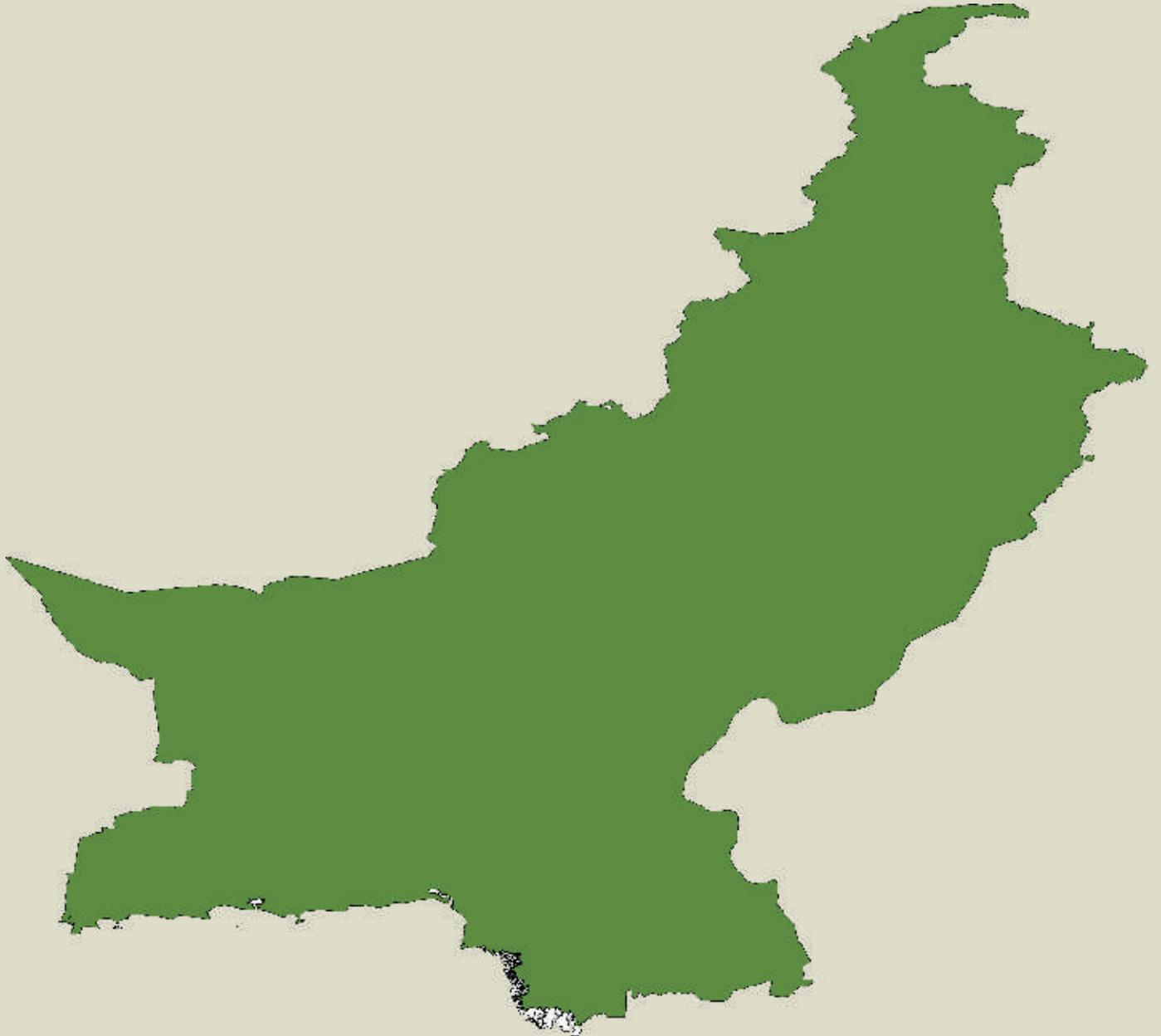


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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Democracy subverted, Editorial, Dawn, 04 April¹

There were indications all along that something might be amiss: even as political pundits and the media confidently predicted Mr. Imran Khan's defeat in the vote of no-confidence, he seemed unperturbed. No one could have guessed that his last ploy would involve having the democratic order burnt down by a democratically empowered party. It was obviously staged: it was clear as the Assembly convened that the opposition had the numbers to oust the PM. Before the motion could be put to vote, however, the newly appointed law minister rose to record an 'objection' on the basis of Article 5 of the Constitution, which quite benignly states that "loyalty to the State is the basic duty of every citizen". *The deputy speaker who had to chair the proceedings as the opposition had moved a motion of no-confidence against the speaker as well accommodated the objection with indecent haste.* Without a shred of proof that the motion had anything to do with the loyalty to the state of any of its movers, the deputy speaker dismissed the motion on the grounds that it had contradicted Article 5. However, this line of argument must be resisted at all levels as it seeks to legitimise every unconstitutional measure taken to force this outcome. The Supreme Court will hopefully provide an adequate remedy for the wrong that has been done and remind all parties that there is only one path to holding any legitimate power, and it will always lie through the Constitution.

Punjab crisis, Editorial, Dawn, 05 April²

What happened during the briefest possible and disorderly session of the Punjab Assembly called to elect a new leader of the House on Sunday paled in comparison to what had taken place in Islamabad a little earlier? Political control of Punjab, the country's most populous province, is crucial for both sides for winning the upcoming national elections. *The PTI-PML-Q alliance, it seems, is preparing to go to any lengths from dissolving the assembly à la the National Assembly to imposing governor's rule in the province to prevent Punjab's sliding into the lap of the opposition political parties.* The blockade of a Lahore hotel where the dissenting PTI lawmakers are being kept by the opposition ahead of the chief minister's election by PTI workers, in response to a televised call by their party chief, is a clear sign of the shape of things to come in the province. With the country already plunged into a constitutional crisis, any adverse action to undermine the democratic process of election of the new chief minister of Punjab will only push the nation deeper into political chaos and further widen divisions in society. *It is clear that the country is facing huge*

¹<https://www.dawn.com/news/1683311/editorial-democracy-subverted>

²<https://www.dawn.com/news/1683540/punjab-crisis>

internal and external challenges, and that it is time to heal old wounds and keep away from inflicting new ones. Unfortunately, our politicians do not seem to care.

