

The Hindu, 1 May 2007

**Menon in U.S., to hold talks on nuclear deal**

Washington: Indian and U.S. officials will hold talks on Tuesday to iron out differences on a proposed agreement to put into operation the civilian nuclear deal.

Hindustan Times, 1 May 2007

**N-deal: little room left for negotiations**

Even as India and the US hold talks on Tuesday on a civil nuclear pact, there is a belated recognition in the government that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's drawing of "red lines" in Parliament last year has left little elbow room for negotiations on key issues.

Hindustan Times, 1 May 2007

**A fruitless venture**

A perception has grown in recent weeks that the India-US deal is in some trouble. Behind the diplomatically-worded statements by both sides on the progress of the talks, one can clearly read frustration due to delays in negotiating the so-called 123 agreement. But there is no reason yet for supporters of the deal to give up heart or for its opponents to start celebrating its demise.

The Indian Express, 1 May 2007

**123, and why we don't go**

If the recent story in a major paper, quoting high level government sources as saying that there is no division between the Delhi and Mumbai on the 123 agreement negotiations, then there is no scope for an agreement.

The Indian Express, 1 May 2007

**Launch into the Ivy League**

Earlier this month, India successfully test fired its nuclear capable Agni-III missile. The indigenously developed two-stage, solid propellant, 16 metre-long missile weighing 48 tonnes validated all the important flight parameters, thus fulfilling its mission objectives in its test.

Dawn, 1 May 2007

**Authority set up to ensure non-proliferation**

ISLAMABAD, April 30: In a fresh move to ensure nuclear non-proliferation, Pakistan on Monday announced its decision to set up a National Export Control Authority which would function as the Strategic Export Control Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The News, 1 May 2007

**US for crackdown on nations quitting NPT**

VIENNA: The United States called for cracking down on nations that withdraw from the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, as North Korea did, at an NPT conference that opened in Vienna.

The Japan Times, 1 May 2007

**Kazakhstan eyes uranium supply deal with Japan**

ASTANA: Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Akira Amari and Kazakh Prime Minister Karim Masimov issued a joint statement Monday aimed at boosting bilateral nuclear energy cooperation and Kazakhstan's uranium supply to Japan.

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**India, U.S. hold talks on 123 agreement**

WASHINGTON: Amid growing "frustration" in Washington over talks on a bilateral pact to operationalise the civil nuclear deal, top officials of India and the U.S. met here on Tuesday to iron out differences that have been nagging the talks for the last few months.

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**This has nothing to do with energy**

For all the controversy that nuclear negotiations between India and the United States have generated since July 2005, there is one point on which the supporters and opponents of the deal in both countries tend to agree wholeheartedly: the nuclear agreement is not about energy.

The Times of India, 2 May 2007

**Nuclear Winter**

With the vaunted Indo-US nuclear deal floundering, the world's two biggest democracies have begun to blame each other.

Daily Times, 2 May 2007

**Nuclear proliferation: Musharraf took action on US evidence: Tenet**

LAHORE: President General Pervez Musharraf took direct action when the US confronted him with evidence of Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan's involvement in proliferation of nuclear technology, former CIA director George Tenet told NBC Today in an interview on Monday.

Deccan Herald, 2 May 2007

**Atoms for peace and trust**

The regime of 'Atoms for Peace' enunciated by Eisenhower in 1953, has guided the utilisation of atomic energy globally. President Eisenhower's legacy has at least prevented any nuclear warfare ever since - but now, half a century later, it is time to modify it into 'Atoms for Peace and Trust' in order to serve the geo-strategic and economic needs of the US and India in the 21st century.

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**Nothing to hide: Iran**

TEHRAN: "We have nothing hidden and underground," Iran's Energy Minister Parviz Fatah said about his country's nuclear energy programme, to a visiting Indian delegation on Tuesday.

The New York Times, 2 May 2007

**Nuclear Treaty Talks Suspended Over Iran Objection**

VIENNA: A meeting of 130 nations on how to shore up the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was suspended on Wednesday for 24 hours so diplomats could try and overcome a standoff triggered by Iran's objections to the agenda.

The Nation, 2 May 2007

**From Cirus to Cirrus**

International media is never tired of accusing Pakistan of having erected the super-structure of its nuclear and missile technology projects on stolen technology and equipment. However, India's underhand and underworld activities to sustain her nuclear, space, or missile programme (or export sensitive materials or technologies to other countries) has mysteriously remained out of close international focus.

Hindustan Times, 3 May 2007

**Indo-US nuclear deal on track, pact likely by May-end**

The India-US civil nuclear deal is on track. The bilateral 123 Agreement that would enable the two countries to resume civilian nuclear commerce was likely to be concluded shortly, officials said on Wednesday after two days of talks between key interlocutors of both countries in Washington.

The Tribune, 3 May 2007

**Reprocessing rights: DAE wants provision**

New Delhi, May 2: Even as the department of atomic energy (DAE) underlined the need for reprocessing rights in all future bilateral nuclear deals, a parliamentary committee stressed that the DAE must ensure that the country pursues its nuclear activities - whether civilian or military - in keeping with its national interests.

The Tribune, 3 May 2007

**Tech transfer: India seeks info**

Washington, May 2: India today asked the US for more information on the recent indictment of its national, suspected of violating export control laws of America to ship prohibitive items to official Indian agencies, saying it wanted to "get to the bottom" of the case.

The Tribune, 3 May 2007

**Dossier on Khan**

The Pakistan Government has been handed over a copy of the dossier 'Nuclear Black Markets: Pakistan, AQ Khan and the rise of proliferation networks' on the 30-year secret activities of Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan and the covert links of his network with Iran, Libya and Korea.

The Tribune, 3 May 2007

**Pak offer to NSG**

Islamabad, May 2: Peeved over persistent refusal by the US for a deal similar to the Indo-US civil nuclear agreement, Pakistan has offered member-states of Nuclear Suppliers

Group (NSG) to set up nuclear power reactors on its soil with no 'interference' in their operation.

The Hindu, 3 May 2007

**`Funds for nuclear projects inadequate'**

NEW DELHI: The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) should seek additional funds for the prestigious Koodankulam nuclear power project in Tamil Nadu as well as for other crucial schemes, a Parliamentary Standing Committee has said.

Hindustan Times, 4 May 2007

**N-deal ball back in India's court**

Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon is bringing the Indo-US nuclear deal ball back to the Indian court with him from Washington. Officials familiar with the discussions on Monday and Tuesday say 'the flexibility shown by the US side in this round of negotiations has opened up the possibility of a positive Indian response.'

Hindustan Times, 4 May 2007

**Was it Rice effect?**

Most of the reportage on the Indo-US negotiations on the nuclear deal led from an optimistic statement of State Department spokesman Sean McCormack issued on Wednesday, a day after the talks concluded noting that US is encouraged by the extensive progress that was made on the issues.

