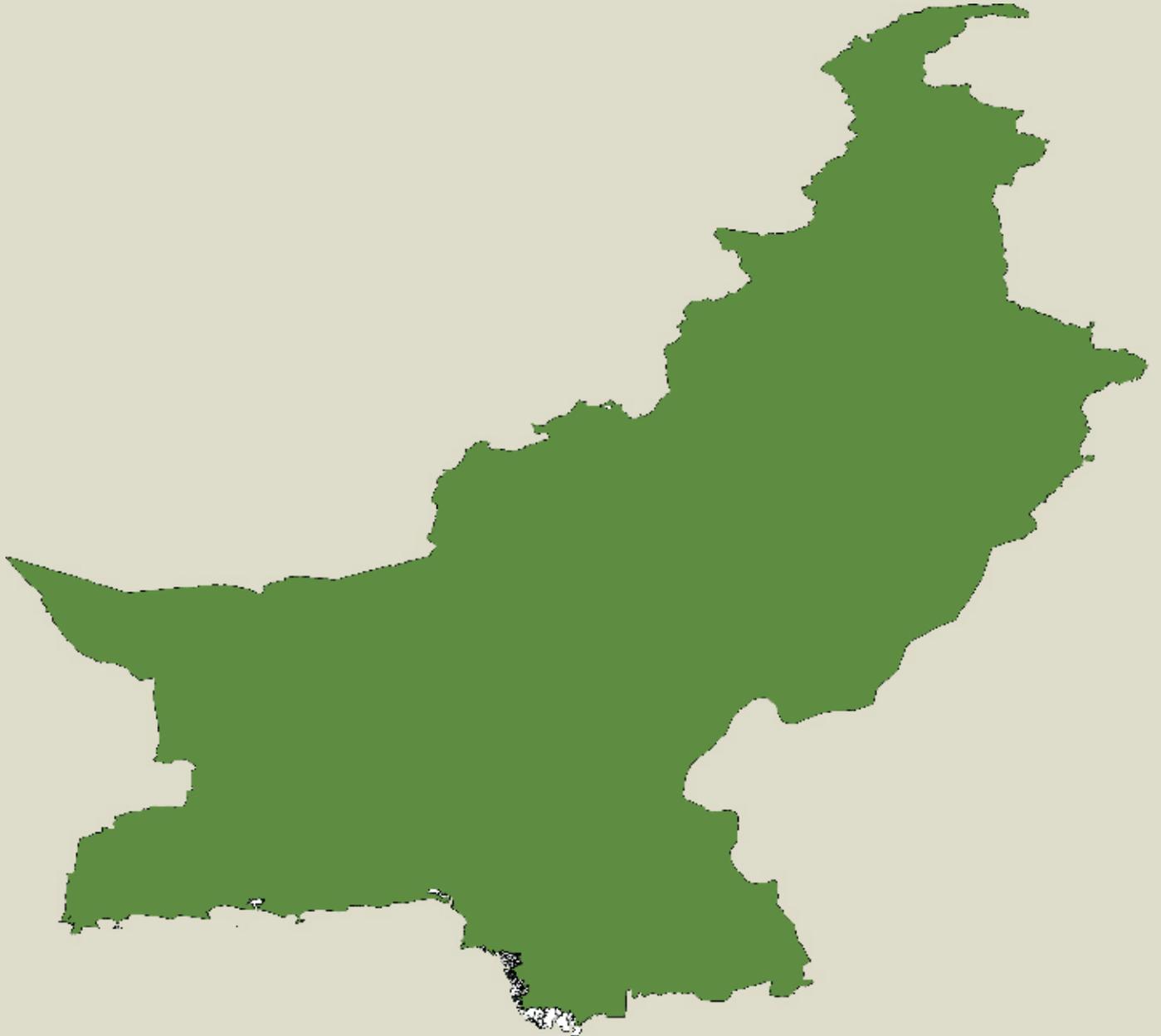


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## ABBREVIATIONS

ADB: Asian Development Bank  
AIIB: Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank  
ANP: Awami National Party  
APC: All Parties Conference  
ATC: Anti-Terrorism Court  
CPEC: China- Pakistan Economic Corridor  
CTD: Counter Terrorism Department  
ECP: Election Commission of Pakistan  
IED: Improvised Explosive Device  
IHC: Islamabad High Court  
IMF: International Monetary Fund  
ISI: Inter-Services Intelligence  
ISPR: Inter Services Public Relations  
JI: Jamaat-i-Islaami  
JuD: Jamat-ul- Dawa  
JUI-F Jamiat-Ulema-e-Islam (Fazal)  
KP: Khyber Pakhthunkhwa  
LHC: Lahore High Court  
MQM: Muttahida Qaumi Movement  
NAB: National Accountability Bureau  
NADRA- National Database and Registration Authority  
NAP: National Action Plan  
PAT: Pakistan Awami Tehreek  
PML-N: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz  
PPP: Pakistan People's Party  
PTI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf  
QCG: Quadrilateral Coordination Group  
QWP: Qaumi Watan Party  
RRG: Rapid Response Group  
TTP: Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

### **Pakistan-India Relations**

The civilian and military authorities in Pakistan have similar views when it comes to the issue of Kashmir. Irrespective of the kind of government in Islamabad, cross-border terrorism has been used as a tool to vitiate the atmosphere in Kashmir and put pressure on India for dialogue. The religious right, terror outfits disguised as philanthropic organisations and most importantly the politico-security establishment of the country all are on the same page in condemning and criticising India over the ongoing turbulence in the Kashmir valley following the killing of Burhan Wani, a young Hizbul Mujahideen commander. Pakistan's propaganda machinery has become hyperactive following recent developments in Kashmir.

### **Civil-Military Relations**

There was a kind of relief in some sections when the incumbent army chief, in January, expressed his desire to vacate the office at the end of his tenure in November 2016 rather than seek an extension. Despite this, things did not go smoothly. In early July, a little unknown political party "Move on Pakistan put up posters, banners and billboards across 13 major cities of Pakistan including the cantonment area, requesting the army chief to assume power (*Khuda ke liye abb aa jao*). The spokespersons of the party argued forcefully in the electronic and print media in support of a coup and formation of a government of technocrats. Although the military clarified through ISPR that it had nothing to do with these posters, observers in Pakistan argued that it could not have been possible without support from some powerful group in Pakistan.

### **China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)**

Ever since China and Pakistan agreed to build the \$46 billion economic corridor, the ruling elite has been projecting it as a solution to all the problems faced by Pakistan. The government has accorded CPEC top priority. To protect the project from terrorist attack, the military has already raised a special division. The planning, development and Reforms minister Ahsan Iqbal further underlined the importance of the project this month and after reviewing the progress issued directions to complete each and every project within the stipulated timeframe. Things are not that easy and sommet as the Islamabad wants everyone to believe. A new alliance of political parties called Corridor Front (CF) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) has announced massive protests against the federal government for ignoring the province while building the corridor.

### **The Panama Papers**

The tussle between the government and the opposition is continuing on the issue of Panama probe. Each side is sticking to its position. The joint committee, even after several rounds of discussions, could not come up with a commonly agreed Terms of References (ToRs) for the commission that is supposed to probe the Panama papers issue. With each day passing, the united opposition is running out of patience. It has threatened to bring thousands of people in the streets if the government does not accept their demand to constitute an independent commission. The government, on the other hand, has made it clear that if the two sides fail to reach any conclusion, it will make public the respective ToRs of the government and the opposition and subject it to public scrutiny.

