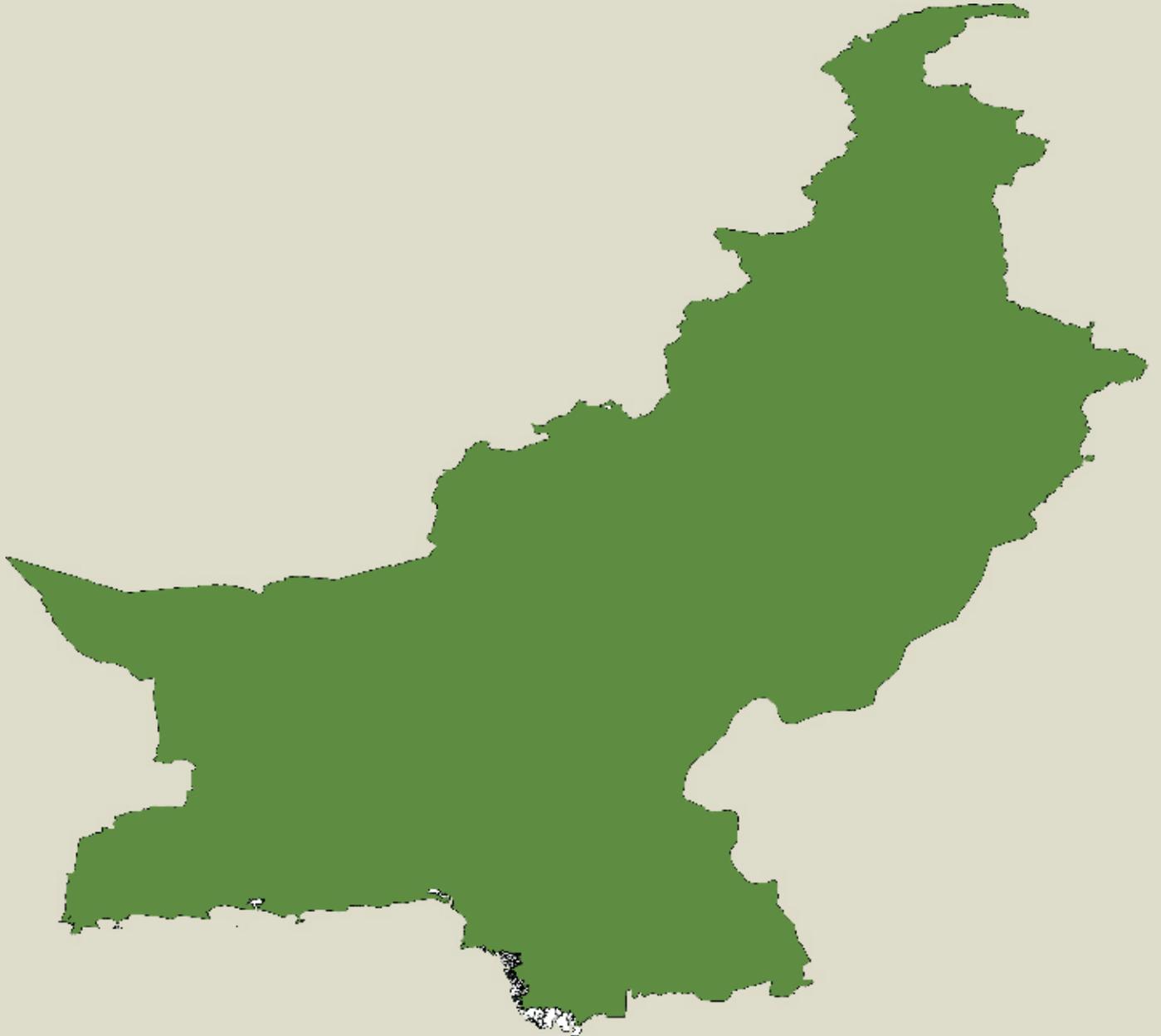


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ABBREVIATIONS

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

The relationship between India and Pakistan had already been witnessing a new low when terrorists, belonging to Pakistan, targeted the brigade headquarter of the Indian Army in Uri resulting in the death of over a dozen army men. Despite clear evidences, Pakistan not only denied its involvement in the deadly terrorist attack, it accused India of diverting the international attentions from the human rights violations in Kashmir. In between, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in an attempt to reduce the tension, challenged Pakistan to wage a war against poverty. His suggestion of fighting a war against poverty was mocked by some sections of the Pakistani media and seen as a sign of weakness of the Indian government. The government also gave a push to isolate Pakistan internationally. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's refusal to attend the SAARC summit was an important step in this context. However, Indian Army's surgical strike, in the end of the month, against the terror launchpads along the LoC changed the direction of the debate. The Pakistani side not only became defensive, it out rightly rejected the surgical strike done by the Indian military.

The deadlock between government and the opposition over the enquiry of Panama Papers leak is continuing. PTI Chairman Imran Khan has announced that he would lead his party's protest march to Raiwind on September 30 to pressurize the government over the issue. PPP expressed its reservation over the venue of the protest. The opposition leader in the National Assembly Syed Khurshid Shah stated that his party would not support the idea of staging a demonstration outside the residence of any opponent. This time both the Punjab provincial government and the federal government decided not to take strict measures to deal with the protest march.

On economic front, Pakistan accords top priority to materialize the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and various projects associated with it. At least on this issue both civilian and military elites seem to be on the same page. Both want the project to be successfully executed within the stipulated time frame. Some reports do suggest a civil-military differences with regard to the plans for operationalising the Special Security Division (SSD). However, as of now there appears to be no major disagreements between the civilian and military leadership.

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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

NATIONAL POLITICS

PTI wants to create anarchy, *The Dawn*, September 19¹

Parliamentary Secretary for Religious Affairs and Pakistan Muslim League-N MNA Khalil George Bhutto has alleged that *Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf* wants to create unrest and anarchy in the country by organising the Raiwind march and added that such protests may create hurdles in the implementation of the *China-Pakistan Economic Corridor*. Talking to journalists here on Sunday (September 18), he termed the Raiwind march of PTI a great help to those elements who wanted the national economy to be destroyed.

Kidnappers belonged to Al Qaeda Punjab: Gilani, *The Dawn*, September 19²

Ali Haider Gilani, a son of former prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, said the nation would have to unite to combat terrorism. Talking to the local media at the spot from where he was abducted three years ago, Ali said here on Sunday (September 18) the country had improved in terms of security as compared with three-and-a-half-years ago. He said his freedom was not his victory alone, but credit went to the masses also, as his secretary Ghulam Mohiuddin and security guard Ameen had died while attempting to save him. He made it clear that his kidnappers were Pakistani who had later told him they belonged to Al Qaeda.

THE PANAMA PAPERS

Raiwind march on Sept 30: Imran Khan, *The Dawn*, September 19³

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf chief Imran Khan on Sunday (September 18) announced that the party's Raiwind march would take place on September 30. "Raiwind is not anyone's father's property," Imran said, addressing a party convention in the capital. The party chief's announcement comes days after opposition parties expressed reservations about the location of the march. Opposition leader in NA Syed Khursheed Shah had earlier said, "We will never support the idea of staging a demonstration outside the residence of any opponent." The PTI, in a last-ditch attempt to get opposition members on board, rejected the idea that the protest will take place outside the prime minister's Jati Umrah residence.

¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1284717/pti-wants-to-create-anarchy-says-pml-n-leader>

² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1284677/kidnappers-belonged-to-al-qaeda-punjab-ali-haider-gilani>

³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1284554/raiwind-march-on-sept-30-imran-khan>

Raiwind March, Editorial, *The Dawn*, September 19⁴

The soap opera that is Pakistani politics continues, but it seems that Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaaf (PTI) Chief has finally decided that he will take his party in protest to Raiwind on September 30. What he will do there is still anyone's guess, but he seems confident that his arrival there will somehow magically lead to the creation of a 'Naya Pakistan'. [...]He has given himself the moral high-ground by calling out corruption, taking on the Prime Minister and the status quo all in one swift move. All those that do not stand with him are automatically in the wrong. *But he does not need to do anything in the way of providing proofs, or throw anything but allegations at the government. It's not even about investigation anymore, Imran Khan has given up on that avenue; the protest is now just concerned with making Nawaz Sharif step down.* If both the ends and the means keep changing, does PTI really have an actual leg to stand on?

PML-N to stick to 'carrot approach', *The Dawn*, September 19⁵

Immediately realising the backfire potential of the "Danda Force" policy, the Punjab government plans to "softly" handle Imran Khan's Sept 30 rally at Raiwind, treating it as yet another "meaningless" protest. "There's no plan to repeat any Model Town-like situation as this does not suit the government whom peace suits the most," a senior official said on Sunday (September 18). The media had shown PML-N workers flexing their muscles and brandishing batons on Saturday (September 17), threatening to "see" the PTI if it dares come close to the Raiwind estate of the Sharif family. In response, a "(cricket) Bat Force" of the PTI activists emerged on television screens on Sunday (September 18) to handle the "Danda Force."

PML-N decides not to hinder PTI's Raiwind march, *The News*, September 21⁶

Ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has decided not to put hurdles in PTI's proposed Raiwind march. The party (PML-N) has strictly barred its workers from any harsh reaction to PTI. Party's offices located on the route of the march will also remain shut on that day.