The Hindu, 4 May 2007

**Qualifying nuclear test moratorium may offer way out**

NEW DELHI: India and the United States are looking at a range of proposals aimed at bridging their differences on the 123 agreement but it is not clear how the "considerable progress" claimed by Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon in Washington on May 1 will translate into textual consonance when negotiations resume later this month.

The Tribune, 4 May 2007

**Pokhran: US was caught unawares**

Washington, May 3: The US had stopped India from conducting a nuclear test in 1995 but it had no clue when Pokhran tests were carried out three years later, according to former CIA Director George Tenet.

The Tribune, 4 May 2007

**Salvaging N-deal**

The two-day talks in Washington that ended on Tuesday between Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon and Under Secretary of State Nicholas Burns and other US officials have changed the atmosphere of 'frustration' and despair into one of hopefulness about the Indo-US civilian nuclear deal.

The Indian Express, 4 May 2007

**For n-deal's sake, rethink Iran ties: US lawmakers in letter to PM**

NEW DELHI, MAY 3: Adding to the pressure from Washington on the nuclear deal

negotiations, key Congressional supporters of the n-deal have written to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to 'sever' military ties with Iran and 'terminate' all cooperation in the energy sector. This follows an April 19 letter by eight Senators on the same issue.

Hindustan Times, 4 May 2007

**Pakistani authority places ads for misplaced nuclear material**

Pakistan's Nuclear Regulatory Authority on Thursday played down a series of advertisements it placed in national media asking citizens to inform authorities of any "lost and missing" nuclear material.

Daily Times, 4 May 2007

**AQ Khan's fatal deal with Iran**

London's International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) has issued a 'dossier' on Pakistan's disgraced nuclear hero Dr AQ Khan which says the scientist sold nuclear secrets to Iran probably on some vague orders from his superiors in the Pakistan army.

Daily Times, 4 May 2007

**'Robust system in place to protect Pakistan's N-assets'**

LAHORE: A robust command-and-control system is now in place to protect Pakistan's nuclear assets from diversion, theft and accidental misuse. AQ Khan and his known cohorts are out of business and Khan Research Laboratories is now confined exclusively to enrichment work, says a strategic dossier released by the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS).

Dawn, 4 May 2007

**US let Pakistan go nuclear: ex-CIA official**

WASHINGTON, May 3: The Reagan administration allowed Pakistan to continue its nuclear programme because it needed Islamabad's support to fight the Russians in Afghanistan, says a former CIA official.

Daily Yomiuri, 4 May 2007

**Bolster deterrence against North Korea**

The latest agreement reached at the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee must be used to further strengthen deterrence toward North Korea.

Deccan Herald, 5 May 2007

**'India committed to voluntary moratorium on N-tests'**

New Delhi: India has expressed commitment to voluntary moratorium on nuclear tests and exhibited readiness to engage in negotiations in a non-discriminatory Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty.

The Tribune, 5 May 2007

**India committed to N-deal: Pranab**

New Delhi, May 4: The swagger has returned to the Indian leadership on the India-US nuclear deal after it was salvaged from an over-the-precipice situation two days ago.

The Hindu, 5 May 2007

**Nuclear trade: Sweden for "positive approach"**

New Delhi: Sweden may be considered a hardline member of the 'non-proliferation' lobby in the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), but Stockholm says it hopes to approach the issue of civil nuclear cooperation with India "from a positive point of view."

Dawn, 5 May 2007

**Vienna N-conference close to collapse: Iran refuses to budge**

VIENNA, May 4: A standoff pitting Iran against most other delegations at a 130-nation nuclear conference deepened on Friday, with organisers adjourning the third straight session in as many days without breaking a deadlock over the language of the meeting's agenda.

The Indian Express, 5 May 2007

**Dossier on A Q Khan based on false information: Pak**

Islamabad: : Pakistan has rubbished the new dossier on the proliferation network of its disgraced nuclear scientist, saying it is based on 'false information' and A Q Khan sold nuclear technology on his own.

The Hindu, 6 May 2007

**U.S. Congressmen attack India's relations with Iran, link this to nuclear deal**

Text of Lantos letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Tom Lantos, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the United States House of Representatives, and six other leading Congressmen wrote a highly controversial letter, dated May 2, 2007, to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. In the missive, they have attacked India's relations with Iran, warned that the Indo-U.S. nuclear deal might be jeopardised by the continuation of these relations, and also accused India of making illegal efforts to procure sensitive technology for its ballistic missile programme.

The Indian Express, 6 May 2007

**Tenet confronted Gen on A Q Khan**

Washington, May 5: Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf was confronted by then CIA chief George Tenet with evidence of A Q Khan's nuclear proliferation network, warning him of the 'devastating' consequences if Islamabad's nuclear knowhow reached Libya, Iran or even al-Qaeda.

Dawn, 6 May 2007

**Sanctions won't stop N-plan, says Iran**

TEHRAN, May 5: Iran's president on Saturday told major powers considering United Nations sanctions they could 'issue resolutions until you get tired', making clear the country would press ahead with its disputed nuclear programme.

The Indian Express, 7 May 2007

**US agrees to put fuel supply guarantee in agreement**

NEW DELHI, MAY 6: Turning a crucial bend in the current negotiations on the Indo-US nuclear deal, Washington has agreed to put down all its assurances on fuel supply in the

123 bilateral nuclear cooperation agreement, including that of developing a 'strategic reserve of nuclear fuel', to ensure uninterrupted supply over a lifetime of India's reactors.

The Tribune, 7 May 2007

**PM's predicament: Drive against N-apartheid reflects sound policy**

Day in and day out Dr Manmohan Singh is charged by various sections of our political establishment, academia and media with subordinating India's foreign policy and security interests to US hegemony. It is alleged that our nuclear autonomy is being sacrificed to subserve US objectives.

The New York Times, 7 May 2007

**Effort to Repair Nuclear Treaty Gets Snagged Over Agenda**

VIENNA, May 6: A 130-nation meeting on how to fix the fraying Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty faces collapse on Monday unless Iran accepts a last-minute South African proposal to overcome its objections to the agenda.

The Tribune, 7 May 2007

**Bhutto, not Dr Khan, 'father of Pakistan bomb'**

Pakistan is still relying largely on illicit sources and smuggling routes to maintain its nuclear weapons making capability, Mark Fitzpatrick, editor of a research dossier Nuclear markets: Pakistan, A. Q. Khan and the rise of proliferation networks - a net assessment? has alleged.

The Hindu, 8 May 2007

**Manmohan, Bush review nuclear deal**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and U.S. President George W. Bush "reviewed developments" pertaining to negotiations on the civilian nuclear deal during a telephone conversation on Monday.

The Tribune, 8 May 2007

**CPM seeks assurance from PM on nuke deal**

New Delhi, May 7: The CPM today sought fresh assurance from the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on the floor of Parliament that India would not succumb to the US pressure on the civilian nuclear cooperation agreement.

Dawn, 8 May 2007

**N-talks with Iran very difficult: Solana**

BRUSSELS, May 7: EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana said on Monday his talks with Iran on its disputed nuclear programme were very difficult, while Tehran stressed it had no intention of suspending uranium enrichment.

