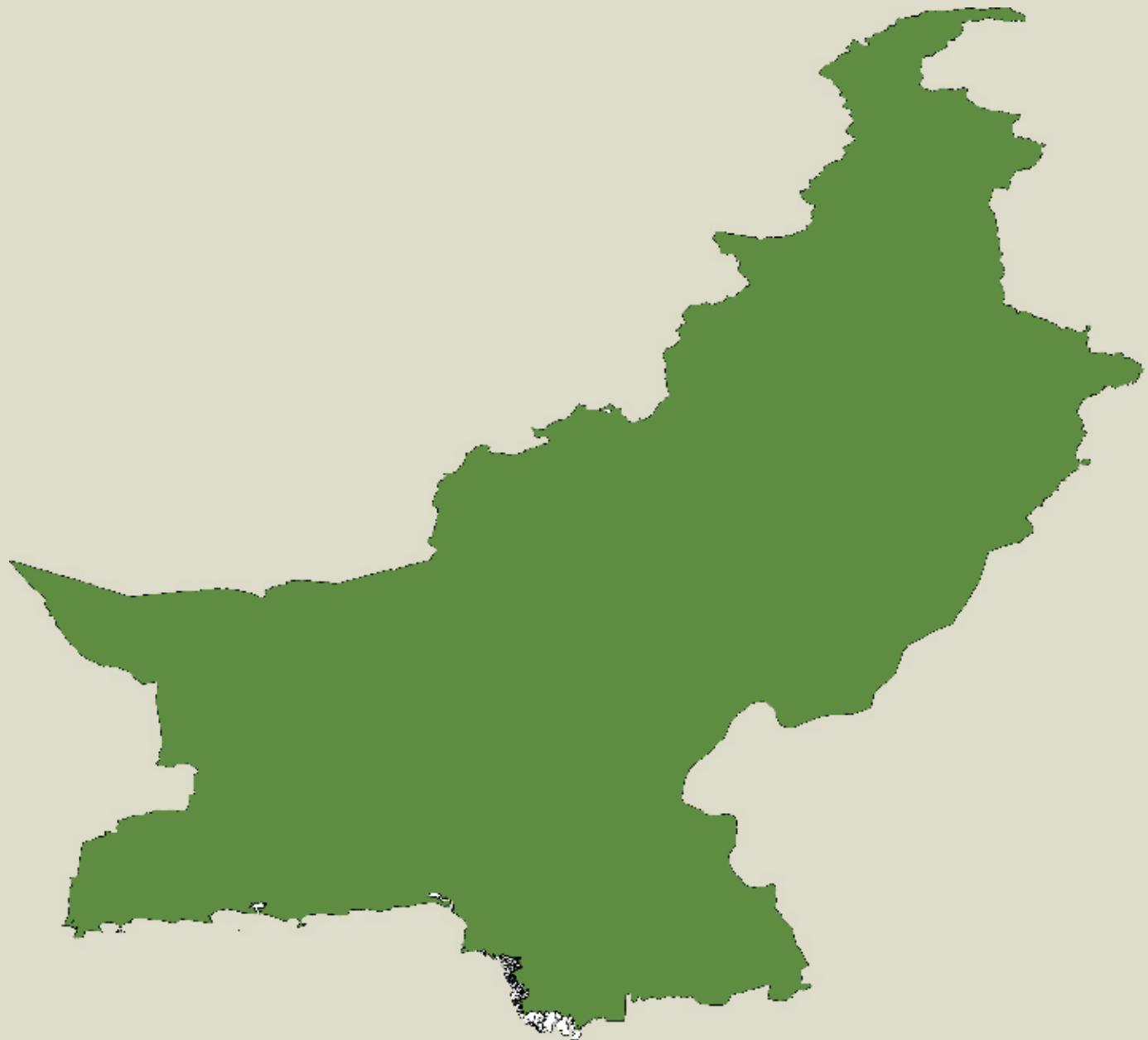


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## ABBREVIATIONS

- 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-Islami  
JuD: Jamat-ul- Dawa  
JUI-F Jamiat-Ulema-e-Islam (Fazal)  
KP: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa  
LHC: Lahore High Court  
MQM: Muttahida Qaumi Movement  
NAB: National Accountability Bureau  
NADRA- National Database and Registration Authority  
NAP: National Action Plan  
PAT: Pakistan Awami Tehreek  
PML-N: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz  
PPP: Pakistan People's Party  
PTI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf  
QCG: Quadrilateral Coordination Group  
QWP: Qaumi Watan Party  
RRG: Rapid Response Group  
TTP: Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The blame-game over the ceasefire violations at the LoC and international border has been continuing making it further difficult to reduce the tension between the two nuclear armed neighbours. Amid reports of heavy exchange of fire between the two armed forces and attempts by terror outfits to infiltrate into the state of Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan leveled allegations against eight High Commission officials of the Indian High Commission to be RAW and IB agents. Three of the eight named officials came back to India soon after the allegations were made. Following this, the PTI legislator Nabila Hakim Ali filed a resolution in the Punjab Assembly demanding the rechecking of the backgrounds of the foreign diplomats posted in Pakistan.

The tussle between the government and opposition over the Panama Paper Leaks was inevitably moving in a direction where the possibility of any deal or compromise might become a remote possibility. The PTI had given a call to lockdown the Islamabad on November 2, and the ruling dispensation was preparing itself to deal with the situation. Given the prevailing deadlock over the issue, the apex court of Pakistan has shown some interest and willingness to take up the issue. The Supreme Court has ordered PTI and PML-N to submit Terms of References (ToRs) on the formation of a commission to probe revelations made in the Panama Papers. The intervention has avoided an obvious clash and PTI chairman singlehandedly decided to replace his lockdown plan with a thanksgiving rally at the parade ground in Islamabad.

Pakistan's obsession with the CPEC is growing day by day. Despite the reservations from the smaller provinces, especially the people of Balochistan and Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, the ruling elite continue to propagate it as a one shot solution to all economic and developmental problems faced by the country. The KP provincial government has actually decided to approach the court against the federal government's discriminatory attitude towards the province. Mushtaq Ghani, the special assistant to the chief minister on information, categorically stated about the plan to move to court against the center for ignoring the province as far as CPEC was concerned. The civilian and security establishment together have been carefully crafting a new economic narrative around the CPEC which on the one hand projects a bright future for the people of Pakistan and on the other hand blames outside powers, especially India and to some extent Afghanistan, for exploiting the prevailing situation to sabotage the CPEC and related projects.

The nature of civil military relations and security establishment's preponderance in Pakistan is an open secret. Every single development, big or small, in this context is taken seriously at home and abroad. The incumbent

army chief is retiring at the end of November and that has given rise to many speculations. If various opinion polls is to be believed, the outgoing Army Chief Gen. Raheel Sharif is more popular than the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. There were posters, banners and bill-boards requesting him to stay on, soon after he announced that he had no intention to take an extension and would retire at the end of his tenure in November. Recently, some Pro-COAS posters appeared again in Rawalpindi. However, the message and request this time was different from the earlier ones. This time a hitherto unknown organisation Awami Monitoring Cell asked parliamentarians to reduce the two-year bar on a government servant to take part in politics after retirement. Those behind this move want a reduction in the two-year bar so that it could pave the way for Gen. Raheel Sharif to take part in the next general elections scheduled to be held in 2018.

