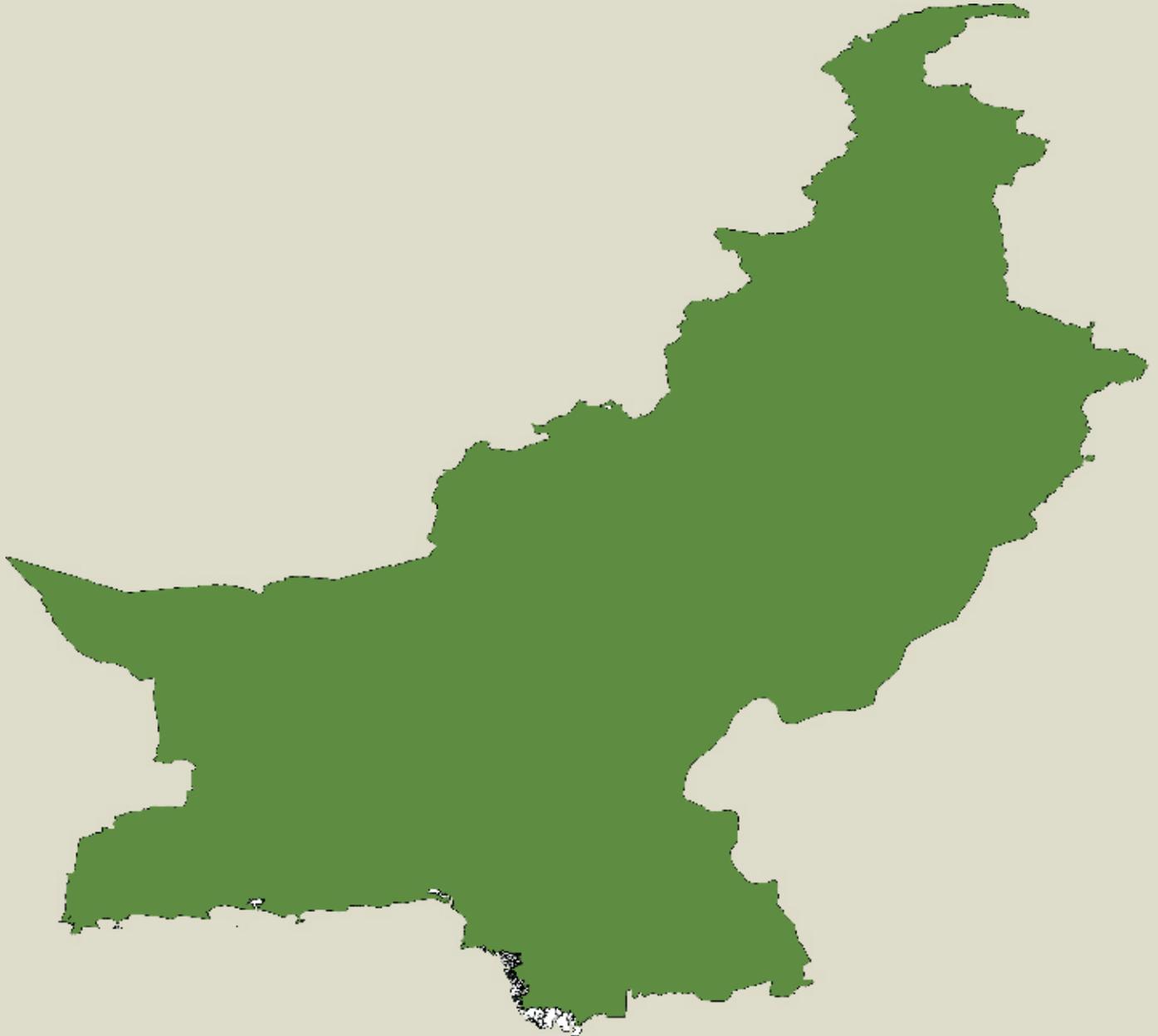


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## ABBREVIATIONS

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

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Historically, Pakistan has never missed an opportunity to take advantage of any untoward development in Kashmir. Having termed the Hizb militant Burhan Muzaffar Wani a martyr, Pakistan has not only accused India of state terrorism, it has also instructed its envoys in key capitals and multilateral international institutions to sell this narrative and project India in a negative light.

Imran Khan in his Tehreek-e-Ehtesab Rally severely criticised the PML-N leadership and argued that the Ehtesab (accountability) rally was only a trailer and he would mobilise people on the streets till Nawaz agrees for the probe on Panama-gate, rather than set up a judicial commission, as Nawaz is suggesting, to probe all such past cases, including Panama-gate.

Recent reports in the media suggested that there was a substantial rise in the number of Chinese visitors to Pakistan, which has gone up 37 folds in the first half of 2016. The media would say that these visitors not only come as tourists, but also as businessmen having an interest in investing in the projects associated with the CPEC.

The PPP-led government in Sindh did not want to grant extension to Rangers and sought to attach certain conditions with it. The tension between the provincial and central governments came to the fore when the Interior Ministry notified Rangers' stay in Sindh with special powers in Karachi whereas the provincial government notified immediately afterwards that the Rangers would need the provincial Chief Secretary's nod for raids on any provincial government office.

Amid tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan over fencing the official crossing points, Pakistan along with China, Tajikistan and Afghanistan launched a Quadrilateral Cooperation and Coordination Mechanism (QCM) to counter terrorism in the region.

**Dr. Ashish Shukla**

## **POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS**

### **NATIONAL POLITICS**

**Civil-military leaderships to improve law and order**, *The Nation*, August 1<sup>1</sup>  
Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday (August 1) said civil and military leaderships have taken concrete measures for the improvement of security in the country. In an interview, the Finance Minister said Pakistan's economy is improving with the passage of time which is acknowledged by international institutions. Talking about PTI protest, he said the government is not worried about the scheduled rally of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on 7th August. *Ishaq Dar said PTI could not achieve anything through street agitation as it had already wasted the nation's time during its sit-in at D-Chowk. The minister said the PTI protests had badly damaged the national economy and created hurdles in the signing of agreements regarding China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.*

**'Verses on jihad added to syllabus at US behest'**, *The Dawn*, August 5<sup>2</sup>  
*Quranic verses related to jihad were added to the syllabus of Pakistan to appease the Americans, who wanted recruits for their war against communism, Council of Islamic Ideology Chairman Maulana Mohammad Khan Sheerani said on Thursday (August 4).* He also stopped short of terming the Tehreek-i-Taliban's (TTP) fight against the state as an attempt to "spread anarchy", saying that trying to force one's wishes on the masses could not be classified as jihad. Hailing from the Jamiat Ulemae Islam-Fazl (JUI-F), Maulana Sheerani is also a member of the National Assembly (MNA).

