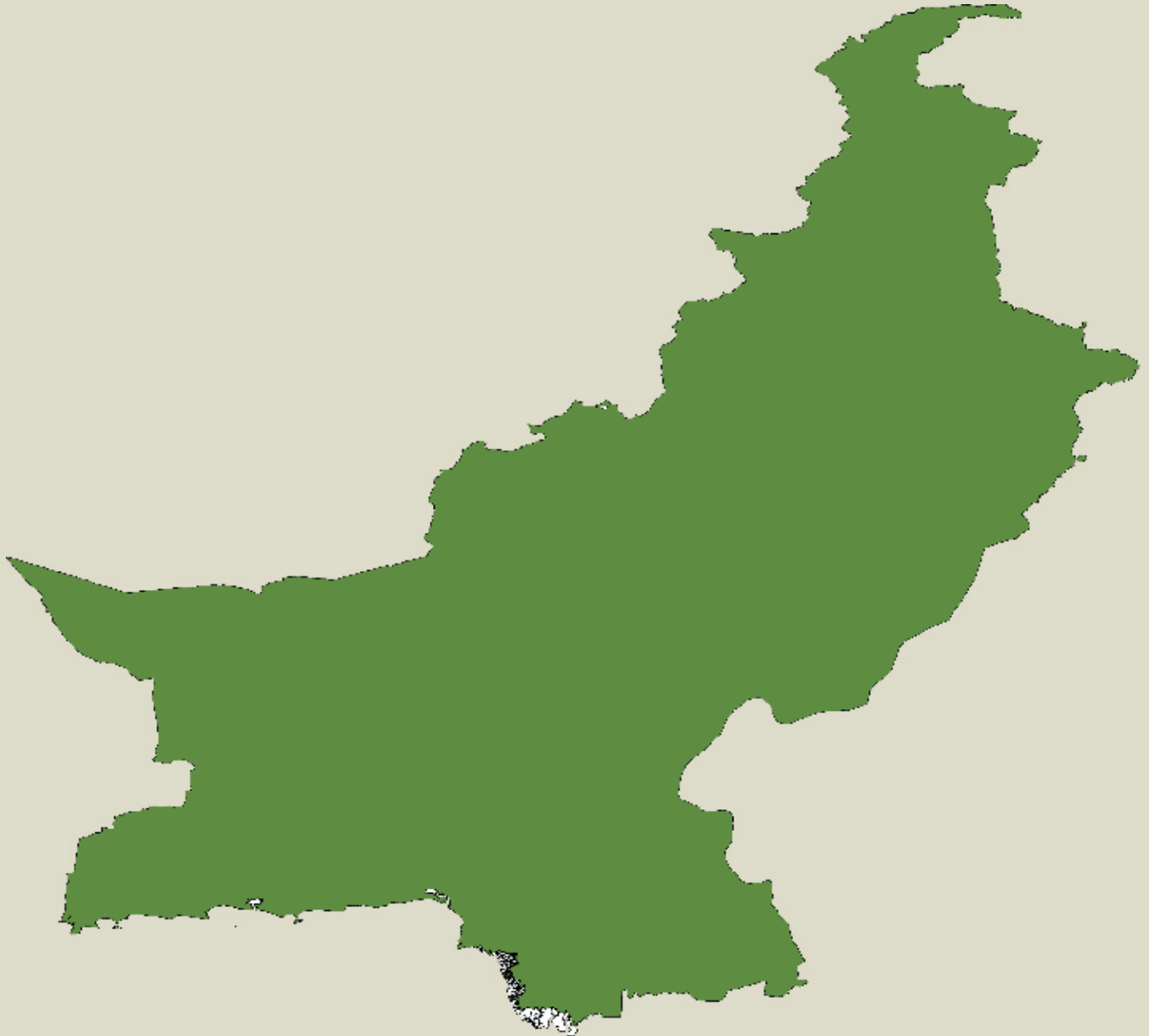


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## ABBREVIATIONS

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

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

It seems that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent statements terming Pakistan as mothership of terrorism has infuriated many in Pakistan. It is an open secret and the whole world is well aware of the fact the Pakistan uses non-state actors to achieve foreign policy objectives and in this way poses a major threat to peace and stability of the region. There was a hue and cry in Pakistan after Prime Minister Modi termed Pakistan as mothership of terrorism. There was also an unease over the fate of Indus Water Treaty (IWT), especially after strong statements from India asking for a review of the World Bank brokered treaty. However, policy circles in Pakistan did not see any imminent threat to the IWT. Khawaja Asif, who happens to be the Minister for Water and Power was of the view that India was engaging in posturing.

There seems to be no end in sight, as far as the resolution of Panama Leaks issue is concerned. Coming down hard on opposition staging anti-corruption rallies in Pakistan, interior minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan stated that looters were engaged organizing anti-graft rallies in the country. This particular issue has become so important that casts shadows on all other issues. The ruling dispensation is devoting so much of time and energy to grapple with the fallout of the proceedings in the apex court of the country. Meanwhile, PTI chairman Imran Khan has challenged Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif for an open debate over the issue in the parliament. He termed Nawaz Sharif as the King of Corruption and asked his courtiers to stop spreading disinformation in his favour.

The government is promoting CPEC as an all-out solution to most of the economic problems faced by Pakistan. Recently, Finance Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar stated that Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX)-China deal was like a dream come true. He also announced that Pakistan had established a "Pakistan Development Fund" to finance multibillion dollar infrastructure development projects in the country. Dar was speaking in the backdrop of the Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) providing up to 40 per cent of equity stake of PSX to Chinese consortium and local financial institutions.

**Dr Ashish Shukla**

## **POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS**

### **NATIONAL POLITICS**

**Interior ministry bans sectarian outfit**, *The Express Tribune*, January 22<sup>1</sup>

*The interior ministry has proscribed another religious outfit due to its suspected involvement in hiring recruits from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) for fighting in Syria.* Little-known Ansar ul-Hussain is said to be active in areas like Kurram Agency and Kohat and is suspected to be recruiting locals who were exported to Syria via Iran to take part in the civil war. It is the 64th organisation banned in Pakistan on account of performing inappropriate activities. [...]The director of the Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies' (PIPS), Muhammad Amir Rana, told *The Express Tribune* that it seemed that the outfit was an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Mehdi which was active against local Taliban in the area of Orakzai. However, according to him, Lashkar-e-Mehdi is not considered a major force. He said after recruiting locals Ansar-ul-Hussain used to send them to Syria via Iran.