⁴ <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/19-Sep-2016/raiwind-march>

⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1284691/ptis-march-on-raiwind-pml-n-to-stick-to-carrot-approach>

⁶ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/151527-PML-N-decides-not-to-hinder-PTIs-Raiwind-march>

PA demands probe into Panamagate, *The Dawn*, September 27⁷

Condemning the brutal repression and blatant violation of human rights in the India-held Jammu and Kashmir, the Sindh Assembly has called upon the UN and the international community to take notice of Indian barbarism and asked India to honour its commitment to the resolution of UN general assembly for holding plebiscite under the world body supervision. The demand was made through one of the two resolutions which were carried with consensus when put to vote in the house by Speaker Agha Siraj Durrani after speeches from lawmakers of the parliamentary parties. *The other resolution, which was tabled by senior minister Nisar Ahmad Khuhro, called upon the federal government to hold transparent and impartial inquiry into Panama Paper leaks to relieve the nation from the agony of confusion and disrespect.*

Opposition tables Panama inquiry bill in Senate, *The Dawn*, September 27⁸

The opposition on Monday (September 26) managed to introduce in the Senate a bill seeking constitution of a judicial commission to investigate the Panama Papers scandal, after defeating the government by a margin of 13 votes. *Senate Chairman Raza Rabbani allowed Leader of the Opposition Aitzaz Ahsan to introduce the bill on behalf of all opposition parties after a vote count, in which 32 members voted in its favour and 19 against.* [...] Apart from the heavy legislative agenda, the Senate also unanimously passed four resolutions, including one “strongly condemning” anti-Pakistan remarks by MQM founder Altaf Hussain and another expressing concern over the situation in India-held Kashmir.

UK response on Altaf issue supportive: Nisar, *The Nation*, September 28⁹

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan yesterday said that response of British government on the reference against MQM founder Altaf Hussain was supportive. He hoped further developments in days to come in this direction. Pakistan had sent a reference to British government against MQM chief on charges of inciting to violence in Karachi on the basis of his anti-Pakistan speech and sought a strict action against him.

⁷ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1286291/pa-demands-probe-into-panamagate-in-accordance-with-opposition-parties-tor>

⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1286302/opposition-tables-panama-papers-inquiry-bill-in-senate>

⁹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/28-Sep-2016/uk-response-on-altaf-issue-supportive-nisar>

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Khattak slams attack, *Daily Times*, September 16¹⁰

Condemning the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) activists' attack on the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly building, Chief Minister Pervez Khattak said that strict action would be taken against the hooligans. Talking to reporters at his village during Eid, Pervez Khattak said that the PML-N record showed that they never respected national institutions.

Politics of agitation is a poison: Shahbaz, *Daily Times*, September 16¹¹

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that the people of Pakistan want development and prosperity, while "protest politics" is a poison. Talking to different delegations, the CM said that the Pakistan Muslim League-N government had put the country on the road to progress and prosperity during the past three years. He said that selfless service to the people is the mission of the PML-N government. *He said that on one side, there is service, honesty and transparency, while on the other side is chaos, allegations and lies. "People have rejected those indulging in the politics of allegations and lies on every occasion." Shahbaz Sharif said that such elements had no concern with the problems of the people, and only personal interests were dear to them.*

Govt accused of ignoring Mohmand attack, *The Dawn*, September 19¹²

Accusing the government of turning a blind eye to last week's terrorist attack on a mosque in Mohmand Agency, Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Khurshid Ahmed Shah criticised the rulers on Sunday (September 18) for what he called their failure to implement the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism. *"Despite having reservations, the opposition supported the government over NAP and it will continue to support every action against the terrorists in future, but time has come for the government to take some practical steps to curb the menace of terrorism in the country," Mr Shah said in a statement issued by his Parliament House office.*

London leadership dissolves Rabita Committee, *The News*, September 21¹³

The Muttahida Qaumi Movement's self-exiled leadership on Wednesday (September 21) dissolved Rabita Committee and organizational setup, hours after the party's lawmakers in Sindh Assembly presented a resolution along with other parties calling for trial of Altaf Hussain under article 6 of the

¹⁰ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/khyber-pakhtunkhwa/16-Sep-16/khattak-slams-attack>

¹¹ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/punjab/16-Sep-16/cm-calls-for-unity-says-politics-of-agitation-is-a-poison>

¹² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1284720>

¹³ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/151540-MQM-London-leadership-dissolves-Rabita-Committee-after-SA-resolution-calls-for-Altaf-trial>

Constitution for his August 22 speech. A statement issued from London by senior MQM leader Nadeem Nusrat said "presenting a resolution and calling for a treason case under article 6 against the MQM founder by the party's members of parliament is shameful". The statement said that Nusrat has been granted powers to appoint new Rabita Committee. "MQM was one and will remain as one. Conspiracies to eliminate MQM will not succeed", he added.

Brahamdagh is an 'untrustworthy figure, *The Express Tribune*, September 27¹⁴

Brahamdagh Bugti has been a divisive figure even for his own family, a spokesman for the Balochistan government Anwarul Haq Kakar said on Monday (September 26). One can easily see that "he is not a leader to be trusted by the people of Balochistan", Kakar said. The grandson of Nawab Akbar Bugti, who claims to spearhead the movement for an independent Balochistan, is known to have instigated terrorist activities in the province. *Data obtained from authentic sources reveals that in the last five years Bugti and his affiliate group had committed close to a thousand acts of terrorism, killing 665 innocent people while injuring 1,440 people of Balochistan.*

Protest in AJK over Indian brutalities, *The Dawn*, September 27¹⁵

A large number of people protested here on Monday (September 26) against human rights violations in India-held Kashmir. *A rally was held at the Ambore refugee camp which coincided with the address of Indian minister Sushma Swaraj at the UNGA in New York. Participants raised slogans against India for perpetuating the worst form of atrocities on innocent Kashmiris who were demanding freedom.* They were holding banners and placards criticising the brutalities of Indian security forces. "The cycle of killings and funerals must end," one banner read. Representatives of various groups addressed the gathering which demanded that India's Modi government stop killing, maiming and incarcerating helpless Kashmiris for their demand of self-determination.

Bugtis prepared to fight against India, *The Express Tribune*, September 27¹⁶

Amid India's sabre-rattling following a deadly attack on a military base in Uri of disputed Kashmir, Jamhoori Wattan Party (JWP) leader Shahzain Bugti has said his tribesmen were fully prepared to fight against India in case of war.

¹⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1189083/factual-position-even-baloch-brahamdagh-untrustworthy-figure/>

¹⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1286305/protest-in-ajk-over-indian-brutalities>

¹⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1188206/case-war-bugti-tribesmen-prepared-fight-india-shahzain/>

“Bugti tribesmen would fight against Indian troops ahead of Pakistan Army. Our tribe is ready to defend Pakistan,” the grandson of late Nawaz Akbar Bugti said on Sunday, according to Express News. [...] The cousin of separatist Brahamdagh Bugti, who recently applied for asylum in India, said it was the latter’s choice to stay in Geneva or India. “Nawab sb [Akbar Bugti] fully supported Pakistan and we will fight for its defense in case of a war,” he added. Shahzain said India had no right to interfere in Balochistan, adding Brahamdagh was not a representative of the Baloch people, Radio Pakistan reported.

Fazl compares Fata situation with Kashmir, *The Dawn*, September 30¹⁷

Even as Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is busy highlighting the plight of the Kashmiri people at the international level, key government ally Maulana Fazlur Rehman surprised the National Assembly on Thursday (September 29) when he said that the government was meting out similar treatment to its own people, living in the tribal areas. On the second day of discussion on the findings and recommendations of the Committee on Fata Reforms, the chief of his own faction of the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam (JUI-F) said: “I don’t see any difference between the people of India-occupied Kashmir and our tribal areas as far as the curbing of their rights is concerned.” For some reason, he said, the suffering of the people of Fata was not being highlighted as compared to the media coverage of the Kashmir issue.

EDITORIALS AND OPINION

MQM vs the state, Kamran Hashmi, *Daily Times*, September 16¹⁸

[...] In response to the alleged violence of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) and its workers, the state through the Rangers has unleashed more violence upon them; some of them have been arrested and tortured, their offices torn down, and party leaders forced to live in exile or made to go in hiding. While this is going on, the judiciary that had to stand in front is sipping a cup of tea somewhere behind the scenes indifferent and unruffled. [...] People argue that the act of pressurising the judiciary is same as the act of infiltrating a political party with criminals. Why? It is because judges who do not perform their duties honestly also aid in promoting crime, violence and illegality. Frustrated by a blatant and unchecked use of power, many are concerned that the state does not even bother to go through the process sometimes. If their suspicion is high, the body of the accused is found on the street, a daring example of ‘reverse’ target killings.

¹⁷ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1287000/fazl-compares-fata-situation-with-kashmir>

¹⁸ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/16-Sep-16/mqm-vs-the-state>

Flawed approach to Pakistan, Editorial, *The Dawn*, September 19¹⁹

[...] *Testifying before the US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Richard Olson resorted to what has long been a cornerstone, and a flawed one at that, of US policy towards Pakistan: seeing this country through the prism of Afghanistan.* With the centrality of US demands of Pakistan concerning in some way or the other the need for stabilising Afghanistan, is it really surprising that so much suspicion still remains here about America's true goals and intentions? [...] While there were many factors at work, it remains the case that the Murree dialogue was scuttled by foreign revelations of Mullah Omar's death and the QCG's efforts were devastated by the US decision to drone Akhtar Mansour.