**Centre amending CrPC to save Sharifs: Qadri**, *The Dawn*, August 5<sup>3</sup>  
*Dr Tahirul Qadri alleges that the federal government is "clandestinely" going to amend the Criminal Penal Code (CrPC) in a bid to save the Sharifs from a private complaint of the Pakistan Awami Tehreek pertaining June 2014 Model Town killings.* At a press conference here on Thursday, the PAT chairman claimed draft of the amendments to the CrPC was finalised at house number 180-H, Model Town (PML-N secretariat) on Tuesday (Aug 2) after two-week-long secret deliberations duly joined by representatives of the federal law ministry and Punjab law department. The draft, he said, had been sent to the National Assembly secretariat for amending the law, robbing the judiciary of its powers to hear private complaints in murder cases. *The proposed*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/01-Aug-2016/civil-military-leaderships-take-tangible-measures-to-improve-law-and-order-situation-dar>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275526/verses-on-jihad-added-to-syllabus-at-us-behest>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275579/centre-amending-crpc-to-save-sharifs-from-pat-complaint-alleges-qadri>

*amendment would empower the station house officer (SHO) of the relevant police station to decide whether a private complaint in a murder case qualified to be heard by a judicial officer or not, he added.*

**Wapda chief says he will quit if proven wrong**, *The Dawn*, August 13<sup>4</sup>

Unfazed by criticism of his push for controversial Kalabagh Dam, Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) Chairman *Zafar Mahmood says he will continue his efforts to remove what he describes as misconceptions about the project to pave way for its implementation.* Talking to Dawn on Thursday (August 11), Mahmood offered to quit his job if “anyone from Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan could prove that the implementation of the project would submerge Nowshehra and affect flow of the Indus River”. *All the three smaller provinces are opposed to the 3,700MW Kalabagh Dam project with their assemblies having passed resolutions against its construction.* The last time the federal government had tried to create a provincial consensus over the project was under Gen Pervez Musharraf who was forced to take a step back after strong opposition from Sindh and KP.

## THE PANAMA PAPERS

**PPP to launch protest against prime minister**, *The Nation*, August 2<sup>5</sup>

The Pakistan People’s Party will devise a plan for a protest it will launch against the government for its failure to hold the prime minister accountable for his family’s alleged connection to offshore companies named in the Panama Papers. *“All those who have been named in the Panama Papers should be held accountable,” senior PPP leader Aitezaz Ahsan said. “Nawaz Sharif and his family are actually looking for a way out,” he said.* He added that the PPP will announce its protest plan this month. It is very possible that protests announced by different political parties consolidate into one large movement,” he said. *“We have shown the government a lot of flexibility.”*

**‘Day of accountability’ begins from Peshawar: Imran**, *The News*, August 3<sup>6</sup>

Imran Khan, Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has stated that a ‘day of accountability’ will begin from Peshawar on August 07. Addressing a press conference here Wednesday (August 3), Imran Khan said the protest march will begin from Peshawar and will end in Attock. *“Rulers are answerable to people in democratic set up”, he said and added that those who call street movement against the democracy do not know the meaning of it.*

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1277262/wapda-chief-says-he-will-quit-if-proven-wrong-on-kalabagh>

<sup>5</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/02-Aug-2016/ppp-to-launch-protest-against-prime-minister-this-month>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/139810-Day-of-accountability-begins-from-Peshawar-on-August-7-Imran>

**'The match is about to begin', *The Dawn*, August 8<sup>7</sup>**

Thousands of Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) supporters turned out for the first day of the party's Ehtesab rally on Sunday (August 7), which sets out from Peshawar to Attock along Grand Trunk Road. The streets of Peshawar were packed with supporters from Malakand, Dir, Kohat, Karak and Bannu, with some even flying in from abroad especially to attend the rally and support party chief Imran Khan. The procession started from Pir Zakori Sharif flyover, where Khan and senior leaders of the party, including members of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa cabinet, led the march gathered atop a container.

**Imran Khan says Ehtesab rally is just a trailer, *The Nation*, August 8<sup>8</sup>**

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan Sunday (August 7) spearheaded his party's anti-corruption rally in Peshawar where he was joined by thousands of supporters. The rally is aimed at pressing the ruling PML-N to take measures for an end to corruption and establish system of accountability in state institutions. The rally is also part of the opposition's efforts to press the government to launch probe into Panama Leaks, which involved offshore holdings of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's family. "This is just the beginning, this is just a trailer. The match will not end. We will be on streets to mobilize masses till Nawaz Sharif presents himself for accountability," Khan said, addressing his supporters in Peshawar.

## PROVINCIAL POLITICS

**Punjab to officials for foreigners' security, *The News*, August 3<sup>9</sup>**

*The Punjab government has decided to appoint 5000 officials for the security of foreigners including Chinese engineers working in the province.* According to Punjab Government's spokesman, CM Punjab Shahbaz Sharif has requested the immediate appointment of 5000 officials in the Special Protection Unit. These officials will provide security to the foreigners including those working for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor in Punjab.

**'Rangers require chief secretary's nod for raids', *The Dawn*, August 5<sup>10</sup>**

*Explaining the Rangers' specific roles during their stay in Sindh, a notification of the provincial government issued for the purpose makes it clear that the paramilitary force will not raid any provincial government office without approval of the chief secretary of the province,* it emerged on Thursday

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<sup>7</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275994/the-match-is-about-to-begin-ptis-ehtesab-rally-kicks-off-in-peshawar>

<sup>8</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/08-Aug-2016/imran-khan-says-ehtesab-rally-is-just-a-trailer>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/139791-Punjab-govt-to-appoint-5000-officials-for-foreigners-security>

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275474/rangers-require-chief-secretarys-nod-for-raiding-govt-offices>

(August 4). "Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) shall not raid any office of the Government of Sindh or any other Government Authority, without prior written approval of the Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh," said the notification. The Sindh home ministry also wrote a letter on Thursday (August 4) to the director general, Pakistan Rangers (Sindh), in which it intimated him about a federal government notification issued a day earlier regarding the paramilitary force's stay for a year in Sindh and policing powers given to it in Karachi division for 90 days.

