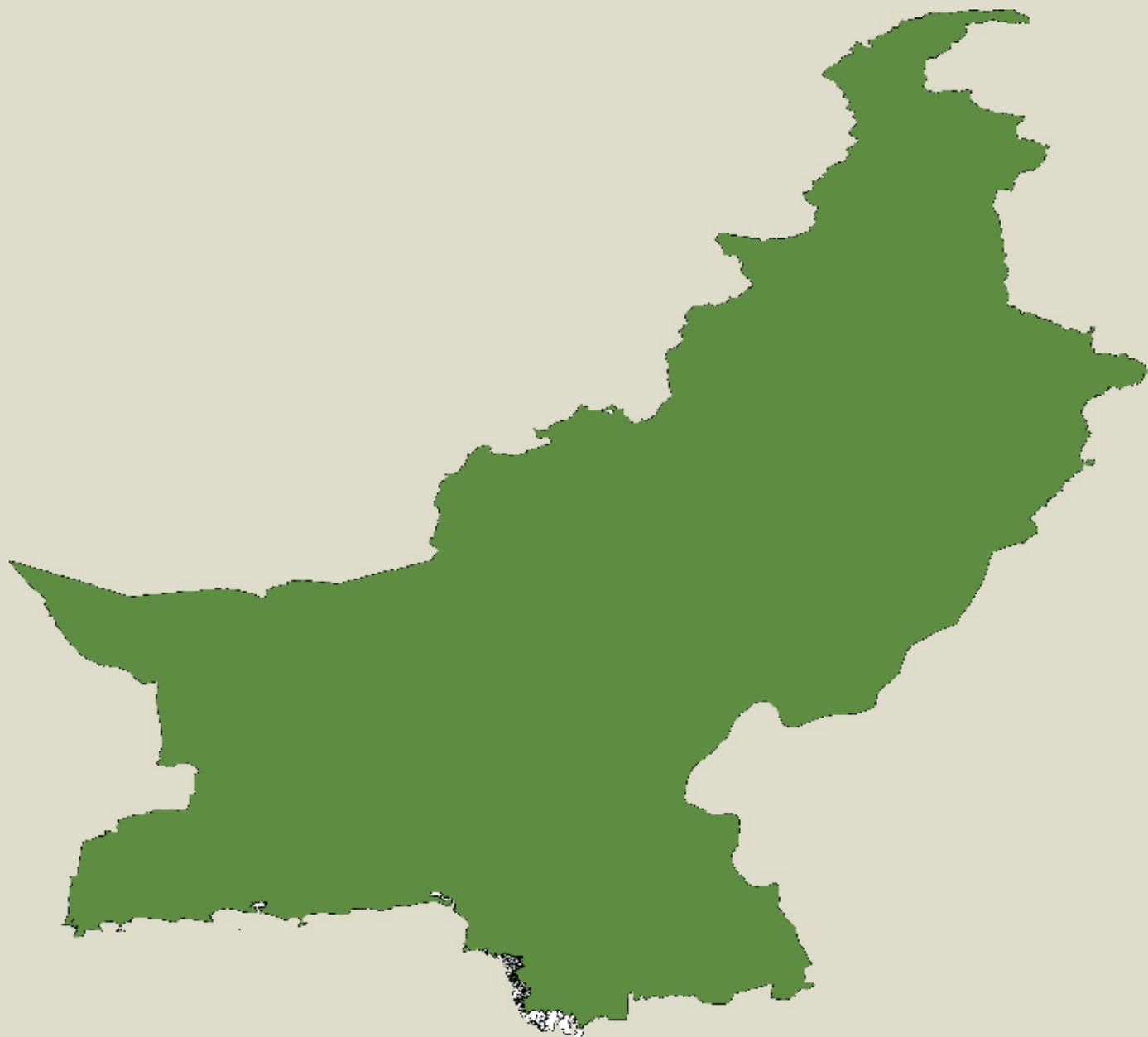


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ABBREVATIONS

ADB: Asian Development Bank
CDNS: Central Directorate of National Savings
CPI: Consumer Price Index
EAD: Economic Affairs Division
ECP: Election Commission of Pakistan
EFF: Extended Fund Facility
Fafen: Free and Fair Elections Network
FM: Finance Minister
IB: Intelligence Bureau
IMF: International Monetary Fund
ISI: Inter-Services Intelligence
ISPR: Inter Services Public Relations
JA: Jamaatul Ahrar
JCDC: Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation
JI: Jamaat-i-Islaami
JuD: Jamat-us- Dawa
KCCI: Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry
KDA: Kohat Development Authority
KP: Khyber Pakhthunkhwa
MQM: Muttahida Qaumi Movement
PAT: Pakistan Awami Tehareek
PBS: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
PCICL: Pak-China Investment Company Ltd
PEMRA: Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority
Pims: Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences
PML-N: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz
PML-Q: Pakistan Muslim League Quaid
PPP: Pakistan People's Party
PRCS: Pakistan Red Crescent Society
PTI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf
PTV: Pakistan Television
SFTZ: Shanghai Free Trade Zone
SPI: Sensitive price indicator
SWA: South Waziristan Agency
TAI: Turkish Aerospace Industries
TTP: Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Bilawal to contest 2018 elections from home constituency, *Daily Times*, September 16¹

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari announced he would take part in 2018 general elections on the seat of late Benazir Bhutto from Ratedero. *I will start my parliamentary politics from my family seat during the next general elections*, Bilawal said.

Parties reject Altaf's demand for new provinces in Sindh, *Dawn*, September 24²

A multi-party conference in Karachi on September 23 rejected the call of the MQM to create more administrative units in Sindh and resolved that everyone living in the province irrespective of their ethnic background would not allow the division of Sindh. The conference, titled '*Administrative provinces and demand for dividing Sindh is a conspiracy against Sindh, country and peace*', was jointly organised by the Jamiat Ulema-i-Pakistan and the QAT.