**Govt baulks at concessions to PPP**, *The Express Tribune*, January 22<sup>2</sup>

*Though the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz knows it needs the opposition's support for extending the tenure of military courts, it is unwilling to offer any concessions to the PPP, despite its aggressive posturing.* PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari recently led an 'anti-government' rally from Lahore to Faisalabad in a bid to challenge the ruling party in its power bastion of Punjab. The opposition parties – led by the PPP – have also moved a privilege motion in parliament against the prime minister for 'not speaking the truth' in the National Assembly in connection with the Panamagate issue. However, the PPP's move to up the ante against the PML-N hardly seems to have had an effect on the PML-N, which is not going to hold out an olive branch to the opposition party, it is learnt.

**Judge faces disciplinary proceedings**, *The Express Tribune*, January 23<sup>3</sup>

*The Islamabad High Court is likely to start disciplinary proceedings against an additional district and sessions judge (ADSJ) this week for his alleged involvement in employing a child as a maid at his house and her subsequent torture.* A one-judge committee comprising Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani of the IHC would first conduct an inquiry against ADSJ Raja Khurram Ali Khan, sources told *The Express Tribune*. ADSJ Khan and his wife, Maheen Zafar, had been booked for allegedly keeping 10-year-old housemaid Tayyaba in

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<sup>1</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1303150/recruitment-syria-interior-ministry-bans-sectarian-outfit/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1303153/pml-n-govt-baulks-concessions-ppp/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1304014/maid-torture-judge-faces-disciplinary-proceedings/>

wrongful confinement in their house, burning her hand over a missing broom, beating her with a ladle, detaining her in store room and threatening her of even worse.

**Nawaz forbidden from making speech in Davos, *Daily Times*, February 24<sup>4</sup>**  
*Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's failure to make a speech during his four-day stay in Davos has sparked resentment among the people. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif spent millions of rupees on his luxuriant visit during the visit but failed to address any important forum because he was not allowed by the management of Davos Economic Forum to address any function.* The main reason for not allowing the prime minister to deliver a speech on any forum was said to be the alleged involvement of the prime minister in massive corruption in Pakistan. He could only hold a meeting with the Sri Lankan prime minister and no bilateral meeting with the head of any other country took place. The entire nation was desperately frustrated over the country being made a laughing stock by the prime minister during his visit.

#### THE PANAMA PAPERS

**'Looters' staging anti-graft rallies: Nisar, *The Express Tribune*, January 22<sup>5</sup>**  
*In an oblique reference to the opposition Pakistan Peoples Party, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on Saturday (January 21) heaped scorn on all those who had pillaged the national treasury and were now spearheading anti-corruption rallies.* The PPP has already staged the first of a series of rallies against the federal government. "It is an irony that those who have stolen the state's wealth during their five-year term are now leading anti-corruption rallies," Nisar told public meetings in different areas of his constituency – Rajar, Sihaal, Koliyan Hameed. "Politics is done on the basis of performance and not on allegations and statements. Fake statements, allegations and false promises are leading the people away from the principles of truth and honesty. This is the root cause of all problems," he added.

**Panamagate casts shadows on all issues, *The Express Tribune*, January 23<sup>6</sup>**  
Government functionaries are devoting so much time and energy to grapple with the fallout of the Panamagate proceedings in the Supreme Court that it is taking a toll on matters of national and public interest. *A number of key administrative decisions are awaiting the approval of Prime Minister Nawaz*

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<sup>4</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/24-Jan-17/nawaz-forbidden-from-making-speech-in-davos-due-to-corruption-investigation>

<sup>5</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1303115/hitting-ppp-nisar-sees-irony-looters-staging-anti-graft-rallies/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1304001/priorities-rearranged-panamagate-casts-shadows-issues/>

*Sharif, who these days is focusing on the case against him and his family and not much else, The Express Tribune has learnt.*

**Imran challenges PM to 'open debate',** *The Express Tribune*, January 23<sup>7</sup>

The Panamagate is a sub judice matter. But the parties involved continue to slug it out in the open. *Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan challenged Premier Nawaz Sharif on Sunday (January 22) to an 'open debate' on Panama Papers in parliament.* Imran called Nawaz 'king of corruption' and asked his 'courters' to stop spreading 'disinformation in his favour'. "Nawaz Sharif has been caught red-handed in the Panamagate scandal," Imran told a public gathering in Khuddian Khas, Kasur. *"He [Nawaz] cannot escape punishment. He will be disqualified, if the Qatari royal's letter turns out to be fake or Maryam Nawaz's ownership of the London flats is established or the BBC report proves to be true."*

**Sharifs to face legal repercussions: SC,** *The Express Tribune*, January 23<sup>8</sup>

*The Supreme Court on Monday (January 23) observed that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's family may face legal repercussions if it failed to submit documentary evidence to establish the money trail of London apartments.* "Sharif family has submitted documents in the court and if they fail to provide any document, they will face legal repercussions," apex court judge Justice Gulzar Ahmad said during the hearing of the Panamagate case. Justice Asif Saeed Khosa, who is heading the top court's five-judge larger bench to hear a slew of petitions filed against the Sharif family in Panama Papers scandal, observed that someone can only be disqualified on the basis of "Black Letter Law" and not on people's expectations.

## PROVINCIAL POLITICS

**Judicial panel disgraced me: IG Balochistan,** *The Express Tribune*, January 20<sup>9</sup>

*There is a need to find a political solution for ending the insurgency in Balochistan, the province's inspector-general told the Supreme Court on Thursday (January 19).* "Until the political resolution of insurgency in Balochistan, all attempts to (restore) peace in the province will be in vain. Even if I impose curfew on Saryab Road in Quetta," IG Balochistan Ahsan Mahboob told the three-judge bench of the apex court, headed by Justice Amir Hani Muslim. *The bench is hearing a suo motu case on the August 8 terrorist attack in Quetta after which the one-man judicial commission pointed out the "monumental failure" of the interior ministry to combat terrorism. During the*

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<sup>7</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1304013/kasur-rally-imran-dares-pm-open-debate-panamagate/>

<sup>8</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1304142/sharifs-face-legal-repercussions-london-flats-money-trail-not-established-sc/>

<sup>9</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1301271/one-man-commission-judicial-panel-disgraced-says-ig-balochistan/>



*hearing on Thursday (January 19), the IG Balochistan complained about the commission's conduct.* In an emotionally-charged manner, the IG claimed that the commission's head humiliated him during the proceedings, adding that the commission did not hear his point of view.