## EDITORIALS AND OPINION

### **Old Habits Die Hard**, Editorial, *The Nation*, August 2<sup>11</sup>

Everyone knew it was only a matter of time. But most thought that Imran Khan might have learnt something from 2014, and would be patient this time. But lo and behold, August is upon us once more, and the PTI Chief is gearing up his party for another protest/rally escapade starting on August 7 in Peshawar. Not wanting to be left behind, Tahir-ul-Qadri and his Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) have announced a countrywide protest campaign starting on August 6 with a protest for a few hours, which would later be extended to the rest of the country if the government does not give in to PAT's demand of revenge for the Model Town tragedy. [...] *Each rally in a different city gets the exact same speech, and it is indeed a wonder that party workers can still stomach this without realising that Imran Khan is saying nothing more than to uproot the current government and install him in place, with the promise of ending corruption. However, with the lack of any practical solution in mind, the PTI chief is essentially saying nothing more than, "Trust me, I can fix it".* [...] The Azadi March's failure should be fresh on the minds of both Tahir-ul-Qadri and Imran Khan, but we see no indication of any lessons learnt from that episode. The first is out for revenge and the other keeps trying to increase his party's popular support at the expense of the ruling party, even though time and again this strategy has proven to be ineffective.

### **The eternal bridesmaid**, Cyril Almeida, *The Dawn*, August 7<sup>12</sup>

[...] If you believe you should represent, then what greater representation, what higher aspiration than prime minister himself? *So, Prime Minister Khan isn't fundamentally the problem. He may go on to become a historic disaster — if he ever gets there.* More likely, he'll end up in the pantheon of pygmies who have occupied the office. So, no, Prime Minister Khan isn't fundamentally the problem. *The problem is that that Khan doesn't know how to become prime minister. And it's got tiring. Very tiring.* [...] Because the PTI's got a government in KP and incumbents can assemble a crowd, it may make sense

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<sup>11</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/02-Aug-2016/old-habits-die-hard>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275886/the-eternal-bridesmaid>

to kick off with Peshawar-Attock. [...] *He aligned with the military. He's flung open the party doors to electables. He panders to the bearded lot. He's embraced money. He takes to the streets.* He's unconstrained by political norms. That's fine. You're in the game to win. But always missing with Imran is a plausible route, a path to power — a plan. *When he aligned with the military and swept into Islamabad for his epic dharna, it was clear what was in it for the boys, but what kind of deal had Imran struck?* Turns out a pretty shabby one. When he flung open the PTI's doors to electables it made a kind of electoral sense — but then he lets the electables and the originals savage each other and allows the enemy to coast to victory. *Over and over and over again. When he panders to the bearded lot, you can see he's trying to capture the vote to the right of the N-League that Nawaz has moved away from — but then that alienates the core PTI chap, the anti-corruption crusader in the city.*

**Imran Khan's protest**, Editorial, *The Dawn*, August 8<sup>13</sup>

[...] Whether advisable or not from a political or governance perspective, the right to protest and call for accountability belongs to Mr Khan and his party. But what is indisputable is that the onus is on the government to find a solution: the unified parliamentary opposition can only make demands of the government; it is the government alone that can notify the formation of a judicial commission and set out its terms of reference. *While Mr Khan does turn to dangerous and destabilising rhetoric far too often, he has also made it clear that a judicial commission formed on terms acceptable to the unified opposition still remains an acceptable solution for the PTI. Surely, then, the impasse in the ToR committee can be resolved — if Mr Sharif can find it within himself to accept that the revelations in the Panama Papers regarding the first family should be probed on a priority basis.* [...] But the PTI also has a responsibility to the democratic system that the party and its leaders appear to be unaware of. In particular, Mr Khan's enthusiasm for taking to the streets often seems to dwarf his interest in parliament. At the very least, Mr Khan should pledge — and work to ensure — that the upcoming protests remain peaceful on the PTI's part.

**Thoughts on August 14**, Editorial, *The Dawn*, August 13<sup>14</sup>

[...] Astonishing as it sounds, the loss of half the country and the humiliating surrender at Dhaka failed to shock us into making a clean break with the past and start afresh with a new resolve. Instead, where there should have been poise and restraint, history records recklessness, mob violence, repeated violations of the sanctity of the Constitution, and a flagrant abuse of state funds for personal and partisan gains. All this was topped by two military

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<sup>13</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1276064/imran-khans-protest>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1277428/thoughts-on-august-14>

interventions (after 1971). Even when the civilian leadership returned to power after elections tainted by polling fraud, the spectre of 'controlled democracy' — an idea first mooted by Iskander Mirza in the pre-martial law days — haunted the polity. It still does. The repercussions of military rule are there for us to see: the nation's political growth has been stunted, its social fabric torn apart, and Pakistan's image abroad tarnished. In a statement, the ministry said: "Would welcome dialogue on relevant issues in India-Pakistan relations and at this time it includes stoppage of Pak-supported cross-border terrorism."

## **FOREIGN POLICY**

### **SAARC interior ministers conference kicks off, *The News*, August 3<sup>15</sup>**

Interior Ministers from the SAARC conference are meeting in the federal capital today in order to discuss a range of issues such as terrorism, drugs and human smuggling. According to details, the Interior Ministers of Pakistan and India do not seem keen on holding a one-to-one meeting with each other. Federal Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan will host the Indian Interior Minister and his counterparts from the other countries. While the Interior Ministers of Pakistan and India will sit on one table to talk and discuss important matters concerning the region, a bilateral meeting does not seem to be on the cards.

