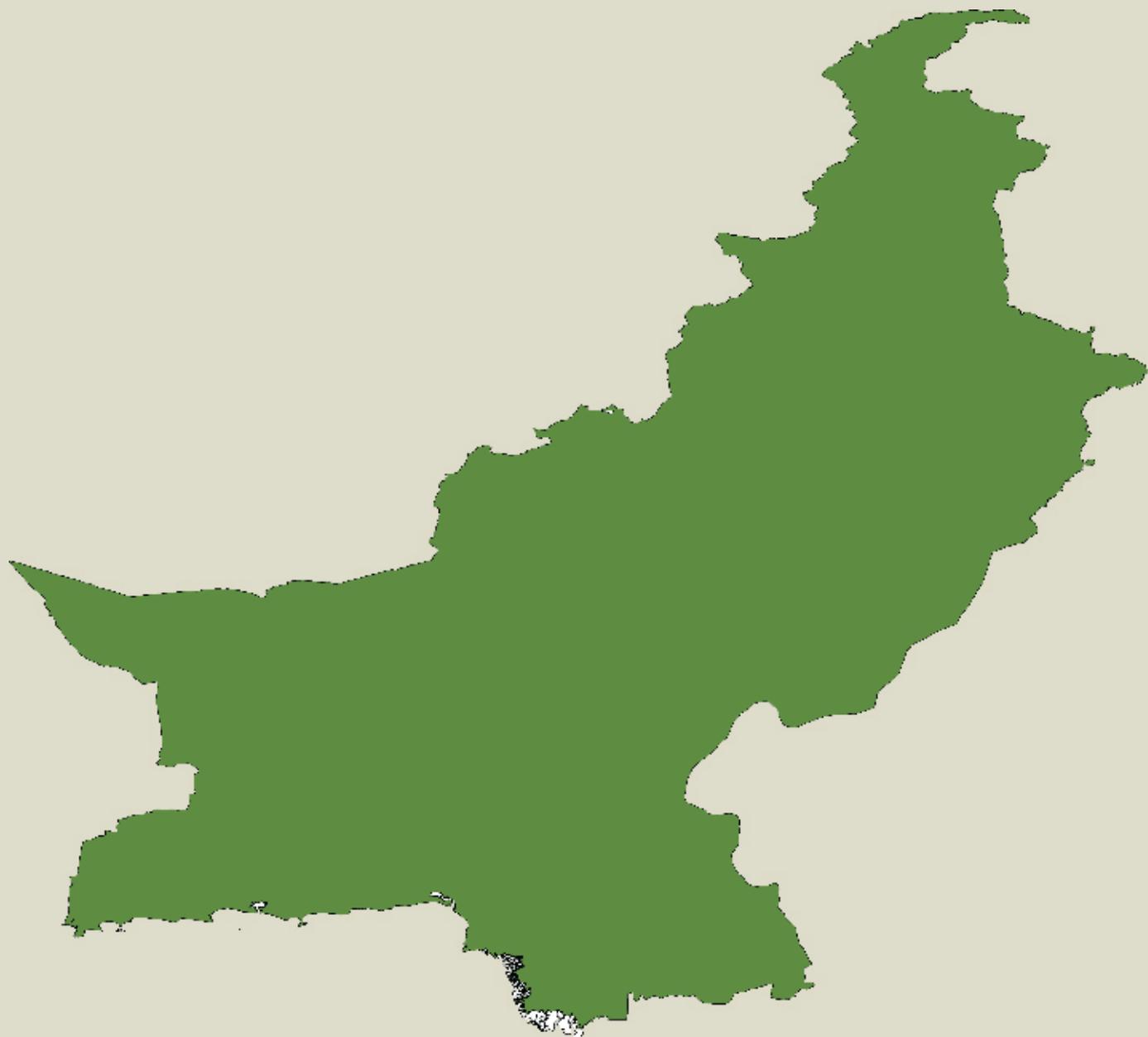


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ABBREVIATIONS

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 Pakhthunkhwa
LHC: Lahore High Court
MQM: Muttahida Qaumi Movement
NAB: National Accountability Bureau
NADRA- National Database and Registration Authority
NAP: National Action Plan
PAT: Pakistan Awami Tehreek
PML-N: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz
PPP: Pakistan People's Party
PTI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf
QCG: Quadrilateral Coordination Group
QWP: Qaumi Watan Party
RRG: Rapid Response Group
TTP: Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan

EDITOR'S NOTE

The tension between India and Pakistan reached an all-time high after Prime Narendra Modi referred to PoK and Balochistan during his Independence Day speech. Pakistan not only got rattled with his statement but blamed India for trying to divert the attention from the Kashmir on the one hand, and accused India of meddling in the internal affairs of Pakistan on the other.