**Balochistan puts 396 on Fourth Schedule**, *The Dawn*, January 22<sup>10</sup>

*The Balochistan government has put 396 people on the Fourth Schedule of the Anti-Terrorism Act to keep them under observation because of their suspected links with banned groups.* Home Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti said on Saturday that those who had been put on the schedule belonged to banned organisations. The list contains 97 people belonging to Quetta, 57 to Khuzdar, 35 to Mastung, 32 to Dera Bugti and 23 to Qila Abdullah. The minister said 20 more names were under consideration for inclusion in the list.

**Learn foreign languages to reap CPEC benefits**, *Daily Times*, January 23<sup>11</sup>

*Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani has advised students to learn foreign languages to fully exploit economic opportunities in the wake of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).* Addressing a 22-member delegation of students belonging to Balochistan, Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during an event on Sunday (January 22) at the Punjab University, the minister said the CPEC would benefit Gawadar as several new educational and healthcare projects would be initiated in Balochistan to help raise the quality of life there.

## EDITORIALS AND OPINION

**Evolving a viable democracy in Pakistan**, *The Express Tribune*, January 22<sup>12</sup>

[...]Ayesha Jalal, who serves as the Mary Richardson Professor of History at Tufts University and has an over 30 years of writing and research experience on Jinnah, said this while reading a research paper on 'How relevant is Jinnah's vision in today's Pakistan' at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) on Saturday (January 21). She was of the view that Mohammad Ali Jinnah's early death in September, 1948, robbed Pakistan of the much-needed steadying hand of the founder of the nation at the helm of perilous times. [...] *There are no more glaring contradictions between the founder's vision and Pakistan today such as constitutional stalemates between the judiciary and parliament, the civil-military tussle and fragmentation and loss of ethos among the administrative services, she maintained. "It's not that Pakistan is not capable of evolving a viable democratic system and [is] destined to remain a centralised authoritarian state under military rule," she read from her paper. "Pakistan's*

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<sup>10</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1309935/balochistan-puts-396-on-fourth-schedule>

<sup>11</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/punjab/23-Jan-17/learn-foreign-languages-to-reap-cpec-benefits>

<sup>12</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1303703/pakistan-not-incapable-evolving-viable-democracy/>

struggle for democracy has suffered from sustained political dysfunction caused by staggering nonchalance shown by successive governments." [...]She further read that the die-hard constitutionalist that the Quaid-i-Azam was, he wanted to get rid of provincialism and thought it as a great curse as India's Muslims considered themselves to be Sindhi, Punjabi, Pathan or Delhi Muslims first. "If we want to make Pakistan truly prosperous we should wholly and solely concentrate on the wellbeing of people and especially of the masses and the poor," she said, quoting Jinnah.

**Carnage now, confusion later**, Tariq Khosa, Herald, January 24<sup>13</sup>

*Justice Qazi Faez Isa has come up with a bold report on the Quetta carnage on August 8, 2016, that started with the targeted killing of the president of the Balochistan Bar Association, followed by a deadly suicide attack at the civil hospital that claimed the lives of 75 innocent people, while injuring 105 others. The cream of lawyers – 54 in one go – perished. [...]The basic lessons to be drawn from the findings of the commission and the thoroughness of the judge are as follows: the police must properly preserve the crime scenes of incidents of terrorism; forensic examination including fingerprinting, videotaping, photographing and DNA-testing are crucial requirements of scientific investigations; the data bank of terrorists should be centrally maintained, the modus operandi of the culprits and analysis of cases must be carried out to identify terrorist networks and to establish linkages, if any, with other such gruesome incidents.*

Moreover, active association of the intelligence agencies must be ensured so that investigators are able to successfully work out such high-profile cases. Finally, incentives and rewards to officials and informants are crucial ingredients of success. *Isa is justified in his remarks that "at the highest levels of government the subject of terrorism and combating it is epitomized with confusion," and has rightly concluded that "the state, which has receded in the face of those spreading hatred and murders, must reexert itself." Clarity, commitment and collaboration between the various state institutions will lead to eliminating the menace of terror from our society.*

## FOREIGN POLICY

**Islamabad for 'tough talk' with Kabul**, *The Express Tribune*, January 23<sup>14</sup>

*Pakistan is preparing for 'tough talk' with Afghanistan in coming weeks when army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa will travel to Kabul at the invitation of President Ashraf Ghani. Although Gen Qamar has in principle accepted Ghani's invitation, he is waiting for the 'appropriate time' to visit*

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<sup>13</sup> <http://herald.dawn.com/news/1153652/quetta-attacks-carnage-now-confusion-later>

<sup>14</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1304012/terror-blame-game-islamabad-girds-tough-talk-kabul/>

*Afghanistan in a bid to mend fractured ties with the neighbouring country.* A senior security official said the army chief would likely visit Kabul after President Donald Trump's administration announces its policy on the Afghan situation. But whenever the army chief would travel to Kabul, he plans to deliver a 'clear message' to the Afghan leadership: "Stop blaming Pakistan for your own failings". Gen Qamar is also expected to inform the Afghan leadership in categorical terms that Pakistan is not patronising any group or providing them sanctuaries, according to the official familiar with the development. In fact, he would present 'compelling evidence' of how some elements within the Afghan government are supporting terrorist groups that are launching attacks in Pakistan.

## EDITORIALS AND OPINION

**The Trump presidency**, Shahid Javed Burki, *The Express Tribune*, January 22<sup>15</sup>  
[...]*The world Trump is likely to fashion will not be the one in which Pakistan can hope to make political, economic and social advance. Several features of this world will be troubling. It will be a world in which countries will advance their own interests and not work for the global good. It will pull countries back from regionalism and towards ethno-nationalism. There will be greater space for authoritarian political systems than for democracies. America will have no interest in promoting its values globally – it will not indulge in nation-building.* In the Trump world the movement of people across international borders will not be encouraged. It will be a world in which international trade would no longer be the driver of growth and economic modernisation. And, most troubling of all, it will be a world in which Muslim countries will be pushed back into a corner for as long as they remain strongly committed to the pursuit of their faith. *While the Trump "America First" slogan implies that the country will like to withdraw behind its borders, Trump will be forced to recognise that America cannot remain alone. If new relations are to be forged with other nations Trump has a strong desire to align America with Russia, to aggressively challenge China, to work with the countries in Europe that are not part of the still-evolving European system. International treaties will not necessarily be adhered to. A transactional approach, deal-making will be the favoured way of conducting international affairs.*