### **Multinational anti-terror group launched, *Daily Times*, August 3<sup>16</sup>**

*Pakistan, Afghanistan, China and Tajikistan launched Quadrilateral Cooperation and Coordination Mechanism in Urumqi China to counter terrorism, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Wednesday (August 3). "The inaugural high level leader meeting on Quadrilateral Cooperation and Coordination Mechanism in counter terrorism by Afghanistan-China-Pakistan-Tajikistan armed forces/ militaries (the mechanism herein after referred to as the QCCM) was held in Urumqi, Xingjian Uygur autonomous region, China," the statement said. Those attending the ceremony included Chief of General Staff Afghan National Army Qadam Shah Shahim, Chief of Joint Staff Department of Central Military Commission (CMC) General Fang Fenghui, Chief of Army Staff Pakistan Army General Raheel Sharif, and Chief of General Staff Tajikistan Armed Forces and First Deputy Defence Minister Major General E A Cobidrzoda. *The participants unanimously agreed that terrorism and extremism were serious threat to the regional stability and they fully appreciated the unremitting efforts taken by**

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<sup>15</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/139771-SAARC-interior-ministers-conference-kicks-off-in-Islamabad>

<sup>16</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/03-Aug-16/pak-afghan-china-tajik-armies-launch-anti-terror-group>

*the militaries of the four countries against the forces of terrorism and extremism.*

## EDITORIALS AND OPINION

**Overcoming the isolation**, Imtiaz Alam, *Daily Times*, August 4<sup>17</sup>

[...]The main challenge before the Foreign Office and its diplomatic stalwarts is how to sensitise the rulers about excessive security agendas, and how difficult it is to reconcile that with a foreign policy aimed at averting regional and international isolation – the consequence of adventurous and confrontationist security agendas. [...] *Our national security paradigm, living on borrowed times, is based on keeping eternal enmity with India; keeping Afghanistan in one way or the other as our exclusive reserve; aligning with the Saudis at the cost of our potentially much more rewarding relationship with Iran; flirting with the US in a transitory and troubled relationship based on the wages of fighting terrorism; and compensating our all security and foreign policy deficits by our sole reliance on China.* [...] Like it or not, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's vision for south and western Asia for economic interdependence/cooperation and resolution of disputes through peaceful means is the best course available to take Pakistan out of its current predicaments. Diplomacy and political acumen can achieve even those miracles that cannot be imagined to be achieved by military means.

**PM's pragmatic remarks**, Editorial, *The Dawn*, August 5<sup>18</sup>

IF Pakistan is to have its concerns addressed and national interests advanced, it must be prepared to acknowledge that much of the outside world has concerns about Pakistan and believes that global security is affected by national security choices made by this country. In partially acknowledging that reality, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has once again tried to infuse a degree of sensible pragmatism in the country's foreign and national security policies. But the remarks Mr Sharif made to a gathering of Pakistani ambassadors in key world capitals raise an obvious question: do the prime minister and the government he leads know how to translate their sensible approach to foreign policy into an actual change of policy, even at the margins? [...] Contrast, however, the preferred approach of civilian leaderships in Pakistan to that of the military establishment. Where civilians seek cooperative solutions, the military establishment's approach to security and foreign policy tends to – perhaps unwittingly – infuse rancour into debates and hardens international positions.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/139932-Overcoming-regional-and-international-isolation>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275480/pms-pragmatic-remarks>

**Is Pakistan isolated?**, Munir Akram, *The Dawn*, August 7<sup>19</sup>

[...] *This emerging US-Indian alliance has not only encouraged New Delhi's belligerence, it has exacerbated Pakistan's security challenges, reflected in American support for India's massive arms build-up; wide-ranging US attempts to contain and neutralise Pakistan's nuclear and missile deterrence capabilities; and growing US pressure on Pakistan to act against 'terrorists'.* The strategic evolution has also complicated Pakistan's relationship with the 'unity' government in Afghanistan. The Obama administration has accepted the Pentagon's proposal for an indefinite US military presence in Afghanistan. [...] *Fighting, rather than reconciling with the Taliban, has always been India's preferred option. Pakistan, with China's cooperation, can meet India's security challenge and maintain credible deterrence, nuclear and conventional. Pakistan has no compulsion to press for a dialogue so long as New Delhi refuses to address the fundamental issues of Kashmir and peace and security.* Thus, in order to respond to India's mischief and Kabul's renewed hostility, Pakistan has to address, primarily, America's alignment with these two neighbours. *Pakistan will have to evolve policies which can neutralise those US positions which are antithetical to Pakistan's vital interests, while preserving its vital strategic partnership with China. This is the major foreign policy challenge confronting Islamabad.* This challenge is likely to become more daunting if, as anticipated, Sino-US rivalry and tensions escalate further.

## MILITARY AFFAIRS

**Musharraf's property seized**, *The Nation*, August 1<sup>20</sup>

*Following the orders of the court, the property of former president General (r) Pervez Musharraf was seized by Defense Housing Authority (DHA) here on Monday (August 1).* The District and Sessions Judge South Karachi implemented the orders of Special Judge Islamabad to confiscate Pervez Musharraf's property. The Defense Housing Authority (DHA) has informed the court regarding the seizure of former president's property. The court had ordered to seize House No 172 of the Khayaban-e-Faisal and DHA Phase-VIII's House No 301.

**Rangers powers in Karachi extended**, *The Nation*, August 2<sup>21</sup>

*Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah yesterday approved a summary giving special powers for 90 days to Rangers in Karachi and allowing their stay in Sindh for another one year.* Presiding over a meeting on law and order here at the CM House, he said Pakistan Rangers and police have done a

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<sup>19</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275887/is-pakistan-isolated>

<sup>20</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/01-Aug-2016/former-president-pervez-musharraf-s-property-seized>

<sup>21</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/02-Aug-2016/rangers-powers-in-karachi-extended>

wonderful job by restoring peace to the port city. "We must appreciate their struggle and sacrifices for restoring law and order in the province," he said and added their role in eradication of terrorism and target killing, and crackdown on extortionists is commendable.

**Will return to Pakistan soon: Musharraf, *The News*, August 3<sup>22</sup>**

Former president and army chief General (r) Pervez Musharraf on Wednesday (August 3) voiced his desire to return to Pakistan soon and participate in the 2018 general elections with full preparation. According to the information department of All Pakistan Muslim League, while addressing his party's global conference in Dubai, Musharraf said that he had not run away from the country but that he would be back soon and would contest the upcoming elections in 2018.