### **The Pak-Afghan Theater**

There is no sign of Afghan Taliban coming to the negotiating table given its determination to fight out the Afghan army all over the war torn country. It was seen to be masterminding well-planned attacks on the Afghan security forces on a regular basis. However, Pakistan is continuing with its public pronouncement that it wants an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process. On the other hand, the Afghan establishment is getting frustrated with Pakistan day by day. Recently, the Afghan President Ashraf Ghani-- who had advocated rapprochement with Pakistan in the interest of peace, after coming to power, was seen to be openly blaming Pakistan for harbouring insurgents and terrorists within its borders.

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## **POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS**

### **NATIONAL POLITICS**

**NADRA compromises citizens' privacy**, *Daily Times*, July 1<sup>1</sup>

The National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has compromised the privacy of millions of citizens just to track down some 'aliens'. *The authority while taking a swift action against the use of Pakistani CNICs by fewer aliens in an astonishing move has compromised millions of citizens' privacy through its SMS service 8008.* Instead of spotting aliens or suspicious people, NADRA has backed wrongdoers by providing easy access to family data of millions of Pakistanis. The biggest flaw in this recently launched service by NADRA is that anybody can get details of any Pakistani family members by sending their CNIC numbers to 8008.

**Governor dispels speculations about Nizam-i-Adl**, *The Dawn*, July 10<sup>2</sup>

*Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra has dispelled speculations about implementation of Nizam-i-Adl in Fata, saying final decision about future status of the region will be taken by Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif.* Addressing tribal elders on the occasion of inaugurating Rs220 million water supply scheme on Saturday (July 9), he said that no decision regarding changes in the existing administrative system of Fata would be imposed from outside. The decision of prime minister would reflect the genuine aspirations of the people of the region, he added.

**Nawaz suffocates under army: Nizami**, *Daily Times*, July 13<sup>3</sup>

The federal government and the military establishment are at odds with each other as Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif believes he isn't being allowed to work according to his own wishes. Veteran journalist Arif Nizami in his talk show, DNA on Channel 24, said *the military establishment thinks the prime minister is pro-India as Islamabad had, on numerous occasions, tried to develop trade ties with New Delhi.* Commenting on the controversial posters, Nizami said some hidden hands are behind the campaign, calling for Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif to impose Martial Law and form a government of technocrats.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/01-Jul-16/nadra-compromises-citizens-privacy-through-sms>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1269869/governor-dispels-speculations-about-enforcement-of-nizam-i-adl-in-fata>

<sup>3</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/13-Jul-16/nawaz-suffocates-under-army-as-hes-pro-india-says-nizami>

## THE PANAMA PAPERS

**Govt to make ToRs public if talks fail**, *The Dawn*, July 11<sup>4</sup>

Federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced on Sunday (July 10) making public terms of reference framed by both the government and the opposition on the Panama leaks probe if talks between the two sides failed to reach any conclusion. *"The respective ToRs of the government and the opposition will be published if dialogue with the opposition does not produce a joint stance,"* he told media after presiding over a meeting of the Data Darbar management committee here on Sunday (July 10).

**Opposition gears up to prepare new strategy**, *Daily Times*, July 11<sup>5</sup>

After Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's arrival in Pakistan from London, opposition parties have once again started consultation process on the issues of Panama leaks and appointments of members of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). A meeting of the joint opposition is expected to take place within next few days. Earlier today, Opposition Leader Syed Khurshid Shah held a telephonic conversation with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Vice President Shah Mehmood Qureshi. Both leaders will also hold meeting. On the other hand, Awami Muslim League (AML) and Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) leaders also discussed strategy regarding protest movement against the PML-N government. PTI will arrange a meeting in Lahore today where Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Jahangir Tareen and other senior leaders are expected to be present.

## PROVINCIAL POLITICS

**Minority community angry over Rs 300m budget cut**, *Daily Times*, July 16<sup>6</sup>

*Minority communities on Thursday (June 30) demanded Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Parvaiz Khattak to withdraw his decision regarding Rs 300 million cut motions in minority funds.* They said that if the decision was not withdrawn, they would be compelled to take to the streets and the provincial government would be responsible for any untoward incidents. Speaking at press conference at Peshawar Press Club, Parvez K.G, former MPA and chief organiser Qaumi Watan Party (QWP) minority wing said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government in KP had committed injustice and allegedly transferred minority funds to madrassa Dar-ul-uloom Haqqani. He said that

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1270082/govt-to-make-tors-public-if-talks-with-opposition-fail-says-dar>

<sup>5</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/11-Jul-16/opposition-gears-up-to-prepare-new-strategy-on-panama-leaks-issue>

<sup>6</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/khyber-pakhtunkhwa/01-Jul-16/minority-community-angry-over-rs-300m-budget-cut>

KP government had Rs 1 billion in funds but the government cut Rs300 millions from minority fund which had created unrest among the minority community.

**Balochistan reveals 15,000 'missing teachers', *The Dawn*, July 4<sup>7</sup>**

The Balochistan education department could not verify the presence of more than 15,000 teachers during the verification drive launched by the provincial government at least two years ago. The education department, which launched the verification process in the beginning of 2014, to trace and terminate the ghost teachers, could only verify 42,000 teachers out of the total 59,000 registered teachers in the province, a senior official of the education department told Dawn.com. [...] "In addition to the missing teachers, the department has also spotted more than 900 ghost schools and their budget was stopped." "A huge amount from Rs400 to 500 million was being paid to these ghost teachers," the education department official said.

**KP cannot afford Afghan refugees, *The Dawn*, July 9<sup>8</sup>**

Chief Minister Pervez Khattak has termed Afghan refugees a big problem and said that the province could not afford their presence anymore. "The federal interior minister should prepare a strategy for repatriation of the registered and non-registered Afghan refugees. *Now the Afghan refugees have to play their positive role for their own country,*" said the chief minister while talking to media persons in his village Manki Sharif on Friday (July 8).

**Kamal blames ex-boss for killing potential successors, *The Nation*, July 12<sup>9</sup>**

Pak Sarzameen Party leader Syed Mustafa Kamal once took a swipe at his ex boss Altaf Hussain, blaming the MQM chief for having his potential successors killed. "Even a local shopkeeper creates capacity of leadership for his son so that he may replace his father but I ask MQM activists why did Altaf not groom anyone for leadership?" Kamal said in his media talk at his party's office. *"Instead he killed all those who had leadership qualities, and publicly humiliated the remaining ones. I ask you who will lead the party after Altaf? No one will, because he does not want to see MQM once he is gone. He only wants to use the party to shun cases against him,"* Kamal added. [...] *"He (Altaf) does not mistakenly utter such things. He deliberately issues statements against Rangers DG, ISI DG and the military establishment so that innocent people could be targeted in retaliation."*

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<sup>7</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1269052/balochistan-reveals-15000-missing-teachers-in-verification-drive>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1269630/kp-cannot-afford-afghan-refugees-any-more-cm>

<sup>9</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/kamal-blames-ex-boss-for-killing-potential-successors>

**Khursheed condemns PML-N's actions in AJK, *The News*, July 13<sup>10</sup>**

Leader of the Opposition in National Assembly Syed Khursheed Shah criticized the actions of PML-N in Azad Kashmir and stated that what they were doing to win elections was deplorable. Speaking to media personnel in Islamabad, Khursheed Shah said that Kashmiris were being oppressed in occupied Kashmir and the Kashmiri leadership was being locked up there.