MQM chief puts 14 questions to COAS, *The Nation*, September 27³

MQM Chief Altaf Hussain has put 14 questions to COAS General Raheel Sharif about the behaviour of paramilitary forces, rangers and the army towards his party. Altaf Hussain said in a statement these questions echoed the sentiments of the Mohajir community. The MQM chief said 41 MQM workers had gone missing after the launch of the targeted operation in Karachi while the bodies of the MQM workers who died as a result of inhuman torture had been thrown in far-flung areas. He asked the army chief how many officers and men had been punished under the self-accountability process of the rangers for torturing MQM workers to death.

Marches in Islamabad

Hashmi warns of impending martial law, *The News*, September 14⁴

PTI President Makhdoom Javed Hashmi on August 31 revealed that Imran Khan got a 'message' and then asked the crowd to move forward towards the PM House as it was 'now a compulsion'. He said *moving forward was not a decision taken by the party*. He said that *he had feared that the protestors could use catapults and batons while protesting at the PM House*. He warned that no distance remained now between them and martial law and Imran Khan will be responsible if democracy is derailed. He said the PTI chairman told him that he had received certain PTI Central Information Secretary Shireen Mazari made it clear that the decision to move peacefully towards the PM House was taken following a sequence. The PTI negotiating committee had earlier decided that the PTI would not move forward towards the PM House.

¹ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/16-Sep-2014/bilawal-to-contest-2018-elections-from-home-constituency>

² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1133885/parties-reject-altafs-demand-for-new-provinces-in-sindh>

³ <http://nation.com.pk/karachi/27-Sep-2014/mqm-chief-puts-14-questions-to-coas>

⁴ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32581-Hashmi-warns-of-impending-martial-law>

Three dead, 534 injured as police-protesters clashes continue, *The News*, September 1⁵

Pims and Polyclinic on 31 received three bodies and around 534 injured people as violent clashes between PTI and PAT activists and personnel of the law-enforcement agencies continued in the Red Zone till the eve of 31 August.

