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I. COUNTRY REVIEWS

A. SOUTH ASIA

AFGHANISTAN

- **Seven UN Staffers killed during protests in Afghanistan over Koran burning; Afghan police centre attacked in Kandahar; Reports: Killings of UN staffers could jeopardize Afghan security transition**

Reports noted fourteen people were killed including seven UN staffers in Mazar-e-Shariff on April 2 during protests over the burning of Koran in the United States last month. The Koran burning incident took place in Florida where Pastor Terry Jones supervised the desecration of the holy text. The US President Barak Obama has expressed condolences to the families of those killed and termed the desecration as bigotry.¹

In another incident, armed men launched an attack on a police training centre just outside the southern Afghan city of Kandahar. A police official said there were three attackers armed with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades. It would be worth noting that Kandahar is the de facto capital of southern Afghanistan and seen as a traditional Taliban heartland area.²

In other developments, reported that killing of UN staff in city of Mazar-i-Sharif has raised alarms over transition of security to Afghan forces in three months. This happened in the wake of protests over burning of Koran in the US. Although peace has been restored but residents fear that Afghan forces are not ready to take over from the western alliances in the country.³

PAKISTAN

- **British PM David Cameron calls for fresh start to UK-Pak relations; Three more identified in Benazir killing; Report to US Congress: Pak Fight against extremism flawed**

British PM David Cameron called on for fresh start to UK-Pak relations during his visit to Islamabad. He said that tensions and strife of the past should not be hindrance to future efforts of improving relations. The relations between two

¹ "Afghanistan: Koran protests in Kandahar and Jalalabad", *BBC*, April 3, 2011 at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-12949975>

² "Attack on Afghan police centre in Kandahar", *Dawn*, April 7, 2011 at <http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/07/attack-on-afghan-police-centre-in-kandahar.html>

³ "UN killings raise Afghan transition fears", *Dawn*, April 9 at <http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/09/un-killings-raise-afghan-transition-fears.html>

countries were strained post Cameron's visit to India last year where he accused that elements within Pakistan are responsible for export of terrorism.⁴

Reports noted that three more accused have been identified in the Benazir Bhutto murder case. The three accused are not included in the other 15 accused in this case, which include former president, Pervez Musharraf. The names of the accused are being kept confidential, however, DIG Police Bin Yamin, has separately briefed the matter to President Asif Zardari and Federal Interior Minister, Rehman Malik.⁵

In other developments, in a report sent to the US Congress, the Whitehouse has stated that Pakistan's fight against terrorism is unorganized and lacks a clear path to achieve the goal. The report regrets lack of sustained strategy to fight insurgency and render the area militant free is a clear indicator of serious shortfalls in Pakistan army's capabilities. ⁶

BANGLADESH

- **Chief of Naval Staff of Indian Navy went to Bangladesh on a five-day visit; Foreign Minister Dipu Moni visited UAE and Russia; Joint Survey of the Sylhet-Meghalaya border resumed after suspension of three and a half months; Donation in support of the relief and rehabilitation efforts for the affected people of recent earthquake and Tsunami in Japan**

Chief of Naval Staff of Indian Navy Admiral Nirmal Verma visited Bangladesh on April 3 on a five-day visit at the invitation of his Bangladeshi counterpart Vice Admiral Zahir Uddin Ahmed. On the occasion, Indian Naval Ship AIRAVAT was on a goodwill visit at Chittagong from April 3 to 7. During his visit in Bangladesh, Admiral Verma mentioned about Indian Navy's intention to assist Bangladesh in the field of disaster management.⁷

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni visited the UAE on April 3, 2011 to attend the first general assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency. From UAE, on April 6, Dipu Moni went to Moscow on a three-day visit. During her visit, she held a meeting with her Russian counterpart Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and

⁴ "UK-Pakistan strategic dialogue: A 'fresh start' and conditional aid, *Dawn*, April 6, 2011 at <http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/06/uk-pakistan-strategic-dialogue-a-fresh-start-and-conditional-aid.html>

⁵ "Three more accused identified in Benazir murder case, *Dawn*, April 3, 2011 at <http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/03/three-more-accused-identified-in-benazir-murder-case.html>

⁶ "White House finds fault with Pak fight against extremists, *Dawn*, April 7, 2011 at <http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/07/white-house-finds-fault-with-pak-fight-against-extremists.html>

⁷ "Indian navy chief arrives", *The Daily Star*, April 4, 2011 at <http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=180404>; Bhattacharya, Pallab, "Indian Navy wants to assist in disaster management", *The Daily Star*, April 8, 2011 at <http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=180977>

discussed entire gamut of bilateral relations between two countries which includes cooperation in the field of energy, investment, trade etc.⁸ Meanwhile, reports noted that the joint survey of the Sylhet-Meghalaya border resumed since April 5, 2011 after suspension of three and a half months.⁹

In other developments, Officials and employees of Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo have donated 100,000 yens to Japan Red Cross Society on April 6, 2011 in support of the relief and rehabilitation efforts for the affected people of recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan.¹⁰

SRI LANKA

- **Meeting held between Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan and the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Pakistan; United States: Future bilateral cooperation with Sri Lanka depends on improvements in its human rights record; The Commander of the Army Lieutenant General Jagath Jayasuriya was on a four day official visit to Indonesia; Formal diplomatic relations established between Sri Lanka and Montenegro; Meeting held between External Affairs Minister of Sri Lanka and the Minister of Trade and Industry of the Czech Republic**

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, Hina Rabbani Khar and the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, Air Chief Marshall Jayalath Weerakkody met on April 8 in Pakistan and discussed matters of mutual interest of both countries. They agreed on the holding of Foreign Secretaries level Consultations and the 10th Session of Joint Economic Commission.¹¹

According to a statement by a top US official on April 6, future cooperation of the United States with Sri Lanka depended on improvements in its human rights record and an accounting of the bloodshed at the end of the island's civil war.¹²

The Commander of the Army Lieutenant General Jagath Jayasuriya was on a four day official tour to the Republic of Indonesia from March 30 to April 2, 2011.