**A tough call**, Editorial, *The Express Tribune*, January 22<sup>16</sup>

Even in an ideal world what Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa told the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, Abdullah Marzouk Al-Zahrani, who called on him the other day at the General Headquarters would have been regarded as a kind of diplomatic courtesy

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<sup>15</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1303736/trump-presidency-pakistan/>

<sup>16</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1303737/a-tough-call-2/>

usually resorted to on such occasions. [...] *And recently, when reports to the effect that our former COAS Gen (ret'd) Raheel Shareef had been offered the job of leading the joint forces of 34 Muslim countries put together by KSA and that he had accepted the offer were being put out by our media, one could feel a national surge against the possibility for more than one reason.* The question was would this not affect our 'policy of neutrality' towards Saudi Arabia and Iran given that all 34 members of the coalition are Sunni majority nations? Is there not this sectarian tinge in this military alliance given the 100 per cent Sunni dominance of the countries that constitute the alliance? The stated primary objective of the joint force is "to protect the Muslim countries from all terrorist groups and terrorist organisations" but would this be possible with Iran, Iraq and Syria not being part of this coalition but are the very countries that are at the centre of all conflicts that affect the entire Arab World. The alliance is also expected to deploy military forces in Syria to fight the IS. As is being felt universally in Pakistan such a development would be a great military mistake.

#### MILITARY AFFAIRS

**Bajwa, Saudi envoy discuss defence cooperation, *The Dawn*, January 21<sup>17</sup>**

*Chief of the Army Staff Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa said the Pakistan Army held the defence of Saudi Arabia "at par with its own".* According to an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) statement issued on Friday, Gen Bajwa said this while talking to the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, Abdullah Marzouk Al-Zahrani, who called on him at the General Headquarters. According to the statement, "issues of bilateral relations including defence and training cooperation" were the focus of discussion between the two sides. The army chief reassured the ambassador that the Pakistan Army regarded the defence of Saudi Arabia in the same way as Pakistan's. Gen Bajwa, who became the army chief in November last year, had gone on a three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia in December. In his meeting with Saudi deputy crown prince and defence minister Muhammad bin Salman, the army chief had "reiterated Pakistan's commitment to the security and protection of the holy mosques and also the territorial integrity of the kingdom". The defence minister had reassured Gen Bajwa that his country supported peace and stability in Pakistan in every way. The army chief had also called on Saudi King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.

**COAS to punish Parachinar perpetrators, *The Express Tribune*, January 22<sup>18</sup>**

*Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Sunday (January 21) vowed to punish the perpetrators of Saturday's (January 20) Parachinar*

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<sup>17</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1309795/bajwa-saudi-envoy-discuss-defence-cooperation>

<sup>18</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1303452/coas-vows-punish-parachinar-bombing-perpetrators/>

*market bombing.* The army chief, who visited the Agency Headquarters Hospital in Parachinar, directed army officers to award exemplary punishment to those involved in carrying out the attack. Inquiring about the health of the injured, General Bajwa expressed deep sorrow over the incident. He also offered fateha for the deceased.

## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

**\$720m accords signed for Tarbela extension, *The Dawn*, January 19<sup>19</sup>**

*The World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) signed on Wednesday (January 18) loan and grant agreements worth \$720 million with the government for the fifth extension project of the Tarbela dam and governance policy programme for Balochistan.* Under the loan agreement, the World Bank will provide a credit of \$390m for the fifth extension hydropower project of the Tarbela dam which will facilitate a sustainable expansion of the country's electricity generation capacity by installation of three additional power generating units having installed capacity of 470 megawatts each on existing Tunnel-5 without affecting the capacity for irrigation release.

**PSX-China deal like a dream come true: Dar, *The Dawn*, January 21<sup>20</sup>**

Finance Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar said on Friday (January 20) that the government had established a 'Pakistan Development Fund' aimed at financing multibillion dollar infrastructure development projects in the country. *"We would soon be coming to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) to mobilise funds," he said, adding that the International Finance Corporation and others had indicated their interest in participating in the Fund. "We will continue to forge ahead with or without other partners for PDF which is a great indicator of Pakistan's progressive direction."* Mr Dar was speaking at a ceremony held to mark the signing of the Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) of 40pc strategic equity stake of PSX, with a Chinese consortium and local financial institutions. The consortium had won by placing the highest bid of Rs28 per share for 320 million shares at the total price consideration of Rs8.96 billion (\$85m) when the stake was put on the table in December. The consortium comprises the Chinese Financial Futures Exchange Company Ltd (lead bidders), Shanghai Stock Exchange, Shenzhen Stock Exchange, and two local partners Pak-China Investment Company and Habib Bank Ltd.

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<sup>19</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1309397/720m-accords-signed-for-tarbela-extension-balochistan>

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1309769/psx-china-deal-like-a-dream-come-true-dar>

## CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

**Special Security Division established**, *The Express Tribune*, January 22<sup>21</sup>

*A Special Security Division has been established to secure the \$55 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The division, which comprises nine army battalions and six civil wings encompassing 13,700 personnel, has been tasked with securing CPEC projects and protecting Chinese nationals working on the projects.* The Ministry of Interior has also issued a notification in this regard according to Radio Pakistan. The ministry will subsequently issue deployment orders after requisition from provinces, an official of the planning division was quoted as having remarked. Earlier it was reported that retired army personnel will be hired to secure the economic corridor. Further, plans for setting up a special police unit to provide security to CPEC projects were also under consideration.

**CPEC offers vast opportunities**, *The Express Tribune*, January 22<sup>22</sup>

*The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is hailed by almost the entire nation as a 'game changer'. Although, the primary purpose of the project is to serve as a transportation network connecting Western China to Gwadar, it includes several projects, such as power plants, infrastructure development, improvement of information technology and communications in remote areas.* It certainly benefits China as the road and rail networks circumvent the alternative maritime routes through the South China Sea. It shortens the transit from China to several Middle Eastern, African and European countries. Although the infrastructural development may have several benefits to the local economy within Pakistan, the Pakistani policymakers must adopt viable industrial and trade policies to reap benefits from CPEC in the long-run.