Who is to be blamed if democracy is derailed?, *The News*, September 1⁶

Hard-won democracy once again faces an uncertain future who will be held responsible if democracy is derailed? The rebel PTI President Javed Hashmi has already tried to address this critical question by casting aspersion on the integrity of his party's chairman, saying Imran Khan would be blamed if democracy is ruined and another Martial Law is imposed. Questioning the intentions of Imran to further move forward in the Red Zone and march on the PM's House, contrary to the PTI core committee's decision which was endorsed by the Captain, Hashmi said Imran changed his stance after being conveyed a clandestine message by Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed. Regretting that there was no democracy in the PTI, Hashmi said he was asked by Imran to leave the venue if he had difference of opinion. *"As things stand, it seems to me that we are on the verge of a Martial Law. Therefore, I will ask Imran to move back to save the lives of innocent people. Otherwise, Imran Khan will be blamed if democracy is derailed"*.

Rioters storm PM House, take over state-run TV building, *The News*, September 2⁷

PAT and PTI got hold of the state buildings, including the Parliament House, Prime Minister's House, Pak Secretariat and state-run PTV News with PTV headquarters by gatecrashing on morning of 1st September. The rioters staged a sit-in in front of the PM House in the presence of security forces after multiple clashes between the violent aggressors and the police. The violent invaders blocked all entrances and exits of the President House, PM House, Parliament House and other state buildings. The disorganised and de-motivated police force literally surrendered before the rebels and didn't enforce the law forcefully. The PM House, Secretariat Chowk, Margalla Road, Judges Colony and Punjab House, PTV buildings remained under siege for the entire day. The rioters 'conquered' the PTV News and headquarters buildings, suspended the transmission and damaged machinery and valuable property of PTV. However, military troops led by Major Sarfaraz reached there and removed the rioters.

Army calls for political solution, *The Nation*, September 1⁸

Reaffirming its support to democracy, Pakistan Army called for employing political means to resolve the existing crisis that has taken a violent turn resulting in loss of lives and large-scale injuries, and expressed reservations that further use of force will only aggravate the problem. Chaired by COAS General Raheel Sharif, the swiftly called Corps Commanders Conference expressed serious concern over the existing political crisis on Sunday. The conference reaffirmed its support to democracy and reiterated that the situation should be resolved politically without wasting anytime and without recourse to violent means. According to ISPR, the conference

⁵ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32584-Three-dead-534-injured-as-police-protesters-clashes-continue>

⁶ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32591-Who-is-to-be-blamed-if-democracy-is-derailed>

⁷ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32614-Rioters-storm-PM-House-take-over-state-run-TV-building>

⁸ <http://nation.com.pk/national/01-Sep-2014/army-calls-for-political-solution>

resolved that Pakistan Army remains committed to playing its part in ensuring security of the state and will never fall short of meeting national aspirations.

PM stays put, vows not to resign, *The Nation*, September 2⁹

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has declared that he will neither resign nor will he go on leave while national political leadership has resolved that there can't be any compromise on supremacy of the constitution and continuity of democratic system. A joint declaration to this effect came after a meeting of the leaders of 11 parliamentary political parties, with the prime minister in the chair on 1. All these political parties, from both sides of the parliament aisle, once again put their weight behind Nawaz Sharif to uphold the rule of law and constitution, expressing the resolve that they would not let anyone harm the incumbent political dispensation. Expressing his gratitude to the parliamentarians, Nawaz Sharif made it loud and clear that they would not set a precedent of bowing to the pressure of "a bunch of vagabonds" to wrap up the system. He said the government would not allow anyone to set the tradition of making the nation's mandate hostage.