Balochistan protest, Editorial, Dawn, 20 April 2022³

The BNP-M walkout on Tuesday from the National Assembly over the security forces' alleged firing on Baloch protesters in Chagai, that left several injured, underlines that the failing economy isn't the only problem the new government will have to confront during its short term in office. Dealing with the excesses of the security forces and intelligence agencies that have been operating in Balochistan for several years, as well as the resulting bitterness, is going to be a considerable challenge. The protest was staged against the fatal shooting last Thursday of a driver who informally transported goods to and from Afghanistan. Bloody incidents and rights abuses in Balochistan have been a regular feature for far too long. But the new set-up wasn't expecting such a situation to arise so soon. Nor had it anticipated the strong reaction from one of its coalition allies. ... **A low-intensity war with militants and insurgents, possibly sponsored by foreign powers, has been going on for long in parts of the province. But that doesn't justify an undeclared war on the entire Baloch population, as has been alleged. If Mr Mengal and his party are seeking a solution to Balochistan's grievances within the constitutional framework, despite the rough treatment meted out to them by the state, the larger parties should listen to them and stand by them rather than defend those who consider themselves above the law of the land and use brutal force against citizens. Matters might spiral out of control unless Balochistan's festering wounds are addressed soon.**

PML-N's challenge begins, Arifa Noor, Dawn, 19 April 2022⁴

Imran Khan is down but not out. This, it seems, is the emerging consensus since he vacated Prime Minister House only to inhabit the jalsagah. Political conversations in Islamabad and beyond are more about him and the crowds he is pulling than the newly formed government, which is struggling to not just consolidate power but also announce its cabinet — until Monday morning, a week after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif took oath, there was still no official announcement and only considerable conjecture about who will get what. ... And this aggressive domination [of PTI] is also linked to the manner in which a party is thrown out. Any hint or allegation of manipulation is enough for the party to win back its core support — from the PPP in the 1990s to the PML-N in 2018 and now the PTI. The ouster has simply galvanised the PTI support base. Had the party lasted a year longer and gone into election, it would have found it much harder to bounce back. ... The PML-N government

³<https://www.dawn.com/news/1685910/balochistan-protest>

⁴<https://www.dawn.com/news/1685742/pml-ns-challenge-begins>

has put off the petrol price hike, which it had been crying hoarse about since the PTI had announced it. However, their own statements suggest the delay can only be temporary. And while the PPP is bargaining long and hard for this and that, it has not asked for finance — not out of the goodness of its heart but perhaps because it wants the Noonies to bear this burden alone, as did the PTI earlier. ...

Shehbaz, Modi kick off 'letter diplomacy', Kamran Yousaf, *The Express Tribune*, April 17, 2022⁵

The Pakistani and Indian prime ministers have exchanged letters with both leaders expressing their desire for “constructive engagements” between the two nuclear-armed neighbours — a move that rekindles hope for a possible thaw in the strained ties. ... **With the change of government in Pakistan, there has been a renewed hope for a possible rapprochement after Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated PML-N President Shehbaz Sharif over his election as his Pakistani counterpart. Following his congratulatory tweet, Modi wrote a letter to Shehbaz on April 12. Official sources familiar with the development told The Express Tribune that the letter was in line with the congratulatory tweet where Modi expressed his desire to improve ties in a 'terror-free' environment.** In the letter, Modi called for “constructive engagements” with Pakistan to deal with common challenges. Prime Minister Shehbaz wrote back to Modi and voiced similar sentiments but reminded India that Pakistan's sacrifices in the war on terror were well known.

Resolve Balochistan's problems, Rafiullah Kakar, *Dawn*, 21 April 2022⁶

Following his election as prime minister, Shehbaz Sharif announced several policy measures, including a commitment to focus on the development of all provinces of Pakistan, and not simply Punjab. While this remark is welcome, overturning the image of PML-N as a Punjab-centric party will require much more than verbal commitments. ... To cultivate popular support outside Punjab, the PML-N-led government will have to prioritise the socioeconomic development of the smaller provinces, especially areas like ex-Fata and Balochistan. With regard to Balochistan, here is a plan of action: **Firstly, political reconciliation and peace-building must be the foremost priority.** ... This conflict landscape implies that restoration of peace requires a holistic but differentiated strategy. To begin with, tackling religiously inspired and sectarian militancy requires a fundamental shift in our national security policy and foreign policy. ... Further, we need to play a balancing act in our ties with Iran and Saudi Arabia, rather than tilting in favour of the latter. Lastly, no tolerance should be shown towards sectarian and religiously motivated militant outfits. ... **Secondly, Baloch concerns regarding control over their**

⁵<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2353047/shehbaz-modi-kick-off-letter-diplomacy>

⁶<https://www.dawn.com/news/1686071/resolve-balochistans-problems>

natural and coastal resources must be addressed. ... Thirdly, measures are needed to alleviate poverty and mitigate the adverse impact of fencing the border on livelihoods. ...

Naya Pakistan 2.0, Rahat Hussain, *The News*, 25 April 2022⁷

A change in script was in the offing, especially once the foreign conspiracy agenda was put to rest. As the dust settled on the no-trust move, the PTI's narrative teetered on a three-way pivot – pointing the blame indirectly towards state institutions and blatantly towards foreign powers, for a few days, before finally zeroing in on what Naya Pakistan 2.0 election rhetoric will collectively comprise. **Imran Khan's show of political might since his ouster has been remarkable to say the least, spontaneous calls ushering in waves of supporters to his rallies. What is interesting to note is the carefully crafted script Khan and his PTI are sticking to as they muster up the momentum and continue to mobilize support in the run up to the next polls.** Khan's tirades in political rallies have been very clear, simple and to the point. Making an obvious connection with his support base – the urban middle class – a naive subset of political youth. While pre-2018 rhetoric centered on anti-corruption, and how accountability will fix the country's problems, the new rhetoric pre-2023 is about how national sovereignty is at stake and how being an independent country will automatically solve all our problems....

ECONOMIC ISSUES

The embattled economy, Editorial, *Express Tribune*, 06 April⁸

*The economy is perturbed at the hands of political turmoil, and is plummeting with each passing day. This week witnessed a run on the mill as bourses bled to the worst and the rupee crossed the psychological barrier of 185 to a dollar. As if this mayhem is not enough, the black warrants came from the International Monetary Fund, which tactfully chose to call it a day on the \$6 billion contested programme, and paused its effective implementation till a new political dispensation was sworn in. There couldn't be any harsher scenario for the economy at a time when it was hardly picking momentum, and this is all owing to the brinkmanship in the corridors of power. **With little to do the economy is in an auto-mode. Its free fall to say the least, as economic managers are sent packing, and the day to day tirade is in the hands of sleuths who are clueless to the core.** Political jingoism and misadventure on the part of the self-dissolved government is taking a toll. Prime Minister Imran Khan's decision to annihilate the entire system has dealt a deadly blow to whatever*

⁷<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/953075-naya-pakistan-2-0>