The New York Times, 8 May 2007

**U.S. Debates Deterrence for Nuclear Terrorism**

WASHINGTON, May 7: Every week, a group of experts from agencies around the government - including the C.I.A., the Pentagon, the F.B.I. and the Energy Department - meet to assess Washington's progress toward solving a grim problem: if a terrorist set off

a nuclear bomb in an American city, could the United States determine who detonated it and who provided the nuclear material? So far, the answer is maybe.

The Washington Post, 9 May 2007

**Giving an Inch, Taking a Mile**

Indian Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon was in Washington last week to save the troubled U.S.-India nuclear deal by which the U.S. would end longstanding restrictions on nuclear cooperation with India. Nonproliferation watchdogs and many countries that do not have nuclear weapons howled over this radical jettisoning of rules established to reward states that signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The Times of India, 9 May 2007

**Pranab may clarify on US senators' letter**

NEW DELHI: Government is preparing to shrug off the charge that it was succumbing to American pressure in view of the letter written by seven Congressmen asking India to curtail ties with Iran by arguing that New Delhi would be solely guided by its perception of national interest.

Daily Times, 9 May 2007

**Iran compromises on agenda for 130-nation nuclear conference**

VIENNA: Iran on Tuesday accepted a compromise on the agenda of a 130-nation nuclear conference, clearing the way for the meeting to end the six days of deadlock that had threatened to doom the gathering before it accomplished anything.

The News, 9 May 2007

**US to keep military option on Iran: Rice**

WASHINGTON: US President George W Bush will keep a military option on the table as he seeks a diplomatic solution to the stand-off with Iran over its nuclear plans, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said.

Dawn, 9 May 2007

**'Khan nuclear network was beyond state control'**

WASHINGTON, May 8: There's no evidence to suggest that Pakistan allowed A.Q. Khan's network to sell nuclear technology to fund its nuclear programme, the lead author of a dossier on the activities of the network told Dawn on Tuesday.

Dawn, 9 May 2007

**US move to counter Al Qaeda N-threat**

NEW YORK, May 8: Top American intelligence agencies are meeting at the highest level to chart a policy on American approach to nuclear deterrence in an attempt to counter the threat posed by terrorists who could obtain bomb-grade nuclear material possibly through Russian or Pakistani sources, the New York Times reported on Tuesday.

The New York Times, 9 May 2007

**Wrestling Nuclear Genies Back Into the Bottle, or at Least a Can**

It has been more than three weeks since North Korea missed the deadline to shut down its nuclear reactor at Yongbyon, but we've heard only mild protests from the White House.

The Hindu, 10 May 2007

### **Prithvi-1 test-fired successfully**

HYDERABAD: Prithvi-1, the medium range surface-to-surface missile, was successfully test-fired in an "extended range" of more than 150 km by the Army as part of its "training module" at Chandipur-on-sea on Thursday.

Hindustan Times, 10 May 2007

### **Indian bans export of N-technology to Iran**

Days after a letter from prominent US Congressmen to the Prime Minister seeking curbs on India's relations with Iran, India on Wednesday said it has banned export of all nuclear-related technology to Iran.

The Times of India, 10 May 2007

### **Nuclear countdown**

Statements to the press on the Indo-US nuclear deal, following the day-long 123 negotiations on May 1, in Washington were sparse, yet revealing. The terms employed were deliberately cryptic, such as "extensive progress (across the) entire spectrum of outstanding issue areas".

The Tribune, 10 May 2007

### **Elements of AQ Khan network waiting to strike: Expert**

Washington, May 9: Indicating a possibility that elements of the AQ Khan network may be lying low, waiting to strike, senior fellow of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Mark Fitzpatrick kicked off the American presentation of the latest report of the organisation here.

The Indian Express, 10 May 2007

### **US warns of danger of Iran quitting NPT**

VIENNA, May 9: The United States warned on Wednesday about the danger of Iran possibly withdrawing from the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the world's basic agreement against the spread of nuclear weapons.

The New York Times, 10 May 2007

### **Iran and West Clash Over Nuclear Treaty**

VIENNA: Iran defended its record Thursday at a conference looking to tighten a treaty on curbing the spread of nuclear weapons, but the United States and France accused Tehran of breaching the pact by trying to build atomic bombs.

The New York Times, 10 May 2007

### **Nations Back Chemicals Weapons Treaty**

THE HAGUE: Nations marked the 10th anniversary of the treaty banning chemical weapons Wednesday, pledging to step up efforts to bring on board the handful of hold-out countries, including some in the Mideast and North Korea.

The Times of India, 11 May 2007

**Pak preparing to deploy GenNext nuclear missiles**

WASHINGTON: Satellite images of a line-up of 15 Transporter Erector Launchers (TELs) being readied for fitting the medium-range Shaheen 2 missiles at a Pakistani nuclear facility signal the imminent deployment of the country's next-generation ballistic missile, an American think tank has observed.

The Times of India, 11 May 2007

**Irresponsible nuclear Pak alarms West**

WASHINGTON: A series of unusual ads in the Pakistani media advising people how to handle missing or stray radioactive material should they come across it has raised hackles in the West and revived a debate about the country's well-chronicled reputation for nuclear irresponsibility and adventurism.

The Indian Express, 11 May 2007

**The charade on Iran**

India's challenge in South West Asia is not about saving Iran from the US. It is protecting its interests in a region where the most important trend is the unfolding Saudi rivalry with Iran.

The Times of India, 12 May 2007

**US 'determined' to conclude N-deal**

WASHINGTON: Reaffirming its commitment to implement the civilian nuclear deal with India, the White House has said US President George W Bush and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh have talked about ways to "conclude the deal."

The Times of India, 12 May 2007

**A day later, Pak plays down report on GeNext N-missile**

ISLAMABAD, May 11: Pakistan has played down a report by an organisation of American scientists that it is preparing its next generation nuclear capable ballistic missile for deployment.

The Hindu, 12 May 2007

**Burns: West ready to negotiate with Iran**

Zagreb: U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns on Friday said the United States and its European allies were willing to negotiate with Iran "any time, any place" about its nuclear programme, but that Tehran remained ambivalent.

Dawn, 12 May 2007

**IAEA denies Iran blocked N-site visit**

VIENNA, May 11: The UN's nuclear watchdog denied on Friday a report that Iran had blocked its inspectors from visiting a nuclear facility where it is enriching uranium.

Dawn, 12 May 2007

**Iran will not get N-arms: Cheney**

ABOARD THE USS JOHN C STENNIS, May 11: US Vice-President Dick Cheney

warned on Friday from the hangar deck of a US aircraft carrier in the Gulf that the United States will not let Iran get nuclear weapons.

The Hindu, 13 May 2007

### **Pakistan's proliferation worries U.S.**

Washington: Pakistan is United States' "most serious national proliferation problem" with Islamabad's role being instrumental in the Iranian nuclear weapons programme, an expert on nuclear non-proliferation has told a U.S. Congressional panel. "If it wasn't for Pakistan, we wouldn't have an Iranian nuclear programme," Mr. Cirincione told lawmakers in the House Foreign Affairs Committee during a panel hearing on nuclear weapons non-proliferation.

