

Indian Express, 1 November 2006

Pak used US info to strike madrasa: Army

Pakistan's army spokesman said on Tuesday the military used intelligence provided by US-led coalition forces in an air raid that left 80 people dead, while thousands of pro-Taliban tribesmen threatened to send suicide bombers to attack Pakistan forces and execute people found spying for the Americans...

The New York Times, 1 November 2006

Pakistan's Leader Defends Airstrike on School

Faced with protests across the country, President Pervez Musharraf on Tuesday defended a military strike that killed 80 people at a religious school, and insisted that the dead were militants undergoing terrorist training...

The Hindu, 1 November 2006

All the killed were militants: Musharraf

As thousands of people in the Bajaur tribal area on Pakistan's border with Afghanistan took to the streets in protest a day after a military air raid on a madrassa killed 80 persons, President Pervez Musharraf asserted that those killed in the strike were "all militants"...

Dawn, 2 November 2006

Al Qaeda was target of Bajaur attack: US

WASHINGTON, Nov 1: The White House on Wednesday backed Islamabad's claim that this week's missile strikes on a seminary in Bajaur intended to kill Al Qaeda militants. "This was intended against A Qaeda," Press Secretary Tony Snow told a briefing at the White House. Commenting on civilian casualties, he said that the "US had also experienced in Afghanistan that Al Qaeda does everything it can to get the civilians killed in such operations." The White House spokesman praised President Pervez Musharraf's contribution to the war on terror, saying that "he has shown courage and determination." Meanwhile, a State Department official told Dawn that he had not had any indication that the US had been involved 'in any means' in this military strike. "We do generally have an intelligence coordination relationship with the government of Pakistan but (I am) not aware of any coordination on this particular strike," he said. "May be an exchange in the past contributed to it but there has been no US involvement in this particular attack," he added.

Daily Times, 2 November 2006

US and Afghanistan to launch strategic dialogue next year

WASHINGTON: The United States will begin key talks with Afghanistan next year, a move that deepens a partnership with Kabul five years after American forces helped oust the Islamist Taliban, a senior US official said on Tuesday. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns said he accepted an invitation by visiting Afghan Foreign Minister Rangeen Dadfar Spanta to hold the first round of talks hosted by President Hamid Karzai in Kabul in January. Afghanistan will join Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, India, Japan and China and others on a list of countries with which the United States holds periodic senior-level talks. Burns, speaking at a conference in Washington on Afghan reconstruction, repeated

the US view that a surge of fighting and suicide bombings in southern Afghanistan did not represent a "strategic threat" to Karzai's government.

The Tribune, 3 November 2006

US backs Pak strike on seminary

Washington, November 2: The White House has said that it supports Pakistan's deadly air raid on an Islamic school and has praised President Pervez Musharraf for showing "determination" to fight terrorism. "There was a strike and it was intended to go after Al-Qaida. And the Pakistani Government did it on the basis of intelligence that it had gathered and we support them in this," said spokesman Tony Snow. He spoke after armed Pakistani tribesmen ransacked government buildings yesterday in protest against a deadly air raid on an Islamic school that officials said was visited by top militants of Osama-bin Laden's terrorist network. A leading human rights group and Pakistani politicians, meanwhile, called for an independent probe into claims that the 80 persons who died in Monday's strike in Bajaur tribal agency were all students and teachers.

The Hindu, 4 November 2006

Karat assails "alliance" with U.S.

NEW DELHI: The Communist Party of India (Marxist) is angry with the Manmohan Singh Government's foreign policy, particularly the "strategic alliance" with the U.S., and has warned that it will have to pay a "price" for it. The "strategic alliance" with Washington "has gone beyond normal ties and close relations," according to the party general secretary Prakash Karat, who dismissed Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's assertion two days ago that there was no basic shift in the foreign policy. He told PTI that at one time after last July's nuclear agreement with the U.S., it seriously considered whether to continue the support and the Government was told about it. "There is a deep-rooted sentiment drawn from our experience of the freedom struggle about imperialism. In general, people react to this. The BJP underestimated it.