⁸ “Dipu Moni leaves for UAE, Russia”, *The Daily Star*, April 4, 2011 at <http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=180407>; “Moscow for stronger ties with Dhaka”, *The Daily Star*, April 7, 2011 at <http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=180817>

⁹ “Sylhet-Meghalaya joint border survey resumes”, *The Daily Star*, April 6, 2011 at <http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=180620>

¹⁰ “Support for tsunami-hit Japanese”, *The Daily Star*, April 7, 2011 at <http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=180815>

¹¹ “Pakistan greatly values relations with Sri Lanka”, *The Daily Mirror*, April 9, 2011 at <http://print.dailymirror.lk/news/news/40750.html>

¹² “HR concerns snag SL ties, says US”, *The Daily Mirror*, April 7, 2011 at <http://print.dailymirror.lk/news/front-page-news/40550.html>

During his visit, he called on the Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Army General George Toisutta and several high ranking Indonesian defence officials.¹³ Meanwhile, formal diplomatic relations was established between Sri Lanka and Montenegro.¹⁴

In other developments, during a recent meeting with External Affairs Minister G.L. Peiris, Minister of Trade and Industry of the Czech Republic Martin Kocourek said that the Czech Republic hopes to continue economic cooperation with Sri Lanka, including contributing to the post-conflict development needs of the country.¹⁵

MALDIVES

- **Maldives officially hands over aid amount to Japan on March 11, 2011 aimed at helping the victims of the massive earthquake and consequent Tsunami; Japan International Cooperation Agency completes its harbours and sewerage construction projects in the Maldives**

President Mohamed Nasheed officially handed over the proceeds, which include more than Rf 8.5 million and fish cans from “Japanai Eku Dhivehin” - Maldivians with Japan - aid events to Japanese Ambassador Kunio Takahashi on April 5. This aid is intended at helping the victims of the massive earthquake and consequent tsunami that hit Japan on March 11.¹⁶

On the other hand, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JAICA) has completed eight harbours and three sewerage systems, which were devastated by the 2004 Asian tsunami, and officially handed over to the Maldivian government at a ceremony held at Dharubaaruge (convention centre) on April 6.¹⁷

¹³ “Army Commander meets his Indonesian counterpart”, *The Daily Mirror*, April 6, 2011 at <http://print.dailymirror.lk/news/news/40425.html>

¹⁴ “Diplomatic relations with Montenegro established”, April 06, 2011 at http://www.priu.gov.lk/news_update/Current_Affairs/ca201104/20110406diplomatic_relations_with_montenegro_established.htm

¹⁵ “Czech Republic to help Lanka”, *The Daily Mirror*, April 4, 2011 at <http://print.dailymirror.lk/news/news/40175.html>

¹⁶ “Maldives Handovers Proceeds from “Japanai Eku Dhivehin” Aid Events to Help Japan”, *The President’s Office, Republic of Maldives*, April 6, 2011 at <http://www.presidencymaldives.gov.mv/Index.aspx?lid=11&dcid=5105>

¹⁷ “JAICA completes eight harbours, three sewerage systems”, *Minivan News*, April 7, 2011 at <http://minivannews.com/category/news-in-brief/page/2>.

B. EAST ASIA

CHINA

- **Cameroonian Defence Minister and Romanian National Defence Secretary visit China; GLD completes first international bidding for procurement; 300 subjects of military importance identified for research; PLA navy frigates undertakes intensive maritime drills; Civil and military integration for mapping and surveying strengthened; The PLA navy frigate concluded its tour to South Africa**

According to reports, last week, Edgar Alain Mebe Ngo'o, the Defense Minister of Cameroon visited China. He met Guo Boxiong, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) on 7 April in Beijing. During the meeting, Guo Boxiong reiterated that since the establishment of diplomatic ties 40 years ago, the two countries had been enjoying sound bilateral relationship with continuously expanding cooperation and deepening traditional friendship between the peoples of the two countries. He also highlighted that the military relations had been continuously strengthened as evidenced by increasing military exchanges and fruitful cooperation in various fields. The visiting Cameroonian Defence Minister conveyed his gratitude for the long-term assistance provided by the Chinese side, and hoped to further deepen the exchanges and cooperation between the two militaries.¹⁸ Apart from the Cameroonian Defence Minister, the state secretary of the Ministry of National Defense of Romania Viorel Oancea also visited China last week. He met Li Jinai, member of the Central Military Commission (CMC) and director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army 7 April in Beijing. On this occasion, Li Jinai stated that the China-Romania comprehensive friendly cooperative partnership continued to make new progress at different levels and in wide-ranging areas. He also said that China appreciated the consistent support that Romanian has extended to China on its core interests. On this occasion, Oancea also expressed his gratitude to China for its support and assistance to Romania.¹⁹

According to reports, the General Logistics Department (GLD) of the PLA has recently completed the 2010 international competitive bidding for military supplies completed successfully in March, 2011. A website www.chinabidding.com was operated for this purpose. This bidding was the first large-scale international competitive bidding independently carried out by

¹⁸ "Guo Boxiong meets Cameroonian defense minister", *PLA Daily* (Online), 8 April 2011, http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2011-04/08/content_4418091.htm.

¹⁹ "Li Jinai meets Romanian guest", *PLA Daily* (Online), 8 April 2011, http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2011-04/08/content_4418093.htm.

the PLA. In fact, the statistics revealed by the GLD of the PLA shows that this independent international competitive bidding has saved nearly RMB 160 million yuan for military users in the procurement of equipment and materials such as medical facilities, printing equipment, engineering equipment and mechanical processing equipment.²⁰

Another report noted that the PLA and the Chinese People's Armed Police Force (APF) have identified more than 300 subjects for research of military importance for the 12th Five-Year Plan period.²¹ However, According to the media reports, a destroyer flotilla of the South China Sea Fleet under the Navy of the PLA has recently carried out to test the effectiveness of new sea battle tactics for the new-type frigates. In this maritime drill, important data were collected. In fact, the media informed that since February last, the flotilla has conducted several actual-troop confrontation drills involving the new-type frigates to practice air defense and anti-missile attack, precise strike, mobile avoidance and other military maneuverings under various complicated situations. The media noted that this flotilla has introduced a series of innovative fighting and training methods used in air defense and anti-missile combats as well as anti-submarine actions by warship formations. Out of these methods, 11 have been popularized within the PLA Navy.²²

Meanwhile, during the 12th Five-Year Plan period, the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping (SBSM) and the Surveying and Mapping Bureau of the General Staff Headquarters (SMBGSH) will adopt the measures of establishing a coordination mechanism facilitating the military and civilian integrated development, improving the regulations and standards, and pushing forward achievement sharing and exchange as well as scientific and technological innovation cooperation. The purpose of this integration is to gradually establish a win-win mapping system featuring integration of military and civilian purposes and combination of peacetime and wartime footing.²³

In other developments, reports noted that recently, the warship formation of the Navy of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) has successfully concluded

²⁰ "Chinese PLA concludes 1st independent international bidding for logistic material procurement", *PLA Daily* (Online), 8 April 2011, http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2011-04/08/content_4418129.htm.