FOREIGN POLICY

Closing border would deteriorate the situation, *Daily Times*, September 16²⁰

Awami National Party (ANP) Chief Asfandiyar Wali Khan has said that closure of Torkham and Chaman borders with Afghanistan would deteriorate the already tense situation between the two countries. Addressing party workers' gathering here at Wali Bagh on the occasion of Eidul Azha, Asfandiyar Wali said that leaders from both sides should work on normalising the relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan rather than widening the divide between the neighbouring countries. *He said that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was only acceptable to the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa if they were given their due rights. Making it clear to the Centre, the ANP chief said that his party would not led the federal government start the CPEC project until the province had got due share of the CPEC benefits.*

Nawaz asks US to help resolve issues with India, *The Nation*, September 20²¹

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday (September 19) launched an extensive effort to bring home to the world leaders atrocities being perpetuated by the occupying Indian forces in Occupied Kashmir and specifically asked the US to mediate on the contentious issues between New Delhi and Islamabad. The atmosphere in South Asia is highly agitated, primarily because of Kashmir situation, and there are fears that the situation could even escalate into an open war between the two nuclear neighbours. *"I expect US Administration and you (US Secretary of State John Kerry) to use your good offices to help in resolving bilateral issues between Pakistan and India," Prime Minister Sharif said to Kerry during a bilateral meeting at Hotel Waldorf Astoria.*

¹⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1284159/flawed-approach-to-pakistan>

²⁰ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/16-Sep-16/closure-of-afghan-border-deteriorate-already-tense-situation-between-two-countries-anp-chief>

²¹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/20-Sep-2016/nawaz-asks-us-to-help-resolve-issues-with-india>

India's attempts to isolate Pakistan failed, *The Dawn*, September 27²²

Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz on Tuesday (September 27) said Indian government's efforts to isolate Pakistan diplomatically received a severe setback. He said about 56 countries of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Human Rights Council of the United Nations and other world bodies have supported Pakistan's stance on Kashmir by outrightly rejecting India's baseless allegations.[...]Sartaj underlined that resolution of the Kashmir issue was imperative for sustainable peace in the South Asia. "The issue could only be resolved through comprehensive dialogue process." The adviser also strongly rebuffed Indian claims over Balochistan by saying that there was no relevance between the situation in India-held Kashmir and the province, adding "it was an attempt to divert attention from the gross human rights violations in the occupied valley".

SAARC summit postponed, *The News*, September 28²³

*The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit has been postponed after India and three other countries pulled out of the key South Asian summit, *Geo News* quoted official sources as saying. The other countries included Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Bhutan, according to an official with the Nepali government, the current chair of SAARC. A key South Asian summit was in doubt on Wednesday (September 28) after India and three other countries pulled out following a deadly attack on an army base that New Delhi blames on a Pakistan-based group. India has sought to isolate Pakistan in the wake of the raid on its base in the disputed region of Kashmir, which killed 18 soldiers and triggered public fury.*

EDITORIALS AND OPINION

Hekmatyar's last fling?, *The Express Tribune*, September 18²⁴

The peace agreement that is said to be in the offing between the Kabul administration and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hizb-e-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) if and when it is actually signed and sealed is likely to lessen one of the worries of President Ashraf Ghani, no matter how insignificant, but it would certainly save the HIA chief from becoming completely irrelevant to the developing situation in Afghanistan. [...]So, in the face of these worries, a peace deal with the HIA which over the years has been losing its public support as well as its dedicated armed cadre can hardly be a significant consolation for President Ghani. It is still not very clear who between the two had initiated the peace

²² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1286260/indias-attempts-to-isolate-pakistan-failed-miserably-says-sartaj>

²³ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/153348-Pakistan-India-tensions-threaten-SAARC-summit>

²⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1183429/hekmatyars-last-fling/>

process. Both perhaps were equally willing because of their respective compulsions and responded to the other's initiative readily. One, however, suspects it was the initiative of Hekmatyar who at the fag end of his political career wanted perhaps to go down in a blaze of glory. [...] *Senility has perhaps taken over his mental faculties because after having entered into to a peace process with the government of Ghani he is assuring the Taliban that the HIA would support their genuine demands and also demand the release of several important commanders of the Taliban'. The US-backed Kabul administration is hardly in a position to concede to such demands.*

Pak-Russia drill signals strategic shift, *The Express Tribune*, September 27²⁵

When chief military spokesman Lt-Gen Asim Bajwa tweeted the arrival of Russian troops in Rawalpindi on Friday (September 23) for the first-ever military exercise between the two Cold War era foes, it was clear that the seismic event would upset geo-strategic balance in the region and beyond — forever. This was good news for Pakistan — both diplomatically and militarily. Diplomatically, because the two-week-long 'Druzhba 2016' (Friendship 2016) military drill is being conducted at the High Altitude School in Gilgit-Baltistan and a special forces training centre at Cherat in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. [...] Moreover, watching Russian troops land in Pakistan is altogether a new experience in the region for political and military pundits. [...] In a loosening great power universe, the realignment has brought Pakistan, China and Russia closer to each other. This is a function largely of Russia's worsening ties with the US. In Afghanistan, Russia believes IS is the real threat, not the Taliban, something Pakistan is at pains to push.

The Saarc scene, Editorial, *The News*, September 29²⁶

The 19th Saarc summit has been cancelled after India decided to boycott the summit set for November in Islamabad. After Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Bhutan joined the Indian boycott, Nepal has announced that the summit will now be postponed. Afghanistan's boycott is hardly a surprise, both because of its close relationship with India and its 'tendency' to level similar allegations about Pakistani sponsorship of terrorism. Bhutan and Bangladesh put out vague statements noting that the 'environment was not conducive' for a Saarc summit. Bangladesh is currently not on very good terms with Pakistan and accuses us of interfering in its internal affairs for opposing its policy to kill elderly Jamaat-e-Islami leaders. Bhutan receives nearly a billion dollars a year in foreign aid from India, making it the largest recipient of Indian aid, so it has naturally followed India's lead. *The military and financial muscle of India speaking louder than our words is not much of a surprise when it can threaten*

²⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1189059/analysis-pak-russia-drill-signals-strategic-shift/>

²⁶ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/153493-The-Saarc-scene>

to cut off aid or block trade. The real victim of India's diplomatic amateurism is Saarc itself.

Cousinly ties, Saleem Safi, *The News*, September 29²⁷

Pak-Afghan relations swing between love and hate. One day they are fighting together against a mighty invader but the very next day, they are at daggers drawn. This unique relationship has a specific cultural dimension, which has been ignored. [...]The basic fault in our Afghan policy is that we see our relations with Kabul in black and white and ignore the grey areas. Our policymakers want Afghanistan to be a brother like China and Saudi Arabia. Otherwise, they believe, it must be an enemy like India. But I firmly believe that Afghanistan is neither a brother nor an enemy and that it would be a futile exercise of making it either. Going back to my Pakhtun cultural background, I feel that Afghanistan is a tarbor (cousin) who is tied with us by the thread of tarborwali (cousinhood). [...]Being a relatively prosperous and stable tarbor, Pakistan needs to exercise great caution in dealing with the weaker tarbor. At this point in time, the negative aspect of tarborwali is in full swing and the sheer frustration has pushed the Afghan tarbor into overreacting. Pakistan should not respond with the same tone.

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Army fully capable of thwarting enemy designs, *The Nation*, September 20²⁸

Taking notice of a hostile narrative being propagated by India, Army Chief General Raheel Sharif yesterday said the military was fully cognisant of the current regional situation and its impact on national security. Presiding over a conference at General Headquarters, the army chief said the Armed Forces of Pakistan were fully prepared to respond to entire spectrum of direct and indirect threats. *“Armed forces together with their resilient nation have surmounted every challenge and will thwart any sinister design against integrity and sovereignty of the country in future as well,” ISPR quoted General Raheel Sharif as telling his commanders.*

Army's fight will continue, *The Express Tribune*, September 26²⁹

Army chief General Raheel Sharif has said Pakistan's efforts against terrorism are continuing and but its complete elimination is only possible with optimum cooperation between neighbouring countries. *“Pakistani security forces have valiantly fought terrorists upfront through an across the board, indiscriminate*

²⁷ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/153497-Cousinly-ties>

²⁸ <http://nation.com.pk/national/20-Sep-2016/army-fully-capable-of-thwarting-enemy-designs-coas>

²⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1188734/armys-fight-terrorism-will-continue-says-general-raheel/>

operation against terrorists of all hue and colour along with their abettors, financiers and sympathisers," the COAS said while elaborating the concept and success of military operation Zarb-e-Azb to heads of world armed forces in Stuttgart, Germany on Monday (September 26), according to the ISPR. General Raheel is in Germany on a day-long official visit to participate in a conference of Chief of Staffs of the Armed Force being held under the auspices of US Centcom.