Dawn, 4 November 2006

Backing US was compulsion, not choice: Kasuri

ISLAMABAD, Nov 3: Foreign Minister Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri has said Pakistan took the right decision to join the international war on terrorism. Otherwise, he said, its fate would not have been different from that of Afghanistan and Iraq. He was speaking at a Senate Foreign Affairs Committee meeting, which was summoned at the Parliament House on Friday mainly to discuss Monday's air strike on a Bajaur seminary in which more than 80 people were killed, triggering country-wide protests and a wave of agitation in tribal areas. The meeting was presided over by the chairman of the committee, Mushahid Hussain Syed. (According to Online, Mr Kasuri told the Senate committee that siding with the US was a compulsion and not a choice as Pakistan's uncooperative attitude towards the US in the war against terrorism could have landed the country in a situation similar to that Iraq.)

Dawn, 5 November 2006

Pakistani attacked in NY

NEW YORK, Nov 5: The Pakistani community in Brooklyn (New York) is in an uproar

after three Jewish students brutally assaulted a Pakistani man on Friday while he was coming out of a mosque. They were charged with hate crimes. Police said on Saturday that 17-year-old Youssi Friedman and two 16-year-olds are charged with the attack. They punched 24-year-old Shahid Amber, breaking his nose. They are accused of attacking Shahid because of his religion. "Obviously he's stunned," said Israel Fried, Friedman's lawyer. Mohammed Razvi who heads a Brooklyn Pakistani organisation told newsmen on Saturday that despite the attack, Jewish and Muslim leaders are talking and not overreacting. On Avenue M, where the attack happened, Jewish residents say they are just as upset as the Pakistanis about what happened.

Hindustan Times, 6 November 2006

No US pressure on demilitarising J&K: Azad

Jammu: There is no US pressure for demilitarising Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad asserted on Sunday. "There is no truth in it," he said in a question-answer programme on BBC Radio. "No one can ask India to do anything. India is a sovereign country. Someone is indulging in rumour mongering. America is not pressuring India on demilitarisation," the chief minister said in reply to a query from a listener. The questioner had pointed to reports in Pakistani media in the context of a senior US defence official's visit to Kashmir last month. Azad, who completed his first year in office on Nov 2, said it was the "best year" in terms of peace process as two roundtable conferences were held on Kashmir and incidents of violence showed an overall decline despite two-and-a-half times increase in infiltration from across the border. He rebuffed the charge that security forces were not respecting Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's promise of zero tolerance of human rights violations. "The prime minister's promise is being honoured in letter and spirit," Azad maintained.

Dawn, 7 November 2006

PM leaves for US today

ISLAMABAD, Nov 6: Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz will leave for New York on Tuesday to attend the meeting of a high-level panel of Secretary General of United Nations working to improve the UN system.

The Nation, 7 November 2006

US polls: Impact on Pakistan

The Bush administration's disastrous military intervention in Iraq has been the rallying call of Democrats in the campaign leading up to today's midterm elections that are widely predicted to win them majority in the House of Representatives, if not the Senate as well. But even in the upper house, they would be hitting near the target. Considering the prevailing wisdom that the Democrat Party is less favourable in its attitude to Pakistan than the Republican Party, there are apprehensions that the change in guard at the Congress would have an adverse impact on the US-Pakistan relations.

People's Daily, 7 November 2006

3rd US-China Dialogue to start

The third round of the US-China Senior Dialogue a forum agreed by President Hu Jintao and US President George W. Bush at the 2004 APEC summit meeting will be held in

Beijing this week, the Foreign Ministry said. US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns will represent the United States in the Dialogue, inaugurated in 2005 by Executive Vice-Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo and former US Deputy Secretary Robert Zoellick. The dialogue reflects the importance and depth of the China-US relationship, providing a venue to consider the strategic implications of policies in a variety of areas. The goal is to better guide co-operation and manage differences between the two countries.

The Hindu, 8 November 2006

U.S. polls begin

Washington: The Congressional polls opened across America on Tuesday, with Democrats hoping to capitalise on voter disillusionment with President Bush.