**Fata parties threaten to observe Aug 14 as black day, *The Dawn*, July 15<sup>11</sup>**

*The All Fata Political Parties Alliance has threatened to observe August 14 as black day if government fails to merge the tribal areas with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.* Addressing at news conference at Peshawar Press Club on Thursday (July 14), All Fata Political Parties Alliance president Haji Iqbal Afridi said that tribal people had already requested the government to merge Fata with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa but some anti-reforms elements wanted to create hurdles to them. He said that tribal people wanted repeal of Frontier Crimes Regulation (FCR) because it was implemented by British rulers. "Now Fata is a part of Pakistan and the country's laws should be implemented there," he added.

## EDITORIALS AND OPINION

**Mainstreaming FATA, Editorial, *The Express Tribune*, July 11<sup>12</sup>**

The process of national mainstreaming of Fata is taking time which is understandable considering the socioeconomic and political ramifications involved in developing a broad-based consensus among the directly affected people for what could only be a mini-revolution in their lives. *A decision needs to be taken first on the status of Fata — whether it should be turned into a separate province or be merged with Pata, which again is to be mainstreamed into the province of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.* This phase should be handled with extra care and in consultation with the elected representatives of Fata, its legal fraternity and the political parties representing the region.

## FOREIGN POLICY

**Mansoor was 'about to join peace talks', *The Express Tribune*, July 11<sup>13</sup>**

*Slain Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansoor "was about to make an announcement to join peace talks" when a US pilotless aircraft targeted him in May, a Taliban leader claimed on Sunday (July 10).* The Taliban believe

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/134569-Khursheed-Shah-condemns-PML-Ns-actions-in-Azad-Kashmir>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1270945/fata-parties-threaten-to-observe-aug-14-as-black-day>

<sup>12</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1138918/mainstreaming-fata-steps-ahead/>

<sup>13</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1139173/mullah-mansoor-join-peace-talks-killed/>

Mansoor's killing was a part of a conspiracy to scupper peace talks. "Mansoor had wrapped up a series of discussions with the Qatar-based representatives in April and May and was planning to unveil his policy about peace negotiations, but his death in the US drone attack killed all hopes," the Taliban leader told The Express Tribune on Sunday (July 10).

**Ghani launches fresh tirade**, *The Nation*, July 12<sup>14</sup>

Welcoming Nato's funding commitment for his forces, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani yesterday said that neighbouring states must not give 'shelter' to insurgents. *Nato countries agreed at Warsaw summit last week to maintain troop numbers in Afghanistan and reiterated a funding pledge of \$5 billion a year for local security forces until 2020.* "Afghanistan returned successfully from the Warsaw summit and I congratulate the nation for that," Ghani told reporters in Kabul. "We achieved what we wanted to achieve and we are thankful to the world for that. Our call for peace is still in place, but only for those who call themselves Afghans, not for those who are used as tools by others," Ghani said. *"Every neighbouring country should respect our sovereignty and must not give safe havens to terrorists," he added.*

**US must not doubt Pakistan's sincerity: Jilani**, *Daily Times*, July 13<sup>15</sup>

Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Jalil Abbas Jilani Monday (July 11) said misgivings about Pakistan's role in the fight against terrorism must be stopped as the country had suffered the most in fighting the menace. The ambassador said that American people were not being fully and accurately apprised of Pakistan's sacrifice, a country which has lost more than 60,000 people in fighting terrorism and suffered billions of dollars in economic losses.

## EDITORIALS AND OPINION

**Afghanistan's six wars**, Shahid Javed Burki, *The Express Tribune*, July 10<sup>16</sup>

In less than a century and a half Afghanistan has fought six wars. It has neither totally won nor totally lost any of these. But each one of them changed the country and the neighbourhood in which it is situated. The first two were fought with the British who by then had occupied the Indian sub-continent by defeating the Mughals. The British-Afghan wars were exceptional in the sense that they did not result in total London victory over the opponent. [...] The fifth war brought the United States directly into the Afghan conflict. This war was

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<sup>14</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/ghani-launches-fresh-tirade-against-pakistan>

<sup>15</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/13-Jul-16/us-must-not-doubt-pakistans-sincerity-in-war-on-terror-jilani>

<sup>16</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1138917/afghanistans-six-wars/>

fought by Washington to punish Kabul for providing sanctuary to Osama bin Laden. He believed that a major terrorist attack on mainland America would persuade Washington to leave the Middle East to its devices. The attack, which came to be known as 9/11, had the opposite effect; it brought the United States more fully into the Muslim lands. [...]There is now an intense search for identifying a villain in the Afghan tragedy. Pakistan is a convenient candidate.

**The Cold War: Pakistan's 'obsession'?**, Qaisar Rashid, *Daily Times*, July 13<sup>17</sup>

[...]One reason Pakistani intelligentsia is obsessed with the Cold War may be that it helped Pakistanis do nothing but take sides and play second fiddle to the power Pakistan was allied with. The trappings of the alignment were affluence, weapons and prominence. *The second reason may be that it empowered Pakistanis in two different ways: nationalistic and ideological.* [...]Instead of doing away with the maladies that somehow devoured thousands of Pakistani lives, Pakistani intelligentsia have been waiting for a new Cold War since 1990 to take place in the region to benefit Pakistan in some form. *Pakistanis who reaped the benefits of the Cold War — whether politically, religiously or institutionally — still wish for its recurrence.* [...]Any US-China disagreement appearing in the Pacific Ocean, especially in the South China Sea, also raises hopes for the beginning of the new Cold War, this time between the US and China to include Pakistan as well. Pakistani intelligentsia have a firm belief that India is willing to act as a handle of the door the pivot of which lies in the South China Sea. Whether or not the pivot theory enthralls Indians, Pakistani intelligentsia thinks that the US intends to use India to counterbalance China in the region. This point is further supported by the argument that this was the main reason why the US offered a nuclear energy deal to India in October 2008 and not to Pakistan.

## MILITARY AFFAIRS

**Taliban scared of General Raheel: Ali Gillani**, *Daily Times*, July 11<sup>18</sup>

Ali Haider Gilani, son of former prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, said on Monday (July 11) that General Raheel Sharif is the only person in Pakistan who is feared by the Taliban. *"Just met COAS General Raheel Sharif. I told him he is the only person in Pakistan Taliban fear. Brave soldier," he tweeted.* Former prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani together with his son Ali Haider Gilani met with Army Chief General Raheel Sharif to laud the efforts of the army which led to his recovery.