⁸<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2351144/the-embattled-economy>

rectification his government had managed to set in. It is bizarre to even imagine that investors will be breathing normally, and there can be any positive trend as far as trade and industry is concerned. *The uncertainty is leading to more fragility and the icons of doom are a possible rise in oil prices and abject inflation, coupled with current account and fiscal deficits that are skyrocketing.*

Economic uncertainty, Editorial, Dawn, 07 April⁹

With the entire country in the grip of political chaos and virtually no government in place in Islamabad, Pakistan is headed towards a formidable economic crisis that would be difficult for the next administration to handle. New data from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is not encouraging: it shows that the country's trade deficit has widened by 70pc to an all-time high of \$35.4bn in the nine-month period from July to March, causing the State Bank's debt-based foreign exchange reserves to deplete to less than two months' import cover. Trade and external account numbers show that the measures taken by the PTI government and central bank in order to bridge the twin trade and current account deficits in the last five to six months have mostly failed. These measures have included a significant hike in interest rates, the introduction of a hefty cash margin requirement for importing goods, and the curtailment of consumer financing. *It is feared that the external account may become more vulnerable as international creditors such as the IMF are suspending their funding because of the domestic political uncertainty and, arguably, the country's deteriorating ties with Western capitals, especially Washington. The prime minister's latest narrative that the US is behind a conspiracy to topple him with the help of the opposition is seen as a major reason behind the IMF's decision to stop its funding programme.*

Economic worries, Editorial, The News, 08 April¹⁰

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) scrambled to deflect a possible inflation and current account deficit crisis by bumping up the policy rate by 250 basis points to 12.25 percent in an emergency meeting, while dropping clues of another early huddle, if necessary. *Though inflationary pressures are mounting, the SBP has taken the drastic measure primarily to limit current account deficit and stem dollar outflows.* The SBP acknowledged the significant uncertainty around the outlook for international commodity prices and global financial conditions, which had been exacerbated by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The central bank is prepared to meet earlier than the next scheduled Monetary Policy Committee meeting in late April, if necessary, to take any needed timely

⁹<https://www.dawn.com/news/1683844/economic-uncertainty>

¹⁰<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/948313-economic-worries>

and calibrated action to safeguard external and price stability. Since the last MPC meeting, the outlook for inflation has deteriorated and risks to external stability have risen. *The economy is back in the stabilization mode owing to wobbly and unsustainable macroeconomic fundamentals.* The debilitated growth will definitely worsen the unemployment crisis, sending more and people under the poverty threshold. We will now have to forget about accelerating economic growth and creating job opportunities. This also puts the country at the increased risk of a balance-of-payments crisis amid a fluid political situation. *Moreover, our already frail economy is growing more and more anaemic with the unabated bleeding of foreign exchange reserves.*

Economic challenges, Editorial, Dawn, 22 April 2022¹¹

Pakistan's teetering economy is projected by the IMF to grow by 4pc this fiscal year through June, and slightly faster during the next. That is just about the only silver lining in the dark clouds of fiscal and external crises gathering over the nation's economic horizon. The numbers for the twin fiscal and current account deficits and headline inflation don't look as 'promising' as the growth forecast. But do these projections matter when the economic future of 220m people is uncertain and the country faces daunting political and foreign policy challenges? ... **Even though the coalition government has a tight time frame to work in, it is just enough to set a long-term direction for the economy. Inaction, even for a brief period, is not an option for the incumbent administration or, for that matter, the next elected dispensation.**

Fuel subsidy, Editorial, The Express Tribune, 22 April 2022¹²

The Shehbaz Sharif government is faced with a dilemma whether to keep on appeasing the voters by freezing fuel prices through massive subsidies or to take a realistic view of the rising oil prices in the international market and act accordingly. The government appears to be following a populist path, at least for now. **On Wednesday, the ECC okayed a grant for Rs68.7 billion to enable the regime to provide petrol and diesel at subsidised rates. Considering that already substantial subsidies are being given on the sale of petroleum products, another huge amount of subsidy will only add to the government's growing fiscal deficit, pushing it to an unaffordable level. ...** As was expected, Finance Minister Miftah Ismail has flown to the United States for talks with the International Monetary Fund. Herein lies the crunch. **The government is continuing to freeze fuel prices for fear of a backlash from the masses while the IMF has set tough conditions for the release of loan amount. It has demanded abolition of subsidies on fuel and electricity as**

¹¹<https://www.dawn.com/news/1686227/economic-challenges>

¹²<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2353654/fuel-subsidy>

well as an end to tax amnesty. So, the negotiations with the IMF will be hard sell for the finance minister. The government seems to be waiting for signals emanating from the talks with the international lender. Probably, only then will it put a brake on subsidies.

Fuel Shortage Reports, Editorial, *The Nation*, 27 April 2022¹³

Reports are emerging of diesel and fuel shortages in some parts of the country, particularly the wheat growing districts of Punjab where high speed diesel (HSD) is used during the harvesting season. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) however has dismissed these claims of a shortage and has maintained that adequate supplies of petrol and diesel are available to cater to domestic needs. **The story from the other side seems to be very different. The All-Pakistan Petrol Pumps Dealers Association is claiming that none of the oil companies except for PSO are supplying fuel to the dealers and that all private companies have suspended their operations in the province. This is an extremely concerning situation which only further adds to the existing panic surrounding the impending increase in fuel prices. ...**

The energy mess, Editorial, *The News*, 28 April 2022¹⁴

The energy crisis Pakistan is grappling with currently was not born yesterday. This critical sector failed to draw the attention it deserves in the several weeks leading up to the change of guard at the centre. We have been facing a 'surplus-deficit syndrome', disrupting natural gas supplies and periodically turning the scarcity of petrol, diesel, and other liquid fuel into a crisis. ... And yet here we are: facing a full-blown power crisis as well as diesel shortage -- hitting the country virtually from nowhere. Into the third week of the new government, power suspensions have gradually multiplied and now even urban areas are feeling the heat of power outages every half hour during the peak demand period. **With no availability of official power demand and supply data, it is estimated that peak unconstrained electricity requirement ranges between 5,000MW and 7,500MW, translating into 6-14 hours of unannounced loadshedding daily. Should we hold gaps in supplies of primary fuels like natural gas, RFO (residual furnace oil), or coal responsible for these crippling blackouts or is it merely a typical case of bad governance? ...** Still in the worst-case scenario, outages should have been kept at a manageable level of 2-3 hours in urban and 4-6 hours in rural areas on a daily basis. ... The government has a tough task ahead: bring power back, deal with the IMF, and figure out how to appease an overburdened people.