Hindustan Times, 13 May 2007

### **Hope for uranium mining in Meghalaya**

After over 15 years of uncertainty, uranium mining in Meghalaya took a step towards reality with the State's Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) finally deciding to hold a public hearing at the proposed site for open cast mining.

Daily Times, 13 May 2007

### **Iran and NAM states force downgrading of atom talks text**

VIENNA: Iran and other developing nations on Friday forced a downgrading of the final statement on a review of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, objecting to what they called 'imbalance' in a messy end to the meeting.

The News, 13 May 2007

### **IISS dossier and A Q Khan network**

"Khan's activities were those of an individual in charge of a scientific organisation in a state that was not a member of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), and therefore was not in violation of international law" (p.102) (IISS Dossier, May 2, 2007). This statement is the highlight of the latest dossier on Pakistan, and the A Q Khan network and the ensuing proliferation activities.

The Times of India, 14 May 2007

### **India hopes to export reactors if N-deal with US goes through**

KAIGA (Karnataka): Although the road to the much talked about Indo-US civil nuclear deal remains bumpy, India's nuclear industry hopes to cash in if it finally goes through. "There is demand for our reactors from abroad and we are hoping we will be able to export them soon," a senior official of the Nuclear Power Corp of India Ltd (NPCIL) said.

The Indian Express, 15 May 2007

### **Space ties with India beneficial: US Scientists**

NASA Washington, May 15: Senior officials of the NASA and scientists have told American lawmakers that there is a lot of merit in increasing international cooperation with leading space powers like India that will only see a win-win situation, which benefits the United States and the partnering country.

Asia Times, 15 May 2007

### **A Q Khan nuclear network alive and kicking**

WASHINGTON: When US President George W Bush announced on February 11, 2004, that the infamous nuclear-black-market network run by Pakistan's Abdul Qadeer Khan had been rolled up, everyone concerned with nuclear-proliferation issues breathed a huge sigh of relief.

The New York Times, 15 May 2007

### **Inspectors Cite Big Gain by Iran on Nuclear Fuel**

VIENNA, May 14: Inspectors for the International Atomic Energy Agency have concluded that Iran appears to have solved most of its technological problems and is now beginning to enrich uranium on a far larger scale than before, according to the agency's top officials.

The Washington Post, 15 May 2007

### **Tehran Both Warns And Reassures U.S.**

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad warned yesterday that Iran would retaliate against any U.S. strike on his country and urged U.S. troops to "pack their bags" and leave the Persian Gulf region. But during a visit yesterday to the United Arab Emirates, he also acknowledged that Tehran is "ready and prepared" to hold talks with the United States.

The Korean Herald, 15 May 2007

### **Seoul urged to heed North Korea threat**

South Korea would be making a serious mistake if it fails to view North Korea's nuclear weapons as a threat or believe they involve only North Korea and the United States, James A. Kelly, former U.S. assistant secretary said at a forum yesterday.

Asia Times, 15 May 2007

### **Indonesia looks to a nuclear future**

JAKARTA: Indonesia is moving ahead with controversial plans to build its first nuclear power plant, which if completed on schedule in 2017 would put the country in Southeast Asia's nuclear-energy vanguard.

Asian Age, 15 May 2007

### **123 Semantic Subterfuges**

The wheel has come full circle. America broke its 1963 agreement with India by enacting a new domestic law ? the 1978 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act (NNPA) ? which in turn amended its 1954 Atomic Energy Act (AEC). Now New Delhi is negotiating a new Section 123 bilateral accord under the very US legal provisions that were devised to discipline India for its 1974 detonation and to deter any other state from emulating its example.

The Tribune, 16 May 2007

### **India sets condition to sign 123 agreement**

New Delhi, May 15: India will not sign the bilateral 123 agreement with the United

States without right to reprocessing spent fuel - one of the three important red lines in implementation of the Indo-US nuclear deal.

The Indian Express, 16 May 2007

**Another 'scientist' googly: SC to hear PIL on n-deal before talks**

NEW DELHI, MAY 15: Barely a week before US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns is expected in India for a crucial round of negotiations on the 123 bilateral agreement, the government has its fingers crossed with the Supreme Court slated to hear a PIL on the n-deal on Friday - the last day before the SC breaks up for vacation.

The News, 16 May 2007

**'World should adapt to Iran's atom advances'**

VIENNA: Iran's progress in enriching uranium has rendered unrealistic world powers' quest to prevent Tehran from gaining nuclear expertise, the UN atomic watchdog agency director said.

The News, 16 May 2007

**Khatami blames West for N-standoff**

OSLO, Norway: Iran's reform-minded former president on Tuesday blamed the West for failing to resolve a standoff over the Islamic republic's nuclear programme and said mounting pressure on Tehran would only make things worse.

Daily Times, 16 May 2007

**'Key technical problems solved': Iran begins uranium enrichment on 'much larger scale': NYT**

WASHINGTON: Inspectors for the International Atomic Energy Agency have concluded that Iran is starting to enrich uranium on a much larger scale after solving key technical problems in that process, The New York Times reported on Monday.

The Indian Express, 16 May 2007

**Big gains by Iran on nuclear fuel, finds IAEA**

UN watchdog's top officials say Iran enriching uranium on a far larger scale than before, a finding that may affect diplomats' efforts to stem Tehran's programme.

Daily Yomiuri, 16 May 2007

**NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR THREAT--U.S. focus on nonproliferation / Tokyo faces challenge of keeping in step with Washington**

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, right, talks to reporters on March 19 before a session of the sixth round of six-party talks in Beijing.

The New York Times, 16 May 2007

**U.S. tempers optimism on India nuclear deal**

WASHINGTON: The United States on Wednesday tempered its exuberant optimism about a nuclear cooperation deal with India and said it was uncertain whether a senior official would visit New Delhi this month to complete the agreement.

The New York Times, 16 May 2007

**SKorea Optimistic on NKorea Disarmament**

SEOUL: South Korea expressed optimism Wednesday about resolving a financial dispute that has long stymied progress on North Korea's nuclear disarmament, a day after Pyongyang said steps were being taken to address the row.

The Hindu, 17 May 2007

**'Nuclear deal not in jeopardy'**

NEW DELHI: The Government on Wednesday made it clear that the bilateral agreement to operationalise the nuclear deal with the U.S would be finalised only within the framework and parameters of the agreement reached between the countries on July 18, 2005 and the Separation Plan of March 2, 2006.

The Hindu, 17 May 2007

**123 as countdown to CTBT by the backdoor**

No matter how it is cushioned or phrased, the U.S. insistence on a "right to require the return" of exported material if India conducts a nuclear test will convert India's voluntary moratorium into a bilateral, and eventually multilateral, undertaking with legal consequences.