Pakistan's civil and military leadership more often blame RAW for most of the terrorist attacks in their country. They did not miss the chance when terrorists attacked a hospital in Quetta resulting in about 70 deaths. However, within a month their own lawmakers held Pakistani intelligence agencies and security establishment responsible. Pakistani Senators argued that the attack of that kind took place because the intelligence agencies failed to do their job effectively and efficiently. They also demanded a thorough investigation so that the responsibility of this failure could be fixed.

There were reports of exchange of fires between the armed forces of India and Pakistan at the Line of Control (LoC). The Pakistanis accused India of shelling the Pakistani villages along the LoC on the Defence Day of Pakistan. The newspaper reports, quoting military's media wing ISPR, even mentioned the name of the villages where alleged incident of "unprovoked" firing took place. These included Kairni, and Madaar villages in Nezapir sector of the Poonch Division. Amid reports of these fire exchanges, Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Aizaz Chaudhry came forward with an indirect proposal of partnership with India over nuclear safety and security.

Recently Nawaz Sharif inaugurated five developmental projects in Gwadar and argued that he completely agreed with his minister in saying "Gwadar is Balochistan and Balochistan is Gwadar." In less than a week, Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M) President Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal compared the fate of CPEC with that of Kalabagh Dam which became controversial from the very beginning and could not be built till today.

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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

NATIONAL POLITICS

Senators blame agencies over Quetta carnage, *The Dawn*, September 6¹
Senators sitting on the treasury and opposition benches on Monday (September 5) linked the last month's terrorist attack on a Quetta hospital to "failure of intelligence agencies" and called for a thorough investigation to fix responsibility. Taking part in a debate on the Aug 8 attack on Quetta's Civil Hospital that killed over 70 people, mostly lawyers, the members of the upper house criticised the federal government for its alleged failure to implement the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism that had been announced after the 2014 assault on the Army Public School in Peshawar. The senators belonging to Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa took exception to the statements made by Army Chief Gen Raheel Sharif and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif that the Quetta suicide bombing was basically an attack on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, saying "the project does not exist in the two provinces".

THE PANAMA PAPERS

PTI's Raiwind march on 24th, *The Nation*, September 7²
PTI Chairman Imran Khan yesterday announced Raiwind march on September 24 to register protest against PML-N over the Panama leaks issue and urged the nation to join his party to make the rally a success. Addressing a public gathering at Nishtar Park, Imran said he had earlier decided to restructure the PTI Karachi chapter before showing power in the economic hub of the country, but Altaf Hussain's anti-state speech and slogans forced him to rush here. [...] Imran said Altaf launched his plan to divide the country in 1985. He never tolerated anyone in the party and believed in one-man show; he even eliminated MQM leader Azeem Ahmed Tariq, said Imran. *"Mohajir community does not need to raise slogans to show their patriotism. We know they are loyal to the country," the PTI chairman said.*

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Khattak supports Fata's merger into KP, *The Nation*, September 7³
The Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pervez Khattak said that he supports the merger of FATA into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The FATA reforms, he added, should reflect the aspirations of the tribal people. The process of merger should be completed before 2018, and the tribal agencies be given the

¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1282328/senators-blame-intelligence-agencies-over-quetta-carnage>

² <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/pti-s-raiwind-march-on-24th>

³ <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/khattak-supports-fata-s-merger-into-kp>

status of districts after the merger of FATA into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Khattak said.

Sattar taunts PTI over 'Jalsi' in Karachi, *The Nation*, September 7⁴

Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) Pakistan leader Farooq Sattar has taunted the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) over the limited turnout for his rally held in Karachi on Tuesday. *Speaking to supporters here, Sattar said the PTI jalsa - rally - at Nishter Park turned out to be a 'jalsi', while participation by the masses at the MQM pubic meeting in large numbers surprised many.* He said a few people, after August 22, had perceived that MQM's politics had come to an end, but the enthusiasm of party workers helped this ship sail once again.