The Hindu, 8 November 2006

US polls: Democrats win 18 Republican-held districts

Washington, Nov. 8: Democrats won 18 Republican-held districts, moving within striking distance of retaking control of the House on Tuesday as voters demonstrated their disenchantment with a war, a president and scandals in Congress. With these victories, if the minority Democrats hold all of their current seats, they would end 12 years of Republican rule, rise to power and clear the way for Rep. Nancy Pelosi to become the country's first female House leader. "We are on the brink of a great Democratic victory," Pelosi, a California Democrat, predicted. Republican incumbents went down in nearly every region of the country. Three Republican congressmen lost in Indiana, two in New Hampshire, one in North Carolina, and a Democrat won an open seat in Arizona.

The Hindu, 8 November 2006

Pakistan's fears allayed

ISLAMABAD: The U.S. State Department on Tuesday sought to allay worries in Pakistan that a possible defeat for the Republicans in the mid-term elections may upset its hard-worked equation with Washington. Richard Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, who is on a visit here told a press conference that the relations were unlikely to change for the foreseeable future. "If you look at U.S. support for war against terrorism, its support for Afghanistan, partnership for Pakistan has gone across the board in U.S. politics. There is strong support from all parties. I don't doubt this. I do not expect any change after the U.S. elections," he said to a number of questions on this.

The Times of India, 8 November 2006

For US, India is a 'very important'

WASHINGTON: As Washington considers India 'a very important partner for the United States', Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice looks forward to work closely with the new Indian foreign minister, Pranab Mukherjee. "We are in the course of changing that relationship and deepening and broadening our ties. So I'm sure she's going to work very closely with him and looks forward to working with him on a number of different issues of mutual concern," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said on Tuesday.

"I'm sure that she's going to work quite well with him," he said noting that Mukherjee and Rice met together at the United Nations recently when he came here as defence minister.

The Indian Express, 8 November 2006

Democrats are smiling but New Delhi isn't too anxious

NEW DELHI, November 7: Contrary to conventional wisdom that the widely anticipated gains of the Democratic Party in today's US Congressional elections would kill the Indo-US nuclear deal, informed betting here is that the odds are better than even in favour of the Senate considering the enabling legislation next week. Those familiar in the capital with American domestic politics question the tight linkage being drawn between a potentially big Democratic victory tonight and the fate of the Indo-US deal. Irrespective of the poll's outcome, the expectation here goes, the strong bipartisan support for improving ties with India might encourage the Republicans and Democrats to act together on the nuclear legislation in the lame duck session of the Congress (the outgoing one) that convenes next Monday.

The Indian Express, 8 November 2006

Rice would work well with Mukherjee: US

Washington, November 8: The United States has said Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice would "work very closely" with External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee on various issues of mutual concern. "I'm sure that she's going to work quite well with him...He's a very accomplished individual. He brings with him a lot of experience to the job as Foreign Minister operating on a world stage," State Department Spokesman Sean McCormack said in Washington on Tuesday replying to a question. "India is a very important partner for the United States. We are in the course of changing that relationship and deepening and broadening our ties. So I'm sure she's going to work very closely with him and looks forward to working with him on a number of different issues of mutual concern," he added.

Hindustan Times, 9 November 2006

Indian Americans do well in US polls, Jindal shines

Washington, November 8: Even as bucking the anti-Republican trend, incumbent Bobby Jindal returned to the House of Representatives, two Goyals took Indian-American representation to the heartland of America with victories to the state assemblies in Ohio and Kansas. Jindal won the race to Congress from the 1st District in Louisiana with a thumping majority of 87.9 per cent (71,493) with his three opponents together getting only less than 11,000 votes.

The Hindu, 9 November 2006

Upheaval in US politics not to affect Indo-US ties: Inderfurth

Washington, Nov. 9: The political upheaval in the Capitol Hill is unlikely to effect a change in the bilateral ties between India and the United States and will not affect the civil nuclear deal as it enjoys bipartisan support, a former senior administrator has said.

China Daily, 9 November 2006

Sino-US strategic dialogue 'fruitful'

Senior foreign policy officials from China and the United States yesterday had "fruitful" exchanges during the third round of bilateral strategic talks. The nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula was discussed by Vice-Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and visiting US Under Secretary of State Nicholas Burns, who co-chaired the one-day closed-door meeting, according to a statement released by the Foreign Ministry.