Deccan Herald, 17 May 2007

**N-deal or no deal, Centre won't budge**

New Delhi: The finalisation of the crucial 123 agreement to operationalise Indo-US civil nuclear cooperation has hit hurdles after four rounds of negotiations.

The Tribune, 17 May 2007

**Pressure on US to junk N-deal**

On the eve of a top US official's visit to New Delhi to wrap up a civilian nuclear agreement, non-proliferation advocates are urging American lawmakers to reject the deal if it is not 'consistent' with the law.

The Indian Express, 17 May 2007

**'US not ready to seal nuke deal yet'**

Washington, May 17: The United States on Wednesday tempered its exuberant optimism about a nuclear cooperation deal with India and said it was uncertain whether a senior official would visit New Delhi this month to complete the agreement.

The Times of India, 17 May 2007

**N-deal bound by PM's assurance: Pranab**

NEW DELHI: While the government appears confident that a strategically-timed PIL in the Supreme Court on the Indo-US nuclear deal will not constrain India's negotiations with the US, it's clear the government's manoeuvring room on the deal is bound by very definite red lines.

The Times of India, 17 May 2007

**Top US lawmakers introduce anti-Iran legislation**

WASHINGTON: Top law makers in the US House of Representatives and the Senate have introduced legislation calling for divestment from Iran of American assets with a view to ratcheting up more pressure on the regime in Teheran.

Daily Times, 17 May 2007

**Iran expects OIC to support its N-programme**

ISLAMABAD: Foreign ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) are likely to adopt a resolution supporting Iran's right to peaceful use of nuclear technology, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said on Wednesday.

Daily Times, 17 May 2007

**Attack Iran 'before it develops nukes': Bolton**

LAHORE: The European Union needs to 'get more serious' about Iran and recognise that its diplomatic attempts to halt Iran's enrichment programme have failed, John Bolton, who still has close links to the Bush administration, told The Daily Telegraph.

Daily Yomiuri, 17 May 2007

**New DPRK missile has 5,000-km range**

The Defense Ministry has confirmed the sighting of a new medium-range ballistic missile during the 75th anniversary parade of the North Korean People's Army in Pyongyang on April 25, sources said.

Daily Yomiuri, 17 May 2007

**NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR THREAT / Sanction steps not on track / Only 1/3 of U.N. member states prepared to punish N. Korea**

Pak Gil Yon, North Korea's U.N. ambassador, right, walks out of the U.N. Security Council chamber after rejecting the UNSC resolution calling for sanctions against Pyongyang on Oct. 14.

Daily News, 17 May 2007

**Lanka to join anti-nuclear terror initiative**

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka along with Israel and Afghanistan will become partner nations of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism at their upcoming meeting in Kazakhstan next month.

BBC News, 17 May 2007

**US criticises Burma nuclear plan**

A Russian plan to build a nuclear research centre in Burma has been heavily criticised by US officials. State Department spokesman Tom Casey said the Asian state had neither the "legal frame" nor the "safeguard provisions" for a nuclear programme. Russia's atomic energy body, Rosatom, said the project would be monitored by the UN's nuclear agency, the IAEA. The US and EU maintain sanctions against Burma, accusing its military rulers of human rights abuses.

The Indian Express, 18 May 2007

**US studying draft, delays Burns visit**

NEW DELHI, MAY 17: With the US still studying the Indian draft of the 123 bilateral agreement handed over earlier this week by Indian authorities in Washington, the visit of Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns - the principal US interlocutor on the N-deal - has been delayed.

Daily Times, 18 May 2007

**OIC countries have right to acquire and use nuclear energy**

ISLAMABAD: All 57 members of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) including Iran have the right to acquire and use nuclear energy, says the declaration issued at the conclusion of the three-day 34th OIC Foreign Ministers conference here on Thursday.

Daily Yomiuri, 18 May 2007

**NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR THREAT/ ROK remains conciliatory**

This is the third installment of part four of the "North Korea's Nuclear Threat" series. This set of articles takes a close look at how the international community is striving to get the reclusive state to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

The Tribune, 19 May 2007

**PM hopeful Indo-US nuclear deal will be clinched**

New Delhi, May 18: Emphasising that serious negotiations are on between India and US to implement the civilian nuclear deal between the two countries, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh today hoped that the two sides would be able to eventually clinch the 123 bilateral agreement.

The Tribune, 19 May 2007

**US official 'not happy with progress'**

Despite public declarations both in Washington and New Delhi that undersecretary of state R. Nicholas Burns did not cancel a visit to India this week, sources have told The Tribune that the trip was shelved because the State Department official was not satisfied with the level of progress on the civilian nuclear deal.

The Tribune, 19 May 2007

**India's n-powered submarine project moves ahead**

India's decades-old super secret nuclear-powered submarine (SSN) programme, known as the advanced technology vessel (ATV), is expected to get a new head over the next few months.

Daily Times, 19 May 2007

**Nuclear energy to complement Pakistan's buoyant economy**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's rapid economic growth in recent years is straining its energy resources, resulting in reliance on costly imported energy. Under the circumstances, nuclear energy seems to be a viable alternative that needs to be further explored.

Asian Tribune, 19 May 2007

**Sri Lanka joins Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism**

Colombo, 19 May: Sri Lanka joining the Global Initiative is an expression of its continuing commitment to support all global efforts to combat the scourge of terrorism. The Initiative provides assistance to develop national capacity to combat nuclear terrorism in a manner consistent with national legal requirements and international legal instruments such as the Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, which was signed by Sri Lanka in 2005.

Daily Yomiuri, 19 May 2007

**NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR THREAT / IAEA gets little respect from Pyongyang**

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The Hindu, 20 May 2007

**Supreme Court moved against Indo-U.S. deal**

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has been moved to restrain the Union Government from hurriedly executing the Indo-US nuclear deal. A Bench headed by the Chief Justice of India, K.G. Balakrishnan has posted it for hearing in July on the request of the petitioner, M.N. Ramamurthy of Mumbai.

The Hindu, 20 May 2007

**North Korea may close Yongbyon**

SINGAPORE: North Korea has hinted at the possibility of "suspending" operations at the Yongbyon nuclear facility following progress towards the resolution of a key financial issue.

Daily Yomiuri, 20 May 2007

**North Korea's Nuclear Threat / Teamwork needed to rein in N. Korea**

This is the fifth and final installment of part four of the "North Korea's Nuclear Threat" series. This set of articles takes a close look at how the international community is striving to get the reclusive state to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

The Nation, 21 May 2007

**Nuclear oversight reforms**

Comments on the 'dossier' "Nuclear Black Markets: Pakistan, AQ Khan and the Rise of Proliferation Networks" launched early this month by the UK-based think-tank 'International Institute of Strategic Studies' (IISS) are appearing in the international and national media, including the Capital territory media in Australia. The focus, however, remains on targeting Pakistan's nuclear programme, despite finding the dossier having contradictions.