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<sup>17</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/13-Jul-16/the-cold-war-pakistans-obsession>

<sup>18</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/11-Jul-16/taliban-scared-of-general-raheel-says-ali-gillani>

**MQM claims party leader 'abducted' by Rangers, *The Dawn*, July 13<sup>19</sup>**

*The Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) on Tuesday (July 12) accused the Sindh Rangers of "abducting" a senior party member from Gulburg area of the metropolis without "any provision of warrant".* In a statement, MQM claimed that Izhar Uddin Ahmed Khan, 55, was reportedly arrested when he went to visit Sindh lawmaker Abdul Haseeb. "Izhar was abducted by Rangers' personnel who then moved him in an unmarked vehicle," said MQM leader Wasay Jalil. The party statement said "we fear for the safety of Izhar Ahmed who was abducted Rangers' personnel this afternoon. We are concerned because that no warrant was provided and his current whereabouts remain unknown." The MQM called upon the lawful authorities to ensure the safety of Izhar Khan.

**Raheel's extension?, *The Dawn*, July 13<sup>20</sup>**

The issue of extension in the service of the army chief, the opposition parties' campaign targeting the personality of the prime minister and the challenges mounted by Imran Khan and others to the PML-N government were under the spotlight during discussions that took place at Nawaz Sharif's Raiwind residence on Tuesday (July 12). *According to some insider accounts, the "popular sentiment" in favour of an extension in the service of Gen Raheel Sharif was discussed at the meetings attended by the prime minister and some of his closest aides. But Information Minister Pervaiz Rashid rejected these reports as "baseless rumours". A source said members of the Sharif family "were not altogether unaware" of the posters that have come up in some cities, calling for "a takeover of the country" by the army chief.*

**Banners requesting COAS to stay removed, *The Dawn*, July 13<sup>21</sup>**

Intelligence agencies have sent a report to the provincial government after banners were found hanging from the elevated track of the metro bus service in the cantonment area, asking the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif to stay in office after his tenure is over, according to a security official. The banners contained photographs of the army chief and requested him not to retire along with the name of a political party, Move on Pakistan. The banners, which contained messages like "khuda ke liye, janey ki batein janey do", were taken down by the special branch and officials of other intelligence agencies and were sent to the authorities concerned. They were also found hanging from street lights and electricity poles on Haider Road, Kashmir Road,

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<sup>19</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1270381/mqm-claims-party-leader-abducted-by-rangers>

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1270514/pm-advised-to-get-tough-with-pti>

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1270297/banners-requesting-coas-to-stay-removed-in-rawalpindi>

Murree Road and in Civil Lanes, where officials of the judiciary and city district administration reside.

**Mysterious banners put up across country, *The Dawn*, July 13<sup>22</sup>**

A little-known political party of Punjab put up banners in 13 cities across the country on Monday (July 11) with its leaders urging Chief of Army Staff Gen Raheel Sharif to impose martial law and form a government of technocrats. *The banners have been put up in Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Hyderabad, etc, by the Move on Pakistan party* and unlike its earlier campaign requesting the army chief to reconsider his retirement plan due in November the message is quite ominous this time around. A banner hanging at a traffic intersection on the thoroughfare between Chief Minister House and the Rangers headquarters in Karachi reads: *Janay ki baatain hui puraani, Khuda k liye ab ajao* (Talks of leaving are now old; for God's sake now come). *Ali Hashmi, the central chief organiser of the party, told Dawn that the goal of their campaign was to suggest to the army chief that after imposing martial law a government of technocrats should be made in Pakistan and Gen Raheel should himself supervise it.*

**Army deny involvement in appearance of banners, *The Dawn*, July 13<sup>23</sup>**

Director General of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lt Gen Asim Bajwa, in a tweet on Tuesday evening (July 13), stated the Pakistan Army or any of its affiliated organisations have no connection to the banners that have appeared across the country. The banners which have stirred controversy, urge Gen Raheel Sharif to impose martial law and form a government of technocrats. [...]The ISPR has denied any involvement in the activity and the official tweet has distanced the armed forces from the banners. Earlier, *Information Minister Pervaiz Rashid, responding to the appearance of banners overnight apparently asking General Raheel Sharif to impose martial law, termed those calling upon the army chief to take over the country as fools.* "Such people are fools and do not want good for the country," added the information minister. The federal minister was also of the opinion that it is too early to discuss the 'extension' in army chief's tenure. *Meanwhile, Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Senator Aitzaz Ahsan stated the banners are a thought out move by the government. "The banners are a ploy by the government to put pressure on the opposition and are being used to create an atmosphere of uncertainty," added the PPP senator.*

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<sup>22</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1270214/mysterious-banners-urging-coas-to-take-over-put-up-across-country>

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1270343/armed-forces-deny-involvement-in-appearance-of-banners-urging-general-raheel-to-take-over>

## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

### **Power politics and the army**, Durdana Najam, *Daily Times*, July 1<sup>24</sup>

[...]Military's effort to restore peace in Karachi deserves appreciation, but not at the cost of making the provincial government weak. The question could be raised on the performance of all provincial government and the space they had ceded to the army over the years. However, the question could also be raised about the unknown forces that had created space for itself. [...] *The foreign policy of which the army claims to be the rightful guardian is still in disarray. Any effort by the government to reach out to the world on its terms is sabotaged. The domestic politics is not spared either. Unless there is a "reason" to intervene, why would army get the reason to become the saviour?* At one end, we are fighting to stop terrorism, and on the other, we are supporting the same elements with funds and more resources. On the one hand, the military is helping the government to restore civilian rule, and on the other, it is throwing its weight around. So what are we looking at? A de facto martial law!

### **Pakistan's nuclear spending**, Asim Bashir Khan, *The Express Tribune*, July 11<sup>25</sup>

Pakistan's nuclear programme is of strategic importance in context of modern security paradigm and changing regional strategic calculus. For Pakistan, investing in modern non-conventional security assets serves as peace-preserving investment and safeguards country's territorial existence from multifaceted threats.

## ECONOMIC ISSUES

### CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

#### **Ahsan for early completion of CPEC**, *The Nation*, July 12<sup>26</sup>

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms Ahsan Iqbal said on yesterday that CPEC was top priority of the government and Economic Corridor's early harvest projects would be completed at a rapid pace. Minister directed that the western passage might be executed with full thrust and updates should be given on fortnightly basis. Ahsan Iqbal issued these directions while chairing a high level fortnightly review meeting of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Minister further directed that the timeline of each project must be specified and pursued for timely completion.

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<sup>24</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/01-Jul-16/power-politics-and-the-ways-of-pakistan-army>

<sup>25</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1139397/analysis-pakistans-nuclear-spending-exaggerated/>

<sup>26</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/ahsan-for-early-completion-of-cpec-projects>

**Pakistan to become gateway for Central Asia: Janjua, Daily Times, July 11<sup>27</sup>**

National Security Adviser Nasser Khan Janjua said on Monday (July 11) that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) provided Pakistan a great opportunity to become gateway for Central Asia and beyond. *"We see a greater fortune here as Pakistan is going to become a gateway to the Central Asia and ultimately to Russia through this mega project", Janjua said* while addressing a meeting of Islamabad based senior members of the Supreme Central Committee of 101 Friends of China. [...]He said that two trends of international power politics prevailed these days - first of which was the containment of China and the second was to prevent resurgent of Russia as a big power. He warned that these two trends would affect Pakistan the most. *He also said that the economies of the existing allies of the United States were already saturated and therefore it (the US) was looking towards India as an emerging economy in a bid to contain China to become the world's leading economy.*