**Rangers stay in Sindh, special powers in Karachi, *The News*, August 3<sup>23</sup>**

The Interior Ministry has issued two notifications on the request of Sindh government in connection with the powers of Rangers. According to the first notification issued by the interior ministry, *the federal government on Wednesday (August 3) extended the special policing powers of paramilitary force in Karachi for 90 days*. A second notification was also issued by the federal ministry, extending the Pakistan Rangers deployment in Sindh province for another year for the paramilitary force to continue to discharge functions and assist the Sindh Police in the maintenance of law and order within the province.

**Six militants arrested in Quetta, *The Dawn*, August 5<sup>24</sup>**

*Security forces have arrested six militants believed to be involved in two bomb blasts in the city that had left 16 people dead*. This was said by Balochistan Home Minister Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti at a press conference here on Thursday (August 4). [...]Mr Bugti said the arrested militants belonged to the banned United Baloch Army (UBA) and added, "They carried out a bomb blast in a bus carrying people of the Sariab area a few months ago, killing 11 people. "Besides, they exploded a bomb fitted to a cycle at Almo Chowk two months ago that left five people dead. [...]More arrests are likely in this connection Replying a question, he said that *involvement of the Indian intelligence agency, the Research and Analysis Wing, and the Afghan spy agency, the National Directorate of Security, in the two attacks could not be ruled out as the*

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<sup>22</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/139780-Will-return-to-Pakistan-soon-General-r-Musharraf>

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/139818-Rangers-stay-in-Sindh-special-powers-in-Karachi-extended>

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275550/six-militants-arrested-in-quetta>

*agencies were funding banned militant organisations to foment unrest in Balochistan.*

**11 held in Lahore combing operation, *The Dawn*, August 14<sup>25</sup>**

Eleven suspected 'hardcore terrorists' were arrested in a 'combing operation' conducted by the army in Shahdara here on Saturday (August 13). According to an official of the Inter-Services Public Relations, the operation was launched on an intelligence report about the presence of terrorists in the suburbs of the city. The operation continued for more than three hours and led to the arrest of 11 members of a sleeper cell of a terrorist organisation. A huge cache of arms and ammunition was also seized. *According to sources, two of the arrested terrorists belong to Jamaatul Ahrar, a splinter group of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).*

## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

**Threat perceptions, Owen Bennet Jones, *The Dawn*, August 5<sup>26</sup>**

HERE — in alphabetical order — are six countries that have considerable involvement in Pakistan: Afghanistan, India, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States. I once asked a senior Pakistani military officer to consider how the army perceives the threat each of these countries pose to Pakistan and then to rank them with the most threatening first. You will probably not be surprised to learn that he came up with India, the United States, Afghanistan, and then, after a bit of thought, the UK, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. [...] So is the military officer's ranking of the relative threat posed by these countries correct? It is a difficult assessment. *Should US aid and Saudi oil, for example, offset some of the harmful actions by those two countries? And are long-term threats more or less important than short-term ones? One way of looking at it is to try to assess the number of Pakistanis whose violent deaths can be traced back to the countries on the list.* One might compare, for example, the number of people being killed by US drones (bearing in mind that Pakistan facilitated most of them) with the numbers being killed by Saudi-funded Afghanistan-based militants. It is complicated because some of the sources of violence overlap in not very holy alliances. Still, a consideration of who the Pakistani victims might reasonably blame could result in the following ranking of threats: Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, the US, India, the UK and the UAE.

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<sup>25</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1277448/11-held-in-lahore-combing-operation>

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275152/threat-perceptions>

## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

### **Increased trend of Chinese visiting Pakistan, *The Nation*, August 1<sup>27</sup>**

The number of tourism visa application to Pakistan submitted by Chinese in the first half year of 2016 jumped by 37 folds, says a official reports released here. *"Driven by strong relations between the two countries, many Chinese tourists put Pakistan on the top list of their outbound travel plans. In the past, despite the close relations between China and Pakistan, the country in South Asia did not attract too many international tourist arrivals due to security reasons.* The visits paid by Chinese outbound tourists would keep growing in the following years, mainly because China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, the report added. According to another report, *Pakistan has turned into a favorite destination for Chinese people for doing their business and making investment in the projects, being executed under CPEC or 'One belt one road'.* [...]According to a survey, there has been around 100 percent increase in the traveling index on both sides last year. The rapid upward trend of traveling of Chinese workers and businessmen to Pakistan began following the recent visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Pakistan which led the Sino-Pak economic partnership to a new height.

### **CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR**

#### **Army chief discusses CPEC with Chinese general, *Daily Times*, August 3<sup>28</sup>**

Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif on Wednesday (August 3) held meetings with Chief of General Staff Gen Fang of People's Liberation Army of China. According to a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) here, General Sharif arrived at Urumqi, capital of the Xinjiang Uyghur region of China, for a day long visit. The army chief discussed military to military relations, bilateral security cooperation and all dimensions of long term security of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) with the Chinese general. General Sharif also held separate meeting with Communist Party of China Secretary Zhang Chun Xian. They discussed Pakistan-China bilateral relations and regional security issues with particular reference to CPEC project completion and security.

#### **Special Security Division to protect CPEC, *The Dawn*, August 12<sup>29</sup>**

*The Parliamentary Committee on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was informed on Friday (August 12) that a Special Security Division (SSD)*

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<sup>27</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/01-Aug-2016/increased-trend-of-chinese-people-visiting-pakistan-report>

<sup>28</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/03-Aug-16/army-chief-discusses-cpec-security-with-chinese-general>

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1277182/15000-troops-of-special-security-division-to-protect-cpec-projects-chinese-nationals>

*comprising 9,000 Pakistan Army soldiers and 6,000 para-military forces personnel has been set up for the security of the project and individuals working on it.* “Special Security Division has been entrusted with the duty of protecting Chinese workers and projects under CPEC,” officials of ministry of defence said while briefing the parliamentary panel on Friday (August 12). The remarks were made in an in-camera meeting of the committee on CPEC, which was chaired by Senator Mushahid Hussain. [...]The government has also allocated Rs1.3 billion for CPEC security in addition to the efforts of provincial governments, the committee was informed. “The cost of raising the SSD was Rs0.5 billion and it took a year to be raised,” the officials said. “Apart from security on land, the government has also taken relevant initiative through the maritime security agency to protect the coast as well as through the Pakistan Air Force,” added the officials.