²¹ "PLA key research subjects for next five years established", *PLA Daily* (Online), 6 April 2011, http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2011-04/06/content_4417022.htm

²² "Destroyer flotilla explores sea battle tactics", *PLA Daily* (Online), 6 April 2011, http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2011-04/06/content_4417023.htm.

²³ "China to advance military and civilian mapping development", *PLA Daily* (Online), 6 April 2011, http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2011-04/06/content_4417021.htm

its friendly visit to South Africa. It left the port of Durban on 8 April for Seychelles. Seychelles is the last stop of its three-African-country tour.²⁴

JAPAN

- **Japan, Indonesia seek Japan-ASEAN tie-up in disaster management; Defense Ministry institute warns of China's expanding military; LDP head rules out possibility to form grand coalition with DPJ; Hillary Clinton to visit quake-hit Japan; Japan decides to extend sanctions against N. Korea for 1 year; Sarkozy, Kan meet in Tokyo**

On the bi-lateral Japan and Indonesia have agreed that Tokyo and ASEAN should establish disaster management and prevention cooperation.²⁵ However, there have been reports from a Defense Ministry research institute which has sounded alarm about China's growing military presence in East Asia. The institute has released a report on Wednesday.²⁶

On the domestic front, Sadakazu Tanigaki, who is the leader of the largest opposition Liberal Democratic Party, ruled out the possibility of forming a grand coalition with the ruling Democratic Party of Japan in the immediate future.²⁷ On the other hand, there are reports that the US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is to visit Japan in April 2011 in the wake of a devastating earthquake and tsunami. It is believed that she will travel to Japan after the meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Berlin on April 14 and 15.²⁸

On the regional front Japan has decided to extend its sanctions against North Korea for one year. This also includes a total ban on North Korean vessels making port calls in Japan.²⁹

In other developments, French President Nicolas Sarkozy who visited Japan recently, expressed strong support and solidarity with grief-stricken Japan over

²⁴ "Chinese warships leave South Africa for Seychelles", *PLA Daily* (Online), 11 April 2011, http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/news-channels/china-military-news/2011-04/11/content_4419082.htm.

²⁵ "Japan, Indonesia seek Japan-ASEAN tie-ups in disaster management+" *Associated Press*, April 9, 2011 at http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D9MG8FBO0&show_article=1

²⁶ "Defense Ministry institute warns of China's expanding military" *Asahi.com*, April 8, 2011 at <http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201104070143.html>

²⁷ "LDP head rules out possibility to form grand coalition with DPJ+" *Associated Press*, April, 7, 2011 at http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D9MEM3RG0&show_article=1

²⁸ "Clinton to visit quake-hit Japan" *Associate Foreign Press*, April 7, 2011 at <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5g9g7fDbbWkVTXEXfCHInzGHBUQ5Q?docId=CNG.bc19a12f010c9ade1e4a66c9a6d9bd29.7d1>

²⁹ "Japan decides to extend sanctions against N. Korea for 1 year+" *Associated Press*, April 4, 2011 at http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D9MD88480&show_article=1

the recent deadly earthquake and tsunami. This is the first time a national leader has visited Japan since the March 11 catastrophe.³⁰

SOUTHEAST ASIA

- **Indonesia calls upon ASEAN to help Japan; China-ASEAN FDI surpasses US \$ 10 billion; Thai Prime Minister visits India; China offers aid to Myanmar; China-Myanmar bilateral MoU to build petroleum refining plant in Myanmar signed; Thailand admits use of cluster munitions**

In the ministers meeting of ASEAN nations to discuss coordinating aid to Japan, on 9 April, Indonesia called upon ASEAN to help crisis ridden Japan. President Susilo Yudhoyono indicated that Indonesia is willing to be at the forefront of regional disaster preparedness as also in helping Japan. The agenda of the meeting included ways to boost cooperation for disaster management, recovery and rehabilitation and reconstruction.³¹

At the preparatory meeting to discuss eighth China-ASEAN fair on 8 April, China's Vice Commerce Minister Gao Hu Cheng said that China-ASEAN foreign direct investment has surpassed US \$ 10 billion. He added that Chinese investment into ASEAN countries has seen rapid growth. China's investment in ASEAN countries totaled US \$ 3.5 billion in 2010, a 13-fold increase over 2003.³² On his first visit to India, the Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said the bilateral trade between the two countries will reach US \$ 10 billion by 2012, and double the trade volume by 2014. He added that India-Thai bilateral trade has seen six fold increase in the last one decade³³.

Chinese national petroleum corporation has offered aid worth US \$ 6 million to Myanmar. The money is meant to build hospitals in Myanmar. According to reports, China is pursuing Myanmar to speed up the laying of oil pipeline between the two countries.³⁴ In that regard, the Union of Myanmar Economic Holding Limited and Guandong Zhenrong Energy heads signed a Memorandum

³⁰ "Sarkozy, Kan meet in Tokyo" *Japan Times*, April 1, 2011 at <http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20110401a3.html>

³¹ Indonesia Urges ASEAN to Extend Help to Japan, *The Jakarta Post*, 9 April, 2011, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/indonesia-urges-asean-to-extend-help-to-japan/434448>

³² China-ASEAN FDI Surpasses US \$ 10 BLN, *BERNAMA*, 8 April, 2011, <http://my.news.yahoo.com/china-asean-fdi-surpasses-us-10-bln-20110408-063544-436.html>

³³ India-Thailand trade likely to touch \$ 10 billion next year, *The Hindu*, 6 April, 2011, <http://www.hindu.com/2011/04/06/stories/2011040650381600.htm>

³⁴ China's sweetener to speed up pipeline through Myanmar, *The Times of India*, 7 April, 2011, http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2011-04-07/china/29392407_1_myanmar-government-china-myanmar-border-jia-qinglin

of Understanding on 4 April. The MoU will pave the way to building of a petroleum refining plant in Myanmar.³⁵