Imran Khan does not believe election mandate was stolen from him, *The News*, September 2¹⁰

Data from Election Tribunals, the Election Commission and PTI confirm that a total of 58 seats have been contested in the Election Tribunals by the PTI. The report published by Fafen shows that out of the 58 seats where Imran Khan feels election rigging took place, only 30 are of the National Assembly. Out of those 30 seats, only 20 are those which the PML-N won. The candidate who has at least 172 seats out of 342 National Assembly seats gets to be the prime minister and forms the government. In the 2012 elections, including minority and women's reserved seats, the PTI had independently won 34 seats and the PML-N had won 170 seats. Nineteen independent candidates also joined the PML-N taking the total score to 189. Even if all the 20 seats of National Assembly where Imran Khan believes the PML-N rigged the elections were turned and given to PTI, PTI's score would rise only by 20 seats and the PML-N score would decrease by 20. That means the PML-N majority would decrease from 189 to 169 and PTI minority would increase from 34 to 54. This would have no significant impact to the PML-N and the PTI as far as mandate and government making is concerned. The PTI would still lose to PML-N by 115 seats.

PM, COAS discuss Islamabad protests, *The News*, September 2¹¹

Nawaz Sharif and Raheel Sharif on 1st September exchanged concerns over internal security situation arising out of sit-ins by PTI and PAT. General Raheel also informed Nawaz Sharif about decisions taken in corps commanders' meeting held on 30 August. While reaffirming support to democracy, the army reviewed with serious concern the existing political crisis which turned violent resulting in large scale injuries and loss of lives.

⁹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/02-Sep-2014/pm-stays-put-vows-not-to-resign>

¹⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32623-Imran-Khan-does-not-believe-election-mandate-was-stolen-from-him>

¹¹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32615-PM-COAS-discuss-Islamabad-protests>

Hashmi quits NA; says PTI MPs were 'forced' to resign, *Daily Times*, September 3¹²

PTI President Javed Hashmi on 2 announced his resignation from the NA while extending all-out support to the parliamentary form of democracy in the country. Taking the floor in NA, Hashmi claimed that most of the PTI lawmakers did not tender the resignation happily. "I am leaving the assembly of my own free will today," he said.

Zardari phones top politicians to resolve political crisis, *The News*, September 3¹³

Asif Ali Zardari on 2 accelerated his efforts to resolve the ongoing political crisis. Zardari telephoned JI Ameer Sirajul Haq, JUI chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, PML-Q leader Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi, Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party head Mehmood Khan Achakzai and senior politician Javed Hashmi and discussed the current political situation with them. After talking to Zardari, Siraj contacted Shah Mehmood Qureshi. Both leaders agreed to resume the dialogue with the government. Siraj also held a meeting with the PPP leader Rehman Malik. Speaker of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Asad Qaiser also talked to the Jamaat chief and discussed the political situation with him.

Imran wants PM out, forms panel to talk to JI-led Jirga, *The News*, September 3¹⁴

In his talks with a Jirga led by JI Ameer Sirajul Haq late on 2, Imran Khan stuck to his demand for the resignation of Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. The Jirga then met Dr Tahirul Qadri in his container and held detailed talks with him. Both Imran and Qadri told the Jirga that they had no faith in the government team and referred to the alleged inflammatory language being used by the government ministers for the last several weeks. Siraj told the two leaders that the opposition political parties were ready to be guarantors of whatever agreement was signed between the government and PTI and PAT. The JI Ameer told media persons that the Jirga would hold two rounds of talks with the teams formed by Imran and Qadri. Rehman Malik said they would share good news with the nation soon.

Shah Mehmood met a General in Abu Dhabi in 2011, *The News*, September 5¹⁵

Makhdoom Mureed Hussain, younger brother of Shah Mehmood Qureshi and former MPA said in November 2011, Shah Mahmood Qureshi went to Abu Dhabi for a meeting with an army general. After the meeting he asked him if he would support him as he would lead the PTI and there would be no Imran Khan in a couple of years. Mureed Hussain said that his brother had also called him to Abub Dhabi. He informed him that he was in a hurry as he had to meet another General and he accompanied him to the desert where they met him. Khurram Dastgir said that the same forces were behind Imran and Qadri who did not want continuation of democracy in Pakistan. He said that Parliament had resolved not to let anyone wrest by force the trust reposed on the government by the people of Pakistan. The real conspiracy was to discredit the constitutional structure. The pity was that a party that was given respect by the people played into the hands of others.