EDITORIALS AND OPINION

The enemy's identity, Amir Rana, *The Dawn*, September 11⁵

[...]The identity of the enemy is a critical issue in Pakistan, one that haunts political analysts' discourse. There are many versions of the enemy — ranging from external to internal, strategic to political and social to ideological — but the narratives and definitions crafted by the establishment are considered more legitimate.. [...]Usually, the enemy is divided into four broad categories. Obviously, being the mother of all ills, the 'super enemy' comes first. Everybody knows who this is. It has also remained constant because we don't have the choice of changing neighbourhoods. It is everywhere and has extensive networks. It's constantly engaged in conspiring against us and also using our other neighbours for that purpose.

Up In The Air, Editorial, *The Nation*, September 12⁶

No one from within PTI seems to be clear on what is happening with the upcoming Raiwind March. Even party chief Imran Khan seems to be unsure of the schedule, and apart from the decision to go to Raiwind, nothing else is decided as of yet. *The lack of clarity on whether PTI will attempt to besiege the Premier's residence has also led opposition parties such as PPP and PML-Q to not announce support for PTI's plans. But perhaps the biggest blow to PTI's strategy for Lahore has been Tahir-ul-Qadri's announcement to not take part in the march, simply because of the risk of it spilling over towards the Sharif residence.* While Imran Khan has stated that the idea to take a trip to Jati Umrah (PM Nawaz Sharif's residence) has been scrapped, no one is altogether convinced that PTI will refrain from moving towards the PM's residence when the protest is actually underway.

⁴ <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/sattar-taunts-pti-over-jalsi-in-karachi>

⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1283370/the-enemys-identity>

⁶ <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/12-Sep-2016/up-in-the-air>

Kissinger's existential question, Mubashir Noor, *Daily Times*, September 12⁷
[...]*If India wishes to wage a covert war in Balochistan and Karachi by arming and financing treasonous groups like the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) and the Baloch Republican Army, then Pakistan reserves the right to respond in kind at battlegrounds of its choosing. Furthermore, if India refuses to recognise the aspirations of the people of Kashmir, and doubles down on violence despite a surfeit of multilateral resolutions and bilateral promises and yet dreams of sitting at the UN high table, then it is Pakistan's prerogative to exhaust India's diplomatic energies, and chip away at its soft power by relentlessly advocating the Kashmir issue at international fora.*

FOREIGN POLICY

Pakistan termed critical to US interests, *The Dawn*, September 6⁸
Pakistan remains critical to US counterterrorism efforts, nuclear nonproliferation, regional stability, the peace process in Afghanistan, and regional economic integration and development, argues the Obama administration while explaining why Washington needs to stay engaged with Islamabad. *"The United States therefore has a deep interest in a stable, democratic and prosperous Pakistan, as well as long-term constructive bilateral cooperation," says an official US document on the need for continuing aid to Pakistan in the fiscal year 2017.*

China to support energy, infrastructure projects, *The Nation*, September 7⁹
China yesterday came up with a fresh offer to support energy and infrastructure projects in Sindh province as the Asian giant continues to stand with Pakistan amid uneasy ties with the United States – the global superpower. Chinese authorities in the industrial Hubai province pledged to support the Sindh government's proposals to settle the energy crises and improve the infrastructure. *Member standing committee of the Communist Party of China Yu Shaoliang told a delegation of the Pakistan People's Party led by Senator Sherry Rehman here that the 'iron brother' will be ready to extend support in energy, construction and shipping sectors.* Lately, Pakistan has signed several agreements with China to further boost the bilateral ties between the two countries in various fields, including energy and basic infrastructure sectors.

⁷ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/12-Sep-16/kissingers-existential-question-for-pakistan>

⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1282326>

⁹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/china-ready-to-support-energy-infrastructure-projects-in-sindh>

EDITORIALS AND OPINION

Pondering a yellow submarine, Jawed Naqvi, *The Dawn*, September 6¹⁰

AMERICANS choose their team according to the match. Today, Pakistan needs to sit it out in the pavilion for their captain's Pacific Ocean contest with China. The new ancillary perspective is conducive. Never mind the sub-Saharan indices in large swathes of India, its leaders are eager to shell out considerable money, not just for the strangely beached French submarines. India is keen to host American bases too, not for the first time though. *In the Afghan mission, the team was differently configured. Then too India had put out tenders but failed to woo Washington to use its territory to steer the Afghan invasion. It was Pakistan that won the contract.* [...]India has reportedly placed Russian-designed BrahMos cruise missiles on the border with Tibet. They go well with the current leader's media appeal and probably give a few self-regarding think tanks their moment of importance. *A more tested route to regional and therefore global bonhomie, one that Indian businessmen have tried out successfully, would be to engage with Pakistan and China in the promising economic corridor to Gwadar. Indian hawks habitually would want Delhi to play the dog in the manger on the strategic economic enterprise.*