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## **POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS**

### **NATIONAL POLITICS**

#### **Bilawal nourished on looted money: PTI, *The Nation*, November 6<sup>1</sup>**

*A day after PPP chairman's criticism on Imran Khan, PTI has termed Bilawal a teenager nourished on the money looted by his father Asif Ali Zardari. The severe criticism came from PTI Punjab chapter former president Ijaz Chaudhry in a statement yesterday. Ijaz Ch suggested Bilawal to learn at least national language before entering into national politics. Learning Urdu, he said, will further help him (Bilawal) to read the corruption stories of Asif Zaradi.* He said PPP and PML-N were two faces of the same coin and saving each other's corruption. PPP Chairman Bilawal Zardari on Friday (November 4) had said Imran should tell the people about his father Ikramullah Niazi. Addressing a public gathering in the Dharki (Sindh), he said enough was enough, and that he and the people had tolerated "Chacha Imran" for a long time, adding that Imran leveled baseless allegations daily while standing on stage. Responding to Bilawal's criticism, PTI leader said it was not Imran's father Ikramullah but of Bilawal who was renowned across the world with title of Mr 10 per cent. He said how Imran became Bilawal's Chacha (uncle) when the 'baby Bilawal' real uncle was Awais Muzaffar Tippi who fled from the country after doing massive corruption in Sindh.

#### **Resolution to reinvestigate foreign diplomats, *Daily Times*, November 10<sup>2</sup>**

Punjab Governor Mohammad Rafique Rajwana has summoned the 25th session of the Punjab Assembly on November 24 at 2pm. [...] Earlier, the opposition legislators submitted two separate resolutions in the assembly secretariat regarding 'imposition of ban on child marriages' and 'reinvestigation of people working in the embassies operational in the country' in a bid to identify and disclose 'RAW' agents in the Indian High Commission. *Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) legislator Nabila Hakim Ali filed the resolution about the rechecking of foreign diplomats' backgrounds in the Notice Branch of the Punjab Assembly. She said that disclosure of RAW agents, covering themselves as diplomats and working in the Indian High Commission, was a serious concern and such issues were defaming diplomats.* Nabila said the ambassadors were generally known as symbols of peace in other countries, but India misused these important positions by sending secret agents in the guise of diplomats.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/06-Nov-2016/bilawal-nourished-on-looted-money-pti>

<sup>2</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/punjab/10-Nov-16/resolution-filed-to-reinvestigate-foreign-diplomats>

**PTI loses battle against Khawaja Asif, *The Express Tribune*, November 11<sup>3</sup>**  
*The ruling PML-N emerged victorious on Thursday (November 10) after PTI lost the legal battle on the veracity of 2013 polls in a crucial National Assembly constituency, NA-110, when the Supreme Court dismissed the latter's petition against federal defence minister Khawaja Asif.* The detailed judgment is likely to be released in a few days, after which it will become clear if the petitions were dismissed merely on technical grounds or on merit. In the short order, the apex court judges again highlighted inherent flaws in the country's electoral system.

**Nisar shares data with probe committee, *The Express Tribune*, November 11<sup>4</sup>**  
Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on Thursday (November 10) shared a trove of documents and records with an inquiry committee formed to probe 'newsleak' which held its first meeting in the Punjab House under the chairmanship of Justice (retd) Aamer Raza Khan. The government had notified the seven-member committee headed by Justice (retd) Aamer Raza Khan to ascertain the source who leaked information about a high-level meeting between top military and civilian officials to a newspaper.

## THE PANAMA PAPERS

**Those who pointed fingers will be embarrassed, *The Dawn*, November 3<sup>5</sup>**  
Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Wednesday (November 2) expressed satisfaction over the Supreme Court's order on the Panamagate probe a day earlier, and said those who pointed fingers at him would soon be embarrassed. The apex court on Tuesday (November 1) during a hearing of petitions moved by the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI), Jamaat-i-Islami, Awami Muslim League, and others, ordered the PML-N and PTI to submit Terms of Reference (ToRs) on the formation of a commission to probe revelations made in the Panama Papers. *The court's order came just a day before the PTI's planned Nov 2 'lockdown' of Islamabad, and was followed by PTI Chairman Imran Khan announcing that the party's siege of the capital would be replaced instead by a 'thanksgiving' rally at Islamabad's parade ground.*

**Prepare for litigation, govt warns Imran, *The Dawn*, November 4<sup>6</sup>**  
The government on Thursday (November 3) accused Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan of twisting the facts and outcome of the Supreme

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<sup>3</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1227446/electoral-system-flaws-pti-loses-court-battle-khawaja-asif/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1227355/maiden-meeting-nisar-shares-data-newsleak-probe-committee/>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1293832/those-who-pointed-fingers-will-soon-be-embarrassed-pm-tells-cabinet>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294191/prepare-for-litigation-govt-warns-imran>

Court hearing on Panamagate before the media, warning him to be prepared to face several petitions that would be filed against him before the courts and the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). The government also announced that the children of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif would submit their statements regarding their three offshore companies, exposed by the Panama Papers, before the Supreme Court on Monday (November 7). [...] *The adviser to the prime minister said Mr Khan had not been responding to petitions filed against him before the SC and the ECP for over a year now. He said it was now Mr Khan's turn to submit replies on several petitions against him concerning his own offshore firm.*

**PTI believes in 'solo flight', The Dawn, November 4<sup>7</sup>**

*Showing scant regard to the concerns of its allies regarding taking them into confidence in its decision to call off the Nov 2 Islamabad 'lockdown', a Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf senior leader says his party believes in 'solo flight' and it cannot be dictated by 'small' parties. "We did solo flight and continue doing so as the small (allied) parties cannot dictate us," Opposition Leader in Punjab Assembly Mahmoodur Rasheed told Dawn on Thursday (November 3). He said the PTI took its own decision and as far as its allies in the Panamagate protest were concerned, the PTI had stood by the members of its allies arrested by police.*

[...] The PTI leadership especially its chief Imran Khan faced criticism from party workers for calling off the Nov 2 protest 'abruptly'. Earlier, both PML-Q and PAT had refused to participate in PTI's Raiwind rally despite efforts of Imran to woo them. [...] *The PML-Q Senator said the Supreme Court had taken up this challenge which it should have done six months ago. "Now it is hoped that the Panama Leaks case will meet its logical end," Mr Agha said. Dr Tahirul Qadri's PAT said it had no objection to PTI's 'solo flight and it would always be its 'natural ally' against the PML-N. "In the future the PAT will not join any PTI protest drive mere on courtesy call. We will go along with PTI in the future only after entering into some kind of written code of conduct," PAT spokesman Noorullah Siddiqui told this reporter.*

**Senate body to consider opposition's Panama bill, The Nation, November 6<sup>8</sup>**

*The meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Law and Justice will be held on Monday, 7th November to consider "The Panama Papers Inquiries Bill, 2016." The bill has been introduced by PPP Senator Aitzaz Ahsan and 34 other members of the opposition. PML-N's Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi will*

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<sup>7</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294211/pti-believes-in-solo-flight>

<sup>8</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/06-Nov-2016/senate-body-to-consider-opposition-s-panama-bill>

chair the meeting. It will be attended by 12-members of the Committee as well as 34 movers. According to sources, the PPP has asked all its senators as well as those of the opposition parties who joined in making the draft TORs bill to ensure their presence to ensure smooth passage of the Bill by the Committee on Law and Justice.