**Gwadar not benefiting from CPEC: Shahzain Bugti**, *Daily Times*, January 22<sup>23</sup>

*Jamhoori Watan Party (JWP) central leader Shahzain Bugti stated that Balochistan and Gwadar have not taken any benefit from CPEC yet.* In an interview on Sunday ( January 22) he said that "you visit Balochistan and you would observe the deep-rooted hatred against the centre'. He said it was clear that the inhabitants of Pakistan's largest, but poorest province were not at all satisfied with the federal government's policies. While answering to a question Shahzain Bugti said that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif led government's policies pertaining to Balochistan have changed after coming into power. He said that the Sui-gas was not available in most parts of the province and the people of Balochistan were forced to cock on open fire. *The grandson of late*

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<sup>21</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1303428/special-security-division-established-secure-cpec/>

<sup>22</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1303768/cpec-offers-vast-opportunities-tap-chinese-economy/>

<sup>23</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/22-Jan-17/balochistan-gwadar-not-benefiting-from-cpec-shahzain-bugti>

*chieftain Nawab Akbar Bugti, said, "we are against giving Pakistani nationality to Afghans." To a question he answered that Kalashnikov culture and drugs were introduced in Pakistan by Afghans. Shahzain said that not any displeased top Baloch leader has surrendered before the government adding that Jamhoori Watan Party will not ally with any political party of the country.*

**Pakistan should equip workforce for CPEC**, *The Express Tribune*, January 22<sup>24</sup>  
[...]*A lot depends on the success or failure of CPEC. If it fails, Pakistan won't be able to have a chance to reap even half of the benefits of CPEC. If it succeeds, the country might not only be economically strong but it will also be able to get rid of many monstrous forces it has had to endure over the past seven decades.* In order to succeed, a complete rebirth of the political, cultural, economic and intellectual Pakistan is needed. This entails a change in the social and structural course, which starts not in factories and workshops, but in the quarters holding actual power. It needs a change in the constitution, laws, procedures, money-related behaviour of the entire state, business houses, the big agricultural class and the mainstream demography. Consultants in Karachi and Islamabad who have experience of assisting in mega projects indicate that China might accomplish as much as it aspires if only 10% of the existing Pakistani political, cultural, economic and intellectual energy is refocused on the CPEC project.

## **SECURITY SITUATION**

### **KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA**

**Blast in Parachinar vegetable market kills 20**, *The Dawn*, January 21<sup>25</sup>  
*At least 20 people were killed in a blast at the Sabzi Mandi (vegetable market) in Kurram Agency's Parachinar area on Saturday morning, an official said. "At least 20 people have been killed and 49 wounded," Assistant Political Agent Shahid Ali told Dawn News.* Ikramullah Khan, a senior government official in Parachinar, told AFP that the blast was caused by an improvised explosive device (IED) which was hidden in a vegetable box. The explosion was remote-controlled, a bomb disposal squad official said. In a text message sent to journalists, the proscribed Lashkar-i-Jhangvi al-Alami claimed that it, along with Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) splinter Shehryar Mehsud group carried out the attack. However, the Shehryar Mehsud group did not independently claim the bombing.

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<sup>24</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1303766/pakistan-equip-workforce-cpec-challenges/>

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1309800/blast-in-parachinar-vegetable-market-kills-20>

## BALUCHISTAN

**BLA arms cache seized: ISPR, *The Dawn*, January 18<sup>26</sup>**

*Frontier Corps carried out a search operation in Balochistan's Pishin district against a Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) hideout and recovered a sizeable quantity of arms and ammunition, claimed a statement released by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).* The statement also claimed that the arms and ammunition were buried at the hideout, located in Pishin's Kahan area. The cache seized included seven anti-tank mines, 50 mortar rounds, 36 recoilless rifle rounds, 4000 anti-aircraft rounds and five grenades. Balochistan has been experiencing incidents of violence and targeted killings for over a decade. The largest province of the country by area, is home to an insurgency by ethnic Baloch separatists. Al Qaeda-linked and sectarian militants also operate in the region. The province shares borders with Afghanistan and Iran.

**Balochistan attack leaves two soldiers dead, *The Nation*, January 20<sup>27</sup>**

*At least two personnel of paramilitary force were killed on Thursday (January 19) as unidentified terrorists opened fire on them in Kohlu area of Balochistan. The terror attack at Kahan, neighbourhood of Kohlu, left two constables of Levis force dead.* The deceased were later identified as constable Shero and Khawand Bukhsh. The bodies were shifted to a nearby hospital. Police have lodged a case against unidentified culprits and launched investigation into the case.

**Eight security personnel injured, *The Dawn*, January 24<sup>28</sup>**

*At least eight security personnel were injured in Balochistan's Panjgoor district when a military convoy was ambushed, security officials told Dawn News.* "The security personnel were moving through the district's mountainous Gichak area to conduct a raid against miscreants when they were fired upon," said a security official. The injured security personnel were rushed to a nearby hospital for medical treatment. Extra forces were called to the area after the ambush and started a search operation. No arrests were reported after the incident.

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<sup>26</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1309237/bla-arms-cache-seized-in-balochistans-pishin-says-ispr>

<sup>27</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/20-Jan-2017/balochistan-attack-leaves-two-soldiers-dead>

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1310258/eight-security-personnel-injured-in-balochistans-panjgoor>



## RELATIONS WITH INDIA

**Senate condemns Modi's anti-Pakistan diatribe**, *The Dawn*, January 17<sup>29</sup>

The Senate on Monday condemned Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's anti-Pakistan diatribe after he recently branded Pakistan "the mothership of terrorism". "This house strongly condemns the statement of...Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attributing terrorism to Pakistan and drawing a parallel between India and Israel, evoking a parallel between Kashmir and Palestine, during the recently held BRICS Summit held in Goa, India," said a resolution adopted unanimously on Monday (January 16). The upper house appreciated the international community's reaction to the Indian prime minister's propaganda and noted that his statement was an effort to divert attention from the Indian atrocities against the people of India-held Kashmir. [...] Later, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif warned India against misadventures, saying that any attempt to carry out a surgical strike would evoke a telling response. Speaking on a motion concerning continued Indian ceasefire violations along the Line of Control (LoC) and Working Boundary, he said that the army returned fire each time India violated the ceasefire. He termed the Indian army chief's claim of conducting a surgical strike inside Pakistan "fake". "Let me assure the house and the people of Pakistan that if India ever tried a genuine strike, Pakistan's armed forces would respond in a manner that India will forget its claims of false strikes," he said.