¹³ <https://nation.com.pk/2022/04/27/fuel-shortage-reports/>

¹⁴ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/953850-the-energy-mess>

SECURITY SITUATION

Hafiz Saeed Sentenced for Terror Financing, Dr Tehmina Aslam Ranjha, *Daily Times*, 18 April 2022¹⁵

On April 8, in Lahore, an anti-terrorism court awarded a combined sentence of 33 years imprisonment to the Chief of the banned Jamaat-udDawa (JuD) Hafiz Muhammad Saeed in two cases of terror financing. In both cases, the court also imposed a collective fine of Rs 340,000. The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) had registered the cases in 2019 under various sections of the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA) of 1997. Whereas the non-profit organisations were banned in April 2019, the allegation was that the JuD was financing terrorism from massive funds collected through non-profit organizations and trusts such as the Al-Anfaal Trust, and Dawat-ulIrshad Trust, Muaz bin Jabal Trust, etc. The court declared that the presented evidence regarding his role in collecting funds for terrorist activities was tangible and convincing. **Since 3 July 2019, under the charges of terror financing and money laundering, around 13 leaders of the JuD have been under detention in five cities of Punjab.** ... The world remained wary of Pakistan's resolve to punish Hafiz Saeed, who was considered a known non-state actor. On 7 August 2017, certain elements tried to mainstream the efforts of Hafiz Saeed by founding a political party, the Milli Muslim League (MML). The resurgence of the LeT in the form of the JuD and then the MML was worrisome for the world focusing on terror financing and terror peddling. One such watchdog was the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which could be useful for uncoupling Hafiz Saeed from finances. The idea was not only to neutralize him but also to punish him for his past deeds. On 12 October 2017, the Election Commission of Pakistan refused to permit the MML to contest elections. **In June 2018, the FATF put Pakistan on the grey list and gave Pakistan 27 points to act on to come out of the list. Before Pakistan could come out of the grey list, on 23 June 2021, a bomb blast outside the residence of Hafiz Saeed in Lahore invited the attention of all towards the suspicion that he was at home instead of being in prison. Supposedly, the state was found complicit. It is yet to be seen how serious Pakistan takes the issue of Hafiz Saeed this time and how many days he spends behind the bar.**

Attack on Chinese, Editorial, *Dawn*, 27 April 2022¹⁶

A new wave of terrorism has been unleashed in the country. While the attacks are mostly aimed at our border regions by religiously motivated terrorist groups based in Afghanistan, there are frequent reminders that Baloch militancy, too, is on the rise. Yesterday's shocking suicide bombing that

¹⁵<https://dailytimes.com.pk/921087/hafiz-saeed-sentenced-for-terror-financing/>

¹⁶ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1687052/attack-on-chinese>

targeted a van carrying Chinese academics near the Confucius Institute in Karachi University was not the first time Baloch militants have attacked Chinese interests in the city. ... **However, with the deployment of a woman suicide bomber, the BLA attack on the university premises has added yet another dimension. It was from the terrorists' point of view a far more effective attack than the previous two had been, as it killed at least three Chinese nationals.** ... While issues such as the underdevelopment of Balochistan, the Baloch missing persons, and the military footprint stamped on large parts of the province must be addressed, these should not provide a pretext to whitewash such violence. ...

Secular terrorism, Muhammad Abdul Basit, *The News*, 29 April 2022¹⁷

In an unusual attack inside Karachi University, a female suicide bomber killed herself and three Chinese nationals and their Pakistani driver. Women in terrorism is not a new phenomenon but this is the first of its kind by the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), an ethnonational secessionist terrorist group active in Balochistan. The BLA has attacked Chinese nationals multiple times in the past, in addition to its terrorist activities against the state of Pakistan. ... To be clear, the term 'secular terrorism' takes into account the various dimensions of terrorism that do not have religious tendencies. The separatist groups, fighting for independence, fall in this category. Religious terrorism creates disruption in the social order but often fails to find massive success in achieving its political goals. **On the contrary, secular terrorism can even lead to changing the world map. Nationalism is the most powerful political ideology on the planet. And that's why states resort to extreme means to contain subnational movements. States are always cautious of their territorial integrity.** ...

URDU MEDIA

The secret diplomatic letter, Editorial, *Jang*, 01 April¹⁸

It seems that the government has taken the right decision by convening a closed door meeting of the National Security Committee to discuss the much-in news threatening diplomatic letter. According to the information minister, members of the committee were taken into confidence and subsequently a decision was taken for holding a meeting. Following the Official Secret Act, to brief the members the content was read and then the letter was sealed. The briefing that was given after the meeting, two things came out. First, the letter was not written to a Pakistani by a country nor is it an analysis of a diplomat. It is

¹⁷ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/954128-secular-terrorism>

¹⁸ <https://e.jang.com.pk/detail/88482>

content/minutes of an official meeting between officials of a powerful country with the Pakistani embassy officials in that country. Whatever transpired between the diplomats of the two countries, the Pakistani diplomat wrote word-by-word and sent it to the foreign ministry of Pakistan. *Second, the message in the letter was of extraordinary significance. Then why were 20 days taken to discuss and still instead of taking the content of the letter up with the parliaments in a closed door meeting or with the National Security Committee, the letter was brandished at a public rally saying that a foreign country was threatening the government.* It was claimed that the foreign ministry had received a threatening letter. The letter couldn't be shown to the public. However if someone wanted to see it s/he could be shown it in private. After these claims of the Prime Minister, the opposition started demanding to show the letter. The situation demanded that when the letter was serious, one related to national interests of the country, all the relevant actors should have been brought up on one forum where the letter could have been discussed as it was unlikely that any party would not have taken an issue so important for the country's national interest lightly.

PTI's internal crisis, Editorial, Daily Pakistan, 06 April¹⁹

Two PTI senior leaders, former governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar and Abdul Aleem Khan have expressed their reservation in the matters of the party. They leveled strong allegations against the party. *The allegations of the PTI members imply that a crisis was brimming in the party for a long time. Imran Khan was aware about it but chose to overlook it. Both the embers have alleged that billions of rupees were taken as corruption in Punjab for recruitment and transfer of senior officers.* Aleem Khan even said that commission was taken in development projects. He took a woman's name (Farah Khan, an associate of the first lady), saying that without her consent no contract or appointment was approved. Both the leaders said that often Imran Khan was briefed about the situation in Punjab but he would not listen. *Former PTI ministers have rejected the allegations, saying that they are irrelevant and unfounded. They said that Mr. Sarwar could recall these issues only after he is no longer governor.* They alleged that Aleem Khan wanted approval for wrong projects. Because Imran Khan didn't help them that is why they levelled these allegations. How true these allegations will be known after a fair investigation? However, this shows that a crisis in PTI is deep. Earlier Jahangir Tarin also had left the party. Imran Khan should take serious notice of the developments. He should find out whatever happened with him, how much are his decisions responsible for that? Why are there groups in PTI and why are there so many dissenters?