**The ‘joke with national security’, Daily Times, November 7<sup>9</sup>**

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) criticise the government over the decision to hold an inquiry into the news leak issue through a committee to be headed by a retired high court judge. Talking to the media on Sunday (November 6), PTI Secretary Information Naeemul Haq said that the head of the committee should be a serving judge of the Supreme Court and the inquiry committee should also be given a right to question Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. *Meanwhile, PAT chief Dr. Tahir ul Qadri termed the government's decision as a 'joke with the national security,' claiming that the job is being given to a retired judge to give the government a clean chit.*

**PM’s children say they are ‘independent’, The News, November 7<sup>10</sup>**

*The Supreme Court has been told by Hassan, Hussain and Maryam Nawaz, children of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, that they are not dependent on their father and are running their businesses as sole proprietors.* The apex court resumed the Panama Leaks case hearing today during which the children of the prime minister submitted their statements in the court. It was stated that Hussain Nawaz and Hassan Nawaz have been living abroad for 16 and 22 years, respectively. Maryam Nawaz is a tax payer and has been filing tax returns as required by the law, it added.

**Corruption a serious internal threat to country: JI, Daily Times, November 7<sup>11</sup>**

*Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Provincial Ameer Mushtaq Ahmad Khan has said that in the presence of Pak Army, modern missile technology and atomic force, India would never dare to become a threat to Pakistan's sovereignty and independence however, the country had been facing a serious internal threat to Pakistan in the shape of "corruption" as it had hollowed roots of the country.* He was addressing as a chief guest to the oath taking ceremony of the newly elected Ameer JI, Upper Dir, at District Assembly Hall in Dir on Sunday (November 6). [...] *Mushtaq said that all the involved persons in the Panama Leaks papers should brought to justice and send them behind the bars soon. He*

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<sup>9</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/07-Nov-16/decision-on-news-leak-inquiry-called-joke-with-national-security>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/163032-Panama-Leaks-case-PMs-children-say-they-are-independent>

<sup>11</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/khyber-pakhtunkhwa/07-Nov-16/corruption-a-serious-internal-threat-to-country-ji>

*said that the Supreme Court had taken a right step toward it and the JI would do full cooperation with SC in that particular case.* He said that the JI's central Ameer, Sirajul Haq had said one before to give route to judiciary in the Panama Leaks scandal and his stance proven right after the SC action against the case.

**SC to begin Panamagate probe with PM, *The Dawn*, November 8<sup>12</sup>**

*While the Supreme Court is still considering whether it will appoint a commission to probe the Panamagate case, the court has made known its intention of initiating the process of accountability with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif as a test case — since he has volunteered himself for scrutiny and because, as the prime minister, his responsibilities are greater than those of others.* "But this does not mean that others will get off scot-free; rather, each case will be taken one-by-one on its turn," Chief Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali observed while hearing identical petitions on Monday (November 7).

**PPP against the Panama commission by SC, *The Dawn*, November 8<sup>13</sup>**

*Leader of the Opposition in the Senate Aitzaz Ahsan has opposed the formation of an inquiry commission by the Supreme Court on the Panamagate scam, asking the judges to themselves decide the case "on the basis of the terms of reference (ToR) contained in the bill submitted by the opposition" in parliament.* Talking to reporters at his Parliament House chamber here on Monday, Mr Ahsan said that although there were examples that the Supreme Court in the past had constituted commissions under Article 184(3) of the Constitution, he believed that such a commission on the Panama Papers leaks would further delay the inquiry process.

**The inevitable demise of PML-N: Panama, *Daily Times*, November 10<sup>14</sup>**

*Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders have said that investigation of Panama leaks would prove to be the political death of corrupt rulers. The incumbent rulers were experts in deceiving the public, but their lies would be unveiled before the Supreme Court's investigation commission, said prominent PTI leaders on Wednesday (November 9) while addressing a ceremony organised to pay tribute to the courage of PTI leaders Shabbir Sial and Malik Istiaq, who were jailed during the recent party movement against corruption.*

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<sup>12</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294966/sc-to-begin-panamagate-probe-with-pm>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294964/ppp-against-formation-of-panama-commission-by-sc>

<sup>14</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/punjab/10-Nov-16/sc-investigation-will-culminate-into-political-demise-of-pml-n>

**PTI, Sheikh Rashid submit 'damning evidence', The Dawn, November 15<sup>15</sup>**  
*Ahead of today's Supreme Court hearing in the Panama Papers case, the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) and its ally the Awami Muslim League of Sheikh Rashid Ahmed on Monday (November 14) submitted volumes of evidence that purportedly establish that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif allegedly laundered money to pay for his London properties.* The PTI and the AML chief are two of the four parties, hearing on whose petitions will be resumed by a five-judge Supreme Court bench, headed by Chief Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali. The court is currently considering whether or not to appoint a judicial commission to probe the Panamagate scandal.

**PM, Maryam submit assets details before SC, The Dawn, November 15<sup>16</sup>**  
*Barely hours before the Supreme Court (SC) resumed hearing of the Panamagate case on Tuesday (November 14), Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam Nawaz submitted documentary evidence on legitimacy of their assets before the top court.* The documents comprising nearly 400 pages contain relevant details of transactions as well as receipts of payments since 2011. While Maryam Nawaz submitted the evidence required by the court, her brothers Hassan and Hussain Nawaz, both of whom live abroad, failed to submit relevant documents. The five-member larger bench chaired by Chief Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali expressed its disappointment over failure of the premier's sons to comply with court orders to submit evidence within stipulated time.

## PROVINCIAL POLITICS

**Altaf, Sattar declared proclaimed offenders, The Nation, November 6<sup>17</sup>**  
*An anti-terrorism court on Sunday (November 6) declared Mutahida Quami Movement founder Altaf Hussain and MQM Pakistan leader Farooq Sattar along with several other leaders proclaimed offenders.* The directives were issued after the mentioned persons failed to appear in court after which they were declared as proclaimed offenders. *The case pertains to delivering anti-state slogans, sedition and incitement workers after the controversial speech on August 22 by MQM founder which provoked several workers to attack media houses.* Their names have also been placed in several newspapers across Sindh. They have been ordered to present themselves to law enforcement agencies within seven days. Farooq Sattar has been declared an absconder in various cases lodged at the Artillery police station. Other MQM leaders, including Amir Khan, Muhammad Javed Kazmi and Zakir Qureshi, have also been declared absconders.