Closely monitoring eastern border: Army, *The Nation*, September 28³⁰

Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lt-General Asim Saleem Bajwa said yesterday that armed forces were closely monitoring the situation on eastern border with India and ready to respond to any threat. *"We are keeping an eye on eastern border. Pakistan army is fully prepared and ready to deal with any eventuality," he said while briefing journalists* after a meeting held with Army Chief General Raheel Sharif in chair on 'special operations and security review'. The meeting was also attended by Corps Commander Peshawar, Lt-Gen Hidayatur Rehman, ISI DG Lt-Gen Rizwan Akhtar, FC IG Maj-Gen Shaheen Mazhar and other senior military officials.

PM Nawaz faces key choice, *The Express Tribune*, September 28³¹

[...] "Army chiefs soon begin to think they are invincibles-in-chief," said a close aide to Nawaz Sharif, requesting anonymity as he was not authorised to speak about military appointments. [...] *The premier's favourite, the aides said, was Lieutenant General Javed Iqbal Ramday, commander of XXXI Corps who led a 2009 operation to drive the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan militant movement from Swat Valley near the Afghan border.* The three other dossiers are for Lieutenant General Zubair Hayat, Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ishfaq Nadeem Ahmad, commanding officer in the eastern city of Multan, and Lieutenant General Qamar Javed Bajwa, who heads the army's Training and Evaluation Wing. [...] *"Nawaz has lost a lot of ground to the military during Raheel's tenure," Talat Masood, a retired general and political analyst said. "He will try and retake certain space by asserting himself. I think he would like a change in leadership."* Sharif has been quiet on the issue of the military's ascendancy in public.

ECONOMIC ISSUES

Cross-LoC trade resumes, *The Nation*, September 28³²

Pakistan and India on Tuesday (September 23) resumed trade on Line of Control between Muzaffarabad and Srinagar despite heightened tensions. The

³⁰ <http://nation.com.pk/national/28-Sep-2016/closely-monitoring-eastern-border-army>

³¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1190092/army-chiefs-tenure-nears-end-pm-nawaz-faces-key-choice/>

³² <http://nation.com.pk/national/28-Sep-2016/cross-loc-trade-resumes>

four-time a week cross-LoC truck service between the capitals of divided Kashmir was suspended on July 12 after a curfew was imposed to quell huge protests erupted in aftermath of martyrdom of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani. *One truck from AJK and 12 from Indian-held Kashmir loaded with goods crossed the Line of Control from Chakothe-Uri to each side.* Director General Cross-LoC Trade and Travel Authority Brigadier (r) Imtaiz Wayan told traders were not ready to trade during tense situation and trade service was not stalled officially. When asked if the situation in valley was better now for trade, he said traders of both sides have agreed to resume. However he was of the view that the purpose of cross LoC bus and truck service was the reunion of divided Kashmiris and these services should continue.

CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

Sindh govt starts recruitment of ex-army men, *Daily Times*, September 16³³

In a bid to provide seamless security to the Chinese who are coming to Sindh for China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) related projects, the Sindh government has started recruiting 2000 ex-army men. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that CPEC will open new vistas of prosperity, development in the country in general and the province in particular. The CM while presiding the special meeting on security of Chinese coming to Sindh for CPEC projects held here on Thursday (September 15) directed Inspector General (IG) Sindh Police AD Khwaja to ensure security of Chinese working on CPEC projects. [...] *The chief minister was informed that the federal government has raised Special Security Division (SSD) consisting of nine infantry combat battalions of Pakistan Army with a force 9000 personnel and six wings of civil armed force of 4502 personnel for the security of CPEC projects and Chinese expatriates.*

Civil-military differences hold up CPEC, *The Dawn*, September 19³⁴

Plans for operationalising the Special Security Division (SSD) for China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) have been held up by civil-military wrangling, multiple sources told Dawn. It is feared that the issue, if not resolved at the earliest, could potentially affect the CPEC timelines. *The military had announced the raising of the SSD soon after Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Islamabad last year for the groundbreaking of CPEC projects. The division was to provide security to the Chinese personnel working on the CPEC projects throughout the country. But, a year and a half later there are no agreed terms of reference (ToR) that would govern the working of the SSD.*

³³ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/16-Sep-16/sindh-govt-starts-recruitment-of-2000-ex-army-men>

³⁴ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1284724/civil-military-differences-hold-up-cpec-security-plan>

[...]Though the army has established the SSD-North, the government is reportedly holding back the executive and financial approval for the SSD-South. "The government agreed in principle to the establishment of SSD-South, but the formal nod is still awaited," a source disclosed. "No financial grant for the second wing has been given either," the source added. It is estimated that creation of a new wing could take about 12 to 18 months. This implies that even if the approval is given now, the SSD-South will not be functional by the end of 2017, which is the time when CPEC's early harvest projects would be nearing completion.

Some countries can't tolerate CPEC: Shahbaz, *The News*, September 28³⁵

Chief Minister of Punjab, Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, said on Wednesday that some countries could not tolerate the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project hence they were escalating tensions.

CPEC is now worth \$51.5bn, *The Dawn*, September 30³⁶

Despite Indian conspiracies, the size of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has been increased to more than \$51.5 billion after China and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) agreed to lend \$8bn to upgrade the main railway line from Karachi to Peshawar, according to a federal minister. Addressing a news briefing upon his return from a week-long visit to China, Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms Ahsan Iqbal said Beijing has agreed to provide Pakistan with a \$5.5bn concessional loan to upgrade and modernise the Karachi-Lahore main railway line called ML-1. In addition, ADB will extend financing of \$2.5bn for the Lahore-Peshawar railway track, he said.

SECURITY SITUATION

TERRORISM

Some political parties supporting terrorists: CJP, *The Nation*, September 20³⁷

Chief Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali yesterday said the country is in grip of terrorism and regretted that some political parties too are supporting terror elements for their vested interests. Often foreign elements were found involved in the terrorist acts taking place in the country but the regrettable part was that these anti-state elements also get the internal support to perpetrate their nefarious acts.

³⁵ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/153566-Some-countries-cant-tolerate-CPEC-Shahbaz-Sharif>

³⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1287040/with-a-new-chinese-loan-cpec-is-now-worth-515bn>

³⁷ <http://nation.com.pk/national/20-Sep-2016/some-political-parties-supporting-terrorists-cjp>

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA

Nine injured in Charsadda IED blast, *The Express Tribune*, September 26³⁸

Nine people, including four police officials, were injured on Monday (September 26) as an improvised explosive device (IED) targeting a police van, exploded in the jurisdiction of Sro Kali area of Shabqadar in Charsadda district, police officials said. The remote controlled bomb was planted along the road, a police official from the area confirmed. A vehicle carrying passengers also caught fire during the explosion. Five people, including two officials, are critically injured and have been shifted to Lady Reading Hospital. Claiming responsibility for the attack, spokesperson for the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Muhammad Khorasani said police were the target of the attack.

BALUCHISTAN

Three suspects killed in Quetta, *Daily Times*, September 16³⁹

Three men were killed in an exchange of fire with police in Killi Qambrani, within jurisdiction of Kechi Baig Police Station in the provincial capital on Friday (September 16). The police sources said that the police launched search in Killi Qambrani and cordoned off a house, which led to exchange of fire between the police and the armed men, who were hiding inside the house. As a result three suspects were killed in the clash with police. The police claimed that they also seized weapons and ammunition from the house.

Gas pipeline blown up in Dera Bugti, *The Nation*, September 28⁴⁰

Some unidentified miscreants on Tuesday (September 27) blasted gas pipeline in Dera Bugti suspending supply to Loti gas plant. According to security sources, some unidentified miscreants planted explosive material under the main pipeline supplying gas to Loti gas plant that went off with a big bang. As a result, the pipeline was damaged by the fire erupted after the explosion.

Commander Zafar Bugti killed in Notal, *The News*, September 28⁴¹

Frontier Corps and police, in a joint action, killed wanted Ferrari commander of a banned outfit near Notal area of Balochistan. Commandant Sibi Scouts Colonel Zulfiqar, in a press conference with police officials, said that police and FC launched a joint action near Notal and killed Zafar Bugti.

³⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1188553/nine-injured-charsadda-ied-blast-targeting-police-vehicle/>

³⁹ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/balochistan/10-Sep-16/three-suspects-killed-in-quetta>

⁴⁰ <http://nation.com.pk/national/28-Sep-2016/gas-pipeline-blown-up-in-dera-bugti>

⁴¹ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/153353-Ferrari-commander-Zafar-Bugti-killed-in-Notal-Balochistan>

PUNJAB

Four Daesh men held in Toba Tek Singh raid, *The Nation*, September 25⁴²

Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD), during a search operation in Fatima Town, arrested four alleged terrorists of banned organisation Daesh here on Saturday (September 24). Sources said on a tip off, CTD Toba Tek Singh conducted a raid on a hideout in Fatima Town and apprehended four alleged terrorists of banned organisation 'Daesh. The arrested men were identified as Shamim, Faisal, Abdul Razzaq and Hassan Al Mayoob. A huge cache of explosives, weapons and maps were recovered from their possession. According to CTD officials, these terrorists were planning to carry out massive terrorist attacks in the city and were caught red-handed.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

The Long War, Editorial, *The Nation*, September 18⁴³

Jamaat-ul Ahrar (JuA) has turned into the biggest menace in Pakistan and should be first on the list to be eliminated by any means necessary. A suicide bomber targeted a mosque in Mohmand Agency's Anbar tehsil during Friday prayers, leaving at least 24 people dead and 31 others injured. *Since June 2014, groups like the JuA have been at the receiving end of a fully-fledged military operation in FATA, and the backlash has been seen in Lahore and most recently in Mardan. Jamaat-ul-Ahrar has so far launched several attacks on Pakistani civilians and security forces in recent months to boost their profile amongst Pakistan's increasingly fractured militants. [...]* JuA claims to be fighting for the establishment of an Islamic state in Pakistan. It is likely to have some support in Mohmand, and the other FATA agencies: Bajaur, Khyber and Aurakzai, but is not limited to these areas considering the attack in Gulshan-e-Iqbal in Lahore. The Punjab operation, in tandem with the sweeping of these areas in FATA should be prioritised.