Reorienting Pak-US ties, Ishrat Husain, *The Dawn*, September 6¹¹

THE US has recently decided to cut both military and economic aid to Pakistan sharply, which is a welcome move for both countries. The US has domestic political imperatives and its foreign policy priorities are changing. Pakistan has to get out of the vastly exaggerated, but perceptually well-entrenched, 'aid dependence syndrome'. [...]In brief, increase the flow of students to the US, award scholarships mainly for STEM subjects at top universities and institutes, enable successful scholars to acquire applicative experiences in the US, and open up our universities and research establishments to provide a conducive work environment for the returning scholars. This expanded pool of Pakistani scientists in the US and Pakistan will provide the foundation for the pillar envisaged in Vision 2025.

Import form affects Pak trade neighbours, *The Nation*, September 7¹²

Pakistan's trade with Afghanistan and Iran has come to a standstill as a large number of containers pile up at border stations in Balochistan because of import form (I-form) requirement. According to reports, Containers have begun to accumulate at the customs stations of Taftan (at Iran border) and Chaman (at Afghan border) after the implementation of the form starting

¹⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1282267/pondering-a-yellow-submarine>

¹¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1282266/reorienting-pak-us-ties>

¹² <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/import-form-affects-pak-trade-with-afghanistan-and-iran>

September 1. *The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has made it mandatory that no goods declaration will be allowed for import unless an I-form, duly approved by the commercial banks, is attached with it. The decision mostly affected trade in fresh fruit, vegetables and other perishable products. However, an official said the customs collectorate has allowed clearance of perishable products after guarantees from traders. "But this is not a permanent solution," he added.*

The hanging of Mir Quasem Ali, Pervez Hoodbhoy, *The Dawn*, September 10¹³
[...]*But why is Pakistan so worried about the integrity of Bangladesh's judicial process? And why does our government care so greatly about the death of another country's citizen — one accused of heinous crimes? The answer: when it comes to Bangladesh, Pakistan remains chained to its past. [...]*Mir Quasem's trial and subsequent death sentence matter to Pakistan only because he was formerly the head of the pro-Pakistan Islamist militia Al Badr. Together with Al Shams and Razakar, Al Badr worked closely with the Pakistan Army in its futile but brutal effort to suppress the 1971 rebellion that shattered a united Pakistan, turning East Pakistan into a free Bangladesh. [...] Looking to the future, for Bangladesh it is important not to be locked into the particularities of its birth circumstances. Hanging aging war criminals may bring satisfaction but cannot bring peace, stability and democracy. Instead, it is time to close a chapter filled with pain and sorrow, and then move on. *Pakistan needs to do far more than Bangladesh. As a starter, it must no longer allow young Pakistanis in schools to be filled with wildly distorted versions of history.*

Trade And Peace, Editorial, *The Nation*, September 12¹⁴

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has been making some questionable comments towards Pakistan ahead of his tour to New Delhi. President Ghani's statement threatened to block Pakistan's trade access to Central Asian States (CAS), if it did not allow Afghanistan to trade with India via the Wagah border. Whether it is merely a publicity stunt or his 'threats' really hold merit remains to be seen. [...] But the truth of the matter is that Pakistan's trade with CAS through Afghanistan is already negligible because of the security situation. *Even if the stakes were higher and it would mean a considerable loss for Pakistan, what the Afghan leader is asking for at the moment is impossible.*

More Congressional Criticism, Editorial, *The Nation*, September 13¹⁵

United States lawmakers were warned by the US administration at a congressional hearing that sanctioning Pakistan or declaring it a state sponsor

¹³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1283160/the-hanging-of-mir-quasem-ali>

¹⁴ <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/12-Sep-2016/trade-and-peace>