**CPEC route change courts controversy, Daily Times, July 14<sup>28</sup>**

Office bearers of Corridor Front (CF) announced on Wednesday (July 13) that they would hold a massive protest on 24 July at Tekht-e-Nasrati district Karak against the federal government for changing the route of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). *"We announce a massive protest campaign from today against the federal government for depriving the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in CPEC project" said Dr Said Alam Mehsud, convener of CF at a press conference at Peshawar Press Club.* [...]He added it was clear that Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharief had deceived the KP people by making pledges and announcements regarding the western route of CPEC project. *He said that the corridor route would have to pass from Burhan M1 through Peshawar, Kohat, Karak, Banuue, Lakki Marwar, Dera Ismail Khan, and then through Zob to Gwadar. "We informed the Chinese government that PM Nawaz had cheated and made changes in China-Pakistan Economic Corridor route" he stressed.*

## **SECURITY SITUATION**

### **TERRORISM**

**War against terrorism in closing stages: Fatemi, Daily Times, July 13<sup>29</sup>**

Special Assistant on Foreign Affairs Tariq Fatemi has said that Pakistan had made significant strides in the struggle against terrorism, through Operation

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<sup>27</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/11-Jul-16/pakistan-through-cpec-to-become-gateway-for-central-asia-beyond-janjua>

<sup>28</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/khyber-pakhtunkhwa/14-Jul-16/cpec-route-change-courts-controversy-resentment>

<sup>29</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/13-Jul-16/war-against-terrorism-in-closing-stages-through-zarb-e-azab-fatemi>

Zarb-e-Azab which was in its final stages. While speaking during a meeting with British Deputy Commander Op Resolute Support Lt. Gen. Sandy Storrie, Fatemi highlighted the continuous positive trajectory of Pakistan-UK bilateral relations. Both sides expressed satisfaction on the ongoing defence cooperation between the two countries. Fatemi hoped that the current constructive and close collaboration in bilateral defence and security matters would be strengthened in the coming years. He appreciated the UK's assistance in counter-terrorism and reaffirmed commitment to working in partnership against shared threats.

#### **KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA**

**Gunmen shoot Afghan Taliban member**, *Daily Times*, July 1<sup>30</sup>

*Unidentified gunmen shot dead a member of Afghan Taliban on Nasir Bagh Road, sources said on Thursday (June 30).* Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) revealed that Qari Said Murad was targeted by armed motorcyclists outside his residence on Nasir Bagh Road, Peshawar, a day earlier. The deceased was a member of Afghan Taliban's military commission for eastern Nangarhar province.

**11 including injured in Mardan blast**, *The News*, July 5<sup>31</sup>

A bomb blast took place in the city's Khawaja Ganj Bazaar area, injuring eleven persons out of which two were policemen. *According to DPO Faisal Shehzad, a remote controlled bomb was kept inside a drain at Khwaja Ganj bazaar.* The blast injured eleven persons which also included two police officials. A heavy contingent of police reached the place, surrounded the area and conducted a search operation.

**2 terrorists killed**, *The Nation*, July 12<sup>32</sup>

*At least two terrorists were killed, when explosives they were planting went off in Salarzai area of Bajaur Agency yesterday.* Officials said that two terrorists were busy in planting explosives material on Khar-Salarzai road apparently to target vehicles of law enforcement agencies when it exploded with a big bang killing both the terrorists on the spot.

**IED blast leaves two policemen injured in Swat**, *The Nation*, July 12<sup>33</sup>

*A remote-controlled improvised explosive device (IED) targeting a police van injured two cops and a child today in Bahrain area of Swat.* According to

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<sup>30</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/khyber-pakhtunkhwa/01-Jul-16/gunmen-shoot-afghan-taliban-member>

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/133086-11-including-2-policemen-injured-in-Mardan-blast>

<sup>32</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/2-terrorists-killed-while-planting-explosives>

<sup>33</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/ied-blast-leaves-two-policemen-injured-in-swat>

police sources, a police van was on routine patrolling in the area when a remote-controlled bomb hit it in Bahrain area. The van was partially damaged in the blast. The injured were shifted to civil hospital for treatment.

**PPP leader Hamid Touri killed**, *The Nation*, July 12<sup>34</sup>

*Unknown armed men gunned down President of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Kurram Agency today.* Political administration officials said that bullet riddled body of PPP President Hamid Touri was found inside his house, in central Kurram Agency. The body was shifted to Agency's Headquarters hospital for postmortem and the political administration after registering a case against unknown murderers, started an investigation.

## BALUCHISTAN

**Four injured as blast rocks Quetta**, *The News*, July 6<sup>35</sup>

*Four people were injured in a blast that hit Saryab road in the provincial capital on the eve of Eid, injuring four people on Wednesday (July 6).* A senior police official said a bomb went off just as a vehicle of paramilitary force passed by. The injured were taken to a nearby hospital where they were said to be in stable condition. According to eyewitnesses, the gun shots rang out following the blast. However, the police said the shots were fired by paramilitary officials. Two motorcycles and four cars were partially damaged.

## PUNJAB

**Security forces kill six alleged terrorists**, *Daily Times*, July 13<sup>36</sup>

*Six alleged terrorists were gunned down in a joint operation conducted by police and intelligence agencies on Wednesday (July 13).* According to details, police and intelligence agencies jointly conducted an operation in Okara's surrounding village and killed six alleged terrorists while two police officials were also injured due to firing by the alleged terrorists.

## SINDH

**Police kill two terrorists in Manghopir**, *The News*, July 8<sup>37</sup>

*At least two terrorists of a banned outfit were killed in exchange of fire with police in Manghopir area of Karachi, police said Thursday (July 7).* According to police, exchange of fire took place with the militants near Northern Bypass. The terrorists killed in the shootout were affiliated to Tehreek-e-Taliban Swat group, police said. One police personnel also sustained injuries in the shootout.

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<sup>34</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/president-ppp-kurram-agency-hamid-touri-killed>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/133276-Four-injured-as-blast-rocks-Quetta>

<sup>36</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/13-Jul-16/security-forces-kill-six-alleged-terrorists-in-okara>

<sup>37</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/133382-Police-kill-two-terrorists-in-Manghopir>

## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

**Terrorist recruitment**, Fawad Kaiser, *Daily Times*, July 11<sup>38</sup>

One of the more dreadful features of the Islamic State's regime is that it has managed to recruit suicide bombers to die for a country that doesn't even exist, and which, if did would not even be their own. Until recently, suicide bombing was a tactic practised by civilians in revolt against an occupying army. But in Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh and Europe, the Islamic State has used this tactic aggressively. Nonetheless, the brutal nihilism of the jihadi movement continues to attract young men and women from Europe, the US, Middle East, Central Asia and the subcontinent. None of the simple explanations for this stands up to reality. *Simply western foreign policy cannot be blamed since the Islamic State is fighting a sectarian war against almost entirely Muslim armies, and its most effective enemies, Iran and its allies, are also enemies of America and Europe.* [...] Jihad is truly global in nature, and it would amount to folly to ignore its close links to the Middle East, South East Asia, Central Asia and North Africa. The idea for the terrorist analysts is to examine the level of changing pattern of recruitment activity as it unfolds in Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia, and whether it has a direct impact on the US and Europe, or affects other countries.

