an end.

The Times of India, 23 June 2007

Jalashwa now in Indian Navy's fleet

WASHINGTON: Some 40 Indian navy ships rushed out to the coastal areas in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia for relief and rescue operations when the deadly tsunami struck the region in December 2004.

The Indian Express, 24 June 2007

US-led forces careless in killing civilians: Karzai

Kabul, June 23: President Hamid Karzai accused NATO and US-led forces of "careless operations" that killed more than 90 civilians, and said international troops should place a higher value on Afghan lives.

The Tribune, 25 June 2007

India going high on drugs, warns US official

New Delhi, June 24: Party drugs like ecstasy are becoming an emerging threat to India, a top UN official has said. "The problem of synthetic drugs such as ecstasy in India is simmering and we have to be extra cautious about it. This is not an epidemic yet but a new emerging threat to India," Rajiv Walia, project coordinator with the UN Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), said in an interview in the run-up to June 26, International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

The Hindu, 26 June 2007

Left's poser on U.S. warship

NEW DELHI: The Left parties on Monday demanded that the Manmohan Singh Government explain the reasons for permitting the proposed docking of U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier "USS Nimitz" in Chennai.

The Tribune, 26 June 2007

Deepening ties with India top on agenda: Hillary

New York, June 25: Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton has said deepening of relations with India will be top on her agenda, if elected to the highest post in the USA.

People's Daily, 26 June 2007

China's development means an opportunity for U.S.

Debates, with the China topic as themes, have been turned increasingly heated in the United States in the first half of the year. One faction in these debates attributes the initial "decline" of the United States to the rise of China, which has become a threat of the further development of the U.S. How demagogic such views are as they have really gone too far indeed.

The Hindu, 27 June 2007

U.S. ship to anchor outside Chennai

NEW DELHI: Seeking to allay the apprehensions, expressed by the Left parties and unions, of radiation-related contamination from a U.S. nuclear carrier due to arrive in Chennai in early July, the Government on Tuesday said it would not enter berths in the port. The ship was "not known to be carrying nuclear warheads."

Deccan Herald, 27 June 2007

'No too many gaps in Indo-US nuclear deal'

Washington: "The issue is how you take broad political principles and make them into legal language. You have to find very exacting, very rigorous language to reflect that. And that is where the challenge lies," Jaishankar, a member of the negotiating team, said.

The Times of India, 28 June 2007

India's constructive engagement required in WTO talks: US

Seeking "flexibility" from developing nations on the stalled WTO talks, the United States has said India's "constructive engagement" was required for its success.

The Washington Post, 28 June 2007

Tension Creeping Into US-India Relations

WASHINGTON: The United States has trumpeted a nuclear cooperation deal with India as the cornerstone of strong new ties with a growing economic and strategic force in Asia.

The Indian Express, 29 June 2007

Rice reality check: NAM is past, how can we not join each other

NEW DELHI, JUNE 28: Confident that the "win-win" Indo-US civilian nuclear deal would be completed "by the end of the year", US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice wants India to "move past old ways of thinking" since the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) has lost its meaning.

The Times of India, 29 June 2007

US axes trade benefits for Brazil, India, others

WASHINGTON: The United States is terminating some trade benefits for India, Brazil and other developing countries under a program revamped late last year by Congress, US trade officials said on Thursday.

The Indian Express, 30 June 2007

Pak may turn into America's jailer

Islamabad, June 29: Pakistan is preparing special cells to house Guantanamo detainees who may be shifted to the country with the US administration under pressure to close down the detention facility on the Cuban island, a report said.

The Indian Express, 30 June 2007

India to US: NAM still relevant

NEW DELHI/JALPAIGURI, JUNE 29: India on Friday rejected the US contention that NAM has "lost its meaning", with the Government and political parties stressing in unison the continued relevance of the movement for promoting democracy in the world order.