The Economic Times, 10 November 2006

Changing course in the US

The removal of Donald Rumsfeld as defence secretary sends out a clear message that the defeat of the Republicans in the elections to the US Congress will have an immediate impact on US policy. President Bush's willingness to change course has been prompted not just by the practical difficulties involved in dealing with Democratic majorities in both the Houses of the Congress.

Deccan Herald, 10 November 2006

It's public vs public

The Bush administration suffered a loss of public faith in the just concluded US mid-term elections, and now the President must govern with a legislative branch that is controlled by the Democrats. The change in this dynamic will no doubt affect the two remaining years of the Bush presidency.

Deccan Herald, 10 November 2006

US role against militants in Pak

Monday's aerial attack on a seminary in Pakistan's tribal area of Bajaur that killed 80 people has triggered a debate about who is actually carrying out such attacks. President Musharraf's opponents, led by the country's religious leadership, are insisting that the latest strike was carried out by US forces based in Afghanistan.

The Indian Express, 10 November 2006

US brings down visa cost for Indians

NEW DELHI: The cost of a US visa will come down one-thirds with the US government scrapping the US\$ 50 reciprocal issuance fee for all non-immigrant visas for Indian citizens. US Ambassador to India David Mulford said the waiver was part of a restructuring of the system. Mulford also said the backlog had been cleared.

Daily Times, 10 November 2006

US helping Pakistan, Afghanistan defeat Taliban: Jury out on govt deal with tribal elders: US

KABUL: The "jury was out" on a government deal with tribal elders in Pakistan's North Waziristan that was intended to curb militant activity, a top US official said on Thursday. US Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs Richard Boucher said the real test was 'whether they (tribal authorities) exert that control and whether they stop the activity...I think the jury is still out'.

China Daily, 10 November 2006

China hopes US Congress will help enhance ties

China hopes the new US Congress plays a constructive role in strengthening Sino-US relations, the Foreign Ministry said Thursday. Spokeswoman Jiang Yu made the remarks at a regular press conference in response to Democrats capturing both chambers of the US Congress in Tuesday's mid-term elections.

China Daily, 10 November 2006

Rice says US unfazed by China growth

Washington - US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice played down concerns over the rising influence of China, saying it was better for China to have friends in the world than enemies. "I don't see any of this as zero sum," Rice told the Singapore Straits Times newspaper in an interview, a transcript of which was released by the US State Department on Thursday.

The Times of India, 10 November 2006

Indian accused of leaking US military info to China

WASHINGTON: A 62-year-old India-born engineer in Maui, Hawaii, who worked on the B-2 stealth bomber, has been charged with using secret military information to help China build a stealth cruise missile. A federal grand jury has upgraded a former indictment against Noshir S Gowadia, originally charged with selling information involving the B-2 aircraft to three unnamed countries.

The News, 11 November 2006

US pushes for progress in Indo-Pak talks

NEW DELHI: The United States leaned on India and Pakistan on Friday to work together against terrorism and urged the South Asian rivals to seek progress as they resume peace talks next week.

The Tribune, 11 November 2006

Boucher: Terror groups have origins in Pak

New Delhi, November 10: The United States' Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher today said that terror groups responsible for attacks in India had 'origin' and 'links' in Pakistan. Mr Boucher, however, did not take a position when asked whether these terror linkages were sponsored by Pakistan government.

The Hindu, 11 November 2006

United States, Indian envoys call on Koirala

KATHMANDU: In separate meetings on Friday, Indian envoy Shiv Shankar Mukharjee and the American envoy James F. Moriarty called on Nepali Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala here to discuss Wednesday's historic peace agreement between the ruling Seven Party Alliance and the Maoists.

The Indian Express, 11 November 2006

India-born pleads not guilty to selling US secrets

HONOLULU, Nov 10: A former B-2 stealth bomber engineer has pleaded not guilty to

selling military secrets to China so the communist nation could develop a hard-to-detect cruise missile.

Hindustan Times, 12 November 2006

India, US to expand civil aviation cooperation

New Delhi: India and the US will sign a memorandum of understanding on Monday to expand bilateral cooperation in civil aviation that will build on the existing open skies pact between the two countries.