¹⁹<https://dailypakistan.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2022-04-06/page-9/detail-0>

Supreme Court's right decision, Editorial, Daily Dunya, 08 April²⁰

The Supreme Court of Pakistan has called the deputy speaker of the national assembly's ruling of 3 April unconstitutional. The court thus called Prime Minister Imran Khan's decision to dissolve the national assembly, the order from the president for a care-taking government and other decisions invalid. The court has asked that voting for the no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan should be held on 9 April. The constitutional crisis that had started on 3 April in the country has been resolved by the court. *Pakistan has had no such constitutional and political crisis in the recent history that it has been caught in the last 5 days. On the one hand the government was saying a foreign conspiracy is at work behind the no-confidence motion; on the other hand the opposition was demanding action.* After a long crisis, finally the Supreme Court has tried to end it. Prime Minister Imran Khan should abide by the judgment of the court and face the no-confidence motion and accept the outcome. All should have the same view that the crisis should end. *The outcome of the crisis, apart from constitutional and political crises, has had a bad impact on the country's economy. The depreciation of the Pakistan rupee is at the worst. Even for friendly countries the situation is a matter of concern. It was clear from the statement of the Chinese foreign minister that Beijing was hopeful that the political parties of Pakistan would find a way to deal with the situation that would be in the country's national interest.* Till now one thing has been clear: More delay in dealing with the crisis has impacted the country's economy. According to a report by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Pakistan's growth rate may be at 4 percent in the current fiscal year, further low than expected. Meanwhile, because of strict monetary policy the economy is growing slowly.

American interference or conspiracy?, QayyumNizami, Nawwa-i-Waqt, 20 April 2022²¹

People in Pakistan lack political awareness. Because of this political leaders use them for their vested interests. Today's popular slogan in Pakistan is conspiracy (*Aaj popular na'harsaazishhai*). Leaders of The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) claim that a conspiracy was hatched against the party's government because of which Imran Khan was ousted from power.

Since America has been involved in bringing down governments' across the world, when the country is blamed for a conspiracy people buy it readily. Also, American interference in Pakistan is not a secret (America kipaksitanmeimudakhaltkitarekh koi dhakichhupinahinhai). Some writers

²⁰https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2022-04-08&edition=LHR&id=6028303_18084415

²¹<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/Gawadar/2022-04-20/page-4/detail-4>

have written that even the prime minister and army chief are appointed with the approval of America.

The reality is that Pakistan is caught in foreign debts. Unless and until foreign debts are paid back, Pakistan can't stand on its legs. True freedom won't be achieved. To set the country on the path of development, Pakistan needs to correct its direction. ...

Like the British in united India, America has applied the divide and rule strategy in Pakistan. To remove Zulfikar Ali Bhutto from power, America united the opposition political and religious parties on one platform. These leaders issued decrees against each other. Finally Bhutto was not only removed from power but killed. In the wake of 9/11, America threatened Pakistan that either you are with us or with the enemies.

George Bush was surprised that President of Pakistan Gen Pervez Musharraf accepted Washington's 7 demands without asking for anything in return.

The claim that Imran Khan is making about the letter is not a letter basically but a memo from the ambassador of Pakistan in America. In the memo it was mentioned that the Deputy Secretary State of America for South Asia Donald Lu said to the Pakistani ambassador that if the no-confidence motion against Imran Khan was to fail Pakistan would face difficulties. This can be considered an interference not a conspiracy. If Imran Khan sticks to this so-called conspiracy instead of self-introspection then his party and Pakistan would bear the consequences.

Imran Khan knows well that the days of his government were counted when his friend Jahangir Tarin had taken away members from the national assembly and Punjab assembly. By then there was no talk about the letter or the American conspiracy. In future it will be written that Imran Khan's government fell because of inflation and misgovernance.

Imran Khan needs to assess the real causes of his fall. He should tell his supporters that the real enemy is the system created by the British. He should tell people that basic constitutional amendments are necessary for 'Naya Pakistan'. He should play constructive politics for better Pakistan.

Formation of the cabinet, Editorial, Jang, 21 April 2022²²

The delay in the formation of the cabinet of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was normal given the demands and expectations of the ally partners. It was assumed at the outset that President Arif Alvi would skip the oath taking ceremony which he did.

²²<https://e.jang.com.pk/detail/106309>

It appears from the tweet of Shehbaz Sharif that in the formation of the cabinet PML-N Chief Nawaz Sharif and the heads of all ally partners were consulted. The 11-party alliance was together mainly to oust the previous prime minister. But at the same time it is also true that some of the allies would have been given some assurances and guarantees by the leaders of the alliance. It is always tricky to meet every ally's expectations. This would have been a challenge for Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, a person who believes in the right person for the right task.

In this regard it seems a prudent decision to form the cabinet in two phases of which one has been completed. Experts see the visit of PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto to London where he would meet Nawaz Sharif in this context. It would make the second phase of cabinet formation easy.

Some, especially members of the former PTI led government, claim that most of the monsters in the new cabinet have corruption cases against them.

As far as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's capabilities are concerned, he has proven them while being chief minister of the largest province of the county, Punjab. He would expect the same from his cabinet. The country is going through a severe economic crisis, inflation which needs to be brought under control. Additionally the conditions of the IMF need to be dealt with adroitly. Only then the people would get some relief.

PM meets the president, Editorial, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, 22 April 2022²³

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif met the President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi. During the meeting views on the political and economic situation in the country were exchanged. Further, a summary was given to the president about the governors of the four provinces and removal of the governor of Punjab. Efforts were made to lessen the bitterness between the two leaders.

The recent meeting (Wednesday, 20 April) between the prime minister and the president is not only good for the country and the nation but a welcome step for strengthening the democratic structure in Pakistan. Despite the prevailing tension and difference with the president, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's decision to meet the president shows his sensibility (Kasheedgiaurikhtilaafkebawajoodwazir-e-azam Shebaz Sharif kasadr-e-mumlikat se mulaqaatkarna inn kibahtareen Danish-mandika sabot hai). This can help in reducing the tension.

The ouster of the PTI led government in Pakistan has created a kind of political crisis and instability because of which the overall situation is volatile. To reduce the politically high temperatures all political and non-political officials need to put aside their personal interests and work for the country's interests.

²³<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/Gawadar/2022-04-22/page-4/detail-8>

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif took the first step in that direction of reconciliation the other day by setting his personal differences with the president aside and meeting him to discuss the issues of interest for the country. It is the responsibility of the president to carry out his constitutional duties. Pakistan can't afford a political crisis. It is already facing internal conspiracies as well as external enemies conspiring against the state institutions. All politicians need to show their concern for the country and come together and stand by the system.