In other developments, on 7 April, 2011, Thailand admitted that it used internationally banned weapons during border clash with Cambodia. However, it didn't call the weapons as cluster munitions. Thailand has been facing massive criticisms from the international community.³⁶

C. CENTRAL ASIA & RUSSIA

CENTRAL ASIA

- **Nazarbayev wins April 3 Presidential election; Kazakhstan plans to export gas through state operator; Almaty to halt additional development at Kashagan for three years; Almaty to reserve uranium to last a century; Kazakhstan to launch 200 new industrial projects; Kyrgyz parliamentary speaker visits China; Kyrgyzstan to debate joining customs union; Kyrgyz-Russian joint venture Company begins to supply jet fuel to Kyrgyzstan; Tajikistan reservoir water levels dip triggering electricity restrictions; Uzbekistan hikes Tajik rail car fees a second time**

Kazakhstan's President, Nursultan A. Nazarbayev won re-election by 95.5% - ushering in a third decade in power. Reports noted a turnout of 89.9% at the polling stations. The Chairman of the Central Election Commission Kuandyk Turgankulov announced that Nazarbayev's opponents Zhambyl Akhmetbekov - gained 1.4% of the vote, Mels Yeleussizov - 1.2% and Gani Kassymov - 1.9%. The observers of the Turkic-speaking Countries Parliamentary Assembly (TURKPA), Muratbek Imanaliyev, head of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Observers' Mission and Yulia Lyovochkina, Head of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Observation Mission said the elections fully met with democratic standards.³⁷ However, Daan Everts, the head of the Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODHIR), reported widespread ballot-box stuffing and that people all over Kazakhstan had been forced to vote. He said, "We were struck by reports from all over the country about undue

³⁵ Burma, China agree to build petroleum refining plant in Burma, *Mizzima*, 6 April, 2011, <http://www.mizzima.com/business/5122-burma-china-agree-to-build-petroleum-refining-plant-in-burma.html>

³⁶ Thailand admits controversial weapon use, *The Straits Times*, 7 April, 2011, http://www.straitstimes.com/BreakingNews/SEAsia/Story/STIStory_654116.html

³⁷ "Nursultan Nazarbayev Wins Presidential Elections by Landslide", *Kazakhstan Live*, April 07, 2011 at <http://www.kazakhstanlive.com/2.aspx?ProdID=1fba878f-6951-4a4b-a649-c5d2baf84cc5&CatID=9f9f8034-6dd6-4f7e-adcf-0f6a7c0406d9&sr=100&page=1>

pressure on people to vote, which of course could explain the spectacularly high turn out".³⁸

On gas exports, according to reports, Kazakhstan is considering a new law that would require all gas produced in the country to be exported through a sole state operator. Vice-Minister of Oil and Gas Lyazzat Kiinov said that under the proposed law, foreign-led energy consortiums such as TengizChevroil and Chinese companies will not be permitted to directly export the gas they produce. The gas will be sold to the national operator, which is yet to be identified, at a wholesale price who in turn would export it.³⁹

In the meanwhile, Kazakhstan is considering a three-year halt to work on the main phase of the super-giant Kashagan oil field development as international oil companies Royal Dutch Shell and ExxonMobil fight to convince the country's oil ministry to back a simplified design which would slash costs by \$18 billion to \$50 billion. The Kazakhs are considering shelving the new simplified design, and keeping the field producing at its initial rate of 375,000 barrels per day (bpd) for at least three years, after which the NCOC consortium could use a greater understanding of the geology to produce a better design for the second phase, when production is expected to hit 1.5 million bpd. This delay could push the start of full production from the field well into the next decade, making it all but impossible for Shell and its partners to make an acceptable profit before the contract expires in 2037.⁴⁰

Reports noted that Kazakhstan plans to put in reserve enough uranium to last the country into the next century, Vladimir Shkolnik the chief of Kazatomprom, state-owned nuclear holding company, said in an interview on April 5. Kazatomprom plans to boost its reserves of uranium to as much as 2.8 million tons from the current level of 1.9 million tons. As there will be demand from countries operating nuclear reactors or those planning to build them, Kazakhstan will continue with its uranium outputs. To drive the point home on demand for

³⁸ "British Lord accused of Kazakhstan election whitewash", *Central Asia Newswire*, April 04, 2011 at <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/kazakhstan/8427240/British-Lord-accused-of-Kazakhstan-election-whitewash.html>

³⁹ "Kazakhstan may mandate all gas exports go through state operator", *Central Asia Newswire*, April 06, 2011 at <http://centralasianewswire.com/Kazakhstan/Kazakhstan-may-mandate-all-gas-exports-go-through-state-operator/viewstory.aspx?id=3743>

⁴⁰ "Kazakhstan considers three-year delay on additional development at Kashagan", in *Central Asia Newswire*, (originally sourced from *The Telegraph*) April 05, 2011 at <http://centralasianewswire.com/Kazakhstan/Kazakhstan-considers-three-year-delay-on-additional-development-at-Kashagan/viewstory.aspx?id=3730>

uranium, Shkolnik said a booming China plans to have 150 nuclear reactors in operation by 2030 needing 33,000 tons of uranium per year.⁴¹

Also, Kazakhstan will launch 200 new projects costing an estimated \$10.5 billion this year as part of its Industrialization Map policy, the country's deputy Prime Minister Aset Issekeshiev said at an international mining Minex Central Asia 2011 forum recently. Industrialization Map was created in 2009 to be the development strategy for 2010-2011. The strategy called for 294 projects in total, which will create 161,000 jobs throughout the country and cost the state \$55 billion. The annual forum is held to stimulate investment and business opportunities in Kazakhstan's mining sector, as well as the mining sectors in other states in the region.⁴²

Meanwhile, Kyrgyz parliamentary speaker Omurbek Babanov met with Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan to discuss deepening security and economic relations on a three-day visit during April 7-9. Babanov told the Chinese official that Kyrgyzstan considers China to be its top foreign policy priority while also thanking the East Asian nation for its support to aid Kyrgyzstan in rebuilding. China while professing interest to increase cooperation in a variety of fields, including finance, agriculture, transportation and security, agreed to provide Kyrgyzstan with a \$5 million grant to help the Central Asian country rebuild the south, which sustained substantial infrastructure damage during the ethnic riots of June 2010.⁴³