¹⁵ <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/13-Sep-2016/more-congressional-criticism>

of terrorism could backfire. That is where the good news ends. The Congress has deep-seated issues with Pakistan and while the executive may seem pro-Pakistan, the Congress holds the purse strings. The US Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing on US-Pakistan relations and the committee's chairman Senator Bob Corker expressed frustration with Pakistan's alleged lack of cooperation in defeating militant groups in Afghanistan. This frustration will find itself taking the form of reduced aid, to be cut by half this year. *The issue is that Pakistan is not seen as a rival to India, but as a dangerous state in isolation of regional politics. One of the recommendations given at the hearing was that the United States should seek ways to convince Pakistan to reel in its nuclear programme. Why we need to be contained like this, while India is encouraged with its nuclear program, shows that the Congress is a victim of "group think"- it is a mob that cannot think beyond its own interest to be able to understand the logic behind Pakistan's nuclear designs.*

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Pakistan developing maritime doctrine, *The Dawn*, September 6¹⁶

Pakistan is developing its maritime doctrine in response to 'disturbing developments' in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) to protect its maritime interests and respond to conventional and sub-conventional threats emerging there. The draft doctrine is being reviewed at different levels in the navy and government ahead of adoption. Senior Research Fellow of Pakistan Navy War College and author of the doctrine retired Commander Muhammad Azam Khan, speaking at the Centre for International Strategic Studies (CISS), said the doctrine aimed at developing coherence and uniformity of thought and action within Pakistan Navy and promoting cooperation with Army, Air Force, allied navies and coalition partners.

Baloch insurgency brought under control: Army, *The Nation*, September 7¹⁷

*Southern Command Corps Commander Lt-Gen Ammer Riaz has categorically stated that insurgency in Balochistan has been brought under control and only isolated activity is reported from remote towns along Pak-Afghan border. "What is worrying is that foreign enemy agents have become more active due to material and diplomatic support being provided to them from across the Eastern and Western borders," he added. [...]*The corps commander said the people of Balochistan were as patriotic as any other Pakistani, adding they were only demanding fundamental rights like education, health and drinking water.

¹⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1282336/pakistan-developing-maritime-doctrine>

¹⁷ <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/baloch-insurgency-brought-under-control-army>

COAS against nexus between terror & corruption, *The Nation*, September 7¹⁸
Army Chief General Raheel Sharif on Tuesday night (September 6) called for reforms to break the nexus between corruption and terrorism in order to fully consolidate the successes of Operation Zarb-e-Azb. Asserting that defence of the country was invincible, General Raheel Sharif said Pakistan armed forces would not let the sacrifices of martyrs go waste. *“I want to make it clear to all the enemies that already strong defence of Pakistan has now become invincible,”* said army chief addressing Defence of Pakistan Day ceremony at GHQ to pay tribute to the martyrs of Pakistan.

Rangers recover weapons in Lyari, *Daily Times*, September 9¹⁹
Sindh Rangers claimed to have recovered huge cache of weapons, hidden underground in Lyari, the spokesman for the paramilitary force said. Giving details of the weapons recovered by the paramilitary force, the spokesman said one LMG, six SMGs, three Zero-Three rifles, three 7mm rifles, two 44 bore rifles, five 12 bore Pump action and nine 30 bore pistols were recovered. The spokesman added that the weapons recovered were likely to be used for target killings and violence in the city.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

The Punjab Operation, Editorial, *The Nation*, September 11²⁰

The long-overdue security clean-up of Punjab has finally been given the green signal by the Home Ministry of the province, and the Punjab Rangers look set to take on a prominent role in clamping down on terrorist facilitators and sleeper cells in the province over the next two months. In the first day of the operation, 25 militants were arrested, with arms and ammunition seized in Rajanpur. *This revelation, coming from the government has raised a few eyebrows considering that the PML-N has often pretended that the problem of terrorism does not exist in Punjab. So why the sudden change of heart? Is this a realisation that came about through self-reflection, or is it a more forceful suggestion by other institutions within the country?*

¹⁸ <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/coas-for-breaking-nexus-between-terror-corruption>

¹⁹ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/09-Sep-16/rangers-recover-weapons-buried-underground-in-lyari>

²⁰ <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/11-Sep-2016/the-punjab-operation>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

Govt decisions strengthened stock market: Dar, *Daily Times*, September 9²¹

Senator Ishaq Dar, Finance Minister, has said that the tough decisions taken by the incumbent government to improve stock exchange and national economy have produced tangible results. Addressing at the award distribution ceremony at Pakistan Stock Exchange, finance minister said that government has chalked out a strategy to stabilize the economy. *"New law is being introduced for companies after 32 years", he added. "The steps taken by government to improve national economy have also been recognized by the international financial institutions and rating agencies have termed Pakistan as "stable" country at macro economic level", Dar stated adding that Pakistan's Gross Domestic Growth GDP has increased to 4.7 percent and in next two years the growth would be 7 percent.* Finance Minister informed that new laws were introduced to boost business activities. Reforms were also initiated in the corporate sector. The improvement of stock exchange is directly linked with the national economy, senator Dar added.

CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

Nawaz inaugurates CPEC projects in Gwadar, *The Dawn*, September 1²²

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Thursday (September 1) inaugurated five developmental projects at Gwadar in Balochistan. *"I agree with my minister Mir Hasil Bizenjo when he says that Gwadar is Balochistan and Balochistan is Gwadar. Gwadar is Pakistan and Pakistan is Gwadar," PM Nawaz said while addressing a ceremony after unveiling the developmental projects.* The development projects include a free trade zone, business complex of Gwadar Port Authority, Pak-China Government Primary School Faqir Colony, Sawar and Shadikor dams and Gwadar University, according to Radio Pakistan.

Chinese work ethic and Pakistan, *The Express Tribune*, September 5²³

*The \$1.8-billion Sahiwal Coal Power Project, now part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), employs 3,000 Pakistani personnel and 1,000 Chinese. The Chinese construction firm deputed at the new Islamabad International Airport has around 200 Pakistanis and 100 Chinese. These ratios are indicative of the mix of human resource pool that CPEC is now generating. [...]*In a society, which is overtly religious and ritualistic, yet does not practice honesty and hard work in general, the introduction of values from a Civil Religion should be welcome. *However, I hope that Chinese businessmen will not inspire their Pakistani counterparts to get more dependent on the*

²¹ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/09-Sep-16/govt-decisions-strengthened-stock-market-economy-dar>

²² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1174135/pm-nawaz-inaugurates-five-cpec-projects-gwadar/>

²³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1175988/cpec-chinese-work-ethic-implication-pakistan/>

government, which is unfortunately still a hallmark of businesses in both countries. It is also hoped that Chinese will adopt the Confucian full circle, as the old Confucianism also required officials to criticise their rulers and refuse to serve the corrupt.

Mengal likens CPEC to Kalabagh dam, *The Dawn*, September 5²⁴

Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M) president Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal has said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will turn out to be another Kalabagh dam because of wrong strategy of the government. He said that the CPEC would deprive smaller provinces of their rights, adding that development based on dishonesty would not be acceptable to the people of Balochistan. He was speaking at a public meeting held in memory of the victims of Aug 8 Quetta carnage in the Baba-i-Balochistan Football Stadium on Saturday (September 3). Mr Mengal said that the CPEC project was only for Punjab. "The rulers are serving the interest of Punjab and they have no interest in the development of Balochistan." Out of \$46 billion to be spent on the project, even \$1bn would not be spent on Balochistan, he claimed. "This development can be for Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo and me but it will not benefit people of Balochistan."

Chabahar Vs Gwadar, Editorial, *The Nation*, September 11²⁵

During a visit to the capital office of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), the Iranian Ambassador Mehdi Honardoust said his country is desirous of participating in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). While he talked of trade between the two countries, the statement of wanting to be part of the CPEC is the most interesting. [...]However, while Iran and China may not see Chabahar and Gwadar as rivals, India and Pakistan will. Foreign funded projects from China and Iran, at these mammoth levels of money, will remain mutually exclusive. It is unlikely that India will appreciate Iran becoming part of the Pakistan-China nexus, while it is pouring money into Chabahar. The envoy also revealed in May that the offer to cooperate had first been extended to Pakistan and then China, implying neither had expressed interest.

CPEC: future prospects, Saman Zulfqar, *Daily Times*, September 11²⁶

[...]As regarding physical infrastructure, CPEC is a network of highways, railways and pipelines. Government of Pakistan has decided three alternate highway routes: western route passing through Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; eastern route passing through Punjab and Sindh; while the

²⁴ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1282166/mengal-likens-cpec-to-kalabagh-dam>

²⁵ <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/11-Sep-2016/chabahar-vs-gwadar>

²⁶ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/11-Sep-16/cpec-future-prospects>

central route crossing over the whole country. The western route, the shortest one, has been the most desired option mainly due to lesser distance, and also due to it passing through the comparatively lesser-developed provinces of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. [...]The infrastructure development projects would enhance the pace of industrialisation in Pakistan. The proposed industrial parks and economic zones established in cities along the CPEC route would boost Pakistan's labour market, and with the rapid infrastructure development, Pakistan's real estate and construction sector would also grow, subsequently contributing towards the urbanisation of remote areas of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit-Baltistan. [...]The statistics shared with parliament show that 53 percent of the projects have been assigned to Punjab, while Sindh gets the second largest allocation of projects, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, comparatively less developed provinces, have been given a smaller share from the CPEC projects.