The New York Times, 21 May 2007

**Gulf Arabs Pursue Nuclear Plans with Riyadh Talks**

RIYADH: Gulf Arab states began working on feasibility studies for a joint nuclear

program on Monday and a leading Gulf official said they were set on pursuing atomic energy for peaceful purposes only.

Hindustan Times, 22 May 2007

### **N-deal awaits final push by PM, Bush**

It will take a meeting between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and United States President George Bush to provide the final push to the bilateral 123 Agreement, to operationalise the Indo-US civil nuclear deal. The two are scheduled to meet in Heiligendamm on the Baltic coast of Germany on the sidelines of the outreach meeting of the G-8 summit on June 7.

The Indian Express, 22 May 2007

### **India, US continue contacts on nuclear deal**

Washington, May 22: US and Indian technical experts met in London on Monday in another attempt to work through persistent serious differences over a nuclear cooperation agreement, US officials said.

The Hindu, 22 May 2007

### **Koodankulam plants to be delayed**

Mumbai: Delay in supply of crucial equipment by Russia will delay the commissioning of two 1,000 MW atomic power plants at Koodankulam in Tamil Nadu by over a year, Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) Director S.K. Agarwal has said.

The Times of India, 22 May 2007

### **'US facing challenges from WMDs, terror and failed states'**

WASHINGTON: International terrorism, the threat from weapons of mass destruction and dangers confronting the global community from failed states are the three challenges the US faces as it changes its style of diplomacy, a senior State department official has said.

The New York Times, 22 May 2007

### **Iran's Centrifuges**

For a U.N.-baiting, diplomacy-bashing crowd, the Bush administration has shown unexpected patience in trying to persuade the Security Council to punish Iran for its nuclear misbehavior. And for a foot-dragging, conflict-averse crowd, the Security Council has moved with alacrity in imposing two sets of sanctions on Iran just since December.

The Hindu, 22 May 2007

### **Alert against bird flu**

NEW DELHI: Surrounded by bird flu affected countries, both on the western and the eastern borders, India is on high alert against the deadly H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. "India has intensified its surveillance along the borders particularly after bird flu outbreak in Bangladesh, Myanmar and its continuation in China, Pakistan and Afghanistan," Joint Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Upma Chawdhry told The Hindu here on Monday.

International Herald Tribune, 22 May 2007

**Keeping the lid on Iran's centrifuges**

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The New York Times, 22 May 2007

**U.S. To Let START Nuclear Treaty Expire**

WASHINGTON: The United States plans to let a landmark nuclear arms reduction treaty with Russia expire in 2009 and replace it with a less formal agreement that eliminates strict verification requirements and weapons limits, a senior U.S. official says.

The New York Times, 22 May 2007

**U.S. Urges Complaint Against IAEA Chief**

VIENNA: The United States wants its allies to join in a formal protest against the head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency for suggesting that Iran be allowed to keep some elements of its uranium enrichment program, diplomats said Tuesday.

Hindustan Times, 23 May 2007

**Experts make little progress on Indo-US deal**

US and Indian technical experts made little progress when they met in London this week in another attempt to work through persistent serious differences over a nuclear cooperation agreement, a US official said on Tuesday.

Deccan Herald, 23 May 2007

**No Australian uranium for India**

Melbourne: Australian Federal Resources Minister Ian Macfarlane was quoted as saying by The Age Australia has a prohibition on the basis that India has not signed the NPT. Australia again reiterated its refusal to sell uranium to India until it signs the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Hindustan Times, 23 May 2007

**US, Japan to study missile defense with Australia**

The United States and Japan plan to study a joint missile defense system with Australia that would boost their security role in the Asia-Pacific region, a Japanese government source said on Tuesday.

The Hindu, 23 May 2007

**Changes in Atomic Energy Act soon, says Kakodkar**

Kolkata: The Atomic Energy Act will be amended "as soon as possible" to enable private sector participation in the civilian nuclear programme, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission Anil Kakodkar said here on Tuesday.

The Asian Age, 23 May 2007

**Hyde is reality behind Bush smokescreen**

When a US President signs a bill into an Act, he may issue a written statement implying that he differs with certain provisions of law in that Act, due to reasons he indicates in the statement. Such documents, called "Presidential Signing Statements," were used by several past Presidents mainly to clarify Constitutional positions, but the more recent ones have increasingly contained one or more challenges or objections to the laws being signed.

The Tribune, 24 May 2007

**90 per cent progress in N-deal: Burns**

India and the United States will make a concerted "push" over the next few weeks toward finalising the so-called 123 Agreement that lays down the parameters for civilian nuclear cooperation between the two countries, a senior Bush administration official said on Wednesday.

Hindustan Times, 24 May 2007

**India, US must compromise on nuclear deal: Burns**

There has been some backsliding on the landmark US-India nuclear agreement and both sides must compromise in order to close the gaps, Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns said on Wednesday.

The Hindu, 24 May 2007

**Koodankulam plant may be commissioned by 2008**

Mumbai: India's first 1,000 mw nuclear power plant built with Russian aid at Koodankulam in Tamil Nadu is expected to be commissioned by December 2008 despite delays in the delivery of some key equipment.

Daily Times, 24 May 2007

**Pakistan's nuclear assets safe despite current unrest**

WASHINGTON: Recent turbulence has renewed fears that Pakistan's nuclear weapons and materials may be vulnerable to breakdowns in command and control or theft, but this is unlikely to occur during the current political unrest, according to the Stimson Centre.

The Hindu, 24 May 2007

**Iran defiant, says IAEA**

VIENNA: Iran continues to defy U.N. Security Council demands to scrap its uranium enrichment programme and has instead expanded its activities, said the International Atomic Energy Agency on Wednesday, in a finding that sets the stage for new Council sanctions.

The Indian Express, 24 May 2007

**Our reactors meet global benchmarks, says Kakodkar**

RANCHI, MAY 23: Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) Anil Kakodkar has said India is at the threshold of a 'nuclear renaissance' at a time when threats of 'an irreversible global climate change appears to be a reality'.

The New York Times, 24 May 2007

**U.S., Annoyed by U.N. Report on Iran and Uranium, Hopes to Use It to Widen Sanctions**

WASHINGTON, May 23: The Bush administration said Wednesday that it would use a new report detailing Iran's progress in enriching uranium to encourage European and Asian allies to seek a major expansion of sanctions against Tehran, an economic crackdown that could extend beyond what the United Nations Security Council has authorized.

The Times of India, 24 May 2007

**House panel rejects Bush admin plans for new N-warhead**

WASHINGTON: Lawmakers in the House of Representatives have struck a blow to the Bush administration's plans to develop a sturdier nuclear warhead, rejecting a proposed USD 89 million for design work the Energy Department wanted for next year.

Timesonline, 24 May 2007

**Britain 'will run out of power' unless it takes nuclear option**

The Government set out its vision for the future of energy supply yesterday and insisted that nuclear must remain part of the mix. The twin threats of power shortages in a decade's time and climate change mean Britain must embrace the nuclear option, said Alistair Darling, the Trade and Industry Secretary.