Hindustan Times, 12 November 2006

Indian airports on high alert after FBI warning

New Delhi: Three days after Indian airports were put on high alert following a letter warning of possible Al-Qaeda strikes, security was again tightened at airports across the country on Sunday after a senior Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) official received a threatening email that US-bound planes from India would be hijacked.

The Times of India, 12 November 2006

Indian-American Forum to meet in Boston

WASHINGTON: The Indian American Forum for Political Education (IAFPE), one of America's largest associations focused on community interests, will hold its 24th National Convention in Boston on December 2 with the theme 'Becoming a Politically Effective Community'.

The Times of India, 12 November 2006

Books, not jets better for Pak: Clinton

WASHINGTON: If Bill Clinton knew Pakistan would become the epicentre of terrorism in the world, he would have supplied the country with books, not fighter jets. This remarkable post-dated epiphany came from the former president during of a conference in Canada on child poverty in course of which he reflected on how poor countries had little money for free education.

Hindustan Times, 13 November 2006

FBI gets mail, India goes on hijack alert

New Delhi, November 12: Airports across the country were put on high alert on Sunday, following a warning sent out by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) about a possible hijack attempt on flights from India bound for the United States.

The Hindu, 13 November 2006

U.S. hopes for fair poll in Bangladesh

DHAKA: United States Assistant Secretary Richard A. Boucher met key political leaders of Bangladesh, including President-cum-caretaker Government Chief Iajuddin Ahmed on Sunday and conveyed Washington's support to the caretaker Government in holding a successful general election.

The Times of India, 13 November 2006

US senator outsources speech to India

BANGALORE: Last year, the UK government is said to have outsourced a pre and post election related work to a business processing organisation (BPO) firm in Bangalore.

The Times of India, 13 November 2006

India and US step up defence cooperation

NEW DELHI: Though the civilian nuclear deal's uncertain fate in the Senate's lame duck session is casting a shadow on the overall Indo-US ties, New Delhi and Washington have decided to further step up ties in the strategic military arena.

The New York Times, 13 November 2006

U.S. Commerce Secretary Seeks Trade Boost with China

BEIJING: U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez opened a visit to China on an upbeat note on Monday, saying the two countries had a "very positive foundation" as he seeks to promote U.S. business and close a gaping trade gap.

Dawn, 13 November 2006

US not allowed to fire missiles into Pakistan: Aziz

WASHINGTON, Nov 12: Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said in an interview broadcast on Sunday that his country does not allow the United States to use unmanned aircraft to fire missiles into Pakistan to kill terrorists.

China Daily, 14 November 2006

US Pacific fleet commander tours China

BEIJING:- The commander of the US Pacific Fleet began a visit to China on Monday in a trip aimed at strengthening ties between the two navies and gaining insight into the Asian power's military buildup.

People's Daily, 14 November 2006

China, U.S. vow to deepen cooperation on intellectual property protection

Senior officials from China and the United States have vowed to further strengthen cooperation on intellectual property protection.

The Times of India, 14 November 2006

'US attacks within Pak borders not acceptable'

WASHINGTON: Pakistan is an ally of the United States in its war on terrorism but cannot abide US strikes on militants within its borders, the Pakistani prime minister Shaukat Aziz said on Sunday.

The Tribune, 15 November 2006

India, USA to fly together on satellite navigation

New Delhi, November 14: Seamless travel across the Indian Ocean, Pacific and Atlantic will be possible in the coming years with India and the USA working on a satellite-based navigation system to manage air traffic growth being witnessed by the two.

The Hindu, 15 November 2006

China, India and US must be part of climate change strategy: Howard

Sydney, Nov. 15: China, India and the United States must be part of any real solution to climate change, the Australian prime minister said Wednesday, as he prepared to take up the issue at this week's summit of Asia-Pacific leaders in Vietnam.

People's Daily, 15 November 2006

Premier says U.S. Democrats, Republicans have consensus on China-U.S. ties

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Tuesday that the development of China-U.S. relations has always been the consensus of the Democrats and Republicans of the United States, calling for negotiations in solving trade frictions between the two countries.

Daily Times, 15 November 2006

US helping Pakistan with alternate energy research

WASHINGTON: US Energy Secretary Samuel W Bodmin told a conference here on Monday that while the United State is not offering any civilian nuclear cooperation to Pakistan, it is working with its government on non-conventional sources of energy such as wind power.