SECURITY SITUATION

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA

Blast injures at least 6 in Wana, *The Nation*, September 7²⁷

A bomb blast injuring at least 6 people has just been reported in the Town of Wana in South Waziristan, reported Waqt News. The blast occurred in a small market, which was not very crowded at the time the blast occurred. Security forces have reached the area and are investigating the incident.

BALUCHISTAN

Three security officials killed, *The Dawn*, September 6²⁸

Suspected militants on Monday (September 5) killed two police officials and a levies personnel in Mastung district of Balochistan. "Armed men opened fire and killed an assistant sub inspector Abdullah along with his son in the Masjid road area of the city," said a senior police official. The slain police officer's son was also serving as constable in the police department.

SINDH

Two policemen shot dead, *Daily Times*, September 9²⁹

Some unidentified persons riding in a car opened fire and shot dead two police personal, deployed on the security of a doctor, in Khayaban-e-Shahbaz area of Defence Phase-6 area in Karachi on late Wednesday night (September 7). According to SSP South, Saqib Ismail Memon, the incident was an outcome of a personal enmity. Talking to Daily Times, he said that some unidentified

²⁷ <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/blast-injures-at-least-6-in-wana>

²⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1282234/three-security-officials-killed-in-balochistans-mastung-district>

²⁹ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/09-Sep-16/2-policemen-shot-dead>

persons riding in a car opened fire at the policemen who were deployed for the security of a doctor named Abdul Aziz. He added that the brother of the doctor has also been killed in a similar incident earlier. The policemen, identified as Majid, 28, and Ishtiaq, 50, sustained critical injuries and were taken to JPMC . According to Seemin Jamali, in charge Emergency Centre at the Jinnah Hospital, the victims were already dead when they were shifted to the hospital.

RELATIONS WITH INDIA

MPAs to raise Indian meddling, *The Express Tribune*, September 5³⁰

Borrowing a leaf from Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's diplomatic book, Balochistan Chief Minister Nawab Sanaullah Zehri on Sunday (September 4) decided to send a delegation of provincial lawmakers to friendly states to raise the issue of India's involvement in fomenting violence in the province. In addition, a letter will also be written to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in this regard, the provincial chief minister said while talking to media persons.

India shells Pak villages along LoC, *The Nation*, September 7³¹

Pakistani troops and Indian Border Security Forces (BSF) exchanged fire across the Line of Control (LoC) on Pakistan Defence Day, Inter-Services Public Relations said yesterday. The ISPR said Indian troops resorted to unprovoked firing in the Nezapir sector around midnight on Monday (September 5). Firing continued until 10am on Tuesday morning (September 6), the statement said. No casualties have been reported so far on either side of the working boundary.

UNREST IN KASHMIR

Malala urges UN to stop Indian brutalities, *Daily Times*, September 6³²

Pakistan's teenage Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai on Tuesday (September 6) called on the United Nations (UN), the international community and Pakistan to work together to halt the inhumanity activities in India-held Kashmir (IHK). "The Kashmiri people, like people everywhere, deserve their fundamental human rights. *They should live free of fear and repression,*" Malala said and added, "I call on the UN, the international community, India and Pakistan to work together with utmost urgency to right these wrongs, providing the people of Kashmir with dignity and the freedom they deserve."

³⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1176157/mpas-raise-indian-meddling-world-stage/>

³¹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/india-shells-pak-villages-along-loc>

³² <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/06-Sep-16/malala-urges-un-to-stop-indian-brutalities-in-kashmir>

World must take notice of HR abuses: Pervaiz, *The Nation*, September 7³³
Information Minister Senator Pervaiz Rashid has asked the international community to take notice of human rights violations at the hands of Indian forces in the occupied Kashmir. Talking to a delegation of journalists of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in Islamabad on Tuesday (September 6), he said Pakistan will continue political, moral and diplomatic support to Kashmiris for their right to self-determination and will also highlight the issue of Kashmir at national and international forums.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

India is backing a lost cause, H M Kunwar, *Daily Times*, September 7³⁴
[...]The latest attack in Quetta, disturbance in Kashmir and this statement of the Indian PM are interlinked. Internationalising of the Kashmir issue by Pakistan, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and a team of UN human rights officials prohibited by Indian authorities in India from visiting Kashmir seems to be disturbing the Indian premier.