Asia Times, 24 May 2007

**Myanmar drops a nuclear 'bombshell'**

BANGKOK: Myanmar's military leaders have never made a secret of their interest in developing a domestic nuclear-energy industry. Plans to buy a nuclear reactor from Russia have been in the pipeline for years, and this month in Moscow the two sides formally resurrected those controversial plans.

The New York Times, 24 May 2007

**Leading Russian Official Dismisses U.S. Treaty and Missile Shield**

MOSCOW, May 23: The man considered to be a leading contender to succeed President Vladimir V. Putin criticized a landmark Soviet-United States arms treaty on Wednesday as a 'relic of the cold war' and promised that Russia would have a 'sword' capable of piercing an American missile shield.

The Tribune, 25 May 2007

**Rice hopes to finalise N-deal soon**

Washington, May 24: Hoping that the Indo-US nuclear deal would be finalised 'very soon', secretary of state Condoleezza Rice has, however, noted that there is a tendency to look at bilateral ties in the context of the pact but, in fact, they have far more depth and width.

Daily Times, 25 May 2007

**Are Pakistani nukes secure - Alex Stolar**

Fears that the current unrest could lead to a takeover of the Pakistani government by

extremists are also misplaced. Religious parties are an important element of Pakistani society, but their political clout remains limited.

International Herald Tribune, 25 May 2007

**North Korea fires missiles into adjacent sea**

SEOUL: North Korea fired several short-range missiles into the sea between the Korean Peninsula and Japan on Friday, as talks on ending the Communist state's nuclear weapons programs were stalling over a banking dispute between Pyongyang and Washington.

The New York Times, 25 May 2007

**N.Korea Fires Missiles; Japan, U.S. Downplay Impact**

TOKYO: North Korea fired several short-range missiles on Friday, but the United States and its Asian allies said the launches were part of normal military drills and would not affect talks on Pyongyang's nuclear arms program.

The Indian Express, 25 May 2007

**Iran N-bomb 3-8 yrs away: UN watchdog**

LUXEMBOURG, May 24: The head of the UN's nuclear watchdog on Thursday said he agrees with US intelligence estimates that Iran is three to eight years from being able to make nuclear arms. He urged the United States and other Security Council members to abandon 'rhetoric' in their bid to get Tehran to scale down its nuclear ambitions.

The Indian Express, 25 May 2007

**Near ultimate goal, says Ahmadinejad**

TEHRAN:: Iran's President signalled defiance a day after UN monitors said Tehran was flouting demands to halt its sensitive nuclear work, saying on Thursday the Islamic state was close to achieving its 'ultimate goals'.

The Indian Express, 25 May 2007

**Bush for more sanctions on Iran**

WASHINGTON, MAY 24: US President George W Bush pledged on Thursday to work with allies to strengthen sanctions on Iran after a UN watchdog agency reported that Tehran was accelerating its nuclear enrichment programme in defiance of international demands.

The New York Times, 25 May 2007

**West Complains to IAEA Chief Over Iran Atom Remarks**

VIENNA: U.S. and allied envoys met the U.N. nuclear watchdog chief on Friday to complain about remarks they saw as undercutting efforts to shut down Iran's uranium enrichment program, diplomats said.

Deccan Herald, 25 May 2007

**Russia says suspect sold China rocket technology**

Moscow: The chief executive of a Russian space technology firm sold China secret technology for the creation of missile delivery systems, Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said. The FSB said in November they had arrested Igor Reshetin, general director

of the TsNIIMASH-Export firm, for selling technology that could have been converted to military use and for failing to obtain government approval.

The Washington Post, 25 May 2007

**Russia says new hitch over Iran's Bushehr**

MOSCOW: Russia said on Friday it was likely to postpone talks in Tehran over the construction of a nuclear power station, a project that has been caught up in an international standoff over Iran's nuclear ambitions.

International Herald Tribune, 25 May 2007

**U.S. Defense Department says China's anti-satellite test posed threat**

WASHINGTON: China is modernizing its military in ways that give it options for launching surprise attacks, potentially far from its borders, the U.S. Defense Department said Friday.

The Times of India, 26 May 2007

**'Nuke arms should be made obsolete'**

NEW YORK: The head of the United Nations nuclear watchdog agency has sought the development of a new global security system in which nuclear weapons are obsolete.

The Washington Post, 26 May 2007

**N. Korea Test-Fires Missiles as South Launches U.S.-Equipped Destroyer**

SEOUL, May 25: North Korea fired a salvo of short-range test missiles into its coastal waters Friday, flexing naval muscles as South Korea launched its most advanced destroyer, armed with a high-tech U.S. air defense system.

The Korean Herald, 26 May 2007

**Nuclear power with feet of clay**

The recently released video of the Taliban using a young boy, believed to be 12 years old, to behead a man amid cries of "Allahu Akbar" is only one of several troubling images emanating from Pakistan. Attacks by armed supporters of a pro-government militia on opposition activists in the port city of Karachi and frequent terrorist bombings revive fears about Pakistan's future.

The Indian Express, 26 May 2007

**Cloud over Iran's nuclear programme**

Iran could be in serious trouble unless it embarks upon adequate confidence-building measures. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report of May 23 mentions that "the Agency will not be able to fully reconstruct the history of Iran's nuclear programme and provide assurances about the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities in Iran or about the exclusively peaceful nature of that programme". It can't do this because Iran's record is shrouded in controversy.

The Indian Express, 27 May 2007

**Last-mile talks: Burns arrives next week, PM and Bush next month**

NEW DELHI, MAY 26: Stepping up efforts to settle differences on critical issues - most

significantly granting India reprocessing rights - that are holding up negotiations to finalise an Indo-US bilateral civilian nuclear cooperation agreement, US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns will be here on May 31 for talks with Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon.

The Hindu, 27 May 2007

**State clearly the status of 123 agreement: CPI (M)**

NEW DELHI: The Communist Party of India (Marxist) on Saturday demanded that the Manmohan Singh Government state clearly what was being negotiated with the United States under the 123 agreement.

The Tribune, 27 May 2007

**Positive vibes from Cyprus on N-deal**

New Delhi, May 26: India has received positive vibes from Cyprus, now a member of the 27-nation European Union (EU), over its civil nuclear programme, terrorism, climate change and developments in SAARC. Cyprus has also reiterated its support for India's candidature as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

International Herald Tribune, 27 May 2007

**China accuses Pentagon of spreading false fears over missiles**

BEIJING: A Pentagon report that expressed concerns about China's buildup of land- and sea-based ballistic missiles "misleads international opinion" and aims to spread false fears of a China threat, Chinese state media said Sunday.

Daily Yomiuri, 27 May 2007

**China eyes up to 20-fold N-power boost by end of '30**

The Chinese government plans to boost the country's nuclear power generation capability by between 15 and 20 times its current level by the end of 2030, a Chinese official close to the plan said Saturday.