According to reports, the Kyrgyz parliament in the coming week will formally address the idea of joining a customs union with Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus. Kyrgyz Prime Minister Almazbek Atambayev has shown his keen support and has made two trips to Moscow as prime minister to solidify ties between the two countries.⁴⁴ Meanwhile, Kyrgyz-Russian joint venture company set up to supply jet fuel to Kyrgyzstan, including to the U.S. Manas base transit center, began operations on 1st of April. Gazpromneft-Aero-Kyrgyzant started supplying jet fuel to the Manas International Airport marking its first fueling of a civilian aircraft. This will be the first company within CIS to refuel both civilian

⁴¹ "Kazakhstan to store a century's worth of uranium", *Central Asia Newswire*, April 05, 2011 at <http://centralasianewswire.com/Kazakhstan/Kazakhstan-to-store-a-century39s-worth-of-uranium/viewstory.aspx?id=3736>

⁴² "Kazakhstan to spend \$10.5B on industrial projects in 2011", *Central Asia Newswire*, (original sourced from *KZPravda*) April 07, 2011 at <http://centralasianewswire.com/Kazakhstan/Kazakhstan-to-spend-105B-on-industrial-projects-in-2011/viewstory.aspx?id=3760>

⁴³ "Kyrgyz speaker in China to discuss cooperation", *Central Asia Newswire*, April 07, 2011 at <http://centralasianewswire.com/Kyrgyzstan/Kyrgyz-speaker-in-China-to-discuss-cooperation/viewstory.aspx?id=3761>

⁴⁴ "Kyrgyz parliament to debate joining customs union", *Central Asia Newswire*, April 05, 2011 at <http://centralasianewswire.com/Regional/Kyrgyz-parliament-to-debate-joining-customs-union/viewstory.aspx?id=3740>

and military aircraft based at the Transit Center. Manas Air Base houses a fleet of American air tankers that refuel U.S. warplanes patrolling the skies of nearby Afghanistan and serves as a transportation hub for around 50,000 troops.⁴⁵

In other developments in the region, Tajikistan continues to struggle with the issue of continuous power supply. As the Nurek reservoirs have dropped levels, Tajik households are facing a new round of electricity restrictions. The Vakhsh River is significantly lower than it has been in the past, with an inflow of only 250-260 cubic meters per second. This time last year the inflow was 400-450 cubic meters.⁴⁶

RUSSIA

- **Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov: Economic ties are next step in reset; Russia hands over declassified Katyn documents to Poland; Soyuz docks 50 years after Gagarin's voyage; On the verge of economic disaster, Belarus turns to Russia; Russia to boost space program; Putin: Russia won't use WTO rules until a member; Kremlin rejects FSB proposal to ban Skype, Gmail; Russia, U.S. to discuss nuke-powered spaceship project; Russia delivers two combat helicopters to Peru; Germany's MAN to start production in Russia**

According to Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov, economic ties between the United States and Russia must be improved if the two countries want to "cement" their relations. He noted that bilateral economic ties were languishing far below their potential. He noted that in 2010, trade between Russia and the United States amounted to only \$23.5 billion. Finland and Sweden invest more in Russia than does the United States. But Ivanov also noted some improvements. He said more and more leading U.S. technology companies, such as Google and Microsoft, were taking part in the development of the Russian high-tech center at Skolkovo outside Moscow. In the context of Russia's new innovation-driven development policy, he said "we hope to expand our bilateral economic horizons in the following priority areas: space, information technology, medical technology, nuclear energy, and power efficiency."⁴⁷

⁴⁵ "Kyrgyz-Russian venture begins tax-free fuel shipments to Manas", *Central Asia Newswire*, April 04, 2011 at <http://centralasianewswire.com/Kyrgyzstan/Kyrgyz-Russian-venture-beginsnbsptax-free-fuel-shipments-to-Manas/viewstory.aspx?id=3720>

⁴⁶ "Uzbekistan again hikes Tajik rail car fees", *Central Asia Newswire*, March 30, 2011 at <http://centralasianewswire.com/Uzbekistan/Uzbekistan-again-hikes-Tajik-rail-car-fees/viewstory.aspx?id=3686>

⁴⁷ "Russia's Ivanov says economic ties are next step in reset", *Radio Free Europe*, April 5, 2011, http://www.rferl.org/content/ivanov_russia_united_states_ties_economy/3547329.html

However, according to reports, Russia has provided Poland with 11 volumes of declassified documents on the 1940 massacre of more than 20,000 Polish officers and others by the Soviet secret police. This brings the total number of declassified volumes given to Poland to 148. A statement on the prosecutor's website noted that the 11 volumes refer to the criminal records and place of burial of the victims. Russia's long-delayed cooperation on the wartime killings has helped mend ties between Moscow and Warsaw. The Soviets falsely blamed the Katyn massacre on the Nazis for years, before Mikhail Gorbachev acknowledged the Soviet role in 1990⁴⁸.

Meanwhile, a Soyuz space craft named after the first man in space has docked with the International Space Station, days before the 50th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's pioneering flight. The Russian rocket is carrying an American and two Russians who will spend the next six months in space. Their Soyuz craft, with a picture of Gagarin on the side, blasted off on April 5 from Russia's Baikonur launch pad in Kazakhstan, where Gagarin's April 12, 1961, flight began. Russia plans a range of events to mark the April 12 anniversary⁴⁹.

Reports noted that with an economy teetering on the brink of collapse and a nervous population standing in hours-long lines to buy foreign currency or gold, Belarus has sought Russian help. Belarus has run through 20 percent of its hard-currency reserves since the beginning of the year and implemented partial currency devaluation at the end of March⁵⁰.