³³ <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/world-must-take-notice-of-hr-abuses-in-ihk-pervaiz>

³⁴ <http://dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/07-Sep-16/india-is-backing-a-lost-cause>

EXCERPTS FROM URDU MEDIA & SELECT JIHADI LITERATURE

The Kashmir issue, Prof. Hafiz Sayeed, *Daily Ummat*, 6 September ³⁵

[...] *For last 51 years, rulers of Pakistan have tried to create better relationship between these countries on the view "live and let live" ... "take something and give something in return". But the Indian rulers, politicians and the Generals are adamant on "neither live nor let others to live" ... "take everything and don't give anything in return."* [...] It's an interesting question that why in 1965 India did not attack Kashmir and invaded Sindh thousands miles away? The answer lies in that first war between India and Pakistan was fought on Kashmir. The Indian Army was helped and guided by Lord Mountbatten, British officers and the jawans. [...] The Indian forces were fought strongly and couldn't move forward. Its then they began to attack Lahore during night by tanks and fighter plans through Wagah border and Hareka-Burki road. [...] *Pakistan remains undefeated. It has become the first Islamic nuclear country.*

Enemy has brought the war inside the country, Editorial, *Nawe-e- waqt*, Sep ⁶³⁶

Today again our enemy has been trying to attack our autonomy and sovereignty by making preparations for a war. *Taking advantage of our internal problems and the situation created by terrorism, India has been trying to fulfill her ambition of creating an "Akhand Bharat"*. India has accepted its intervention in the internal affairs of our country when on a recent visit in Bangladesh Narendra Modi accepted his country's role in breaking Pakistan into two. Also, in his 15th August Independence Day speech, *Modi acknowledged that India plays a role in promoting terrorism in Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir.*

Kashmir is "shah ragh", *Daily Jasarat*, September ⁷³⁷

Raheel Sharif while speaking at the Army Headquarters in Rawalpindi said that the Army is ready for the defense of the country. The lives lost against terrorism would not be allowed to go waste. *Kashmir is our jugular vein. We will keep supporting Kashmir logistically and diplomatically.* We salute the sacrifice of the Kashmiris. The Kashmir issue can be resolved only through the United Nations resolutions I want to tell the enemy of the country that if we are able to get a victory we can defend that victory as well.

³⁵ <http://ummat.net/2016/09/06/news.php?p=idr4.gif>

³⁶ <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2016-09-06/page-6/detail-0>

³⁷ <http://epaper.jasarat.org/2016/09/07/karachi/na-105>

Paying back to India, Assudullah Ghalib, *Nawa-e-waqt*, September 8³⁸

What India wanted to listen, it heard it. It keeps listening again and again. [...] *We were in the same situation in 1987 as well when Zia-ul-Haq had gone to India and whispered in ear of Rajiv Gandhi that are you pulling back your forces from the border or I should go back and press the nuclear button. After this, whole world could see how the "Operation Brasstacts" disappeared in the thin air.* [...] Today it is 2016. Whole world is engaged in war against terrorism. But only Pakistan appears to be victorious and world has recognized the Pakistan Army. Still, India is nuclear blackmailing us. *They think that like Pakistan, we too have nuclear weapons. Thus, whoever acts first is going to win. This what goes on in the mind of Modi*, for which he has put 1.5 billion of South Asia in risk. [...] *A new thing which General Raheel Sharif has said is that of paying back to India. For everything that we need to pay back to the Indian Bania, came to my mind. These include Hyderabad, Junagarh, Daccan, and Kashmir.*

STATISTICS

BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Balochistan				
Mastung ³⁹	5/9/2016	Three security personnel killed	3	0
FATA				
Wana ⁴⁰	7/9/2016	Six injured in Wana	0	6

³⁸ <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2016-09-08/page-4/detail-15>

³⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1282234/three-security-officials-killed-in-balochistans-mastung-district>

⁴⁰ <http://nation.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2016/blast-injures-at-least-6-in-wana>