RELATIONS WITH INDIA

Pakistan can't be intimidated, says Nisar, *The Express Tribune*, September 21⁴⁴

Rejecting the Indian allegations and threats in the wake of Sunday's (September 18) attack on an Indian military base in Indian occupied Kashmir (IOK), the country's top security czar on Tuesday (September 20) said Pakistan will not be intimidated by such moves. *"Indian leadership's practice of levelling baseless allegations against Pakistan and avoiding meaningful dialogues is main hurdle in way of regional peace," Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said* while talking to Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister

⁴² <http://nation.com.pk/national/25-Sep-2016/four-daesh-men-held-in-toba-tek-singh->

⁴³ <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/18-Sep-2016/the-long-war>

⁴⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1185538/rebuffing-india-pakistan-cant-intimidated-says-nisar/>

Raja Farooq Haider, who had called on him. *“Pakistan cannot be cowered down by Indian threats and will not step back from its moral, political and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people,” Nisar was quoted as saying.*

Modi challenges Pakistan for a ‘war on poverty’, *The Nation*, September 25⁴⁵
After failure of attempts to intimidate Pakistan through threats of militarily action, India yesterday challenged its neighbor to compete with it in a ‘war on illiteracy, poverty and unemployment’. At a public rally in Calicut city of Kerala state, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to addressing Pakistani people directly, telling them they were being ‘duped’ by their rulers on Kashmir. [...] This was Modi’s first speech since the Uri attack in which he lashed out at Pakistan and warned its leadership that the ‘terror attack’ will not be forgotten, and India will “totally isolate Pakistan in the international arena for exporting terror”.

India to disintegrate if imposes war on Pakistan, *The Nation*, September 25⁴⁶
Veteran politician Makhdoom Javed Hashmi anticipated on Saturday (September 24) that India will disintegrate into 20 parts if it imposed war on Pakistan. Addressing a Writers Convention organized by Pakistan Writers Wing and others here at Raza Hall on Saturday (September 24), he added that the media exposed the reality of Indian military might. He stressed that the nation needed to unite in view of threat from the enemy. *He said that India had gone into serious isolation due to her coercive policies and even Saarc countries are not ready to stand with her today. [...] He said that American and Indian conspiracies against China Pakistan Economic Corridor Project failed badly on which both of them are irritated. He said that the US wants to maintain its power in the region through India but this strategy has badly failed. He claimed that the future belongs to Pakistan and “we would win wars on all fronts.”*

India can hurt through terror: Nisar, *The Express Tribune*, September 27⁴⁷

Reiterating that Pakistan cannot be bullied by threats, the country’s top security czar has said that though India dared not attack Pakistan it has the ability to hurt the country through terrorism. “India cannot wage war against Pakistan. But the enemy can hurt the country through other means such as financing and supporting terrorist activities,” said Interior Minister Chaudhry

⁴⁵ <http://nation.com.pk/national/25-Sep-2016/modi-challenges-pakistan-for-a-war-on-poverty>

⁴⁶ <http://nation.com.pk/national/25-Sep-2016/india-to-disintegrate-if-imposes-war-on-pakistan>

⁴⁷ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1189051/jingoism-101-india-dares-not-attack-can-hurt-terror-nisar/>

Nisar Ali Khan on Monday. "India has been financing and backing terrorist activities in Pakistan."

India can't separate itself from IWT: Nawaz, *The News*, September 28⁴⁸

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on Wednesday said that the Indus Water Treaty was a mutually agreed arrangement between India and Pakistan brokered by the World Bank in 1960, and neither of them can unilaterally separate itself from the treaty.

Modi pulls out of Saarc summit, *The Nation*, September 28⁴⁹

Pakistan yesterday hit back at India blaming it for orchestrating terror in Pakistan minutes after Indian prime minister announced to skip the upcoming South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation summit. India's external affairs ministry said Modi, who was expected to travel to Islamabad in November, will not attend the SAARC summit in wake of the strained relations with Pakistan following the attack in Uri.

India will be the isolated one, *The News*, September 28⁵⁰

Foreign Secretary Aizaz Chaudhry said on Tuesday (September 27) that it was India's misfortune that the country was not taking part in the SAARC conference this year and that the country would be left isolated in the region.

Water treaty revocation to be an act of war, *The Nation*, September 28⁵¹

Adviser to PM on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz yesterday warned revocation of Indus Water Treaty could be taken as an act of war or hostility against Pakistan. "Pakistan is considering informing the P-5 countries and international community in case of any violation," the adviser to the PM said, responding to call-attention notice moved by PTI MNAs in the National Assembly.

Army rubbishes Indian 'surgical strikes' claim, *The Dawn*, September 29⁵²

At least two Pakistan Army soldiers were killed as Indian troops fired across the Line of Control in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Thursday (September 29). The Pakistani military

⁴⁸ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/153359-India-cant-separate-itself-from-Indus-Water-Treaty-unilaterally-PM>

⁴⁹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/28-Sep-2016/modi-pulls-out-of-saarc-summit>

⁵⁰ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/153259-India-will-be-the-isolated-one-in-the-region-Aizaz-Chaudhry>

⁵¹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/28-Sep-2016/water-treaty-revocation-to-be-an-act-of-war>

⁵² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1286881/army-rubbishes-indian-surgical-strikes-claim-as-two-pakistani-soldiers-killed-at-loc>

confirmed the deaths of its soldiers yet dismissed the Indian claim of 'surgical strikes'. "There had been cross border fire initiated and conducted by India which is [an] existential phenomenon," said an ISPR statement released shortly after the Indian Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) held a press conference making claims about surgical strikes.

Simla pact hit Kashmir struggle: Shahbaz, *The Dawn*, September 30⁵³

Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has termed Simla agreement reached between India and Pakistan in 1972 a big mistake, saying it partially hurt the Kashmiris' freedom struggle. The statement invited criticism from the PPP whose then chairman and prime minister of the country, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and his Indian counterpart Indra Gandhi had signed the pact. The agreement had resulted in release of some 90,000 Pakistani soldiers imprisoned by India following the 1971 war fought between the two South Asian neighbours. "The Simla agreement was a big mistake [on the part of Islamabad] as it dampened the spirit of the Kashmiris fighting for their freedom and hurt their movement though it never stopped in Kashmir," Shahbaz Sharif told a conference on the India-held valley here on Thursday (September 29).

UNREST IN KASHMIR

AJK PM decries Kashmiris genocide, *The Nation*, September 20⁵⁴

Vehemently condemning the unprecedented human rights abuses in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, AJK Prime Minister Raja Farooq Haider said that the continued genocide of innocent civilians in the bleeding valley is unacceptable. Talking to a delegation in the State capital city on Monday (September 19), he decried continuous restrictions as suppressive tactics adopted by Indian forces against Kashmiri people for the past around two-and-half months in the occupied Kashmir.

Pakistan 'will not take any pressure, *The Nation*, September 20⁵⁵

Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry Monday (September 19) said that the reaction to Indian atrocities will keep surfacing in Indian held Kashmir. Briefing newsmen here after PM Nawaz Sharif's meetings with world leaders and calls for intervention to stop human rights abuses in IJK, Chaudhry said India cannot contain the momentum in Kashmir and that incendiary statements by the Indian leadership were threatening regional peace.

⁵³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1286986/simla-pact-hit-kashmir-struggle-shahbaz>

⁵⁴ <http://nation.com.pk/national/20-Sep-2016/ajk-pm-decries-kashmiris-genocide-in-held-valley>

⁵⁵ <http://nation.com.pk/national/20-Sep-2016/pakistan-will-not-take-any-pressure-over-kashmir-issue>

Pakistan lashes out at India, *The Nation*, September 20⁵⁶

Ambassador Tehmina Janjua, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the UN in Geneva, took India to task for sponsoring state-terrorism in IHK, at the Human Rights Council. Ambassador Janjua underscored that the life and liberty of Kashmiris is governed by draconian laws such as the Armed Forces Special Powers Act that allows arbitrary detention, searches, seizures, shoot to kill on suspicion, and the use of lethal force.

Kashmir abuses in spotlight, *The Express Tribune*, September 21⁵⁷

Unabated rights abuses by Indian security forces in the disputed Kashmir region were the main talking points when Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif met with world leaders on the sidelines of the 71st UN General Assembly session that kicked off on Tuesday (September 20) in New York. Premier Sharif met his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe and requested him to exercise his influence as leader of a major world power to get blatant human rights violations stopped in Indian occupied Kashmir (IOK). [...] Separately, Premier Sharif met Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan where he also raised the issue of ongoing human rights abuses by Indian troops in IOK. Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz, Special Assistant Tariq Fatemi, Turkey's foreign minister and other officials also attended the meeting. President Erdogan said his country would send a fact-finding mission to IOK in its capacity as the chair of human rights commission of the OIC Contact Group. Premier Sharif thanked the Turkish president for his support. "Turkey and Pakistan are inseparable countries. We are friends forever."