**No imminent threat to Indus treaty**, *The Dawn*, January 18<sup>30</sup>

The government sees no imminent threat to the World Bank-brokered Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) despite tense relations with India. "India is engaging in posturing otherwise we do not see any imminent threat of repudiation of the Treaty," Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif, who also holds the defence portfolio, told a Senate panel comprising all members of the upper house of parliament. The panel chaired by Senate Chairman Raza Rabbani had been specially constituted to recommend guidelines to the government in the light of what was described as 'emerging regional realities'. The water and power minister's statement stood in sharp contrast to concerns in Islamabad during the past few months over Delhi's cryptic warning in the aftermath of the Uri military camp attack that it could consider revoking the 56-year-old accord. Adviser to the PM on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz had then responded by warning that revocation of IWT would be treated as "an act of war". Pakistan's ambassador to the UN Dr Maleeha Lodhi had, meanwhile, denounced India's use of water as an "instrument of coercion and war".

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<sup>29</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1308843/senate-condemns-modis-anti-pakistan-diatribe>

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1309186/no-imminent-threat-to-indus-treaty-minister-tells-senate-panel>

India can't walk path of peace alone: Modi

**Mehbooba sees Kashmir as hub for trade**, *The Dawn*, January 19<sup>31</sup>

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has pitched for creating a trade corridor between South Asia and Central Asia involving both India-held Kashmir and Azad Kashmir as its "nucleus", reports said on Tuesday (January 17). They said that Ms Mufti proposed the idea on the lines of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. Speaking in the disputed state's Legislative Council, she said such a corridor between the two emerging economic hotspots would help forge a new regional cooperation, energy transformation, trade and transit. The subcontinent was historically linked to Central Asia through Kashmir and "taking advantage of its geographical location, Jammu and Kashmir could become a nucleus towards forging a new economic alliance in the region", Ms Mufti was quoted as saying while winding up the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on Governor's Address.

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<sup>31</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1309188/mehbooba-sees-kashmir-as-hub-for-central-asia-trade>

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

**Kashmiri leaders are not happy with Fazl-ur- Rehman**, Mirza Abdul Qudoos, *Ummat*, January 16<sup>32</sup>

The Kashmir Committee headed by the *Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) amir* Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman has been target of many leaders. After the criticism of the members of the Assembly, now the Kashmiri representatives have come forth expressing their dissatisfaction over the working of the committee. Their demand has been to appoint a person as the head of the committee who would not be compromising and raise the issue at every forum and in every country and ask their logistic and diplomatic support. According to one source, the budget of the Kashmir Committee is more than any other committee....The *Jamaat-ud-Dawa* has decided to commemorate 2017 as the year of independence of the Kashmiris. In this regard, Hafiz Saeed held a meeting with Hurriyat Conference after which a joint press conference was held. The Hurriyat representatives appreciated Hafiz Saeed and his party's work for supporting freedom movement in Kashmir.

**Time to clear our stand to Trump Administration**, Editorial, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, January 16<sup>33</sup>

Pakistani ambassador to the US Jalil Abbas Jilani has said that Pakistan and the new Trump-administration would work together for the betterment of both the countries. When the issue of transferring F-16 to Pakistan will crop up again, Jilani said that it will go in Pakistan's favour....Jilani said that the new-administration in US knows that Pakistan has been facing some challenges. However, the two countries have many common interests and US wants to have good relations with Pakistan....Pakistan chose the US over then Soviet Union in the 1950s. It played crucial role in bringing America- and China close. If the US has been crushing Taliban in Afghanistan, it has been possible only because of Pakistan who supported it unconditionally....However, *despite all these favours of Pakistan, the US support for Pakistan has not been as expected. Instead it has been unhappy with Pakistan. Unfounded allegations are thrown on Pakistan, probably at the behest of India. Aid has been reduced and the delivery of F-16 was stopped*....By stopping the delivery of F-16 it aims to please India. Obama had also promised to address the Kashmir issue but did nothing in this regard; now we are hopeful that Donald Trump will resolve the Kashmir issue for maintaining peace and stability in the region....To brief the Trump-administration is the responsibility of the Pakistan's Foreign Ministry and Pakistan's ambassador to the US. Nawaz Sharif retains the portfolio of

<sup>32</sup><http://ummat.net/2017/01/16/news.php?p=story3.gif>

<sup>33</sup><http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2017-01-16/page-14/detail-3>

foreign ministry. He should bear the responsibility of contacting the Trump-administration and warn it about Indian propaganda.

**Afghanistan-volcano, Pakistan's attempts**", Editorial, *Ummat*, January 17<sup>34</sup>

According to the ISPR, *General Qamar Bajwa called Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and said that the border management will help in the regional peace, not the game of accusations. Accusation-game will help only the enemies....*General Bajwa ensured the Afghan President that no sanctuary of terrorists will be left undestroyed in Pakistan. We have fought a long war against terrorism and its benefits are now being reaped by the common people. If the Afghan-Government cooperates in stopping the movement of terrorists on the border, they will be eliminated outright. President Ghani thanked General Bajwa and expressed his wish to cooperate in fighting terrorism....*The blasts in Kabul and Qandahar had no links with Pakistan; despite that Afghanistan blamed us. This helps America, Israel and India to up the ante against Pakistan and intensify their enmity...The Afghan Government is not independent in taking decisions. Therefore, the US and India have always tried to foil any effort towards establishing peace and stability in the region.*

**Afghan-Taliban ponders appointing Special Representative for Russia**, *Ummat*, January 17<sup>35</sup>

Afghan-Taliban is about to appoint special representative to Russia after the Trump-administration takes over in the US. According to a source, the meetings held between the Russian officials and the seven prominent Taliban leaders in Moscow, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Iran for last three months, have agreed on four points:

1)-*Russia has agreed to oppose the Strategic agreement, the Security and Defence Cooperation Agreement signed on 2 May 2012 in Kabul between the Afghan-Government and the US. Russia along with China will ask France and Britain to declare Afghanistan a war-free-zone, where there will be no military base of any country, only consulates. Apart from Iran and Pakistan, consulates of all countries in Qandahar and Nangarhar will be closed....*In return, Taliban will allow the pipeline from Russia, coming through the Central Asia, reach to China, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh; Taliban will provide security to the pipeline in the areas under its control. ...