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<sup>15</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1296412/pti-sheikh-rashid-submit-damning-evidence-to-sc>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1296491/pm-maryam-submit-assets-details-before-sc>

<sup>17</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/06-Nov-2016/altaf-sattar-declared-proclaimed-offenders>

**JI demands fiscal package for FATA, Daily Times, November 10<sup>18</sup>**

*Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) FATA has demanded of the federal government to announce a comprehensive fiscal package for rehabilitation and reconstruction of damaged infrastructure in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), and called for immediate merger of FATA into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).* The demand was made by JI FATA Ameer, Sardar Khan while addressing a press conference at press club on Wednesday (November 9). [...] He said the roads, schools and other major infrastructure has badly affected due prolonged militancy in the FATA, which was also deprived from basic amenities. He demanded of the government to announce Rs 500 billion package for rehabilitation of affected people, re-building roads infrastructure, health and education facility in tribal region.

**JIT to investigate Shah Noorani shrine bombing, The Dawn, November 15<sup>19</sup>**

*Balochistan Chief Minister Nawab Sanaullah Zehri on Monday (November 14) announced formation of a joint investigation team (JIT), headed by Khuzdar Deputy Commissioner Sohailur Rehman, to probe the Shah Noorani Shrine suicide bombing.* The bombing left 54 people dead and 103 others injured. Official sources said that the chief minister presided over a high-level meeting in Karachi on Monday (November 14) in which Home Minister Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti and Chief Secretary Saifullah Chattah submitted reports following their visits to the shrine. In the light of reports, it was decided that a team of forensic experts would be invited from Punjab to visit the shrine and collect evidence of the suicide attack.

**MQM factions disown pro-Musharraf banners, The Dawn, November 15<sup>20</sup>**

*A hitherto unknown organisation put up banners in the city on Monday and suggested that an alliance between retired Gen Pervez Musharraf and the Dr Farooq Sattar-led MQM-Pakistan, with the former having a leading role, would save Pakistan. The mysterious banners, put up by unidentified men from the so-called Muttahida Qaumi Jirga-Pakistan, came a day after pro-Musharraf graffiti appeared in Karachi, particularly the city's Central district which is considered an MQM stronghold.* The background of a banner hanging outside the Karachi Press Club reflected the national flag with a crescent, while a picture of Gen Musharraf was superimposed on the star. It also contained relatively small pictures of Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and Dr Sattar on the right and left corners. While the banner is for the Urdu-speaking community, the first slogan on it is in Punjabi and it reads: "Jag Mohajir

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<sup>18</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/khyber-pakhtunkhwa/10-Nov-16/ji-demands-fiscal-package-for-fata-rehabilitation>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1296421/jit-to-investigate-shah-noorani-shrine-bombing>

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1296410/mqm-factions-disown-pro-musharraf-banners>

*Jag....Teri Pag Nu Lag Gaye Aag*", or wake up Mohajirs as your honour is at stake. Another slogan is: *Kaun Bachayega Pakistan, Muttahida Pakistan aur Musharraf Bhaijan*, or MQM-Pakistan and Musharraf will together save Pakistan, and the last one is Long Live Musharraf, Long Live Pakistan.

## EDITORIALS AND OPINION

**Crisis defused**, Editorial, *The Dawn*, November 2<sup>21</sup>

*A RAPIDLY deteriorating situation has been salvaged – for now. It should not have taken direct intervention by the Supreme Court to defuse a grave crisis and have the PML-N and PTI behave like responsible national political parties once again, but in troubled times all sensible inputs ought to be welcomed.* There is further reason to welcome the Supreme Court intervention: a substantive, independent inquiry into the Panama Papers revelations is now imminent, with the government and PTI given a chance first to present mutually acceptable terms of reference, failing which the court itself will impose the ToR for a prospective judicial commission.

[...]The PTI's threat to lock down the federal capital may have been illegal and undemocratic, but nothing can justify the coercive and rough measures the PML-N took to try and thwart the PTI's plan. Using the might of the executive and the blunt force of civilian law-enforcement against political opponents campaigning essentially for action against perceived corruption is not the kind of democratic rule this country needs or can find acceptable. As the chief custodians of the democratic project in this parliament, the PML-N needs to uphold systemic values that go beyond parochial interests.

**Lessons of the dharna**, I. A. Rehman, *The Dawn*, November 3<sup>22</sup>

*[...]Once again, the dharna exposed the poverty of the country's political leaders and their inability to resolve matters without precipitating a showdown between state power and street force. [...]More than anything else what has been exposed is the mainstream political parties' folly of treating each other as the worst enemies and thus rendering themselves vulnerable to extra-political intervention that may not be as benign as the Supreme Court's bailout plan on the present occasion. [...]The government-PTI contest has ended in a tie; the government can claim that it has foiled the PTI's bid to seize Islamabad and has protected the capital, while the PTI can insist it has pushed the process of the prime minister's accountability further – if the people can be convinced that the court would not have arrived at Tuesday's decision without the dharna.*

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<sup>21</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1293689/crisis-defused>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1293925/lessons-of-the-dharna>

**Respecting the court, Editorial, The Dawn, November 8<sup>23</sup>**

The Supreme Court is not a circus. It is the highest court in the land and it must be respected as such — no matter what kind of political theatre some are determined to create. *The Panama Papers issue is now a matter before the Supreme Court, and the various positions of litigants and respondents are being heard by a bench led by no less than the chief justice of Pakistan. The court has indicated its seriousness of purpose and the politicians and respondents embroiled in the matter have publicly declared their willingness to submit to the court's adjudication on it.* There must rest the issue until the court delivers its decision — and certainly the circus-like atmosphere created by competing political statements made to the media on the steps of the court needs to end forthwith.

**FOREIGN POLICY**

**Pakistan renews call for UN fact-finding mission, The Nation, November 6<sup>24</sup>**  
*Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Nations, Maleeha Lodhi has again called on the United Nations to dispatch a fact-finding mission to Kashmir, saying that India's rejection to allow one was in fact acknowledgment of the grave atrocities being committed by its occupation forces. Lodhi made the call when the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, called on her at the Pakistan Mission in New York, according to an official press release issued on Saturday (November 5).* The Pakistani envoy commended the High Commissioner for his effective leadership as an advocate of human rights and fundamental freedoms across the world. She said that Pakistan appreciated his repeated calls for grant of unconditional access for the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to both sides of the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan has already agreed to grant access to OHCHR. She also noted that the calls by the High Commissioner for sending fact-finding mission to Indian Occupied Kashmir to independently assess the situation on the ground, was a source of solace for the people of Kashmir.

**US strike killed top Qaeda leader, The Nation, November 6<sup>25</sup>**

*The US military confirmed on Friday (November 4) that it had killed Al-Qaeda's emir for northeastern Afghanistan during an air strike last month, in a major blow to the group as it seeks to re-establish safe havens in the country. Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook described the assault that killed Farouq al-Qahtani as a "precision strike" and said it took place on October 23 in Kunar,*

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<sup>23</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294850/respecting-the-court>

<sup>24</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/06-Nov-2016/pakistan-renews-call-for-un-fact-finding-mission-to-be-sent-to-kashmir>

<sup>25</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/06-Nov-2016/us-strike-killed-top-qaeda-leader>

*Afghanistan.* This successful strike is another example of US operations to degrade international terrorist networks and target terrorist leaders who seek to attack the US homeland, our interests and our allies abroad," Cook said in a statement. He said another Al-Qaeda leader in the country, Bilal al-Utabi, was targeted in a separate strike, though the results of that attack were not yet known.