Missing persons: Assurance of the Prime Minister, Editorial, Roznama 92 News, 25 April 2022²⁴

Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif arrived in Balochistan to seek consensus on the shattered issues and promised to play a sincere role on the issue of missing persons at the request of his allies.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Khuzdar-Kuchlak National Highway, announced the establishment of a Technical University in Balochistan, and announced Rs 10 billion assistance for the province and a laptop scheme for students. The Prime Minister said that development in all provinces should be at the same pace: the first right to the resources of Balochistan belongs to the people of the province. ...

The issue of missing persons is not new. This trend continued even in the 1990s. It flourished under General Pervez Musharraf. It was during the tenure of General Pervez Musharraf that the families of the missing persons started presenting their position in the form of an organized movement. The Prime Ministers has been assuring his allies in Balochistan to resolve the issue of missing persons.

The Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances report dated January 21, 2011 states that 3,796 persons have been traced out of the enforced disappearances in the country. According to the data of the Commission of Inquiry, there have been 6,921 cases involving individuals, of which 2,184 have returned to their homes, 857 have been detained and 535 have been jailed. Of the missing persons, 220 bodies were recovered while 3,796 were traced. Balochistan has the lowest number of such incidents but international propaganda has tarnished the image of the province the most. In Balochistan, 537 cases of missing persons were reported out of which 222 were traced while 30 were found dead.

The families of the missing persons claim that their loved ones are forcibly taken away by security agencies then they are not presented in the court. In this regard, on the instructions of the Supreme Court, the Interior Ministry had set

²⁴https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/index2?station_id=2&page_id=7&is_common=Y&xdate=2022-04-25

up a two-member commission headed by Justice (retd.) Javed Iqbal in 2011. In January 2019, the PTI government decided that those involved in the kidnapping of citizens would be prosecuted under the Pakistan Penal Code (PPP). ...

The activities of R&AW and other international intelligence agencies in Balochistan pose a threat to Pakistan's security. Many of the missing persons are either in hiding or have fled abroad. Some of those killed during the riots were also identified as missing persons. Protection of citizens and goodwill towards them is the duty of the state but for some reason, peace cannot be established without restraining those who take up arms against the state.

Taliban's statement?, Masood Abdali, Ummat, 26 April 2022²⁵

While speaking at the Atlantic Council, finance minister Miftah Ismail talked about Imran Khan's 'religious statement'. Ismail said that 'During the no-confidence motion former Prime Minister started talking about the Quranic verses about the teaching good things and forbid wrong things. That meant we are bad people and he (and his coterie) good people. By the way this reference was used by the Taliban in old days. In fact they had a ministry for teaching good things.'

Mr. Miftah Ismail, Amr bilMa'ruf (teach/enjoin the good) is not a statement but an order of the Quran. Even in the Constitution of Pakistan the basic reasonability of the state of Pakistani is promote the good and stop from bad things. And Amr bilMa'ruf ministry is not only in Afghanistan but also in Saudi Arabia.

To prove Imran Khan is Taliban Khan' Miftah Ismail has wrongly used the Quranic verse for which he apologize to the nation. He should be removed from the ministry. Miftah is already under attack from Jama'at-i-Islami MNA Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali, PTI leader Shireen Mazaari and others who demanded his resignation.

Amir of Jama'at-i-Islami Siraj-ul-Haq has said that unfortunately after resuming the power, first thing that the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) did was to go begging to the IMF and agreed to raise prices of the essentials in Pakistan.

Jama'at is not a popular party but always prefers national interest of Pakistan. Even during the no-confidence motion, Jama'at gave its single vote to PTI led alliance but still PTI trolls are attacking the party online. Jama'at is called hypocrite in Pakistan, a trend started by Altaf Hussain. Now it's picked up by PTI. This hurts the supports of Jama'at. ... I would say to these workers of the Jama'at: the label of hypocrite should be taken as award rather than a label of humiliation!

²⁵<https://www.ummat.net/2022/04/26/news.php?p=idr2.gif>

Suicide attack in the Karachi University, Editorial, Jang, 28 April 2022²⁶

It is important for national security and inclusive development in the country to seriously analyze the implications of the woman-suicide bomb attack in the Karachi University. The attack in which three Chinese along with a Pakistani were killed was claimed by the Baloch liberation Army (BLA). According to the Karachi policy, the bomber at the Karachi University was from Turbat and was enrolled in an MPhil program at the university. It was the second attack of BLA after the June 2020 attack on the Pakistan stock exchange. In November the Chinese consulate was attacked. ...

One important aspect of the attack in the Karachi university was that the target were Chinese faculty members and the time chosen for the attack was when the newly appointed Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is about to go for a visit to China (*Karachi khud-kush hamley ke hawaley se sub se aham baat yeh hai ki iss ka sal haduf Cheni o'satiza'h the aur iss karwai ke liye aisey waqt ka intikhaab kiya gaya jab Pakistan mei qay'em honey wali nai hukumat ke sarbara'h Shehbaz Sharif jald hi China ke doore per jaaney ka irada rakhtey hain*). It is expected that during the visit issues like increasing speed on the CPEC projects, discussing efforts to reform the struggling economy and expecting Chinese cooperation on that. Thus, it is clear that the attack was meant to create troubles in the friendly relations between Pakistan and China.

One more important aspect of the attack is that it was carried out by an educated and financially stable woman. There would be strong conviction for taking such a strong measure. On analyzing it seems the deprivations of the rights of the Baloch, on that suppressing their voice by forces and disappearances has led to such a consequence. ... Political leadership of Balochistan has joined the current government on condition that the issue of disappearances will be resolved and all rights of Balochistan will be restored. Acting on these measures can improve the situation for long and also block the ways of the enemies to exploit them to their use.

Is another regime change on the way?, L. Col. (R) Ghulam Jilani Khan, Roznama Pakistan, 28 April 2022²⁷

Talking to senior journalists at the Iftar Dinner at the Prime Minister's House on Tuesday (April 26, 2022), the Prime Minister said that the United States is a very big country and we cannot make it hostile to us. He also said that the

²⁶ <https://e.jang.com.pk/detail/112942>

²⁷ <https://dailypakistan.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2022-04-28/page-9>

previous PTI government had taken a wrong step by angering the United States, but the current government will not do the same.

True the US, is a powerful country and we should not make it 'angry'. But who decides the extent and volume of this resentment? *The former Prime Minister had repeatedly said that Pakistan does not want to upset any big or small country, it just wants equal relations. This desire is the desire of the people of all countries.* Pakistan-America ties have a history. Every citizen of Pakistan is aware of its ups and downs.

But these ties do not give the United States or any other major country the right to impose its strategic aspirations on Pakistan. Pakistan also has its own strategic or tactical aspirations, they have to be decided by 220 million people. ...