The Tribune, 16 November 2006

Pak got \$1.1 billion from USA for fighting terror

Islamabad, November 15: Pakistan received about \$ 1.1 billion last year from the USA for the logistical support it provided for the counter-terrorism operations, including its own military operation mainly in Waziristan and other tribal areas along the Durand line.

Dawn, 16 November 2006

US-Pakistan defence ties being boosted

WASHINGTON, Nov 15: The US and Pakistan have been quietly rebuilding their military-to-military relationship disrupted in 1990 when Washington slapped restrictions on Islamabad for its efforts to develop nuclear weapons, says a congressional report.

The Nation, 16 November 2006

Impact of Republican rout

The defeat of Republican party in the Mid-term US elections has led 'some', but only 'some' Pakistanis to wonder if the new complexion of the American Congress - House of Representative and Senate - will have any adverse effect on the shape of Pak-US relations. Most are not bothered.

The New York Times, 17 November 2006

Senate Endorses U.S. - India Nuclear Deal

WASHINGTON: The Senate on Thursday overwhelmingly endorsed a plan allowing the United States to ship civilian nuclear fuel and technology to India, handing President Bush an important victory on one of his top foreign policy initiatives.

The Hindu, 18 November 2006

Bush hails defence links with India

SINGAPORE: Pledging to weave a web of "partnerships" for "security cooperation in Asia," United States President George W. Bush has hailed his administration's new defence links with India.

The Telegraph, 18 November 2006

Indian nuke deal unites America

Washington, Nov. 17: In a ringing endorsement of the Indo-US nuclear deal that surprised its critics and supporters alike, the Senate last night approved legislation to enable its implementation by 85 to 12 votes after a marathon 11-hour debate.

Daily Times, 18 November 2006

Don't abandon Afghanistan, India tells US

NEW DELHI: India on Friday told a visiting United States defence policy group that it had concerns over Pakistan's recent deal between pro-Taliban elements in the Afghan-Pak border area of North Waziristan, while also warning Washington against reducing American anti-Taliban and Qaeda operations in Afghanistan.

Daily Times, 18 November 2006

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The Times of India, 19 November 2006

Bush pushes China's Hu on bilateral trade

HANOI: US President George W Bush said on Sunday that he would like to see China as "a nation of consumers" buying more American products while Chinese President Hu Jintao expressed satisfaction at a sharp increase in US imports.

China Daily, 19 November 2006

Hu, Bush hold talks at APEC summit

HANOI: China said on Sunday that "wisdom and patience" are needed to find solutions to the nuclear issues on Korean Peninsula.

The Tribune, 20 November 2006

China, US navies hold exercises

Beijing, November 19: The navies of China and the USA today held their first-ever search-and-rescue exercises on the South China Sea, aimed to enhance mutual trust and understanding between the militaries.

Dawn, 20 November 2006

CIA has found no proof of Iran's nuclear arms plan: Hersh

NEW YORK, Nov 19: The US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has found no strong

evidence that Iran is developing a nuclear weapon, New Yorker magazine said in a report on Sunday.

The Tribune, 21 November 2006

Don't interfere, China tells US

Beijing, November 20: China today asked the US not to undermine bilateral ties by 'rudely interfering' in its internal affairs citing poor religious freedom. China rejects the recent US Government report which listed China as a 'country of particular concern' with regard to religious freedom, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Jiang Yu said here.

Hindustan Times, 21 November 2006

For our protection`

India and the United States are deeply committed to globalisation of their economies. Yet, when it comes to globalising justice, they are fierce resisters. This is evident in their decision to oppose the International Criminal Court (ICC) set up in 1998.

Dawn, 21 November 2006

\$160m defence system from US

WASHINGTON, Nov 20: The United States is selling high frequency radio systems to Pakistan for an estimated \$160 million, the Bush administration informed Congress on Monday.

Dawn, 21 November 2006

India, China getting closer: US study

WASHINGTON, Nov 20: China will soon become India's largest trading partner, supplanting the United States, says a US Congressional report.