## RELATIONS WITH INDIA

**'Sharif-Modi friendship' damaging for Kashmir cause**, *The Dawn*, July 11<sup>39</sup>

*PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has alleged that "Sharif-Modi friendship" is causing irreparable damage to the Kashmir cause.* He condemned the killing of innocent Kashmiris in India-held Kashmir over the past few days and said that Indian authorities were violating rights of Kashmiri Muslims. "While Muslims celebrated Eidul Fitr across the world, our Kashmiri brethren marked the day of festivities amid violence carried out by the Indian army," Mr Bilawal said in a statement on Sunday (July 10). "Scores of people, including women, were injured on a day that was supposed to be an occasion of joy and celebrations. Kashmiri leaders were denied the right to offer Eid prayers and people were traumatised by brutality of Indian army. Such aggression by Indian authorities has exposed the sham democracy prevailing in India." [...] *Mr Bilawal in his statement said it seemed as if Mr Sharif and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had taken a similar stance over the killings in Kashmir. He accused Mr Sharif of damaging the country's foreign policy by giving his Indian counterpart a "certificate of friendship". "Mr Sharif*

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<sup>38</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/11-Jul-16/terrorist-recruitment>

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1270083/sharif-modi-friendship-damaging-for-kashmir-cause-says-bilawal>

*is jeopardising the Kashmir issue by building his association with the Indian prime minister," the PPP leader alleged.* He reiterated the PPP's commitment to support oppressed Kashmiris and said that the party would raise its voice for their rights and condemn Indian hostilities at every forum.

**The Struggle for Justice**, Saima Jabbar, *Hilal*, July 2016<sup>40</sup>

[...] *The U.S.-based Sikh group, 'Sikhs for Justice (SFJ)' has planned Referendum-2020, in support of the separate state of Khalistan. A historical resolution was passed by Ontario Gurdwara Committee (OGC), a Canadian based Sikh organization in support of holding referendum in the Punjab State arguing that 'self-determination is the right of Sikh people as guaranteed by the UN Charter'. Khalistan 2020 is turning into a major movement in some western countries such as Canada, U.S., Australia and UK. [...] Two years ago, on the 30th anniversary of Golden Temple siege and killings of 10,000 people, thousands of Sikhs held a large demonstration in front of the United Nations on June 7, 2014. Independence was their main slogan as the demonstrators waved anti-India placards. Khalistan is not the only freedom movement in India. There are dozen other freedom movements existing in India. These freedom movements indicate fragility of Indian state on the one hand and also depict rule of a Brahmin minority through state oppression on other ethnic/religious minorities.*

## UNREST IN KASHMIR

**Nawaz deplors Indian oppression**, *The Express Tribune*, July 11<sup>41</sup>

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Sunday (July 10) deplored the excessive and unlawful force used against innocent people in Indian-administered Kashmir where violence continued unabated for a second day in the disputed Himalayan region, leaving at least 18 people dead. *"It is deplorable that excessive and unlawful force was used against the civilians who were protesting against the killing of Burhan Wani," said Nawaz in a statement.*

**Pakistan firm on its stance: Aziz**, *Daily Times*, July 11<sup>42</sup>

*Adviser on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz said on Monday (July 11) that the Indian atrocities in India-held Jammu Kashmir are condemnable and deplorable.* Talking to private news channel, he said that such acts were violation of fundamental human rights of the Kashmiris and cannot deter the

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<sup>40</sup> <http://hilal.gov.pk/index.php/layouts/item/2177-the-struggle-for-justice>

<sup>41</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1139176/nawaz-deplores-indian-oppression-kashmiri-anger-boils/>

<sup>42</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/11-Jul-16/sartaj-says-pakistan-firm-on-its-stance-on-kashmirs-independence>

people of Jammu Kashmir from their demand for the right to self-determination. Sartaj said that it has been shown by the Kashmiris that they only demand freedom and liberty whereas India is continuously spreading chaos in the region. *He clarified that Pakistan is firm on its stance regarding Kashmir's independence as no other solution is effective in this regard. The adviser also pledged to raise voice against Indian brutality in Kashmir at international forum.*

**The Kashmiri Spirit**, Editorial, *The Nation*, July 11<sup>43</sup>

[...]The death of Burhan Wani may be considered a huge win for the Indian troops, but for the Kashmiri people it is nothing but the worst form of oppression and brutality. Burhan Wani had become a household name over the past five years, a young boy at 15, he had picked up arms due to the Indian troops cruelty towards his brother, and since then had become a prominent and respected leader within the separatist leaders' ranks. His video clips and pictures were widely circulated among young people in Kashmir, whereby he would target the educated youth of Kashmir to the cause of freedom and liberation from the tyranny of the Indian regime. *His death will only serve to consolidate his legacy and larger than life persona, and will cause many of his devoted followers to join the Kashmir militancy.*

**PM condemns Burhan Wani's killing**, *The News*, July 11<sup>44</sup>

Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Shrif on Monday (July 11) expressed deep shock at the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani and many other civilians in occupied Jammu & Kashmir by the Indian security forces. *"Deplorable that excessive and unlawful force was used against the civilians who were protesting against the killing of Burhan Wani," said Nawaz Shairf.*

**PPP targets Sharif, Modi 'friendship'**, *The Nation*, July 12<sup>45</sup>

*The Pakistan People's Party yesterday launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's alleged friendship with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi claiming soft statements amid bloodshed in Kashmir are conflicted with the national interest.* Addressing a news conference here along with Senator Farhatullah Babar, Senator Saeed Ghani and Latif Khosa,

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<sup>43</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/11-Jul-2016/the-kashmiri-spirit>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/134066-PM-Nawaz-condemns-Burhan-Wanis-killing-Indian-held-Kashmir>

<sup>45</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/ppp-targets-sharif-modi-friendship-ahead-of-ajk-polls>

former Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf said 'Modi's friends' were unleashing terror in Azad Jammu Kashmir and killing innocent people – citing the bloodshed in held Kashmir where occupant forces killed at least 30 and wounded hundreds of others in the last few days. *"We are not against talks with India but soft statements at a time when India is butchering Kashmiris make no sense. There should be no compromise on the national interest," he said.*

**IHK on the edge; toll climbs to 30, Daily Times, July 12<sup>46</sup>**

Hundreds of protesters tried to storm a military airbase in Indian-held Kashmir on Monday (July 11), the third day of deadly clashes between the Indian forces and demonstrators angered by the killing of a popular young separatist. [...]Thousands again defied the curfew to take to the streets on Monday (July 11). Police said several hundred protesters tried to storm an Indian Air Force base about 25 kilometres (15 miles) south of the capital Srinagar as the worst civilian unrest since 2010 spread. *"A few hundred protesters stormed the air force base," said a senior officer on condition of anonymity. "We do not know if firearms were used, but the protesters were pushed back," he said, adding there were no immediate reports of casualties.* Protesters also set police stations and vehicles on fire. On Sunday (July 10) one police officer drowned when his armoured vehicle was pushed into a river. The demonstrations follow the killing on Friday (July 8) of Burhan Wani, a 22-year-old commander of Kashmir.