## MILITARY AFFAIRS

**Pro-COAS posters appear in Rawalpindi,** *The Nation*, November 6<sup>26</sup>

*An attempt was made once again to drag Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif into politics by an unknown organisation, Awami Monitoring Cell, seeking reduction in the two-year bar on a government servant to take part in politics after retirement, to pave the way for the COAS to participate in the next general elections in 2018.* Banners and posters were displayed at Main Raja Bazaar in Rawalpindi, seeking parliamentarians' role in slashing the bar period on retired government servants in taking part in politics from two years to one, to pave the way for General Raheel Sharif to take part in the next general elections due in 2018. [...] Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) dissociated the armed forces from these posters as it had done on the earlier two occasions and firmly stood by its defined constitutional role.

## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

**After Quetta attack,** Editorial, *The Dawn*, November 3<sup>27</sup>

[...]The violence-weary city had not yet come to terms with the killing of 70 lawyers in August, when on Oct 24 another unspeakable slaughter occurred. *This time the assailants crept into Quetta's Police Training Centre and, under cover of darkness, laid to waste one of the four hostels on the 150-acre facility. The lives of 62 recently graduated policemen were snuffed out under the most terrifying of circumstances.* [...]This was not the first time the academy has been attacked; why was security so weak when even the speech delivered by the Balochistan IGP at the facility's passing-out ceremony on Sept 6 referred to it? Then, the young men had graduated and gone home, but were compelled to return for no specified reason — only to meet their deaths. Their families, in fact the public at large, should be taken into confidence about where that order came from, and why. Ultimately, Pakistan needs to face the fact that our law enforcers as well as the general public are in mortal danger from unflinching groups that deal in terror; measures must be taken accordingly across the board.

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<sup>26</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/06-Nov-2016/pro-coas-posters-appear-in-rawalpindi>

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1293927/after-quetta-attack>

## ECONOMIC ISSUES

**The Quetta mass transit to complete in 2019**, *The Dawn*, November 2<sup>28</sup>

*The first phase of the Quetta Mass Transit System will be completed in 2019 as work on the project has been launched after Chinese companies submitted the feasibility report to the Balochistan government.* The report and layout plan of the project, prepared by the two Chinese companies, were examined by the provincial authorities and Chinese officials in a meeting held on Monday (October 31) at the Chief Minister Secretariat. *The China Communication Construction Company (CCCC) and the China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) are helping execute the project.* [...] It was informed that the first phase of the project, covering a 48.5km route from Kuchlak to Spezant, would cost \$214 million and 10 railway stations, three overhead bridges and a tunnel would be built. The phase will be completed by 2019 and about 30,000 people are expected to enjoy the cheap and comfortable travel facility on a daily basis. In the second phase of the project, more stations, business centres and other facilities will be added. [...] The approval of making the project a part of the corridor is likely to be given at a meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee on CPEC, scheduled for Nov 29 in Beijing.

## CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

**KP govt to move court against centre on CPEC**, *The Nation*, November 6<sup>29</sup>

*Special assistant to the chief minister on information Mushtaq Ghani said on Sunday (November 6) the Pakhtunkhwa government will move to the court against the centre for ignoring the province in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).* Talking to reporters here in the provincial capital, Ghani said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Speaker Asad Qaiser will file a case in Peshawar High Court on Monday (November 7). "In spite of frequent meetings and contacts, the federal government has not fulfilled its promises made to the KP government," he said. [...] Ghani also said that "The federal government has failed to dispel the complaints of KP government." In a separate development, Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal, commenting on the Pakhtunkhwa government's decision to move the court on CPEC issue, said it will create problems for the province itself. "Foreign investment is not attracted through cases in courts; however, if the KP government wants to get satisfaction by moving the court, it cannot be prevented from it," said the minister.

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<sup>28</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1293736/first-phase-of-quetta-mass-transit-to-complete-in-2019>

<sup>29</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/06-Nov-2016/kp-govt-to-move-court-against-centre-on-cpec>

**Shuffling CPEC, Editorial, *The Dawn*, November 7<sup>30</sup>**

THE constant changes being made to the bouquet of power projects under the CPEC umbrella shows the weak state of planning that went into the whole affair. Latest reports suggest that two more projects may have been knocked off the list due to reservations about the use of imported coal. In one case, a 660MW initiative has been disallowed completely, and in another, the project sponsors have been told to arrange foreign financing and shift to local coal, meaning their timeline has been disrupted, putting a question mark on the entire project. At the same time, the government is rushing to commission a new 1200MW plant to run on imported LNG. The changes come after similar midcourse alterations to the terms in the solar tariff, as well as the collapse of the Salt Range coal-fired power project. Given these frequent changes, it is becoming clear that foresight and planning were missing from the launch of one of the biggest series of energy-sector investments ever in this country's history. This is one reason why calls for greater transparency in CPEC are so pertinent.

**'Kashmiri politician tasked with sabotaging CPEC', *The Dawn*, November 8<sup>31</sup>**

Saying Indian spy agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) has tasked a UK-based Kashmiri politician to 'sabotage' the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) recommended to the National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) to block his national identity card. The revelation was made during the hearing of a petition in Islamabad High Court (IHC), seeking the renewal of the National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (Nicop) to Dr Shabbir Choudhry, a British national of Pakistani/Kashmiri origin. In the petition, Mr Choudhry's counsel Nisar Shah said his client, a Kashmiri politician, human rights activist and author of many books, was "not provided with Nicop due to his political work and writings which expose Pakistan's Kashmir policy." ISI's letter submitted to the court by the Nadra counsel stated that Mr Choudhry "is involved in anti-Pakistan activities sponsored by RAW."

## **SECURITY SITUATION**

### **TERRORISM**

**Quetta attack mastermind held, *The Dawn*, November 7<sup>32</sup>**

*Security forces claimed on Sunday (November 6) to have arrested an important leader of a banned organisation who is allegedly involved in the recent attack on the Police Training College in Quetta which left over 60 cadets dead. A*

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<sup>30</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294682/shuffling-cpec>

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294999/kashmiri-politician-tasked-with-sabotaging-cpec>

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294808/quetta-attack-mastermind-held>

security official claimed that the arrested man was the mastermind of the college attack. However, officials did not disclose his name. Official sources said that after receiving information about the presence of some militants, security and intelligence personnel launched a search operation in the airport road area of the city. They said that during the operation the banned organisation leader was arrested from a house from where the personnel also seized weapons, computers, army uniforms and Jihadi literature.

## KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA

**Soldier killed in Tirah blast**, *The Dawn*, November 8<sup>33</sup>

*A soldier died and two others suffered injuries when an army patrolling jeep drove over a landmine in the Tirah valley on Monday (November 7).* According to officials, a group of soldiers was on a routine patrol in the Maidan area when the landmine exploded. Soldier Jahangir died while Aqeel and Liaqat were injured. They were taken to a military hospital. Security personnel cordoned off the area and conducted a search operation after the incident, but no arrest was reported.

## BALOCHISTAN

**Key commander of banned outfit held**, *Daily Times*, November 7<sup>34</sup>

*Law enforcement agencies claimed to have arrested a key commander of a banned outfit in the outskirts of the provincial capital on Sunday (November 6).* According to details, security personnel were tipped-off about the presence of the key commander of a banned organisation in Quetta suburbs. The security personnel raided the hideout and arrested the commander of the banned outfit. They also recovered ammunition, explosive material and hatred literature from him. The detained terrorist was shifted to an undisclosed location for interrogation.

**Six suspected militants held**, *Daily Times*, November 7<sup>35</sup>

*The Frontier Corpson Sunday (November 6) arrested two suspected militants from Goth Katta village in Mach tehsil of Kachhi Bolan district.* According to a FC spokesman, security personnel, on a tip-off, launched a search operation in Goth Katta village and arrested two suspected militants. He said weapons were also seized during the operation. *Separately, law enforcement agencies on Sunday (November 6) took four suspects into custody from Mastung district, said a spokesman for Frontier Corps Balochistan.* He said police and FC launched a search operation in Shamsabad area of the district and arrested

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<sup>33</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294957/soldier-killed-in-tirah-blast>

<sup>34</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/balochistan/07-Nov-16/key-commander-of-banned-outfit-held-in-quetta>

<sup>35</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/balochistan/07-Nov-16/six-suspected-militants-held-in-mach-mastung>

four suspects. "The suspects have been taken into custody on suspicion of having ties with a banned militant organisation," he added. The suspects were shifted to a police station for interrogation. Further investigation was underway.

**Over 200 suspected militants lay down weapons,** *The Dawn*, November 8<sup>36</sup>  
*More than 200 suspected militants laid down their arms and vowed to abandon violent struggle at a ceremony held at Balochistan Chief Minister's Secretariat on Monday (November 7).* "The ferraris who laid down their weapons belonged to various Baloch separatists groups," said Balochistan government spokesperson Anwarul Haq Kakar. Kakar, however, revealed that the suspected militants laid down their weapons under the Balochistan political reconciliation policy initiated by the present coalition government. "More than 75 militants came from Afghanistan and laid down their arms before the officials and vowed to struggle for betterment of the country and nation," he added.

**52 killed in suicide attack on Balochistan shrine,** *The Dawn*, November 15<sup>37</sup>  
*At least 52 people were killed and over 100 others wounded when a teenage suicide bomber blew himself up in a packed-to-capacity courtyard of the Shah Noorani shrine in a remote mountainous region of Khuzdar district on Saturday evening (November 12), officials said.* According to an AFP report, the militant Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack. The caretaker of the Shah Noorani shrine, Nawaz Ali, said that between 1,000 and 1,500 visitors came to the shrine every Saturday where traditional sufi dance was held in the evening.

## PUNJAB

**Army major shot dead,** *The Dawn*, November 4<sup>38</sup>

A major of the Pakistan Army was shot dead by gunmen who stormed his residence in Sector I-8/4 here on Thursday (November 3). Maj Zeeshan Naseem's wife answered the door and found a man standing outside. He pushed her aside and while she tried to intercept him, two more persons entered the house, police quoted the major's wife as saying. The major, who was in a nearby room, rushed to the gate after he heard the voice of his wife. One of the men pulled out a pistol and fired on him, the police said. He suffered a bullet injury in the chest and fell to the floor, bleeding. He was taken to a hospital where he died. The cause of the killing was unknown.

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<sup>36</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294841/more-than-200-suspected-militants-lay-down-weapons-in-balochistan>

<sup>37</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1296019/52-killed-in-suicide-attack-on-balochistan-shrine>

<sup>38</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294190/army-major-shot-dead-in-islamabad>

**College professor shot dead in Iqbal Town**, *The Dawn*, November 15<sup>39</sup>  
*Unidentified assailants on Tuesday (November 15) shot dead a professor of Government College of Science in Lahore's Iqbal Town area, police said.* Professor Rao Altaf Hussain was killed when attackers opened fire on his car as he was returning home after dropping off his son to school.

## SINDH

**The killers of Amjad Sabri arrested**, *The News*, November 7<sup>40</sup>  
*Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday (November 7) announced that two terrorists have been arrested by the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) for the murder of famed qawwal Amjad Sabri and other high-profile cases.* Addressing a press conference, the Chief Minister said the CTD headed by Raja Umar Khattab made a major breakthrough and arrested two people from Liaquatabad called Ishaq alias Bobby and Asim alias Capri. "Their weapons were also recovered... After a probe and forensic investigation, we found proof of involvement in 28 cases," he added. The men are affiliated with the Lashkar-i-Jhangvi Naeem Bukhari group, the CM said. "There is no affiliation with a political party, it is a proscribed organisation."

## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

**Counteracting violent extremism**, Amir Rana, *The Dawn*, November 8<sup>41</sup>  
[...] Given the media's interest in sensationalism, in particular the dissection of the government's 'failures', reports on the formation of a national 'counteracting violent extremism' strategy got the least amount of attention. As a result, we missed an opportunity to initiate debate on the subject of CVE, which is a serious global concern, in terms of strategising soft approaches to counterterrorism.

## RELATIONS WITH INDIA

**Indian parliamentarians invited to play cricket**, *The Nation*, November 6<sup>42</sup>  
*Federal Minister and Pakistan Sports Board President Riaz Pirzada on Sunday (November 6) invited Indian parliamentarians to play sports with Pakistani counterparts by shunning politics of war. "I invite Indian parliament members to play cricket and rugby with Pakistani parliament members," he said while talking to media.* He said Pakistan had players like Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1296495/college-professor-shot-dead-in-lahores-iqbal-town>

<sup>40</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/163058-killers-Amjad-Sabri-arrested-announces-Murad-Ali-Shah>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294504/countering-violent-extremism>

<sup>42</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/06-Nov-2016/indian-parliamentarians-invited-to-play-cricket-with-pakistani-counterparts>

Khan and Minister for Interior Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan. To a query that who would be the captain of Pakistan side, the federal minister said captain of sports team would be Imran Khan while if wrestling was held then Nawaz would be the captain.

**India resorts again to unprovoked firing,** *The Nation*, November 6<sup>43</sup>

*Indian forces resorted to unprovoked firing at the Line of Control (LoC) on Sunday (November 6), Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement. Indian forces started firing at Battal sector early Sunday morning (November 6). Pakistani troops gave a befitting response to the unprovoked Indian firing, ISPR said.* The Indian targeted the civilian populations in the firing which continued for several hours. According to reports from Srinagar, one Indian soldier was killed in the exchange of fire between Pakistan and Indian forces.