2)-*Afghan-Taliban has agreed to work with Russia, Iran, China and Pakistan against Daesh. In this regard, it has agreed that Taliban will not allow Daesh to establish any sanctuary or training camp in Afghanistan. Taliban will work in cooperation with Russia to fight Daesh in Central Asia.*

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<sup>34</sup><http://ummat.net/2017/01/17/news.php?p=idr1.gif>

<sup>35</sup><http://ummat.net/2017/01/17/news.php?p=story5.gif>

3)-Afghan-Taliban will not allow the Afghanistan territory being used against the CPEC. It will remain in touch with China in this regard.

4)-*Regarding the Iranian role in the Middle East, Taliban has agreed with Russia that it will not support any sectarian policy against Iran. In return, Iran will also not support such forces in Afghanistan or in Middle East.*

According to the source, someone from the Qatar office or the former spokesperson Er. Naeem, who knows the Russian language, will be appointed as special representative to Russia. ...The Russian officials have ensured the Afghan-Taliban that the Russian President will raise the issue in his meeting with the US president Donald Trump. According to source, *given the involvement of some Russians in Daesh, Russians fear that they might move towards Afghanistan from Middle East. Daesh can be stopped only by Taliban and in the Central Asian countries. That is why Russia is proactively engaging with Taliban at the moment.*

**Resolution against Modi Passed by the Senate**, Editorial, *Jang*, January 18<sup>36</sup>

The Pakistani Senate has unanimously passed a resolution against Narendra Modi's anti-Pakistan propaganda and attempts to accuse Pakistan for supporting terrorism. *Since the time Narendra Modi has come to power in India, his policies have not only increased the chances of conventional war but also use of nuclear weapons. Narendra Modi has been suppressing the freedom movement of Kashmir and killing innocent people of the Valley; he has increased unprovocative firing and shelling along the LoC. The current Government in India is conspiring with Israel in depriving the Palestinian from their rights and state.* ... Pakistan has warned the international community and the UN in particular of the chances of nuclear war in South Asia. It has requested the UN to play its role in mitigating tension between India and Pakistan. The need of the hour is that the international community takes stock of the situation and stop Narendra Modi from unleashing a nuclear war. They should ask him to sit with Pakistan and resolve the Kashmir issue by holding talks. India-Pakistan peace is not only needed for the region but is inevitable for world peace.

**2017 as the year of Kashmiris**, Mohammad Atiq-ur-Rehman, *Daily Ausaf*, January 19<sup>37</sup>

Voices have been raised in Pakistan against the Indian atrocities in Pakistan. Hafiz Saeed has been at the forefront of raising voices against the Indian atrocities in occupied Kashmir. His group would organise Kashmir conferences as well....Speaking at a public-meeting at the Dhobi-Ghat ground in Faisalabad on 13 January 2017, Hafiz Saeed said in an enthusiastic speech that "*Modi*

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<sup>36</sup><http://e.jang.com.pk/01-18-2017/karachi/pic.asp?picname=251983>

<sup>37</sup><http://epaper.dailyausaf.com/popup.php?newsrc=issues/2017-01-19/4618/1507.gif>

*openly said in Dhaka that we (India) broke Pakistan. India wants to destroy our agriculture and (small) industries by stopping water. It will conspire against the CPEC and Hafiz Saeed will sit silent! This will not happen. India should listen, if it stops the water, blood will flow in the rivers. Nawab Shahzain Bugti has said that 50,000 Bugti youth are ready to go and fight for Kashmir. Bugti's presence here is death-message to India (India key liye moot kapaigam).*

**Nawaz Sharif's assurance to the Minorities**, Zahoor Ahmed Azhar, *Nawe-i-Waqt*, January 19<sup>38</sup>

The Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has come back to his real place. Apart from making the hearts of the Pakistan happy, he is issuing satisfactory statements as well. ... Few days ago he came to the areas of Al-Buruni and Chua Saidan Shah and mingled with the Hindu community and the Sikh community members for their celebrations. He criticised the "protesting parties" severely. He talked well of the Hindus, Sikhs and other minorities in the country....The assurance to the minorities by the Prime Minister was given at the right time....*This is important because in India Narendra Modi's and his party BJP's supported Hindu-goons have made the life of the minorities difficult in India. For the Muslims in particular, there is no other option but to run way, or become untouchables (isolated) or be buried in the graveyards. Other minorities are facing the same conditions. Narendra Modi has brought the real agenda of Brahmans to the point of destruction.* Now this will get destroyed. ... Qaed-i-Azm Mohammad Ali Jinnah had never accepted the Muslims as minorities nor had he accepted the Brahmans superior. He had called the Brahmans as blood-sucking vampires. *In such circumstances, treating the minorities as equal, giving them equal citizenship, protecting their dignity and property, giving them justice is a slap on Narendra Modi 's face (Narendra Modi kemuh per tamaacha)*....Narendra Modi will break India, like the former Soviet Union disintegrated....The person who made Pakistan a nuclear power, who believes in actions, who responds sensibly to harsh criticism and does not waste his time in protests, Nawaz Sharif is my leader. The servant and protector of my nation can only be such a leader only.

**India should be prepared for serious consequences**, Editorial, *Daily Ausaf*, January 20<sup>39</sup>

Law enforcement agencies have foiled the Indian attempts of sabotaging the CPEC by arresting 12 RAW agents. These arrested agents, along with Kulbhushan Yadav, who was arrested earlier, have been hatching serious plots to sabotage CPEC....This paper has persistently been asking the Prime

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<sup>38</sup><http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2017-01-19/page-14/detail-8>

<sup>39</sup><http://epaper.dailyausaf.com/popup.php?newsrc=issues/2017-01-20/4719/1001.gif>

Minister, Army Chief and the law enforcing agencies to take actions against the groups who are funded by India and are misleading the public. RAW bought the *Balawaristan National Front* (BNF) members in 30 crores and together held meetings in other countries to conspire against Pakistan.... *India has been desperately trying to sabotage the CPEC from the first day. To stop them for carrying out their designs, RAW agents in GB, Balochistan and other cities need to be exposed. The dubious policies of the Indian Kautilyan leadership need to be crushed out and out. They should be told that if they do not stop destabilising Pakistan, they will have to bear serious consequences.*

**America does not Favour Reconciliation**, Mirza Abdul Qudoos, Report *Ummat*, January 21<sup>40</sup>

The Afghan-Government is hopeful that Moulana Sami-ul-Haq will help in its reconciliation with Taliban and together they will be able to bring peace in Afghanistan. In this regard, *Omar Zakhilwal has again met Maluanan Sami-ul-Haq for three-hour long meeting. During the meeting, Moulana Sami-ul-Haq also talked to President Ghani for half an hour on phone. According to source, the telephonic-call of the Afghan President indicates that Kabul is serious in talking to Taliban....* Talking to *Ummat*, the Amir of the *Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam* (S), Moulana Sami-ul-Haq said that "The Afghan President has acknowledged that neither war is a solution and nor peace can be brought to Afghanistan by force. He thinks that the withdrawal of the foreign troops is important for a peaceful Afghanistan."