**Zardari urges world to take notice of atrocities in IHK, The Nation, July 12<sup>47</sup>**

*Former President Asif Ali Zardari yesterday condemned the killing of innocent people in Kashmir and the arrest of several Kashmiri leaders, and called upon the international community to take serious notice of the grave human rights violations in Kashmir.* In a statement, he said he was shocked at how the security forces in Kashmir resorted to use of indiscriminate force to punish people who were exercising their legitimate right to protest. *"This is arrogance in the extreme and reprehensible," he said.*

**India spreading chaos: Aziz, The Nation, July 12<sup>48</sup>**

*Pakistan yesterday blamed India of spreading chaos in the region as occupant forces continued bloodshed in occupied Kashmir.* Adviser to Prime

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<sup>46</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/12-Jul-16/ihk-on-the-edge-toll-climbs-to-30>

<sup>47</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/zardari-urges-world-to-take-notice-of-atrocities-in-ihk>

<sup>48</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/india-spreading-chaos-aziz>

Minister Sartaj Aziz said India's brute use of force against innocent Kashmiris – demanding their right to self-determination – had exposed India's fake claims of promoting peace. Around three dozen people, most of them protesters, have been killed in three days of unrest sparked by the killing of Burhan Muzaffar Wani, a 22-year-old freedom fighter, during a gun battle with Indian forces on Friday (July 8).

**Pakistan summons Indian envoy, *Daily Times*, July 12<sup>49</sup>**

*The Foreign Secretary on Monday (July 11) called in Indian High Commissioner and conveyed Pakistan's serious concerns over the recent killings of Kashmiri leader Burhan Wani and many other civilians in Indian occupied Kashmir by the Indian military and paramilitary forces.* Pakistan Foreign Secretary observed that the use of excessive force against innocent civilians protesting peacefully over extrajudicial killings was deplorable and a blatant violation of the right to life, right to freedom of expression and opinion, right to peaceful protest, right to peaceful assembly and other fundamental rights. [...] *Terming it interference in India's internal affairs, India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Monday (July 11) said Pakistan should refrain from issuing statements on the recent unrest in India-held Kashmir.* "We have seen statements from Pakistan on the situation in the Indian state of Jammu & Kashmir. They reflect Pakistan's continued attachment to terrorism and its usage as an instrument of state policy," reads the statement posted on Indian MEA spokesman Vikas Swarup's Twitter profile. The statement also asks Pakistan to stop interfering in the "internal affairs of its neighbours".

**Political Sloganeering, Editorial, *The Nation*, July 12<sup>50</sup>**

*While the people of Kashmir are getting marginalised, the politicians of this side of the border are using this opportunity to score quick points by jumping on the 'Support-Kashmir' bandwagon, without a thought to actual initiatives.* Pakistan was always the only real voice of the Kashmiri people, yet politicians in the status quo seemed to have forgotten that this is more than just a political slogan. With the elections in AJK forthcoming, political parties from PPP to PTI have all mentioned the name, and that they stand with those fighting oppression in Kashmir, but when has anyone done anything more tangible? [...] *Reminding the world that India commits daily atrocities in Kashmir has to be a constant process, if the Kashmir issue is ever likely to be resolved. How Bilawal Bhutto's criticism of the sitting PM does*

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<sup>49</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/12-Jul-16/pakistan-summons-indian-envoy-new-delhi-terms-it-interference>

<sup>50</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/12-Jul-2016/political-sloganeering>

*this is anybody's guess. Making India admit that there is a problem is the first step, and that only comes through international pressure.*

**PPP wants NA to discuss Indian forces' violence, *The Dawn*, July 13<sup>51</sup>**

*Six members of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) on Tuesday (July 12) submitted an adjournment motion to the National Assembly secretariat seeking a debate on the killing of people and violation of human rights in India-held Kashmir (IHK). [...] "Such blatant use of force in IHK is intolerable and unbearable. It is not only a violation of international laws but also a sheer negation of basic human rights of Kashmiris," it says. [...] Meanwhile, Senate Chairman Mian Raza Rabbani has stated that the use of state terrorism by India against innocent and peaceful civilians exercising their democratic right of protest in India-held Kashmir has to be condemned in the strongest terms. [...] Mr Rabbani said that the double standards of the world had once again been exposed as it watched silently the massacre of innocent civilians. It is strange how India's new strategic partners continue to watch in silence these crude violations of international norms.*

**PM stresses Kashmir solution through plebiscite, *Daily Times*, July 13<sup>52</sup>**

Maulana Fazlur Rehman, chairman of the Special Parliamentary Committee on Kashmir, called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif here on Wednesday (July 13) and discussed the situation in the Indian-held Kashmir. The Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-F (JUI-F) chief apprised the prime minister on his recent talks with the Kashmiri leadership over the human rights violations by the Indian military and paramilitary forces. Fazl conveyed the sentiments of the Kashmiri leadership and people for Pakistan and said that the Kashmiri leadership looks towards Pakistan in difficult times. *The meeting reiterated the condemnation of the killing of Kashmiri leader Burhan Wani and many other civilians by the Indian military and paramilitary forces. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said that the government and people of Pakistan respect the sentiments of their Kashmiri brethren and will continue to support the Kashmir cause at each and every forum internationally come what may. [...] The prime minister stated that the resolution of the Kashmir dispute was only possible by the realisation of the right to self-determination of the people of Kashmir, as per the UN Security Council's resolutions, through a fair and impartial plebiscite under UN auspices.*

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<sup>51</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1270531/ppp-members-want-na-to-discuss-indian-forces-violence>

<sup>52</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/13-Jul-16/pm-stresses-kashmir-solution-through-plebiscite>

**Pakistan initiates soft offensive, *The Dawn*, July 13<sup>53</sup>**

*Pakistan launched diplomatic efforts on Tuesday (July 12) to highlight the hapless situation of the people of Indian-held Kashmir (IHK) and took the ambassadors of permanent United Nations Security Council (UNSC) members into confidence to exert soft pressure on India.* Foreign Secretary Aizaz Chaudhry, in a briefing with the ambassadors of China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom and United States, expressed Pakistan's serious concern over the recent wave of violence against Kashmiri people and the continued violation of their fundamental human rights by the Indian security forces. [...] *The foreign secretary urged the international community – particularly UNSC's permanent members – to take notice of the gravity of the situation in Indian-held Kashmir and called on India to respect the human rights of Kashmiris.*

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<sup>53</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1270352/pakistan-initiates-soft-offensive-to-check-indian-violence-in-held-kashmir>

**EXCERPTS FROM URDU MEDIA &  
SELECT JIHADI LITERATURE**

**Shaukat Aziz should tell about the Kashmir Settlement, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, July 5<sup>54</sup>**  
Shaukat Aziz recently revealed that Kashmir issue was almost resolved. The party with which the settlement on Kashmir was discussed is not in power. He further said that Britain played an important in backdoor diplomacy. Aziz was a prime minister during Musharraf's time. Musharraf was at the helm of affairs therefore everything was done or said with his consent or order. Musharraf offered so many proposals on Kashmir. *The granting of full autonomy or independence and partition of the state was also in the proposals. But India is calming the whole of Kashmir. It is not only calming the Ajad Kashmir part but Gilgit-Baltistan too. India rejected all the proposals of Musharraf.* Shaukat Aziz should therefore reveal to the media about the Kashmir settlement. If there was any settlement done with India on Kashmir, he should come clear on it.