### **India raises CPEC with Chinese minister, *The Dawn*, August 13<sup>30</sup>**

India on Saturday (August 13) raised with China its blocking of Jaish-i-Mohammad (JM) chief Masood Azhar’s banning by the UN as well as Beijing’s opposition to India’s NSG membership bid for which the two sides agreed to have a meeting soon between their top disarmament officials, the Press Trust of India said. It said External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her visiting Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, during their talks, also decided to put in place a new mechanism at the level of foreign secretaries to discuss various aspects of ties which have witnessed strains in the recent past. The meeting coincided with reports that Indian Defence Mini-ster Manohar Parrikar would visit Washington this month, his second trip there in eight months. Ms Swaraj also conveyed to Mr Wang India’s concerns on the China-Pakistan Economic Corri-dor (CPEC) in “disputed Kashmir” during the three-hour-long discussion including over lunch.

## **SECURITY SITUATION**

### **TERRORISM**

#### **IS claims Quetta bomb attack that ‘targeted’ judge, *The Dawn*, August 13<sup>31</sup>**

The militant Islamic State (IS) group said Friday (August 12) it was behind a roadside bomb that injured 13 people in Quetta, the SITE Intelligence Group said, days after a major attack in the city killed 73. The latest explosion on a bridge in the city on Thursday (August 11) injured four police personnel and nine passers-by, in an attack apparently targeting a judge. Site reported that the

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<sup>30</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1277425/india-raises-pec-with-chinese-minister>

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1277324/islamic-state-claims-quetta-bomb-attack-that-targeted-judge>

IS group claimed the attack on its Telegram channel, al-Bayan Radio and Twitter.

## **KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA**

**Security forces kill 5 suspected terrorists**, *The News*, August 3<sup>32</sup>

Security forces on Wednesday (August 3) gunned down five alleged terrorists at Kalash Valley in Chitral. According to sources, the incident occurred at Astoi area of district Kalaash where terrorists started firing on them due to which security forces retaliated. The five alleged terrorists were shot dead by security forces' retaliation.

## **BALUCHISTAN**

**Gunmen kill two Hazara labourers in Quetta**, *The Nation*, August 2<sup>33</sup>

Gunmen riding a motorcycle killed two men belonging to Hazara Shias on Monday (August 1) in an apparent sectarian attack, police said. The killing of the minority community members took place in the suburbs of Quetta while the victims were travelling in a rickshaw. "Gunmen on a motorcycle stopped the rickshaw and then opened fire on them (victims) and fled the scene," said Abdullah Jan Afridi, a senior police officer in Quetta. Afridi said victims were labourers in a coalmine. The rickshaw driver was unhurt in the attack in the Saryab road area. "We are investigating but apparently it is a sectarian attack," the officer said.

**Three security men among five injured**, *The News*, August 3<sup>34</sup>

Three security personnel were among five people who suffered wounds in a remotely controlled bomb blast which hit a vehicle of a law enforcement agency on Quetta's Spiny road here on Wednesday night (August 3). [...]As a result, five people including three personnel of law enforcement agencies, a woman and a man suffered injuries.

**Four 'militants' shot dead**, *The Dawn*, August 13<sup>35</sup>

Four suspected militants were killed in a shootout with security forces in the Kahan area of Kohlu district on Friday (August 12). The Frontier Corps (FC) action in Kohlu was part of a combing operation in Quetta and other areas of the province launched on the directives of Chief of Army Staff Gen Raheel Sharif. According to official sources, FC personnel along with officials from intelligence agencies launched search operations in Kahan on a tip-off. Armed

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<sup>32</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/139773-Security-forces-kill-5-suspected-terrorists-in-Chitral#>

<sup>33</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/02-Aug-2016/gunmen-kill-two-hazara-labourers-in-quetta>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/139814-Three-security-men-among-five-injured-in-Quetta-blast>

<sup>35</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1277306/four-militants-shot-dead-in-kohlu>

militants opened fire on the FC troops who returned fire. After a heavy exchange of fire for several hours, four militants were shot dead.

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**Good, bad or just evil?**, Abbas Nasir, *The Dawn*, August 13<sup>36</sup>

[...]The situation is so critical that a multipronged effort to combat terrorism, and the underlying radicalisation which contributes to it, is imperative if we wish to give ourselves half a chance of overcoming what is often described as an existential threat. [...] *One of the first steps that needs to be taken is to clearly tell the Afghan Taliban shura believed to be based in Quetta that unless its fighters decimate the camps of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan on Afghan soil where, security officials believe, all attacks on Pakistan originate, they will not be afforded the same level of protection as in the past.* [...]In addition, the intelligence agencies must ensure that jihadist groups operating in the country cease their activities forthwith. *Unfortunately, the state believes that organisations such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), or Jamaatud Dawaa as it is called now, Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and the Sipah-i-Sahaba Pakistan, always act in the best interest of the country and are its second line of defence.* It should be clear to the security apparatus that attempts at ‘mainstreaming’ such groups that claim to be patriotic, and inserting them in areas, such as Balochistan and parts of Sindh, where there is discontent among the population, will fail, even backfire, in the long term. [...] *All jihadist groups share an ideological affinity and it is generally a matter of time before they opt for the same path leading to their common goal. Pakistan cannot assume that one group is different from the other just because its actions are not hurting the country at a given point.*

## RELATIONS WITH INDIA

**Envoys asked to do more to expose India**, *The Nation*, August 2<sup>37</sup>

*Pakistan has resolved not to let India continue its state-sponsored terror in held Kashmir and pressurise the world to help find a solution to the decade-old dispute between the two nuclear armed neighbours.* Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz briefed the Pakistani envoys accredited to key capitals and multilateral institutions at the three-day envoys’ conference that started here yesterday. [...]An official privy to the meeting told *The Nation* that Kashmir issue remained the main agenda on the first day. *“Aziz told the envoys they had to do more to expose the Indian brutalities in Kashmir. There was consensus that India had crossed all limits in the held territory,” he said.*

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<sup>36</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1277162/good-bad-or-just-evil>

<sup>37</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/02-Aug-2016/envoys-asked-to-do-more-to-expose-indian-brutalities>