The Asian Age, 22 November 2006

India must get to know the Democrats

Saratoga Valley, US: The political landscape in this country, despite a decisive midterm poll, appears to be hazy and rather confused. Did the electorate reject "Bushism" and the war on terror, or only his performance in Iraq? Have they rejected conservatism? Is it the end of the "neocon"-Bible belt coalition? Are the Democrats poised to take over the White House in 2008? Do they have an alternative strategy to tackle Iraq and Al Qaeda? As of now there seems to be no clear answer.

Hindustan Times, 23 November 2006

Hu's India visit no big deal in US

Washington: Chinese President Hu Jintao's "historic" India visit that opened new vistas of cooperation, including possibly in the field of civilian nuclear energy, between the two Asian giants, did not get much notice initially, at least in official Washington.

Daily Times, 24 November 2006

China and US-India nuclear deal

The countries of the Power Triangle all have an interest in improving relations with one another.

Daily Times, 25 November 2006

Senate debate on Bajaur and Dargai incidents: Opposition criticises government for owning up Bajaur air raid

ISLAMABAD: Opposition members criticised the government for claiming responsibility of the airstrike on a madrassa in Bajaur Agency, which they alleged was carried out by US forces, as the Senate started debate on the Bajaur and Dargai incidents on Friday.

Dawn, 26 November 2006

US sending largest trade team to India

WASHINGTON, Nov 25: The United States is sending the largest-ever trade mission to India next week mainly to explore possibilities for benefiting from the Indo-US nuclear deal.

The Times of India, 27 November 2006

NRI charged with selling US army secrets to China

WASHINGTON: China obtained secret stealth technology used on B-2 bomber engines from a Hawaii-based Indian American spy in a compromise US officials say will allow Beijing to copy or counter a key weapon in the Pentagon's new strategy against China, according to a local daily.

Daily Times, 27 November 2006

US senator urges Pakistan to do more to ease violence in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON: A Democratic senator on Sunday urged Pakistan to do more to help ease violence in Afghanistan, saying militants in Afghanistan are taking refuge and organizing in the neighbouring country.

The Economic Times, 28 November 2006

Expanding US-India commercial ties

For Americans looking at the prosperity now taking root in India, it is a paradox that a country so rich in history, culture and talent could have been under-performing economically for so long, and is only now rising to its rightful leadership role in the world economic system.

Daily Times, 28 November 2006

Afghanistan may destabilise Pakistan, India: Armitage

SINGAPORE: Failure to restore peace to Afghanistan may jeopardise stability in neighbouring Pakistan and have a knock-on effect on India, said former US deputy secretary of state Richard Armitage on Monday.

Dawn, 28 November 2006

Senators reject govt's Bajaur strike claim

ISLAMABAD, Nov 27: The opposition voiced an almost total disbelief in the government's claim that its own forces had carried out a deadly missile strike on a Bajaur madressah last month, on the second day of a Senate debate on Monday.

Daily Times, 28 November 2006

Pak-US dialogue on education starts in Washington tomorrow: FO

ISLAMABAD: The first session of the Pakistan-US high-level dialogue on education will be held in Washington tomorrow (November 29).

Hindustan Times, 29 November 2006

US condemns LTTE for fuelling hostility

Washington: The United States has condemned Sri Lanka's Tamil Tigers (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) for fuelling violence and hostility, while urging them and the Colombo government to honour their 2002 ceasefire agreement.

Hindustan Times, 29 November 2006

US, India forging global partnership: Burns

Washington: The United States and India are forging a "natural global partnership" economically, militarily and culturally in one of the most significant shifts in US global policy in a decade, says a senior US official.

The Times of India, 29 November 2006

US concerned over Chinese military build-up

WASHINGTON: The United States has said that it encourages the development of bilateral relations between Pakistan and China and does not see anything "new" in any nuclear defence treaties that may have been signed during the recent visit of the Chinese President Hu Jintao to Islamabad.

Dawn, 29 November 2006

US rejects concerns over China's N-ties with Pakistan

WASHINGTON, Nov 28: The United States has rejected the suggestion that during Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit China had agreed to help Pakistan develop nuclear weapons.

Hindustan Times, 30 November 2006

US, India forging global partnership: Burns

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