Meanwhile, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has said Russia will boost its efforts to explore the solar system and seek a bigger share of the market for space launches in the next decade. Speaking ahead of the 50th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's pioneering space flight, Putin said Russia's plans go beyond transporting crews to the International Space Station. He noted, "In 2013 we should start flight and construction tests of Angara carrier rockets of both light and heavy classifications at the Plesetsk cosmodrome," Putin said. "Beside that we are to build the Rus-M carrier rocket, which will bring manned and cargo spaceships into orbit." Russia's space budget for 2010-2011 is \$7.09 billion, which

⁴⁸ "Russia hands Poland declassified Katyn documents", *Radio Free Europe*, April 5, 2011, http://www.rferl.org/content/russia_gives_poland_declassified_katyn_documents/3550292.html

⁴⁹ "Soyuz Docks 50 Years After Gagarin's Voyage", *Radio Free Europe*, April 7, 2011, http://www.rferl.org/content/soyuz_docks_iss_gagarin_anniversary/3549562.html

⁵⁰ "On the verge of economic disaster, Minsk turns to Moscow", *Radio Free Europe*, April 5, 2011, http://www.rferl.org/content/belarus_turns_to_russia_on_verge_of_economic_collapse/3549085.html

Putin said made it the world's fourth-largest spender on space after U.S. space agency NASA, the European Space Agency and France.⁵¹

However, Prime Minister Putin noted that Russia will not abide by any World Trade Organization (WTO) rules until it becomes a member and is free to slap duties on cheap machinery imports from China. Russia is growing increasingly frustrated with its 18-year-long bid to join the WTO, and the rules it has already implemented during the accession process have been criticized by domestic manufacturers. Russia had hoped to wrap up negotiations before the spring session of the WTO's ruling council at the start of May, but that now looks increasingly unlikely.⁵²

According to reports, the Kremlin has rejected a proposal by a senior official of Russia's main domestic security agency who said authorities should ban Skype, Gmail, and Hotmail because they are a major threat to national security. Russian news agencies have reported that Aleksander Andreyechkin, chief of the FSB's information security and special communications department, told a government meeting on April 8 that encrypted communications providers such as Gmail, Hotmail, and Skype "pose a large-scale threat to Russia's security" and proposed to ban them. The Kremlin quickly responded that Andreyechkin had expressed his personal opinion and abused his authority by making the statement. The FSB backtracked on April 9, saying it was not planning any measures to limit Skype and Gmail in Russia⁵³.

In another development, Russia's Federal Space Agency Roscosmos and NASA will discuss the development of a nuclear-powered spaceship on April 15. A nuclear engine design is to be completed by 2012, while the project's implementation will require 17 billion roubles (\$600 million). Most of the funding will come from Russian state-run nuclear corporation Rosatom.⁵⁴

Meanwhile, reports noted that Russia has delivered two Mi-35P Hind E attack helicopters to Peru under a contract to provide the South American country with air power to combat cocaine production and terrorism. The disassembled helicopters were delivered to Peru on board a Russian An-124-100 Condor transport plane. The Mi-35 is an improved export version of the famed Mi-24

⁵¹ "Russia to boost space program", *Radio Free Europe*, April 8, 2011, http://www.rferl.org/content/russia_to_boost_space_program/3550853.html

⁵² "Putin says Russia won't use WTO rules until a member", *Radio Free Europe*, April 8, 2011, http://www.rferl.org/content/putin_russia_wto_rules_membership/3551670.html

⁵³ "Kremlin Rejects FSB Proposal To Ban Skype, Gmail", *Radio Free Europe*, April 9, 2011, http://www.rferl.org/content/kremlin_rejects_fsb_proposal_to_ban_skype_gmail/3552185.html

⁵⁴ "Russia, U.S. to discuss nuke-powered spaceship project", *RIA Novosti*, April 4, 2011, <http://en.rian.ru/science/20110404/163368160.html>

attack helicopter, which combines high fire power with troop transport capability. Russia's state arms exporter Rosoboronexport and the Peruvian Defence Ministry signed a \$108-million contract on the delivery of six Mi-171 Hip H multirole helicopters and two Mi-35 helicopters in July 2010. The delivery of the first two Mi-171s to Peru is expected in May. The helicopters will be used in anti-drug and anti-terrorism efforts in the valley of the Apurimac and Ene rivers. The area was declared a zone of military operations in August 2009 as fighting between government troops and the Sendero Luminoso Maoist guerrilla group intensified. Sendero Luminoso, regarded by Peru as a terrorist organization, is believed to have strong ties with drug traffickers. The group is on the U.S. and EU lists of terrorist organizations⁵⁵.

In other developments, German truck maker MAN will announce this week a plan to start production in St. Petersburg. The plant will be an assembly site and make use of an already existing facility that will allow MAN to start production quickly⁵⁶.

D. WEST ASIA

IRAN

- **Mujahedeen-e Khalq reveals major Iranian nuclear site**

An exiled Iranian opposition group Mujahedeen-e Khalq (MEK) informed that its spies have found a factory that plays a key role in Iran's secretive nuclear program. Spokespersons for the MEK told reporters that over the past four and half years the Iranian government has used a manufacturing facility west of Tehran to produce parts for tens of thousands of enrichment centrifuges. Spokeswoman, Soona Samsami said that members of the group inside Iraq had taken "serious risks" to gather detailed information about the operation of what she called the TABA facility. Soona and spokesman Alireza Jafarzadeh also provided a detailed description of the work done in the three steel warehouses on the site, as well as the names of several of the facility's top administrators and

⁵⁵ "Russia delivers 2 combat helicopters to Peru", *RIA Novosti*, April 5, 2011, http://en.rian.ru/military_news/20110405/163380102.html

⁵⁶ "Germany's MAN to start production in Russia", *Reuters*, April 11, 2011, <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/11/mangroup-idUSLDE73A00P20110411>

scientists. But they did not offered documents, interior factory photographs or other hard evidence that the TABA factory makes centrifuge parts.⁵⁷

IRAQ

- **One civilian killed and two wounded in Faluja**

According to security sources in Iraq, a civilian was killed and two others wounded when an improvised explosive device (IED) attached to a vehicle went off in central al-Falluja city. Falluja, the largest city in the predominantly Sunni province of al-Anbar, lies 45 km northwest of the Iraqi capital Baghdad.⁵⁸

II. DEFENCE REVIEW

NATIONAL

- **Eastern Naval Command gears up to meet China Threat; Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) deal to be finalised soon**

With an eye on China as well as in keeping with India's "Look East" policy, the Navy is bolstering force levels on the eastern coast with new warships, aircraft and spy drones as well as forward-operating bases (FOBs). Significantly, Navy has now upgraded the post of the Chief of Staff (CoS) at the Eastern Naval Command (ENC), which is next only to the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, to a three-star general rank. Vice-Admiral S Lanba will take over as the new CoS at ENC on May 1, 2011. The ENC, which has around 50 warships at present, include the new indigenously-manufactured stealth frigate INS Shivalik, which is packed with weapons and sensors, and the 16,900-tonne INS Jalashwa, the huge strategic sea-lift amphibious warship second only to aircraft carrier INS Viraat in size.⁵⁹