Flashpoint Kashmir, Editorial, *The Express Tribune*, September 21⁵⁸

[...] Even as jingoistic rhetoric from across the eastern border reaches a crescendo, and threatens to despoil an already volatile situation, Pakistan's response appears calm and calculated. The PM rightly pointed out that non-resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute is a constant source of tension and instability in the region and a threat to international peace and security. [...] He was upbeat that the US administration and Secretary Kerry will use their good offices to help resolve issues between the two nuclear-tipped neighbours. [...] *Chairing a meeting of corps commanders, Army Chief General Raheel Sharif said Pakistan was ready to defeat any design against its integrity and sovereignty. "We are fully cognisant and closely watching the latest happenings in the region and their impact on the security of Pakistan,"*

⁵⁶ <http://nation.com.pk/national/20-Sep-2016/pakistan-lashes-out-at-india-for-state-terrorism-in-ihk>

⁵⁷ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1185570/kashmir-abuses-spotlight-pm-meets-world-leaders/>

⁵⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1185254/flashpoint-kashmir-un-efforts/>

he said in response to antagonistic statements issued by the Indian leadership after the Uri attack.

Chinese leader assures Nawaz Sharif of support, *The News*, September 21⁵⁹

Beijing attaches great importance to Pakistan's position on Kashmir and will stand by Islamabad at every forum, said Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang on Wednesday (September 21) in a meeting with his Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif. Both the leaders met on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly. Li Keqiang told Nawaz Sharif that China hoped that there will be a better understanding of Pakistan's position on Kashmir by the international community. "We support Pakistan and will speak for Pakistan at every forum," Geo News quoted him as saying. He expressed the hope that the situation between India and Pakistan would not escalate. "We are ready to play constructive role in improvement of relations between Pakistan and India," he said.

Nawaz terms Burhan a symbol of 'Intifada', *The News*, September 21⁶⁰

Burhan Wani , a leader of Hizbul Mujahideen whose death at the hands of Indian army sparked a new wave of protests in the last couple of months, has emerged as the symbol of the latest Kashmiri 'Intifada, said Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in his fourth address to United Nations General Assembly which came amid rising tensions in Occupied Kashmir. "This indigenous uprising of the Kashmiris has been met, as usual, with brutal repression by India's occupation force of over half a million soldiers. Over a hundred Kashmiris have been killed, hundreds, including children and infants, blinded by shotgun pellets and over six thousand unarmed civilians injured over the past two months," he said.

Nawaz meets Ban Ki-moon, *The News*, September 22⁶¹

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif met with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Wednesday after his speech at the United Nations General Assembly and showed him pictures of injured Kashmiri civilians. The Pakistani Premier met with the UN Secretary General after addressing the United Nations General Assembly. During their meeting, *PM Nawaz showed Ban Ki-moon showed him pictures of martyred and injured civilians who had suffered brutalities at*

⁵⁹ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/151539-Chinese-leader-assures-Nawaz-Sharif-of-support-on-Kashmir>

⁶⁰ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/151542-India-putting-unacceptable-conditions-on-dialogue-Nawaz-Sharif>

⁶¹ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/151709-Nawaz-meets-Ban-Ki-moon-shows-him-pictures-of-injured-Kashmiris>

the hands of Indian security forces in occupied Kashmir. Ban Ki-moon was upset and expressed his grief after watching the pictures.

RAW spilling blood of innocents: Raheel, *The Express Tribune*, September 27⁶²

In scathing criticism against India for its unwillingness to resolve the longstanding Kashmir dispute, army chief General Raheel Sharif on Monday (September 26) accused India's premier spy agency of spilling the blood of innocents through an 'indirect strategy.' The hard-hitting statement, which coincided with Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj's speech at the UN General Assembly session in New York, came during a conference of the army chiefs of regional countries in Germany.

Musharraf terms Burhan freedom fighter, *The News*, September 27⁶³

Pakistan's former military strongman Gen (ret'd) Pervez Musharraf on Tuesday (September 27) said New Delhi would be escalating the conflict to a very serious level if it tries to stop the waters of Pakistan. In an interview with an Indian channel, the former president of Pakistan said his country was prepared to counter Indian threats. *"Pakistan is not rattled, they are prepared to retaliate," he said. "You cannot stop the waters of Pakistan. If you try to stop the waters of Pakistan you are escalating the conflict to a very serious level,"* said he. When asked to comment on the situation in Balochistan, the former military ruler said Indian spy agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) was facilitating separatism in Pakistan's south-western province.

Pakistan team briefs World Bank, *The Nation*, September 28⁶⁴

Pakistan approached the World Bank for arbitration on already pending disputes with India regarding construction of Kishanganga and Ratle hydroelectric plants on the Neelum and Chenab rivers, respectively. A statement issued by the attorney general for Pakistan office yesterday said a delegation, led by AGP Ashtar Ausaf Ali, met senior officials of the World Bank at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington. They discussed the matters relating to Pakistan's recent request for arbitration made to India as per Article IX of the Indus Waters Treaty, 1960. *On August 19, 2016, Pakistan formally requested India for settlement of outstanding disputes pertaining to construction of Kishanganga and Ratle hydroelectric plants on the Neelum and Chenab rivers, respectively, by referring the matters to the Court of Arbitration as provided in Article IX of the treaty.*

⁶² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1189087/raw-spilling-blood-innocents-gen-raheel/>

⁶³ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/153082-Pervez-Musharraf-terms-Burhan-Wani-a-great-freedom-fighter>

⁶⁴ <http://nation.com.pk/national/28-Sep-2016/pakistan-team-briefs-world-bank-officials>

TERROR ATTACK IN URI CAMP

Pakistan rejects India's allegations, *The Dawn*, September 19⁶⁵

Pakistan on Sunday (September 18) rejected Indian allegations regarding involvement in terrorist attack on brigade headquarters in Uri area of the Indian-held Kashmir (IHK). *"Pointing fingers at Pakistan has become a traditional tendency of India after each terrorist attack,"* Foreign Office spokesperson Nafees Zakaria told Dawn News. *"In the past many Indians were involved in the terrorist acts for which India had blamed Pakistan,"* he asserted. Commenting on India's Home Minister Rajnath Singh's statement declaring Pakistan a terrorist state, Zakaria said *"India is trying to divert world's attention from the human rights violations being committed in occupied Kashmir"*.

Attack on Indian army, *The Dawn*, September 19⁶⁶

A deadly attack against the Indian army in India-held Kashmir has left at least 17 soldiers dead and, because of the Indian authorities' immediate accusations against Pakistan, has plunged Pak-India relations into a dangerous and unstable new phase.

Need to raise 'suicide squad': Ex Chief, *The Express Tribune*, September 19⁶⁷

Former Indian army chief General Shankar Roychowdhury wants India to raise its own 'fidayeen' or suicide squad following the Uri attack which left 17 soldiers dead. In an interview to NDTV on Sunday, Roychowdhury said, "Time for India to raise its own fidayeen." The attack has sparked anger from former army personnel with many calling for retaliatory action.

India trying to deflect attention, *The Express Tribune*, September 19⁶⁸

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's senior aide Sartaj Aziz on Monday (September 19) said the attack on an Indian military base in Kashmir was a blatant attempt on New Delhi's part to deflect attention from the situation in Indian Kashmir. Rejecting India's claims of Pakistan's involvement in Sunday's (September 18) attack as 'baseless' and 'irresponsible', Aziz said. [...]"Pakistan has noted with serious concern the recent spate of vitriolic and unsubstantiated statements emanating from Indian civil and military leadership in the aftermath of yesterday's attack on Indian occupation forces in the Uri sector of IOK," he added.

⁶⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1284555/pakistan-rejects-indias-allegations-of-involvement-in-terrorist-attack-in-held-kashmir>

⁶⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1284562/attack-on-indian-army>

⁶⁷ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1184136/former-army-chief-wants-india-raise-suicide-squad/>

⁶⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1184144/india-blatantly-trying-deflect-attention-kashmir-aziz/>

Uri attack plotted to malign Kashmiris struggle, *The Nation*, September 20⁶⁹
The attack on Indian Army Brigade Headquarter in Uri in the Occupied Kashmir is well-planned drama authored by the Indian agencies to malign the Kashmiris fast-raising struggle for freedom. Veteran Kashmiri human rights activist and Central Vice Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir National Front Altaf Hussain Wani stated while talking to this correspondent on the phone from Geneva on Monday (September 19). [...] *He observed that whenever India feels heat at international level, her agencies through such state-managed acts try to malign and brand Kashmiris freedom struggle as terrorism. "The pre-planned Uri drama is the continuity what New Delhi did in the past at Chatti Singhpora in Occupied Kashmir and Pathan Kot city of Indian Punjab", Wani recalled.*

India attempting to hide reign of terror, *The Nation*, September 20⁷⁰
Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz said India was trying to hide its reign of terror in Held Kashmir by hurling vitriolic and unsubstantiated statements after the Uri attack. He said India was misleading the world opinion through baseless allegations targeting Pakistan. [...] Aziz said Pakistan categorically rejected the baseless and irresponsible accusations levelled by senior officials in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government. "It is a blatant attempt on India's part to deflect attention from the fast deteriorating humanitarian and human rights situation in the Indian-occupied Kashmir since the death of Burhan Wani," he added.