...Sami-ul-Haq said that both, the Afghan-Government and Taliban, agree that Afghanistan should be independent and autonomous. But America is a hurdle in this. Despite its apparent willingness for talks, the US does not want its role to become insignificant in Afghanistan and the Afghan getting their issues resolved between them by holding talks. Therefore, it is necessary that the Afghan-Government should also demand the withdrawal of the American troops. It will help in building trust between them and the Taliban.

**Ali Gilani, Fazul-ur-Rehman and JI**, Mohammad Askam Khan, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, January 25<sup>41</sup>

Syed Ali Shah Gilani has said that Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman should be removed as the head of the Kashmir Committee. He should be replaced with someone who is capable and who will be understanding the Hindu-mind (*Hindu zehenyut ko bakhubi samajta ho*). *Ali Shah Gilani does not seem to be aware about peculiarity of the situation in Pakistan. Whether it is Fazl-ur-Reham or his political ally Siraj-ul Haq, their personal and political priorities*

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<sup>40</sup><http://ummat.net/2017/01/21/news.php?p=story2.gif>

<sup>41</sup><http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2017-01-25/page-14/detail-9>

*are different and conflicting. As far as their ideological politics is concerned, that is not a concern for them: they are contextual and timely players.* There is no better mind than Fazul-ur Rehman to understand the Hindu-mind in Pakistan. *After all Rehman is heir of Hussain Ahmed Madani who along with Gandhi and the Congress was against the partition. He has had played crucial role in the closed door meetings and used to get rewards and appreciations from the both sides.* It is because of Modi's anti-Islam policies that the doors got closed for Fazl-ur Rehman. Gilani says that Kashmir is the unfinished agenda of the partition; Fazul-ur Rehman however does not believe in partition. For him it was an incident which just happened....*Why should Nawaz Sharif remove him from the Kashmir Committee? If he accepts Gilani's request and removes Fazl-ur Rehman, then who is going to give Sharia based explanation for his Panama Leak involvement.* As far as Jammat Islami is concerned, it is dying to fight the elections in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa along with Fazl-ur-Rehamn. In a letter the heir of Mawdudi's political ideology Syed Shahid Hashmi has expressed his views clearly on this. He has argued that the difficulty in forging an alliance with Fazl-ur-Rehman is the attitude of the party workers who are making fun of Rehman in the same way like the PTI does. He talks about two internal and two external factors that will remain crucial in the KP elections. (He does not however mentions these) Still he is hopeful that his apprehensions will turn out to be wrong.

**Afghan-Taliban stops to talking to the US, Mohammad Qasim, Report Ummat, January 25<sup>42</sup>**

*After Donald Trump's decision to increase the presence of the US troops in Afghanistan, Afghan-Taliban has decided to stop talking to the US. The Taliban Shura has given green signal to Maulvi Yaqoob and Siraj-ud-Din Haqqani to launch war against the US. It has asked the Afghan citizens to keep away from the US and Afghan military basis and check posts. There will be no ban on the foreign jihadis for coming to Afghanistan now onwards....*Maulvi Yaqoob has been made the military commander of the eastern provinces of Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul, Nimroz, Arzegan, and the northern provinces of Badakshan, Kunduz, Faryab, Farah, Herat and Parwan; while as Siraj ud Din Haqqani has been made the military commander of eastern and central provinces of Logar, Kabul, Wardak, Ghazni Ghor, Paktya, Paktika, Khost, Nangarhar, Laghman, Nuristan, Kunz and other areas.

**FATA to be integrated in KP, Editorial, Jang, January 26<sup>43</sup>**

*The federal government has decided to bring the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) under its direct rule by merging it with Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.*

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<sup>42</sup><http://ummat.epaper.pk/>

<sup>43</sup><http://e.jang.com.pk/01-26-2017/karachi/pic.asp?picname=256775>



*For this, the consensus of the parliament will be sought. PPP and other parties have agreed already have supported the move. However, Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman and Muhammad Khan Achakzai have some reservations....*In this regard, the Government should take the FATA parliamentarians and the FATA people on board who have suffered a lot because of the unemployment, its use by the terrorists....FATA will develop fast once it is integrated with KP. The KP Government should fund development of the FATA with an open heart and construct educational institutions, hospitals and roads. The federal government should also fund the region with an open heart so that their long backwardness is removed.

**Modi-Trump Alliance: dangers to the World Peace**, *Editorial*, Daily Ausaf, January 27<sup>44</sup>

Following his extremist and radical rhetoric, Donald Trump has banned migrants from seven Muslim countries from entering America. These include Iran, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Sudan and Somalia. He also declared that a wall should be raised along the border with Mexico....*Donald Trump and the most extremist Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi (inteha pasandi ki akhri haddoon tak jane wale Baharati wazir-i-Azm Narendra Modi), with their aggression and compatibility of their extremist views, together are going to give tough times to world in coming time. India has been pro-actively disturbing regional peace and stability, suppressing the occupied innocent Kashmiris and creating conditions for war. And now after their telephonic conversation, Donald Trump's likely visit to India is going to increase dangers because of its impact on the India-Israel extremist policies....*Extremist and madcap Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (*inteha pasand aur sarfera*) is going to make India fall-apart, like the Soviet Union.

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<sup>44</sup><http://epaper.dailyausaf.com/popup.php?newssrc=issues/2017-01-27/5242/p1001.gif>

## STATISTICS

### BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

*(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)*

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
<b>Balochistan</b>				
Kohlu <sup>45</sup>	20/1/2017	Two soldier killed	2	0
Panjgoor <sup>46</sup>	24/1/2017	Eight security personnel injured	0	8
<b>KP &amp; FATA</b>				
Parachinar <sup>47</sup>	21/1/2017	Blast in Parachinar	20	49

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<sup>45</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/20-Jan-2017/balochistan-attack-leaves-two-soldiers-dead>

<sup>46</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1310258/eight-security-personnel-injured-in-balochistans-panjgoor>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1309800/blast-in-parachinar-vegetable-market-kills-20>