¹² <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/islamabad/03-Sep-2014/hashmi-quits-na-says-pti-mps-were-forced-to-resign>

¹³ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32645-Zardari-phones-top-politicians-to-resolve-political-crisis>

¹⁴ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32638-Imran-wants-PM-out-forms-panel-to-talk-to-JI-led-Jirga>

¹⁵ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-271136-Shah-Mehmood-met-a-general-in-Abu-Dhabi-in-2011-Makhdoom-Mureed>

General Raheel played key role in defusing tension, *The News*, September 5¹⁶

COAS General Raheel Sharif has emerged as a hero in the situation created by the sit-ins in the federal capital and controversial assertions which were made by certain persons. Disregarding all pressure from different quarters, the COAS acted in the most sensible manner and played a role that remarkably helped in defusing the tension. General Raheel Sharif, who is a thoroughbred soldier, didn't want anybody to be involved or blame the armed forces for any controversy. For the reason, he kept running from pillar to post for saving the situation. He didn't side with any of the clashing groups but at the same time didn't want to hurt the feelings of any of the parties.

I am sitting in Islamabad to save democracy, says Zardari, *The News*, September 6¹⁷

Asif Ali Zardari said he was sitting in Islamabad to save democracy. *"Saving democracy is not for Mian Nawaz Sharif but for ourselves. Whatever situation emerges, we only stand with democracy,"* he said.

Zardari's spokesman proposes secret civil-military dialogue, *Dawn*, September 9¹⁸

As parliament completed the first week of its joint sitting on September 8 under the shadow of a protest siege, a senator who usually speaks for PPP proposed a secret dialogue between parliamentary political and military leadership to find a permanent solution to what he called their *"perennial tussle"*. The idea from Senator Farhatullah Babar for the dialogue through standing committees on defence of the two houses of parliament was one of six points he advanced as a *"way forward"* to resolve the present standoff threatening Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government since the protesting PTI and PAT began their sit-ins, in Islamabad 25 days ago.

PTI formally ends dialogue with govt, *The News*, September 17¹⁹

The PTI on September 16 formally ended the dialogue with the government saying that the government had refused to open constituencies for an election audit. *"After the police crackdown on the PTI workers, there is no point in continuing the dialogue with the government,"* said PTI Secretary General Jehangir Tareen. He said when Ishaq Dar was appointed as the head of the government team, it gave an impression that the government was serious in talks. *"We exchanged working papers and it was decided to place the demand of the prime minister's resignation at the last number. But during the dialogue, differences remained on the definition of rigging,"* he added. Shafqat Mehmood said the PTI and the government held 15 rounds of talks and five to six rounds with the opposition Jirga but after the arrest of their workers, these talks were suspended.

Minister sees anti-army plot behind sit-ins, *Dawn*, September 25²⁰

The Minister of State for Water and Power, Abid Sher Ali, said on September 24 PTI and the PAT had staged sit-ins in Islamabad under a conspiracy to drag the army, engaged in an anti-terrorist

¹⁶ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32679-General-Raheel-played-key-role-in-defusing-tension>
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32751-Gen-Raheel-emerging-as-a-hero>

¹⁷ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32699-I-am-sitting-in-Islamabad-to-save-democracy-says-Zardari>

¹⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1130808/zardaris-spokesman-proposes-secret-civil-military-dialogue>

¹⁹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32947-PTI-formally-ends-dialogue-with-govt>

²⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1134218/minister-sees-anti-army-plot-behind-sit-ins>

operation in North Waziristan, into a controversy. But Nawaz Sharif and COAS General Raheel Sharif had demonstrated wisdom and foiled the plot, he said at a press conference.