**Demos against Indian minister, *The Dawn*, August 4<sup>38</sup>**

Different Kashmiri groups and pro-Kashmir freedom outfits took out protest demonstrations against the arrival of Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh for attending a Saarc conference on Wednesday (August 3). The Jamaatud Dawah staged its demonstration outside Masjid Shuhada on The Mall. It was addressed by JuD chief Hafiz Saeed. The participants set ablaze an effigy of Rajnath Singh as well as Indian flag and raised slogans against atrocities of Indian forces in held Kashmir. The Youth Forum for Kashmir demonstrated outside the press club and also set on fire an effigy of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**Tension simmers between Nisar and Rajnath, *The Dawn*, August 5<sup>39</sup>**

The interior ministers of both Pakistan and India made critical remarks apparently aimed at each other's governments on the second day of a Saarc conference here on Thursday (August 4), as tensions between the two neighbouring countries run high in the aftermath of weeks-long violence in India-held Kashmir. [...] *"There are no good terrorists or bad terrorists," said Rajnath Singh in his address, referring to earlier criticism the Indian state has levelled against Pakistan. "There should be no glorification or eulogising of terrorists as martyrs."* Singh called for "strongest action not only against terrorists or organisations but also against those individuals, organisations and nations which support terror." *Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, in response, lambasted the "use of excessive force" to suppress protests in held Kashmir, without naming the Indian government. "Using torture against innocent children and violence against civilians qualifies as terrorism," said the minister, adding that there was a need to end an "extremist" mindset and instead try to solve regional issues with dialogue.*

**Rajnath leaves Saarc meeting abruptly, *The Dawn*, August 5<sup>40</sup>**

*Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday (August 4) left the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Saarc) Interior Ministers' meeting halfway through after losing a war of words with his Pakistani counterpart Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan. The Indian minister indirectly accused Pakistan of sponsoring terrorism. But when Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan responded — after relinquishing his position as the chairman of the meeting — Mr Singh found it difficult to digest. [...] Both men skipped the luncheon arranged for ministers and participants of the Saarc meeting.*

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<sup>38</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275254>

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275370/tension-simmers-between-pakistan-india-interior-ministers-at-saarc-meet-in-capital>

<sup>40</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275551/rajnath-leaves-saarc-meeting-abruptly-amid-bitterness>

Speaking at a press conference later, Chaudhry Nisar said he had received a message from the Indian minister asking whether he (Nisar) would be coming to the lunch. The interior minister said he excused himself as he had to attend an important meeting at Prime Minister House.

**Pakistan to invite India for talks: Aziz**, *The Express Tribune*, August 12<sup>41</sup>

Prime Minister's Adviser on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz said on Friday (August 12) that Pakistan will invite India for dialogue on Kashmir dispute in the wake of current unrest in the valley. Speaking at a news conference in Islamabad, Aziz said Foreign Secretary Aizaz Chaudhry would soon write a letter to his Indian counterpart seeking dialogue on Kashmir.

**India lists issues that must be resolved before talks**, *The Dawn*, August 14<sup>42</sup>

India, responding to Pakistan's plan to discuss Jammu and Kashmir, has given its list of issues that must be addressed before any progress is possible. Reports on Saturday (August 13) quoted India's foreign ministry as responding to the statement by Foreign Policy Adviser Sartaj Aziz to invite India for dialogue on Jammu and Kashmir. The ministry claimed Delhi welcomed dialogue on relevant issues and at this time it included stoppage of "Pak-supported cross-border terrorism".

## UNREST IN KASHMIR

**UN stresses need for peace**, *The Nation*, August 2<sup>43</sup>

A United Nations spokesman on Monday (August 1) reiterated Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's call for a peaceful resolution of the deteriorating situation in Indian-held Kashmir where occupation forces have killed more than 50 Kashmiri protesters and wounded thousands more. Responding to questions from Pakistani journalists at the regular noon briefing, Associate Spokesman Farhan Haq said the UN chief had repeatedly stressed the need on all parties to work constructively to address all concerns through peaceful means.

**A vale of tears, torment**, Abbas Nasir, *The Dawn*, August 6<sup>44</sup>

[...] *Side by side with their common demand for azadi, many Kashmiris I talked to were also equally clear about saying 'no thanks' to Pakistan-based militant groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). This is simply because they believed that such groups undermine their indigenous struggle.* [...] *Another factor that*

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<sup>41</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1161105/pakistan-invite-india-talks-quell-kashmir-unrest-sartaj-aziz/>

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1277447/in-response-to-talks-plan-india-lists-issues-that-must-be-resolved-first>

<sup>43</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/02-Aug-2016/un-stresses-need-for-peace-in-ihk>

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275691/a-vale-of-tears-torment>

*all these Kashmiris were keen to stress on was that when they say 'azadi' they mean both from India and Pakistan. They wish to govern themselves. "The best act of friendship by Pakistan would be to let us be. We have reached a stage where we'd be horrified to contemplate a day when, say, Islamabad replaces New Delhi." [...]Today, regardless of the peace initiatives Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif may be keen on, the GHQ seems to have drawn red lines for him not to cross, including vigorously trying the Mumbai carnage accused.*

**'Kashmiris believe armed resistance is the only way'**, *The Dawn*, August 8<sup>45</sup>  
*Supreme militant commander of the Hizbul Mujahideen Syed Salahuddin urged Pakistan on Sunday (August 7) to find a peaceful solution to the ongoing violence in India-held Kashmir. If a peaceful solution is not reached then Pakistan should consider cutting off diplomatic ties with India over the killing of Burhan Muzaffar Wani in Kashmir.* Speaking during a press conference at the Jamaat-i-Islami's (JI) headquarters, Idara Noor-i-Haq, here Salahuddin, who is also the head of the Muttahida Jihad Council, said that the young commander's killing gave "new meaning to the struggle for India-held Kashmir". Salahuddin spoke for the entire duration of the one-hour press conference, with members of the JI, including its Karachi emir Naeem-ur-Rahman, sitting next to him. The reporters were informed that Salahuddin had come on a short visit to Karachi from Muzaffarabad to "especially speak to the media".