The New York Times, 27 May 2007

**U.S. Has Two - Part Strategy With Iran**

WASHINGTON: The United States is pursuing a two-track strategy with Iran that reflects the high stakes in any engagement with a nation President Bush accuses of bankrolling terrorism and secretly building a nuclear bomb.

The Hindu, 28 May 2007

**India, U.S. nuclear talks set for this week**

New Delhi: With major differences over the contours of the proposed India-U.S. nuclear cooperation agreement still persisting, Washington's point man on the issue is coming here this week for another round of talks aimed at closing the deal.

The Hindu, 28 May 2007

**London meet failed to bridge differences over 123 pact**

New Delhi: Despite India's insistence that the draft 123 agreement cannot treat it as a non-nuclear weapons state as far as the implications of a nuclear test under domestic U.S.

statute are concerned, American negotiators say the administration's hands are tied by the Atomic Energy Act and the Hyde Act passed by Congress last December.

The Indian Express, 28 May 2007

### **Uranium mining: Tough road ahead**

With Australia's Federal Resources Minister Ian Macfarlane hinting that his country will not sell uranium to India until it signs the NPT, the Centre might turn its focus to Meghalaya's huge uranium deposits.

The Telegraph, 28 May 2007

### **N-business & pleasure mix**

Washington, May 27: When you continue to have differences on policy that appear irreconcilable, take a holiday among your negotiating adversaries.

The Hindu, 29 May 2007

### **Convince House on nuclear deal, Vajpayee urges Manmohan Singh**

New Delhi: In a press statement issued here on Monday, the former Prime Minister and leader of the NDA, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, called on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to convince Parliament that the assurances he had provided the House last year had been fulfilled before finally committing India to the nuclear deal with the United States.

Deccan Herald, 29 May 2007

### **Burns to visit India for nuke talks**

New Delhi: Nicholas Burns, Washington's chief interlocutor on the nuclear deal, arrives on a two-day visit here Thursday in a bid to put back on track the talks to clinch the 123 pact to open nuclear commerce between India and the US, officials said Monday.

Hindustan Times, 29 May 2007

### **Fission for trouble**

It has taken the US years of negotiations to conclude a still-valid nuclear cooperation agreement (NCA) with any close ally. Yet, as illustrated by George W. Bush's telephone call to Manmohan Singh, it has stepped up pressure on India to conclude an NCA straight away, although the two sides remain poles apart on some key issues after barely five months of negotiations.

The Asian Age, 29 May 2007

### **Our Rush To Disaster**

Disturbing news from the nuclear establishment suggest that, notwithstanding every good and sensible reason to reject the nuclear deal with the United States, an increasingly antsy Manmohan Singh has issued a firman to the Indian negotiators that he wants a 123 agreement both he and US President George W. Bush can support when they meet during the upcoming G-8 summit, and he does not care what compromises are made to get it ready.

The Indian Express, 29 May 2007

### **S Korean minister arrives to discuss Pak-N Korea ties**

NEW DELHI, MAY 28: The increasing transfer of missile technology to Pakistan by North Korea will be the focus of the first ever defence minister-level talks between India and South Korea scheduled to start in the Capital tomorrow.

Daily Times, 29 May 2007

**Dr AQ Khan is national hero: Ejaz**

ISLAMABAD: Dr AQ Khan is a national hero and those who don't think so are living in a fool's paradise, said Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Muhammad Ejazul Haq on Monday.

The Nation, 29 May 2007

**Taking care of nukes**

MARCH 28: When Pakistan conducted its first nuclear tests brings with it the memories of how those credited with making the country a nuclear state were treated by the powers that be.

The Washington Post, 29 May 2007

**China Embraces Nuclear Future**

YUMEN, China: Not far from the old Silk Road, Chinese government scientists have begun boring holes deep into granite in the first steps toward building what could become the world's largest tomb for nuclear waste.

Deccan Herald, 30 May 2007

**PM to visit Russia for summit talks in November**

Moscow: The leaders of the two nations have been alternatively meeting in Moscow and New Delhi and it would be the eighth Indo-Russian summit.

Hindustan Times, 30 May 2007

**Uncertainty over Burns' visit to clinch nuclear deal**

The US has injected an element of uncertainty into the India trip this week of its key negotiator on the civil nuclear deal, Nicholas Burns, indicating that differences still persist over the implementing 123 agreement.

Hindustan Times, 30 May 2007

**Threat will not work with Iran, says India**

Sanctions or use of force will not make Iran fall in line with the international community, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee warned a gathering of Asian and European foreign ministers in Hamburg on Tuesday. It was the first time India was attending the Asia-Europe Meeting, as a member, after it was taken on board last year.

Asian Times, 30 May 2007

**China's not so new nuclear strategy**

WASHINGTON: A new study released by the US Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute is the latest addition to the "China is a worrisome threat" crowd.

The Guardian, 30 May 2007

**Russian missile test adds to arms race fears**

Russia yesterday threatened a new cold war-style arms race with the United States by announcing that it had successfully tested a new intercontinental ballistic missile capable of penetrating American defences.

The New York Times, 30 May 2007

**Russia Says New ICBM Can Beat Any System**

MOSCOW: Russia tested new missiles Tuesday that a Kremlin official boasted could penetrate any defense system, and President Vladimir Putin warned that U.S. plans for an anti-missile shield in Europe would turn the region into a "powder keg."

The New York Times, 30 May 2007

**Iran Rules Out Key Demand Before Atomic Meeting**

TEHRAN: Iran will not suspend uranium enrichment, the key U.N. demand in a nuclear row with Tehran, Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani said the day before talks with the EU's Javier Solana.

Hindustan Times, 30 May 2007

**Right to reprocess spent fuel major snag**

As New Delhi readies to welcome United States Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns on Thursday and resume negotiations on the 123 Agreement to make the Indo-US nuclear deal operational, reprocessing rights appear to be the principal hurdle. India's three-stage nuclear power programme is built around the need to reprocess spent fuel into plutonium.

The Washington Post, 30 May 2007

**Considerable work left on India nuclear deal: U.S.**

NEW DELHI: India and the United States have "considerable work" to do to resolve their differences over a landmark nuclear deal, Washington's envoy to New Delhi said on Wednesday, the eve of further negotiations between the two sides.

The Indian Express, 31 May 2007

**Burns here today but to clinch deal, both need deal on reprocessing first**

NEW DELHI, MAY 30: India is exploring a compromise with the US on the issue of reprocessing US-origin nuclear fuel in a way that gives New Delhi the right to reprocess while leaving the details of transferring such technology for later.

The Tribune, 31 May 2007

**Differences over nuclear deal not insurmountable: US**

Washington: As Nicholas Burns, its key negotiator on the civil nuclear deal with India, headed for New Delhi, the US said some differences still remain over the implementing 123 agreement, but these are not insurmountable.

The New York Times, 31 May 2007

**U.S. Envoy's Talks With China on North Korea End**

BEIJING: Talks between China and the U.S. on how to resolve a financial dispute that is

stalling North Korea's nuclear disarmament have ended without result, with the American envoy appealing Thursday for more action from Pyongyang.