**The determination cannot be suppressed: Mir Waiz, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, July 10<sup>55</sup>**  
The All Party Hurriyat Conference leader, Mir Waiz Omar Farooq, while giving an interview to the govt. T.V. station on Monday said that the will and determination of Kashmiris and Hurriyat cannot be suppressed by the Indian army. *This movement was started in 1931 and continues till today unabated. India by changing is puppet governments in Kashmir want to maintain its control over the State.* He further said that we won't allow rather we would dislodge/foil all India's plans to settle non-Kashmiris on Kashmiri soil. He said that India has been frantically trying to continue its presence by changing administrative machinery in Srinagar. Farooq said that Hurriyat leaders have been kept under house arrest for the past several days. *The international community should exert moral pressure upon India to stop the inhuman barbaric activities upon innocent Kashmiris.* [...]He further said India has given a free hand to the security forces to carry out indiscriminate killings. But, despite all this tyranny perpetrated by Indian security forces, we would continue the fight till our goal is achieved.

**Continued Barbarity in Occupied Kashmir, *Ummat*, July 11<sup>56</sup>**  
After the martyrdom of Hizb-ul Mujahideen commander Burhan Muzzafar Wani, the whole of occupied Kashmir is in the grip of demonstrations, protests and rancour towards Indian authorities. [...]There has been complete shutter-down, complete *hartal* in all the bigger cities of Kashmir. Because of the curfew,

<sup>54</sup> <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/05-Jul-2016/489119>

<sup>55</sup> <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/10-Jul-2016/491447>

<sup>56</sup> <http://ummat.net/2016/07/11/news.php?p=idr1.gif>

imposed by Indian security forces, there pervades an atmosphere of dead silence! Indian authorities and its puppet government in Srinagar has put all Hurriyat leaders under house arrest. [...] *Mir Waiz Omar Farooq, in his statement said that the whole Kashmir valley was protesting against India and its military rule.* All Kashmiri citizens have come out on the streets to demonstrate their disapproval. [...] This movement was started about 20 years ago. Since then more than 150,000 Kashmiri lives have been lost in the struggle to achieve their goal. [...] *Despite all these barbarities perpetrated by Indian forces, they have failed to crush all these elements. There has been no decline in the rebel elements.* [...] Analysing this issue we would come to conclude that the Kashmir problem is basically related to Kashmiris. It is only with their wish and will, which will decide whether to be part of Pakistan or India or have their own free and independent region! On the other hand, India is well aware of the popular opinion prevailing amongst Kashmiris. That is why instead of conducting referendum as per the UNSC resolutions, India has been more inclined to pressurise Kashmiris to bring them under its fold! [...] Now if India does not relinquish its arrogant stance, there could be a major war in the Kashmir region.

**Protests Rock Kashmir**, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, July 11<sup>57</sup>

[...] As the news spread of death of Burhan Wani—a youth of 22 years old there came state-wide protests and street demonstrations in several cities of Kashmir including Srinagar. Kashmiri youth came out openly chanting slogans against Indian authorities and in favour of Islam and freedom from Indian yoke. [...] Kashmir remains a 'disputed area' and there was no doubt about it. Kashmiri youth are being targeted and meted out with inhumanity. As a result of this Kashmiri youth have been compelled to leave their homes and resort to some alternatives. *This tendency has caused further hatred amongst Kashmiri youth against security forces and there was no sight of any peace ushering in the valley.* [...] As we see today, the world is fast moving towards the economic development. But, here in Kashmir Indian forces have carried out oppression and heinous crimes against innocent people.

**Kashmir Situation: Dangers of nuclear war**, Editorial, *Ummat*, July 14<sup>58</sup>

Kashmiris on 13<sup>th</sup> of July celebrated the martyr's day all over the world. Three days ago, Indian forces had killed commander Burhan Wani in the occupied Kashmir. Since then, the protest against the brutality of Indian military is going on in the entire valley. With the passage of time, the intensity of protests is increasing. To suppress the protests, the Indian military has been continuing its firing.

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<sup>57</sup> <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/11-Jul-2016/490012>

<sup>58</sup> <http://ummat.net/2016/07/14/news.php?p=idr1.gif>

**Kashmir and Military**, Editorial, *Daily Jung*, July 15<sup>59</sup>

*At the corps commander meeting on Wednesday (July 13), Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif stated that the international community must help in resolving the Kashmir dispute and Pakistan should raise this issue in all world forums.* The statement came at the time when Indian military is on berserk in killing and maiming the helpless Kashmiris. [...] Today army chief has again reminded the world community to resolve the issue. The issue can be resolved only according to the UN resolutions.

**Is America our Friend or Foe**, *Ummat*, July 15<sup>60</sup>

Pakistan has given huge sacrifices in the fight against terrorism. More than six thousand military personnel got killed and 16000 injured. We are still fighting in North Waziristan. US Senator John McCain has said that Haqqani Network is still very powerful in Afghanistan. He also expressed his concern over the safety of Pakistan's growing nuclear arsenals. *But the interesting fact is does only Pakistan possess nuclear weapons? What about India and Israel? US is concerned that Pakistan's weapons may fall into the hands of the terrorists. Don't they think India also has so many terrorists?* Perhaps they may get hold on the weapons. UN experts have expressed satisfaction over the safety of Pakistan's nuclear weapons. The sacrifices Pakistan has rendered for the stability of the region are not taken into consideration. Pakistan is fighting terrorism without making any discrimination. Then how is it possible that army will not target Haqqani Network. *America is also now siding with India. It believes that the weapons supplied to Pakistan can be used against India only. Instead of supporting and helping Pakistani people, it is supporting our arch enemy India against Pakistan.*

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<sup>59</sup> [http://e.jang.com.pk/07-15-2016/karachi/pic.asp?picname=06\\_02.gif](http://e.jang.com.pk/07-15-2016/karachi/pic.asp?picname=06_02.gif)

<sup>60</sup> <http://ummat.net/2016/07/15/news.php?p=idr1.gif>

**STATISTICS****BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES***(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)*

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
<b>Balochistan</b>				
Quetta <sup>61</sup>	6/7/2016	Four injured	0	4
<b>FATA</b>				
Bajaur <sup>62</sup>	12/7/2016	Two terrorists killed	2	0
<b>Punjab</b>				
Okara <sup>63</sup>	13/7/2016	Police killed six terrorists	6	2
<b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>				
Peshawar <sup>64</sup>	1/7/2016	Afghan Taliban member killed	1	0
Mardan <sup>65</sup>	5/7/2016	Eleven injured	0	11
Swat <sup>66</sup>	12/7/2016	Two injured	0	2
Parachinar <sup>67</sup>	12/7/2016	PPP leader killed	1	0
<b>Sindh</b>				
Manghopir <sup>68</sup>	8/7/2016	Two terrorists killed	2	1

<sup>61</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/133276-Four-injured-as-blast-rocks-Quetta>

<sup>62</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/2-terrorists-killed-while-planting-explosives>

<sup>63</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/13-Jul-16/security-forces-kill-six-alleged-terrorists-in-okara>

<sup>64</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/khyber-pakhtunkhwa/01-Jul-16/gunmen-shoot-afghan-taliban-member>

<sup>65</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/133086-11-including-2-policemen-injured-in-Mardan-blast>

<sup>66</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/ied-blast-leaves-two-policemen-injured-in-swat>

<sup>67</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Jul-2016/president-ppp-kurram-agency-hamid-touri-killed>

<sup>68</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/133382-Police-kill-two-terrorists-in-Manghopir>