Russia was supplying wheat and oil to Pakistan at 30% lower prices than the rest of the world. Pakistan didn't go to Moscow and ask Putin for S-400 or ICBM. Imran Khan had taken this step to buy these items from Russia due to the economic condition of Pakistan.

...

The real reason for America's resentment is the beginning of relations with Russia, China, and Pakistan are the three nuclear powers. They were going to have a new bloc. However, the former prime minister had expressed Pakistan's disapproval of the bloc on several occasions.

The basis of any country's greatness is its military might. Look at the area and population of Britain, but it remained the only superpower in the world for three consecutive centuries. The US has been a superpower since the World War II, but the other superpower it competes with (or could be) would be the Russian bloc, which could include China and Pakistan. Imran Khan had declared that Pakistan has linked its future with China. This was the mistake of Khan Sahib for which he was punished and Shehbaz Sharif is correcting this 'mistake' in his Iftar dinner. ...

Imran Khan acted very hastily. They should have been a little more patience. If not today, then tomorrow the US will know how much support it has for the Pakistani process of regime change. It shouldn't demand base in Pakistan.

The moment America take steps in this direction it does not matter even if the current government is with them, the Pakistani public will not allow this. Imran Khan's slogan "absolutely not" will become the slogan of the majority of Pakistani people. This "war of independence" of the future will be a new kind of war for Pakistan.

The Historical Decision of Ending Interest-Based system, Editorial, Ummat, 29 April 2022²⁸

After 75 years of the formation of Pakistan, *the Federal Shariat Court has asked the government to end the Interest-based system. The court has given five years to the government for taking a final decision on this. This is a historical decision because Pakistan was formed in the name of Islam and Mohammad Ali Jinnah has several times called Pakistan as model Islamic state for rest of the Muslim nations.*

Unfortunately after 75 years we still have not achieved the objective. Many governments have come in the last 75 years and we have tried military rule as well but we still could not achieve our fundamental goals. One biggest fallout of moving away from the basic objectives was the disintegration of Pakistan in 1971 and formation of Bangladesh. Had we shown commitment towards Islamic principles the people in East Pakistan would have never felt left out.

The decision of the federal Shariat Court is a step in the right direction as it seeks to make Pakistan free of interest-based banking in the next five years.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Off the Record with Kashif Abbasi, Interview with Shahid Khaqan Abbasi-Senior leader PML-N , ARY News, 05 April²⁹

The host informed that the constitutional crisis in Pakistan is increasing with each passing day, the vote of no confidence brought by the opposition was ruled out by deputy speaker citing article 5 of the constitution. The case is *su moto* in Supreme Court and now it has to be seen what decision it takes. *Guest:* Ex PM and senior PML-N leader Shahid Khaqan Abbasi. *Shahid Khaqan Abbasi* pointed out that the Supreme Court has a crucial role to play and now it has to decide whether the constitutional rules were broken by the PTI led government? *Whatever decision it gives will become part of history. Imran Khan is thinking there is a choice to break constitutional laws.* If there is a conspiracy he should bring the letter to the Parliament, this is a serious charge. Who wrote this letter, why it was kept for so long, and then why abruptly it was brought in national security meeting? If there was a threat why was leader of opposition not called in the meeting? If some country is giving threats that it will change the regime, some action should be taken. But instead of that the PM is saying that opposition has sided with the conspirators that is US. *The PM waved the letter in Jalsa and not the Parliament, had he brought the letter in*

²⁸ <https://www.ummat.net/2022/04/29/news.php?p=idr1.gif>

²⁹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2e8hxii4hr0>

Parliament then the opposition should also have stood with him. There is nothing to see in the letter but we have to debate on the contents of the letter. I was invited in the national security meeting which is chaired by the PM, instead it should be brought in the Parliament. The selected journalists who were invited by the government were told that the letter cannot be shown but it will be taken in the cabinet. If some country is giving threat why we cannot take the name of the country, beggars cannot be choosers. The government is not capable in Pakistan that is why the vote of no confidence has passed against the government. The deputy speaker should come on a TV show and read the content of the four page ruling that was used to rule out vote of no confidence. It was all a conspiracy by the PTI government and deputy speaker and have broken the constitution.

11th Hour with Waseem Badami, SC restores National Assembly, orders no-confidence vote to be held on Saturday? ARY News, 07 April³⁰

In a big twist in the ongoing political crisis in Pakistan, The Supreme Court on Thursday 07 April set aside deputy speaker's ruling to dismiss the no-trust resolution against Prime Minister Imran Khan and the subsequent dissolution of the NA by the president on the PM's advice, with all five judges unanimously voting 5-0 against it. The court, in its *short order*, ruled that the deputy speaker's ruling was "contrary to the Constitution and the law and of no legal effect, and the same are hereby set aside". The Supreme Court ordered for the session of the National Assembly to reconvene on Saturday 09 April no later than 10:30am, *saying that the session cannot be prorogued without the conclusion of the no-trust motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan. Will Imran Khan's governments finally come down or it has another surprise under its sleeves?***Guests:** Anwar Mansoor-former attorney general, Imran Khan & Mazhar Abbas-Analyst/anchorperson. *Anwar Mansoor* pointed out that the Supreme Court's judgment is final and nobody can question the court, all parties have to except the judgment. The government was expecting that there will be new elections but now the judgment has turned the whole process and it is against the PTI government. Even if the government give mass resignations, the assembly will not be restored and there be vote of no confidence. It was a poorly drafted so called document of conspiracy by the government, the government played with the constitution. *Imran Khan* pointed out that this judgment has tied the hands of Imran Khan and left him no option but go for horse trading. There was no debate on the conspiracy of foreign agent during the judgment of the Supreme Court. It looks like that PM Imran Khan will not go for mass resignation and will address the nation. Shehbaz Sharif might become PM, and now Imran Khan cannot do anything. *Mazhar Abbas* pointed out that it looks like PM Imran Khan is been misguided.

³⁰<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uqEmV9m07g>

Why the PTI leaders does not countered the bad move by the government. The government was not able to handle its allies, BAP left, they could not manage the MQM. Imran Khan and PTI should learn from its mistakes. Today if we look at PTI, all the supporters of PTI have parted ways, like Jahangir Tareen. If there was a conspiracy why they did not form an inquiry committee. Punjab will determine next election, but the crisis is yet not over in the region.

Lack of Seriousness in Political Parties, Think Tank, *Dunya News*, 17 April 2022³¹

Host Maryam Zeeshaan introduced the guests and informed the topic of discussion which was about the accusation of PTI and Imran Khan that the current government will use state institution to throw him out of the politics by dragging his name into foreign funding case. The major question to the panel was that “who is conspiring against Imran Khan?” Is there any reality in his concerns or it is just a political stunt?