**Three Indian 'undercover agents' leave,** *The Dawn*, November 8<sup>44</sup>

*Three of eight Indian High Commission officials suspected of involvement in terrorist and subversive activities in Pakistan left for India on Tuesday (November 8). Anurag Singh, Vijay Kumar Verma and Madhavan Nanda Kumar, allegedly members of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), left for India earlier today on flight EK613 via Dubai. Rajesh Kumar, Amerdeep Singh Bhatti, Dharmendra Sodhi, who are also allegedly members of RAW, are still in Pakistan, along with Balbir Singh and Jayabalan Senthil, who are allegedly Indian Intelligence Bureau (IB) operatives. [...]The FO said the alleged RAW and IB officials are suspected of handling Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) factions, fueling sectarianism in Pakistan and creating unrest in Balochistan, Sindh, and Gilgit-Balistan (GB). "They [India] are desperate to hide their crimes against humanity from the international community's scrutiny," the FO had said.*

**Three civilians martyred in Indian firing,** *The News*, November 9<sup>45</sup>

*Three civilians, including two women, were martyred in unprovoked firing by Indian troops at Khoi Ratta and Battal sectors of the Line of Control Tuesday (November 8). Pakistani forces responded befittingly to unprovoked Indian firing. The firing in Battal sector was continuing when the last reports came in. According to Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), one person in Khoi Ratta Sector, while two women, Kalsoom and her daughter Amina, in Mandol village*

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<sup>43</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/06-Nov-2016/india-resorts-again-to-unprovoked-firing-at-loc-ispr>

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1295025/three-indian-undercover-agents-leave-pakistan>

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/163342-Three-civilians-martyred-in-unprovoked-Indian-firing-along-LoC>

embraced martyrdom. Indian forces also resorted to unprovoked firing across the LoC at Sabzkot, Nekrun and Sharda, Tander, and Baroh Sectors and targeting civilian population living along LoC.

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

**Nawaz must pray for his sins**, report, *Ummat*, November 1<sup>46</sup>

*The meeting, about which the news was leaked, was not a political game but it was about national security and on this there has been no politics before. At least no such example was found in the past. If the Government or the media cell of the government was having some issue with the Army's interference, for that it should not have put the country's security at risk. This Government is facing one crisis after another ever since it hanged the beloved of Holy Prophet Mumtaz Qadri Shaheed. Nawaz Sharif killed the beloved of Holy Prophet, now Allah is hurting his children. Because of the Panama Leaks, both his sons have become the targets of the nation and because of the Dawn leaks his daughter is under scanner.*

Another mistake that the Prime Minister has made is to appoint Najam Sethi's wife as advisor to his daughter. Najam Sethi does not have a positive image among the people because of his past and present records. His wife has been a political activist. *Since Najam Sethi is a controversial figure, his access to the Prime Minister's house and family remains a concern especially on the issues of national security. It was not important whether such elements could influence any decision but they could influence individual personalities and could get to know about these decisions. It was possible that the Prime Minister might not be able to observe this but we want to point it out to him that he is surrounded by persons who criticise national security institutions and held controversial views about issues concerning foreign and security policy of Pakistan. For example, on the nature of relationship Pakistan should have with India; designing Pakistan's policy towards Kashmiror Afghanistan.*

According to some sources, *by not including the Army in the Controlling Authority of CPEC the Government has put the entire project in trouble. Even Chinese wanted the Army to be part of it or even take it over. But sensing that if the Army is included, the Government would lose its credit, they have kept the issue pending and got into further trouble. Nawaz still had the option of resigning and appointing Ishaq Dar as the Prime Minister. But some say this*

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<sup>46</sup><http://ummat.net/2016/11/01/news.php?p=r-01.gif>

**would become an election issue itself.** So Nawaz would not resign even if the Government were to fall. At least that would project him as a victim and show Imran in poor light. ***In the worst circumstances, Nawaz might ask the president for dissolving the parliament and holding early elections.*** It is said that wealth and children are temptations. Nawaz has hurt the beloved of the Holy Prophet by trying to protect his children. He should better confess and pray for his sins.

**"Can't we read the script on the wall"**, Ayaz Amir, *Jang*, November 2<sup>47</sup>

Everything is happening before our eyes but we were unable to see or judge a situation which is not that confusing. ***The current crisis has made the future of Nawaz Sharif, Imran Khan and Raheel Sharif a secondary issue. The real issue at the centre is the struggle between the Government who has the mandate to run the country's affairs and the establishment, the country's strongest institution.*** Pakistan like Israel has been sustained by its establishment. ***If we would remove the Army from the scene then, even without any external aggression, Pakistan would break apart.*** This is a bitter truth. ...Nawaz Sharif says he is an elected leader and should be allowed to rule. On the other hand, the establishment does not trust him and finds him incompetent for running the country's affairs. The *Dawn* news did not create this schism but acted as catalyst.

[...] ***There is a crisis because of lack of consensus between the warring parties. We had a hope earlier in the form of Article 58 (2B) but it is now gone.*** [...]So what is right for us now? The Parliament system does not suit us and martial laws have been harmful. ***We need to integrate them: a powerful and able president with the power of Article 2B-58 chosen through direct voting, having powers to appoint the chiefs, and a prime minister to run everyday affairs.***

**"RAW network busted in the Embassy"**, *Ummat*, November 3<sup>48</sup>

An Indian intelligence network was busted in the Indian High Commission in India as it came to light that some of the RAW agents were operating as embassy personnel and acting against Pakistani interests. These officials included Rajesh Kumar Agnihotri (posted as commercial counselor); Rajesh Balbir Singh (posted as first secretary, press and culture); Anurag Singh (working as first secretary, commercial), Amardeep Singh Bhatti (Visa Attache); Dharmendra, Vijay Kumar Verma and Madhavan Nanda Kumar (visa assistants); and Jayabalan Senthil (Assistant Personnel Welfare Officer). Surjeet Singh, who was asked to leave earlier, was also part of this network. There could be others who are yet to be identified. Some agents were also on the Indian IB's payroll. Senior authorities in Islamabad told *Ummat* that the lead

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<sup>47</sup><http://e.jang.com.pk/11-02-2016/karachi/pic.asp?picname=207225>

<sup>48</sup><http://ummat.net/2016/11/03/news.php?p=r-03.gif>

was provided by Indian agent arrested earlier in Balochistan, Kulbhushan Yadav.

According to the authorities, these embassy people were not only involved in creating disturbances in Balochistan and Karachi but were also in contact with people who are involved in anti-Pakistan activities in other parts of Pakistan. These people may not be arrested but they would be asked to leave soon. There is no written complaint about these people so far from the (Pakistani) Foreign Ministry. However, the Foreign Ministry will soon summon the Indian High commissioner and brief him about the development. [...] According to sources, more names may come forward in the coming days as investigations into the network proceed.