Pakistan ready to counter Indian attack, *The News*, September 21⁷¹
Pakistan is all prepared to counter any adventure from Indian side and the same message has been conveyed to all. Although Pakistan will not initiate an attack, it would respond with full force in case of any strike by India. The armed forces would not let Indians cross the red line, according to the sources.

India's game of diversions, Editorial, *The News*, September 22⁷²
[...] India is trying hard to make Pakistan into the real issue. The measure of its atrocities in Kashmir is met only by the intensity of its efforts to isolate Pakistan internationally. It has also begun to sabotage the Saarc summit set to be held in Islamabad in November. Of interest too is the expected arrival of Baloch separatist leader Brahamdagh Bugti in India to seek asylum. *Indian PM Modi appears inclined to use the Balochistan card to divert attention from what he*

⁶⁹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/20-Sep-2016/uri-attack-plotted-to-malign-kashmiris-struggle>

⁷⁰ <http://nation.com.pk/national/20-Sep-2016/india-attempting-to-hide-reign-of-terror-in-held-kashmir-aziz>

⁷¹ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/151522-Pakistan-ready-to-counter-Indian-attack>

⁷² <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/151654-Indias-game-of-diversions>

is doing to Kashmir. The arrogant and insane idea of India launching operations inside Pakistan has also been advocated by a media gone mad in India.

Pakistan demands international probe, *The Nation*, September 25⁷³

Adviser to Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz has demanded investigation by international agencies into the attack on Indian army headquarters in Uri Sector of Held Kashmir. Talking to BBC on Saturday (September 24), Sartaj Aziz said that India often blames Pakistani agencies or non-state actors for any attack on its soil without holding any investigation into the assault. *"This is our wish and demand that Uri attack must be investigated internationally so that an impartial probe can be done," he said.* Aziz was of the view that such attacks did not serve Pakistan or Kashmiri people, instead these attacks diverted attention of the world from Indian atrocities being committed there. He said this is not for the first time that India had levelled such a baseless allegation against Pakistan. He said during President Clinton's visit to Pakistan, Kashmir had to face a major incident. Later it was revealed that the attack was carried out by India's own agencies.

India hands over 'proof' to Pakistani envoy, *The Nation*, September 28⁷⁴

India on Tuesday (September 27) summoned Pakistan's High Commissioner in New Delhi to inform him about two men from Pakistan now in Indian custody who it alleged helped gunmen cross the disputed Kashmir border before the Uri attack. Tension has been mounting between the nuclear-armed neighbours since at least 18 Indian soldiers in Held Kashmir were killed this month in an attack that New Delhi blamed on Pakistan. Pakistan had denied involvement in the raid and has urged India to conduct a proper investigation. India on Tuesday (September 27) told Pakistan's High Commissioner that security forces had in their custody two men - a 19-year old and a 20-year old - who helped a group of gunmen cross the de facto border dividing Kashmir before launching the Sept 18 raid, and that they were from Pakistan-controlled Kashmir.

Strategic analysts laugh off Indian claim, *The Express Tribune*, September 30⁷⁵

The Indian army's claim that it has carried out 'surgical strikes' on the Pakistani side of the Line of Control (LoC) begs the question: Is such a sophisticated and precision-guided operation possible in a highly militarised

⁷³ <http://nation.com.pk/national/25-Sep-2016/pakistan-demands-international-probe-into-uri-attack>

⁷⁴ <http://nation.com.pk/national/28-Sep-2016/india-hands-over-proof-to-pakistani-envoy>

⁷⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1191128/cross-border-raid-strategic-analysts-laugh-off-indian-claim/>

*zone? Or, does the Indian military have the wherewithal to mount such an operation? [...]*Since the Uri attack that heightened tensions and sparked fears of a possible military showdown, Pakistani Army has been on the 'high state of alert' to deal with any untoward situation. In this situation, was it plausible that special Indian forces intruded deep into the Pakistani side, carried out operation at multiple sites, stayed there for almost six hours, eliminated so-called 'terror launch pads' and then went back without even suffering any casualties? [...]*Indian officials claimed that special forces targeted at least seven different places inside the LoC. This means, according to a Pakistani military official, a minimum of 70 Indian troops intruded and carried out the so-called 'surgical strikes'. "This looks a fantastic movie script," said the official, who has the knowledge of LoC and terrain there.*

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

War Games, Editorial, *The Nation*, September 24⁷⁶

If social media and media statements by foreign offices are any measure of public opinion, it would appear war with India is a real possibility despite calls for de-escalation. Initial responses from Pakistan have been comparatively measured, but General Raheel Sharif's latest statement about countering "the full threat spectrum" is indicative of a battle-ready mindset the country cannot ignore. At this time, it is important to take a step back and realise that war is not an option. Not because we cannot compete with India, which we can, but because a nuclear war is not a possibility, and a conventional war will paint Pakistan in an even more negative light than it currently stands in. Geographical proximity alone dismisses the option of nuclear war, despite the war bravado and hype. If war does take place, chances are it will be a Kargil-like scenario – an area-specific conflict.

Thank you Mr Modi, Ghulam Mustafa, *The Express Tribune*, September 25⁷⁷

*No one could have fought Pakistan's Kashmir case better than Modi's India. If the Pathankot incident was not enough, India had to do an Uri on itself, get into an acquired rage, draw the world's attention to where it is located and the possible link between the two. To Modi's bad luck, and indeed, that of India, the world at large was already looking at it; Kashmir. Uri, not much known till lately, came into sharp focus on September 18 with the news that very tight security of Indian Brigade HQ had been breached by four fidayeen. [...]*Get real my friends in India. You may have illusions of grandeur but it is still quite a way off. You are not America and Pakistan is no Afghanistan. You would do well to think twice even if it were. Muslims have ruled India for centuries, and

⁷⁶ <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/24-Sep-2016/war-games>

⁷⁷ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1188187/thank-mr-modi/>

they were mostly benign rulers. History cannot be changed and more importantly, cannot be undone, not now — not when you are faced with a different Pakistan. [...]Thank you, Mr Modi and thank you very much, India. You have finally convinced most of us in Pakistan that India is, and will continue to be our enemy number one. No small feat considering that we were almost taken in by your socio-cultural invasion. Some of us may like your movies but all of us love Pakistan more.

Beyond rhetoric to conflict resolution, Shirin Mazari, *The News*, September 29⁷⁸
[...]Without restating the chronological history of the dispute within the UNSC, suffice it to say that for Pakistan the UNSC resolutions are the foundation of its raison d'être as a party to the Kashmir dispute; and the Simla Agreement in no way undermines the UNSC resolutions as the only legal basis for resolution of the Kashmir dispute.

EXCERPTS FROM URDU MEDIA & SELECT JIHADI LITERATURE

Uri attack: An Indian conspiracy, Editorial, *Daily Jasarat*, September 20⁷⁹

[...]India has been committing such wanton acts and blaming them on Pakistan. Anyone could have carried out the attacks; it might have been a reaction to the crimes committed by the Indian security forces in Kashmir. But from the statements of Indian leaders, Pakistan bashing by the Indian media and detail reports of the attack, it appears that like Pathankot, Uri attack was also stage-managed by India. [...]

It has become a ritual now that whenever American foreign secretary visits India or on the eve of or during the UN session, there has been an attack on India for which Pakistan has been blamed. The Uri attack follows the same pattern: the UN General Assembly was in session and the Pakistani Prime Minister was going to raise the issue of atrocities being carried out by India in Kashmir. Therefore, the Uri attack was orchestrated by India to divert attention from Kashmir and demonize Pakistan. Though Indian atrocities in Kashmir is a round the year affair, this time round, Pakistan government and the opposition could mobilize the World community successfully, because of which *Kasai* (butcher) Narendra Modi was too scared to go to the US and face questions from the media related to Kashmir.

⁷⁸ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/153496-Beyond-rhetoric-to-conflict-resolution>

⁷⁹ <http://epaper.jasarat.org/2016/09/20/karachi/co-1>

Reality of the Indian dreams, Editorial, *Daily Ummat*, September 22⁸⁰

After the Uri attack by the freedom fighters (*hurriyat pasandon*) from Kashmir, India has started building pressure on Pakistan and is also contemplating military response. Pakistani political and military leaderships have taken a serious notice of it. [...]

If India and its allies think that they can put pressure on Pakistan, they are mistaken. Pakistan is much stronger than it was in 1971. India has not succeeded in isolating Pakistan despite its best efforts. Narendra Modi may have been getting good responses from some countries like America; but the people of these countries know his background and policies very well. [...]

The problem with India is that more than 30 separatist movements are going on in the country. This includes minorities, people belonging to various castes and creeds, and deprivation of their economic, political and social rights. India has deployed its forces to suppress these movements. India's relations with its neighbouring countries are not good either; it has water, border, and other related issues with each one of them. *India has now relied upon America for its security after declaring China its enemy. But it does not realize that China-Pak friendship is strong enough to repulse any aggressive move being contemplated by it. By the time America will come to its help, the whole ground situation would have changed drastically.* What has America done in Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq that India is so hopeful about its help?