⁵⁷ "Group says it has found major Iranian nuclear site," *Khaleej Times*, April 8, 2011, at http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle08.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2011/April/middleeast_April143.xml§ion=middleeast

⁵⁸ "Civilian killed, 2 wounded in Falluja blast," *Aswat al-Iraq*, April 10, 2011, at http://en.aswataliraq.info/Default1.aspx?page=article_page&id=141907&l=1

⁵⁹ "Eye on China, Navy boosts Eastern Command", *TNN*, Apr 8, 2011, at <http://www.bharat-rakshak.com/NEWS/newsrff.php?newsid=14592>

According to reports, the Eurofighter Typhoon is in combat for the first time over Libya and the Indian Air Force is watching with deep interest its operation. The aircraft is one of six competing for the medium multi-role combat aircraft (MMRCA) tender and is among the frontrunners. Air Marshal PK Barbor, Ex vice Chief of Air Staff said, "The Air Force is not looking at price. That's not our area of concern. What we want is QRs are focussed on technical aspects, latest technology. Lot is available in the market and there is potential for future growth." The EuroFighter and the Rafale are relatively new aircraft and in that sense, state of art. India as a matter of fact, urgently needs more fighters. The new planes will take ten years to come, even after the deal is signed. The crucial element now, is political capital. How India can leverage the world's biggest fighter aircraft tender for larger gains is something keenly watched by observers.⁶⁰

INTERNATIONAL

- **North Korea warns against US- South Korea drills; Reports: Israel's Iron Dome short-range missile defence system intercepts Gaza rocket for first time**

North Korea warned on Friday that its military would not remain a "passive onlooker" if South Korea and the United States continued joint military drills, which are "provocative and aggressive nuclear war exercises", state media reported. The threat came from Ri Yong-Ho, a vice marshal of the North's armed forces, at a meeting attended by top government, military and party officials in Pyongyang. "The army and people of (North Korea) will never remain a passive onlooker to them but resolutely frustrate them with the might of Songun (army-first) which has been built up in every way," he said. This year South Korea has been staging a series of drills alone or together with U.S. troops to test its battle readiness. U.S. and South Korean troops completed computerized joint war games on March 10, but joint field training will continue throughout April."National defense is the most important affair in building a thriving nation," Ri said. Tension between the two countries has increased since 2009, over the disputed Yellow Sea border.⁶¹

Meanwhile, reports noted that Israel's Iron Dome short-range missile defence system shot down a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip on Thursday, the first time such an interceptor has been deployed anywhere. Prime Minister Benjamin

⁶⁰ "IAF set to seal \$ 10 bn combat aircraft deal", *CNN-IBN*, April,05,2011, at <http://www.bharat-rakshak.com/NEWS/newsrf.php?newsid=14589>

⁶¹ "N. Korea Threatens Action for U.S.-S.Korea Drills", *Agence France-Presse*, 8 Apr 2011, at <http://defensenews.com/story.php?i=6189270&c=ASI&s=TOP>

Netanyahu said the system gave Israel hope that the Jewish state could now better defend its citizens from the thousands of rockets that have been fired into Israel in recent years." It gives hope that over time we can develop some better defence for civilians that are targeted by regimes ... deliberately targeting the innocent," said Netanyahu, who was visiting the Czech Republic. The defence system, the first of its kind in the world and still at the experimental stage, is not yet able to provide complete protection against the hundreds of rockets fired from Gaza into southern Israel, officials have said. "We have deployed them in the last two weeks without actually testing them in laboratory conditions... (and) they have so far worked very well," Netanyahu said. The system, developed by Israel's Rafael Advanced Defence Systems with the help of US funding, is designed to intercept rockets and artillery shells fired from a range of between four and 70 kilometres (2.5 and 43 miles). Over the past five years, militants in Gaza and in south Lebanon have fired thousands of projectiles at the Jewish state, and Israel is planning to deploy the system along both borders. Iron Dome will join the Arrow long-range ballistic missile defence system in an ambitious multi-layered programme to protect cities from rockets and missiles fired from Lebanon or Gaza, Syria or Iran.⁶²

III. INTERNAL SECURITY REVIEW

JAMMU & KASHMIR

- **Gunbattle left a militant, cop and soldier dead; Firing and grenade attack in old city; J&K Interlocutors calls for all stakeholders to give up their rigid stand; Jamiat leader Moulana Showkat Ahmad Sah assassinated; Strike called by JKLF and Hurriyats; Home Secretary GK Pillai: Indian Government has no proposal as of now to extend talks to Kashmir militant leadership**

In South Kashmir's Tral town, a Hizbul Mujahideen militant, a soldier and a police Sub-Inspector of police were killed in a fierce gun battle. The gunfight lasted for nearly two hours. The search operation was launched in Dadsara village of the Police and troops of 42 Rastriya Rifles. The area still continues to be under tight cordon as suspicion of presence of militants still prevalent in nearby areas.⁶³

⁶² "Israeli system intercepts Gaza rocket for first time", *Agence France-Presse*, April 8th, 2011, at <http://www.defencetalk.com/israeli-iron-dome-system-intercepts-gaza-rocket-33356/>

⁶³ 'Militant, cop, soldier fight in gunfight', *Greater Kashmir*, April 5, 2011 at <http://www.greaterkashmir.com/news/2011/Apr/6/militant-cop-soldier-killed-in-gunfight-42.asp>

In another incident, unknown persons hurled a grenade towards the vehicle of Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Khanyar near Islamic College in old Srinagar. The officer escaped unhurt. Islamic Front claimed responsibility for the attack and conveyed that it was aimed at sending a signal to the Government who has unleashed reign of terror against Kashmiris.⁶⁴

Interlocutors appointed by the Centre for the state of Jammu and Kashmir said that all stakeholders should give up their rigid stand. The interlocutors made a remark that they tried their best to reach out to separatists but not much effort came from the other end so even without their input the report shall be submitted to the Home Ministry by the interlocutors.⁶⁵