**The martyrs of Jammu and the creation of Pakistan,** Hafiz Saeed, *Daily Ausaf*, November 6<sup>49</sup>

*When the Pakistan Movement began in South Asia, from every corner of the region, the Muslims came out to participate in it and sacrificed their lives for it. But the sacrifices that the Muslims of Jammu made are exemplary.* They were killed brutally by the Dogra forces. The Congress pretended to be secular in India; in Jammu, the same strategy was adapted by Hari Singh. He not only patronised the killings of the Muslims but also began it by firing on them in Akhnor tehsil himself. [...] When the final decision for partition was taken, the militant group of the Hindus, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) started recruiting in Jammu. The Maharaja contacted the Sikh states and brought Sikh *faujis* into the state. The strength of his forces rose to about 50,000 armed personnel. They looted and killed the Muslims of the Kashmir state in general and those of Jammu in particular. [...] *The English sold Jammu and Kashmir to Gulab Singh at the cost of 75 lakh nanakshahi along with some sheep and blankets. According this transaction, each acre of land was sold at 14 paisa and every person at 7.50 rupees. Thus, the state with 80 per cent Muslim majority population, came under the Dogra rule.* Since Gulab Singh was supported by the English, he started annexing states of Muzaffarabad, Rajouri, Poonch, Bhimber, and other adjacent regions around J&K.

[...] *Jammu was the nerve centre of anti-Islam and anti-Muslims activities because it was the birthplace of Gulab Singh and the capital of the Dogra Raj. Like Moses appearing in the Pharaoh's house to destroy him, first effective Muslim movement started in Jammu.* On 29 April 1865, the ban on Eid-ul-Adha sermon and sacrilege of the Quran by a Hindu constable hurt the religious sentiment of the Muslims. Then on 13 July 1931, the martyrdom of 22 Kashmiris Muslims turned out to be beginning of the independence movement in

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<sup>49</sup>[http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-11-06/news/detail15\\_01.php](http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-11-06/news/detail15_01.php)

Kashmir. [...] When the Pakistan movement began, it was based on the Kalima toiba (*la ilaha illa'llah* [there is no God but Allah] and then both got united was natural. This was the reason when slogans of "Pakistan ka matlab kya, *la ilaha illa'llah*" rent the air the Kashmiris started to identify their future with Pakistan. This is a fact that if there would have been no such slogan, Kashmiris would never have identified themselves with Pakistan. Why the Muslims of Jammu went all through these hardships was because of their decision to stand for Pakistan. [...] According to the *Times of London*, only in few days 2.5 lakh Muslims were killed in Jammu and 5 lakh migrated to Pakistan. The editor of *Kashmir Times* while expressing his views wrote that he saw 24 Muslim villages burning. 123 villages just vanished. There were villages whose men, children and old were killed and women were kidnapped. This is what the Muslims have passed through for their love of Pakistan but who remembers this today?

However, hats off to the Pakistan loyalists who sacrificed everything and stood with Pakistan and continue to do so. The Indian atrocities are the continuation of the Dogra crimes. Jammu and Kashmir has been enslaved for 170 years. During this a lot has changed but the condition of the Kashmiris remains the same. Though the Kashmiris have fulfilled their duty, we have to fulfil ours by putting the Kashmir in the list while having dialogue with India. We should consider the problems faced by the Kashmiris as our own. *We should have fought for the independence of Kashmir as the Kashmiris fought for Pakistan. The freedom movement in Kashmir has reached the "now or never" situation. The stability of Pakistan is associated with success of the movement and with freedom of Kashmir, so Pakistan should play a decisive role.* We need to think as to where do we stand in regard to this issue? The Qaid-e-Azam had called Kashmir the jugular vein of Pakistan. After his sudden death, the leaders following him have not taken Kashmir issue seriously. *If our leaders would have realized the value of Kashmir and considered its freedom their own, Kashmir would have been free long time ago.*

**Dawn Leaks, national security violation,** Editorial, *Daily Ausaf*, November 7<sup>50</sup> [...] A report was published in the *Dawn* through Cyril Almeida to demonise the Pakistan army and portray it in bad light. It gave a bad impression to our national security. Till now, no action has been taken against those involved in this. Only scapegoats were being identified. Interior Minister Chowdhury Nisar Ali Khan said that the Prime Minister has been given the names of the members of the investigative committee and further decisions would be taken soon.

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<sup>50</sup>[http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-11-07/news/detail14\\_03.php](http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-11-07/news/detail14_03.php)

We think that this was not first time that the Army has been criticised; it has happened earlier as well. The Army has given huge sacrifices for the country and lost its senior officers in its fight against terrorism. *The Army has saved democracy in the country by ending political uncertainty at times.* It is a pity that, there has been an enterprise against the Army and to make it look controversial. Some ministers have been critical of the Army. *Choudhury Nisar said it right that the issue was so sensitive that even a parliamentary committee could not be set up for it.* [...] The committee would now be headed by a retired judge and senior officers as its members who would go deep into the issue. *The nation wanted that all involved in this leak should be arrested and punished so that no other would dare to do this in future.*

**Modi declared Varanasi capital-in-exile of Balochistan,** *Ummat*, November 8<sup>51</sup> The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared his parliamentary constituency Varanasi as the capital-in-exile of Balochistan. The separatist leader and the president of the World Baloch Forum Professor Naela Qaedri while speaking in the conference on “Sanskriti Sansad” organised by the R&AW declared Narendra Modi as the leader of the Baloch Movement and thanked him for supporting Baloch Movement. She demanded that Varanasi should be accepted as the capital for Balochistan Government and the United Nations, along with other countries, should support independence of Balochistan. According to the *Indian Express*, Naela Qaedri Baloch said that one of the first statues that would be erected in Balochistan will be of Narendra Modi. She has said that if Balochistan becomes free, it will be a secular state and share its resources with India. [...] To give an impression that the Indian Muslims also supported independent Balochistan, scalp-caps were distributed among the participants. The conference was attended by many Hindu Mahasabha leaders and the RSS members ....Baloch separatist leader Mir Mazdaq Dilshad placed independence movement of Baluchistan in the historical context and thanked Narendra Modi for his support.

[...]According to the media reports, Naela Qaedri was in India on a special visa provided by the Indian intelligence. She agreed with the opinion of a *Dainik Jagran* journalist that Varanasi should be made centre of the Balochistan freedom movement and a group of “Hindu Baloch Forum” should be launched from here.....The conference was organized by the *Hindu Mahasabha* and the *Dainik Jagran* in the *Surya* hotel and was attended by many separatist Baloch leaders from America and other countries.

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<sup>51</sup><http://ummat.net/2016/11/08/news.php?p=story5.gif>

## STATISTICS

### BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
<b>Balochistan</b>				
Khuzdar <sup>52</sup>	15/11/2016	52 Killed in blast	52	100*
<b>KP &amp; FATA</b>				
Tirah <sup>53</sup>	8/11/2016	Soldier killed	1	2
<b>Punjab</b>				
Islamabad <sup>54</sup>	4/11/2016	Army major shot dead	1	0
Lahore <sup>55</sup>	15/11/2016	Professor shot dead	1	0

\*More than 100 got injured.

<sup>52</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1296019/52-killed-in-suicide-attack-on-balochistan-shrine>

<sup>53</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294957/soldier-killed-in-tirah-blast>

<sup>54</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1294190/army-major-shot-dead-in-islamabad>

<sup>55</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1296495/college-professor-shot-dead-in-lahores-iqbal-town>