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**Do More**, Editorial, *The Nation*, August 1<sup>46</sup>

*[...]The fact that the US wants to deescalate the violence and nothing more, is very telling. As is the fact that America still refuses to openly blame India for the atrocities, and instead asks 'all parties' to deescalate the situation, making it seem like the Kashmiri people are part of the problem. The US, and the rest of the world in fact, is very content with the status quo, as long as there are no dead bodies in the aftermath. [...]The US, as a global superpower is the only country that can actually force India to come to the table to discuss the Kashmir issue. It can do what the UN cannot. But it has not attempted to even mediate between Pakistan and India, identifying this as an issue that the two must resolve themselves. The only reason America is expressing token concern now, is because the atrocities committed are almost impossible to ignore.*

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<sup>45</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1276054/kashmiris-believe-armed-resistance-is-the-only-way>

<sup>46</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/01-Aug-2016/do-more>

**A rancorous Saarc meeting**, Editorial, *The Dawn*, August 6<sup>47</sup>

[...]Hosting the meeting was always going to be a challenge, with bilateral Pak-India tensions at a peak and given the interior minister's penchant for dabbling in foreign affairs along hawkish lines. [...]So, despite hopes for a reasonable outcome, the possibility of rancorous exchanges could not be ruled out. And that is precisely what came to pass as Mr Singh and Interior Minister Khan opted for petulance and pettiness against each other. *From a closely watched and deliberately botched handshake to both ministers skipping an official luncheon, the Indian and Pakistan interior ministers were the proverbial bulls in the Saarc china shop.* [...]Was the interior minister briefed by the Foreign Office and why was he not assisted in the home ministers' meeting by a relatively senior foreign ministry officer? Surely, the government cannot expect to reorient foreign policy if a senior minister is contradicting the foreign ministry's efforts and undercutting the message of his prime minister. Once again, and this time in a matter of just 24 hours, the government has failed at a policy reset that it had itself mooted.

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<sup>47</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1275688/a-rancorous-saarc-meeting>

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

**Play with India on Same Turf**, Editorial, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, August 3<sup>48</sup>

During the SAARC meeting of Interior/Home Ministry conference, Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh decided not to have a bilateral meeting with his Pakistani counterpart. In response Chaudhry Nisar also said that he had no desire and he was not keen to have a bilateral talk. We would play on the same turf on which India was playing. Those countries that are sensitive and interested to resolve issues through talks do not let opportunities to go. Kashmir issue is still unresolved after seven decades. *Pakistan is always interested to talk while India is always showing negative attitude. Kashmir issue would have been resolved long time ago had India shown eagerness.* Indian Home Minister is coming to attend the conference but he is not meeting his Pakistani counterpart, this shows that he does not want to talk on Kashmir. In order to play on the same turf on which India is playing, Chaudhry Nisar needs to raise the Kashmir issue at every forum. [...] At present we should not talk about friendship with India and trade with India is impossible.

**Quetta Incident: Rajnath's Response**, Editorial, *Daily Jasarat*, August 9<sup>49</sup>

*Pakistanis were quite amazed that Rajnath Singh didn't respond Chaudhry Nisar's speech. Rajnath didn't even respond when he reached Delhi. He directly went to see Modi. Few days later India responded in Quetta.* Protests in Pakistan on India's unabated use of lethal weapons on Kashmiris, curfew and protests against in Kashmir had troubled India very much. They had no answer whatever they were doing in Kashmir and they had no answer to Chaudhry Nisar's speech. But whatever happened in Quetta does not need further analysis. Indian spy Kulbhushan Yadav was caught in Baluchistan. It is now open secret who is behind whatever is happening there. *Pakistani leaders often repeat that India is interfering in Baluchistan and has enough evidence against it. Then why are not they sharing this evidence with rest of the world?* Kashmir is not the only issue between India and Pakistan. When CPEC was initiated India and America didn't like it. India has openly said that they have reservations regarding the corridor. *India was also behind in ending the cricket in Pakistan through Pakistani terrorists. Mumbai and other attacks were staged by India to defame Pakistan. They succeeded in that.* West particular America is scared that once they leave Afghanistan, things will change rapidly. Not only in Afghanistan but the leverage vis-à-vis CPEC will be minimised. That is why they are propping up India in Afghanistan. *Pakistan should*

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<sup>48</sup> <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/03-Aug-2016/496074>

<sup>49</sup> <http://epaper.jasarat.org/2016/08/09/karachi/co-1>

*courageously take terrorism issue with the world community. It should share India's covert operation in Pakistan with the world. If our leaders show guts, whole country will support them. It is also good news for Pakistan intelligence that Rangers have caught sleeper cells in Karachi. These agents could have easily reached to Baluchistan via KP. Therefore we should take care of that aspect as well.*

**Military need no permission**, Editorial, *Daily Ummat*, August 12<sup>50</sup>

Last week civil-military leadership decided to make NAP an effective and powerful policy. At the meeting it was decided to extend powers to military, make Defence of Pakistan Act very strong. Extend military courts' jurisdiction. On the occasion prime minister said that our enemy and few elements are against CPEC. Only having meetings and forming committees will not end terrorism. These committees and meetings are not solutions to our problems. NAP was formed in 2014 and consists of 20 points and yet is to be fully implemented. Military is desperately waiting civilian government to implement their part of NAP. Federal and Provincial governments are not letting security forces to implement NAP. NAP is only discussed in meetings and committees by civilian leadership. *People have no expectations from civilian leadership. They know only military can deliver and bring end to terrorism. Military does not need permission from federal or provincial governments to take action against terrorism under NAP act. Incompetent leaders are only doing one thing just waiting Raheel Sharif's tenure to get end. But they don't know who would be the next army chief. There is very much possibility that he would be stricter than Raheel Sharif and within specific time will finish the unaccomplished work.*

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<sup>50</sup> <http://ummat.net/2016/08/09/news.php?p=idr1.gif>

## STATISTICS

### BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
<b>Balochistan</b>				
Quetta <sup>51</sup>	2/8/2016	Two Hazaras killed	2	0
Quetta <sup>52</sup>	3/8/2016	Five injured in blast	0	5
Kahan <sup>53</sup>	13/8/2016	Four militants killed	4	0
<b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>				
Kalash <sup>54</sup>	3/8/2016	Five terrorists killed	5	0

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<sup>51</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/02-Aug-2016/gunmen-kill-two-hazara-labourers-in-quetta>

<sup>52</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/139814-Three-security-men-among-five-injured-in-Quetta-blast>

<sup>53</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1277306/four-militants-shot-dead-in-kohlu>

<sup>54</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/139773-Security-forces-kill-5-suspected-terrorists-in-Chitral#>