Brahamdagh and Hirbyar, India's new plot, Editorial, *Jung*, September 22⁸¹

Baloch separatist leader Brahamdagh's statement in Geneva for seeking citizenship in India has proved the involvement of India and its agencies in terrorism in Balochistan. Before the press conference, Brahamdagh met the Indian mission officials in Geneva. To fuel terrorism in Balochistan, India has been infiltrating its agents for a long time. One part of these network was broken after the arrest of Kulbhushan Yadav. *But camps in Afghanistan are active in which Baloch are given money and training. Some of these leaders were given huge amounts and sent in foreign countries but as there were no buyers of their views, these exiled leaders were of no use.*

To divert attention from the ongoing uprising in Kashmir, these leaders are being contacted again. Brahamdagh Bugti who was some time ago ready to talk to Pakistan Government has fallen into the hands of India. Baloch Liberation

⁸⁰ <http://ummat.net/2016/09/22/news.php?p=idr1.gif>

⁸¹ <http://e.jang.com.pk/09-22-2016/karachi/pic.asp?picname=181499>

Army Chief Hyrbyair Marri has denied taking asylum in India. [...] Interior Minister of Balochistan Sarfaraz Bugti has said that there is almost no influence of Brahamdagh Bugti in Balochistan. This is a fact that hundreds of Marri and Bugti people have surrendered and became part of the mainstream. Government should remove the grievances of the Baloch leaders and should foil the Indian plots with the help of common people.

“India’s new Army”, Naveed Masood Hashmi, *Daily Ausaf*, September 30⁸²

Indian TV anchors are ready to devour Pakistan. Even before the Indian military generals and Narendra Modi could make up their mind, these anchors are pushing for war against Pakistan. [...] *We do not know why Modi and his army generals are not listening to these TV anchors. May be, Modi thinks that Jaish-e-Mohammad is behind all this while Indian media wants it to go to war with Pakistan. If Modi would were to listen to me, I would suggest him to create an army of these TV anchors, because the Indian army has been setting records for cowardice in occupied Kashmir.* Uri is an example where 4 mujahedeen killed 19 Indian army men! [...] There were strange revelations about the Indian Army in a report in *The Economist*. According to this report, Indian army was the largest arms procuring nation in 2010. It obtained weapons from Russia, America, and Israel. It is one of the biggest armies in the world, yet, it is weak. Most of its weapons is either weak or obsolete. [...]

India is conspiring to kill Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Moulana Masood Azhar and Hafiz Sayeed. It is threatening to stop water. It has got the SAARC conference (to-be-held in Islamabad) cancelled by deciding not to participate in it. It is also talking of granting citizenship to Brahamdagh Bugti and promoting terrorism in Gilgit-Baltistan. [...] It is threatening Pakistan at all levels....

“Mission Kashmir”, Gen (retd) Mirza Aslam Beg, *Daily Ummat*, September 26⁸³

Pakistani envoy to the UN Maleeha Lodhi reminded the international community the promise of Jawaharlal Nehru in which he had said that “The people of Kashmir will be given the right of self-determination”. But after six decades, India’s arrogance and international community’s silence have ended up in a situation where a military solution seems the only viable option.

The United Jihad Council (UJC) took up the responsibility for Pathankot attack. *The UJC is the third generation of Jihadis just like the second generation of Afghan fighters, known as Taliban. Both the organizations share the same*

⁸² http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-09-30/news/detail14_05.php

⁸³ <http://ummat.net/2016/09/26/news.php?p=idr2.gif>

vision: both of them are fighting for their freedom. After defeating the Soviet Union, the Jihadis moved towards Kashmir and Yemen. In Kashmir they could give the movement a new life and till now more than one lakh freedom fighters have been martyred. [...]

“Mission Kashmir” is a strong hurdle in the India’s ambition of becoming a great power. For that India’s has been focussing on strengthening its economy and military. The 2005 “Strategic Partnership” agreement with America was part of this strategy, under which India entered into Afghanistan and other countries and began to destabilize Pakistan. It also wants to contain China. [...] India has been procuring weapons to this effect, but it may not succeed in achieving its goal, because of these reasons:

- Though India has a large army, it is far behind Pakistan when it comes to technology and in a war this is what matters. [...]
- India can fight a war just for 15 days while Pakistan can fight for 40 days. [...]
- India cannot mobilize its army in less than six days, Pakistan can do that in two days. [...]
- Four lakh Indian troops are trapped in Kashmir whereas 1.5 lakh Pakistani troops that were engaged in “Zarb-e-Azb” have returned to their bases.
- According to reports, two Indian Jet fighters have reached to LoC for a “Surgical Strike” and infantry units are marching towards, but Pakistani Air and Land forces are prepared to deal with any situation. [...]

India is thinking now whether it should suppress the Kashmiri freedom movement or start a war with Pakistan: May better sense prevail. *India can use the military airports of America in Afghanistan. But we should not worry because Afghan Taliban will take care of that.*

Afghanistan, India and the reality, Editorial, *Jung*, September 16⁸⁴

[...] India has given \$1 billion to Afghanistan. Other countries have signed many trade and defence agreements with Pakistan. *Afghanistan has been meanwhile criticizing Pakistan for not allowing Afghanistan do normal trade with India. There is no such agreement signed between the countries. India can fly in wheat and other things to Afghanistan or export it through the Sea route.*

⁸⁴ http://e.jang.com.pk/09-16-2016/pindi/pic.asp?picname=06_02.gif

Pakistan always wants to keep good relations with Afghanistan, especially when it comes to fighting terrorism. In that effect, the Army Chief Raheel Sharif himself visited Kabul and met President Ashraf Ghani. Pakistani representative to the United Nations, Dr. Maleeha Lodhi recently said in an address to a committee that Afghanistan has again started criticizing Pakistan while Pakistan always wanted good relations with it. Despite all this, Afghanistan's response has been negative. ...Afghanistan should get its acts together to fight terrorism rather than criticizing Pakistan.

Our dear country is being encircled, Hafiz Saeed, *Daily Ausaf*, September 26⁸⁵

[...] If we look around, it appears that Pakistan is being encircled from all sides. During his visit to India, Afghan president Ashraf Ghani accused Pakistan of spreading terrorism in the region. Now America is backing these two countries. In the West, many Muslim countries are plotting to encircle Pakistan. We know that the government of Ashraf Ghani is shored up by the Americans; otherwise, it does not have any support. Before that also, apart from the five years rule of Taliban, every government in Afghanistan has had good relations with India and been hostile towards Pakistan.

Even Pakistan was satisfied that the western border is secure. America also had said that it would strengthen this position and it had not treated Pakistan as it should have. *Now America is supporting India. India's first Prime Minister brainchild was the neutral NAM*; now the Prime Minister of the country does not attend the meetings of NAM. Now India has become a close friend of America, which has blamed Pakistan for all the wrongs within India.

Pakistan's commissioner in US Maleeha Lodhi has asked Afghanistan that it should not be used against Pakistan. Thus there is a cold war between these two. The Muslim world should better mediate. In a seminar in Islamabad, *Abdullah Gul, son of late Hamid Gul, said that America has lost in Afghanistan. Once the Americans leave, Taliban will come to power as they have been able to stand up to the American aggression.* This is highly unfair that unpopular government is established while most popular people are projected as terrorists.

We need to analyse which direction we are going. We are being isolated. Our yesterday's friend had betrayed us. The Supreme power is only Allah and if we trust in him, no one can dominate us. This has been proved by the survival and strong resurgence of Taliban despite all the world powers, with their advanced technologies, tried to eliminate them.

⁸⁵ http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-09-26/news/detail15_02.php

India paid the price for aggression, 20 soldiers killed, Ummat, September 30⁸⁶

India has paid a huge price for its aggression along the LoC in the name of surgical strikes. Pakistani army was prepared for such action, and did not allow Indian soldiers to cross the LoC and taught them a lesson. In the firing from Pakistani side, 20 Indian soldiers were killed and one was arrested. Indian soldiers left without even taking dead bodies of their soldiers. Those killed could be seen from the Pakistani side.

Pakistan has verified that two of its soldiers were killed due to Indian firing and shelling. According to reports, India began firing and shelling at the early hours on Thursday or Wednesday in different sectors.In Hotspring area (Tattopani) India paid the highest price and 8 soldiers lost their lives. In the Leepa sector six Indian soldiers were killed and one Pakistani soldier was killed. In Bhimber sector Indian troops could not move to Pakistani side at all. According to TV channels, Pakistan Army arrested 22 year old Chandu Babulal Chauhan from Maharashtra and took him to some unknown place.

STATISTICS

BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)

| Place | Date | Description | Killed | Injured |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|
| Balochistan | | | | |
| Killi Qambarani ⁸⁷ | 16/9/2016 | Three suspects killed | 3 | 0 |
| FATA | | | | |
| Wana ⁸⁸ | 7/9/2016 | Six injured in Wana | 0 | 6 |
| Khyber Pakhtunkhwa | | | | |
| Sro Kali ⁸⁹ | 26/10/2016 | Nine injured | 0 | 9 |

⁸⁶ <http://ummat.net/2016/09/30/news.php?p=r-03.gif>

⁸⁷ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/balochistan/10-Sep-16/three-suspects-killed-in-quetta>

⁸⁸ <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/blast-injures-at-least-6-in-wana>

⁸⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1188553/nine-injured-charsadda-ied-blast-targeting-police-vehicle/>