Replying to this the first guest *Ayaz Amir said that kicking Imran Khan out of political scene will not be an easy task for the current government.* He is popular leader it does not matter whether he is in power or not. But one thing is clear that Imran has turn into a nightmare for the current government. This has happened with Zulfikar Ali Bhutto after the coup against his government. But today time has changed and the same political script cannot be repeated.

Another guest Salman responded the same question by saying that PTI it is a political reality and it shouldn't be under estimated. It is one of the strongest party of Pakistan. It is impossible to discredit his party or make him irrelevant in Pakistani politics. It is people who will decide not the establishment, whether Imran Khan will enjoy the same kind of popularity. Khan knows who is conspiring against him, PTI should believe in its political power. It should refrain from targeting or accusing the army or seeking any favour from it as Sheikh Rashid has asked army to bring Imran Khan into power. Instead of this blame game Imran should focus on why people should bring him back into power. He should talk about his government's achievement.

Is Pakistan going towards civil war?, *Capital Talk* by Hamid Mir 18th April 2022³²

The Host (Hamid Mir) introduced the topic of discussion by mentioning report of The Guardian. The report says that Pakistan is moving towards a civil war due to current unrest.

³¹ <https://youtu.be/AXmBuw2ChwE>

³² <https://youtu.be/hf9zMBNsvzg>

Guests: Qaisar Iqbal (ML- N); JahajebDost Mohammad Mazari (Deputy Speaker, Punjab); Kamil Ali (Senator, ML-Q)

The host asked a direct question to Mazari, that “Is Pakistan really moving towards a civil war? *Answering to this Mazari said that the current situation is the creation of PTI and Imran Khan.* He is challenging state institutions and questioning their legitimacy on the roads. When they were in the government they were demanding that assembly should be respected and now they have refuse to accept the validity of the assembly by raising question over its legitimacy.

Kamil Ali was also asked the same question and his answer was that what happened in Punjab assembly was done intentionally by the deputy speaker and the government. They brought private guards in the assembly to beat the members. Our action was in the response to this.

When Ahsan Iqbal was asked the same question his reply was that the possibility of a civil war is very thin. But Khan Sahib is certainly pushing Pakistan towards anarchy.

Najam Sethi Show, 24 News HD, 20th April 2022³³

The host Ayesha Naaz started conversation by mentioning the statements of Fawad Chaudhry in which he mentioned about his relations with the establishment. He said that if his government had pacified its relations with establishment they would have remained in power. The host told Sethi that he was right in predicting the downfall of this government. **NajamSethi said that he had already predicted this in September- October when the appointment of DG- ISI issue started. Imran Khan directly got involved in the internal matters of Army by delaying the appointment. He delayed he appointment even after Army Chief issued internal orders for the same.** Gen. Bajwa asked Imran Khan to change DG-ISI Gen. Faiz and appoint him to command a core so that he can get place in the list of future army chiefs. At that time (Sept-Oct) Imran asked for one month and even after the passing of month did nothing. This unnecessary delay in routine army appoint created problems for his government.

Then the host asked NajamSethi that the question of regime change and conspiracy become irrelevant if we see the current situation through this. Indeed it has changed the previous position of PTI that a conspiracy was cooked against his government and the internal matters of Pakistan. In fact, it was Imran Khan who interfered in the internal matters of army.

³³<https://youtu.be/QqP1y7ohbJ0>

Imran Khan, the journalist, on how the Pakistanis love the army.

People salute to army men when they see them moving in their vehicles on the streets. If they respond with a salute, 'humari to Eid hojaatihai'. Against Hamid Mir: Was tasked with creating a narrative on Balochistan. He did not. He is a fraud. He is a closet PPP cadre. He would never run any programme against Zardari. The other journalist who is equally bad is SohailWaraich. He referred to Mir's tweeting of a fake letter allegedly sent by Shah Mahmood Qureshi to ambassadors of Pakistan as a proof of his anti-Imran position. It was an attempt to create rift between the army and the people of Pakistan. The aim is to produce soldiers for the fifth-generation warfare being waged against Pakistan. **There has been a conspiracy by foreign governments including that of US and India to unseat Imran Khan Government. This has to be understood by the people of Pakistan.** The only way forward is to go for elections.

Islamabad Jalsa will come only after Multan jalsa.

Off The Record by Kashif Abbasi, ARY News, 25th April 2022³⁴

The host KashifAbbassi started the discussion by bringing the issue of dragging the judiciary into the politics by giving examples of the case of Maryam Nawaz and siting of a special court to oust Imran from power. He also discussed the case of the Punjab crisis and issue of Hamza Nawaz's oath-taking issue.

In reply, the guest Aitzaz Ahsan said that nothing new in the siting of a special court on various issues but in this case sitting of judges at night to give judgment on such a sensitive issue shouldn't be done. The court should have at least waited for the Monday morning.

The nature of judgment was also problematic for many. The detailed conduct of no confidence was also problematic. It is the duty house to decide the process of its conduct, not the court. Many believe that the urgency was due to the fear of the possible order from the Prime Minister's office to change the Army chief.

³⁴ <https://dai.ly/x8ac4mg>

BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Sindh				
Karachi ³⁵	26/04/2022	4 people including 3 Chinese killed in a suicide bomb attack	4	4

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Balochistan				
Peshawar ³⁶	04/03/2022	At least 30 dead, dozens injured in Peshawar imambargah blast.	30	50
Kech district ³⁷	26/01/2022	Ten Soldiers martyred, one militant killed	10	01

³⁵<https://www.dawn.com/news/1686920/3-chinese-nationals-among-4-dead-in-suicide-attack-at-karachi-university>

³⁶<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2346343/at-least-30-dead-dozens-injured-in-peshawar-imambargah-blast>

³⁷<https://defence.pk/pdf/threads/10-soldiers-martyred-1-militant-killed-and-3-apprehended>

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa				
KP ³⁸	April	24 law-enforcement personnel killed	24	26
South Waziristan ³⁹	27/04/2022	SI killed	1	
Peshawar ⁴⁰	04/03/2022	57 dead, 200 injured in Peshawar's imambargah attack	57	200
North Waziristan ⁴¹	29/03/2022	Four terrorists killed in North Waziristan operation	04	00

³⁸<https://www.dawn.com/news/1687008/24-law-enforcement-officials-martyred-in-ttp-attacks-since-late-last-month-in-kp>

³⁹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1687110/police-official-martyred-in-south-waziristan-attack>

⁴⁰<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2346343/57-dead-200-injured-in-peshawars-imambargah-attack>

⁴¹<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2350051/four-terrorists-killed-in-north-waziristan-operation>