Moulana Showkat Ahmad Sah, President of Jamiat-e-Ahl-e-Hadees (JAH) quite a prominent political and religious figure was assassinated in a low intensity Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast outside Maisuma Masjid in Srinagar. Police spokesman said investigations have been started into the incident.⁶⁶ Meanwhile, both factions of Hurriyat Conference have called for a complete shutdown while the JKLF has urged the people to observe strike for two days against the killing of Jamiat President.⁶⁷

In other developments, Home Secretary GK Pillai stated that Indian Government has no proposal as of now to extend talks to Kashmir militant leadership especially to Syed Salahuddin. Further he implied if militants want to join the peace process, they can if they are ready to give up violence.⁶⁸

NORTH EAST INDIA

- **Blockade in National Highway (NH)- 44; Coal miners shot dead in Garo Hills; Goods train derailed by IED blast; CRPF Jawans killed in militant attack; Arrest of North East militant at airport in New Delhi**

Tripura Shimanta Bhoomi Suraksha Committee, an organization of the fence victim along Indo-Bangladesh border, organized the blockade of NH- 44 because

⁶⁴ ‘Grenade attack, firing in old city’, *Greater Kashmir*, April 5, 2011 at <http://www.greaterkashmir.com/news/2011/Apr/6/grenade-attack-firing-in-old-city-41.asp>

⁶⁵ ‘Kashmir: Interlocutors fail to take a holistic view’, *Kashmir Times*, April 6, 2011 at <http://www.kashmirtimes.com/news.aspx?ndid=3940#>

⁶⁶ “Jamiat Chief Assassinated”, *Greater Kashmir*, April 8, 2011 at <http://www.greaterkashmir.com/news/2011/Apr/9/jamiat-chief-assassiated-39.asp>

⁶⁷ “Hurriyats, JKLF call for strike”, *Greater Kashmir*, April 8, 2011 at <http://www.greaterkashmir.com/news/2011/Apr/9/hurriyats-jklf-call-for-strike-30.asp>

⁶⁸ “No proposal to invite militants for talks: Pillai”, *Greater Kashmir*, April 9, 2011 at <http://www.greaterkashmir.com/news/2011/Apr/10/no-proposal-to-invite-militants-for-talks-pillai-40.asp>

of which traffic to Agartala was disrupted on National Highway 44.⁶⁹ However, suspected Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA) militants gunned down 5 coal miners at Gokha village in South Garo Hills district of Meghalaya. Three were killed on the spot and two other succumbed to their injuries later.⁷⁰

In another incident, a goods train in Udalguri district in Assam was derailed due to explosion of a powerful Improvised Explosive Device (IED) planted by unidentified militants. Eight wagons were badly damaged.⁷¹ However, three CRPF men were killed and 5 others injured by Karbi People's Liberation Tiger (KPLT) in a fierce gunbattle at Arlangso, upper Rangali in Karbi Anglong district amid the 12 hour bandh called by the Paresh Baruah faction of the ULFA.⁷²

In other developments, the Special Cell of Delhi Police has arrested a suspected member of a banned insurgent group of Manipur called Napoleon of the Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) and Kanglei Yawol Kanba Lup (KYKL). The accused was arrested with 200 kg of ephedrine worth Rs. 20 lakh at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi.⁷³

IV. UNITED NATIONS (UN) REVIEW

- **India underlines 'state complicity' in terrorism; UN Security Council expresses concern over situation in Cote d'Ivoire; UNSC welcomes election process in Haiti**

At the United Nations, India highlighted the problem of 'state complicity' in terrorism and called for a global pact to combat the menace. During a discussion on the root causes, impact and responses to terrorism, India's permanent ambassador to the UN, H.S. Puri said, "We must squarely face the issue of state complicity". He further stated that while some states justify acts of terrorism,

⁶⁹ "NH- 44 blockade over border fencing", *The Sentinel*, April 7, 2011 at <http://www.sentinelassam.com/northeast/story.php?sec=2&subsec=98> id=70844&dtP=2011-04-08&ppr=1#708

⁷⁰ "5 coal miners shot dead in Garo Hills", *The Sentinel*, April 6, 2011 at <http://www.sentinelassam.com/mainnews/story.php?sec=1&subsec=0&id=70740&dtP=2011-04-07&ppr=1#70>

⁷¹ "IED blast derails goods train", *The Sentinel*, April 3, 2011 at <http://www.sentinelassam.com/mainnews/story.php?sec=1&subsec=0&id=70272&dtP=2011-04-04&ppr=1#70>

⁷² "3 CRPF men killed, 5 injured in militant attack", *The Sentinel*, April 2, 2011 at <http://www.sentinelassam.com/mainnews/story.php?sec=1&subsec=0&id=70236&dtP=2011-04-03&ppr=1#70>

⁷³ "NE Militant Arrested at IGI", *Manipur Online*, April 4, 2011 at <http://manipuronline.com/headlines/ne-militant-arrested-at-igi/2011/04/04>

others “have also irresponsibly used terrorism as an instrument of state policy.” He also underlined the need for a global compact to battle terrorism.⁷⁴

Meanwhile, speaking on behalf of the Security Council, Nestor Osaorio, the permanent representative of Colombia expressed grave concern over continuing ‘loss of life and attacks on civilians’ in Cote d’Ivoire and called for dialogue between Gbagbo and Quattara.⁷⁵

In other developments, the Security Council welcomed the ongoing election process in Haiti and stressed the importance of its completion in a ‘peaceful, credible and legitimate’ way which will contribute towards consolidating democracy, allow for completion of constitutional reform and provide a strong basis for continuing reconstruction efforts. The Council also stressed that there cannot be genuine stability or sustainable development in the country without strengthening its democratic institutions. The 15-member body also called on the international community to continue its vital support and on donors to fulfill their pledges without delay.⁷⁶

⁷⁴ “India highlights problem of ‘state complicity’ in terrorism”, *Indian Express*, April 8, 2011 at <http://www.indianexpress.com/news/india-highlights-problem-of-state-complicity-in-terrorism/773593/>

⁷⁵ “UN human rights team finds over 100 bodies over past day in Cote d’Ivoire”, *UN News Centre*, April 8, 2011 at <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38051&Cr=Ivoire&Cr1=>

⁷⁶ “Haiti will continue to need strong international support, Ban tells Security Council”, *UN News Centre*, 6 April 2011 at <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38027&Cr=haiti&Cr1=>