NA speaker, PTI stick to guns over resignations, *The Nation*, September 26²¹

National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on September 25 insisted that personal appearance of PTI lawmakers was mandatory for the verification of their resignations. He expressed these views while talking to the media after PTI MNAs Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Asad Umar and Ali Muhammad, who were summoned by the speaker in his chamber, did not turn up for the verification of their resignations. In a related development, Political Jirga members Sirajul Haq, Mir Hasil Bizenjo and Rehman Malik called on the speaker in his chamber and once again requested him not to accept the resignations of the PTI MPs to give rapprochement another chance.

Imran to address rallies leaving his container, *The News*, September 28²²

Imran Khan on September 27 took a huge U-turn on his decision not to move away from his container unless Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif resigned, when he announced to visit on board his container all cities to "awake entire Pakistan for a change". Imran told his supporters at the sit-in that like Mehmood Ghaznavi he would unleash attacks on the government from his container, moving to several cities, claiming the time was up for the rulers. An insider told that the decision to leave Islamabad was formally taken at the PTI's Core Committee meeting on September 26, and when Awami Muslim League chief Sheikh Rashid Ahmad came to know about it afterwards, he strongly opposed it, saying that this would massively dent their campaign and send a wrong signals to masses. Imran said it would become crystal clear by 28 at his Minar-e-Pakistan public meeting, whether Lahore belonged to the PTI or Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz. The PTI chief said that he fully understood the game of Nawaz Sharif and would not end his sit-in till the time the prime minister stepped down.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

IB's Rs 2.5 billion was to fight terrorism, *The News*, September 7²³

Ministry of Finance on September 6 confirmed that they did approve and release Rs2.5 billion as supplementary grants for IB but this money was meant for undertaking counter terrorism activities and purchasing relevant equipment. Later it triggered a controversy when PTI Chief Imran Khan publicly alleged that the amount was distributed among journalists and lawyers.

Court clears Nawaz, Shahbaz in money laundering case, *Express Tribune*, September 19²⁴

An accountability court acquitted Nawaz Sharif, Shahbaz Sharif and other members of Sharif family of all charges pertaining to a money laundering and illegal asset ownership reference filed 14 years ago.

²¹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/26-Sep-2014/na-speaker-pti-stick-to-guns-over-resignations>

²² <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-33172-Imran-to-address-rallies-leaving-his-container>

²³ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-271451-IBs-Rs25-billion-was-to-fight-terrorism>

²⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/764432/court-clears-nawaz-shahbaz-in-money-laundering-case/>

My goal is to replace madrassas with 'secular' schools, *The Nation*, September 12²⁵

As his followers pressed on with their anti-government campaign Dr Tahirul Qadri says his goal is to eliminate madrassas by replacing them with schools that teach secular subjects. *"I am trying to lead the Muslim world toward the right, moderate, path, to bring the leadership and the people out of this confusion of extremism and terrorism, towards humanism and a peaceful society,"* he said.

Serving judges for election tribunals proposed by ECP, *Dawn*, September 13²⁶

After learning the lesson the hard way, the ECP has now proposed revival of the provision to appoint serving judges of high courts in election tribunals. The proposal is part of a draft bill meant to consolidate all election laws with modification and addition, wherever required. Under existing provisions of the Representation of Peoples Act: *"An election tribunal shall consist of a person who has been, or is, or at the time of his retirement as district and sessions judge, was qualified to be a judge of the high court"*.

FOREIGN POLICY

Sri Lanka court gives green light to deport Pakistani asylum seekers, *The News*, September 2²⁷

A Sri Lankan court, on September 1, gave permission to authorities to send back scores of Pakistani asylum seekers, after the Sri Lankan government said they were a threat to the island's security and public health. Deputy Solicitor General Janak de Silva asked the appeal court to lift an earlier suspension of deportations, saying there was evidence Pakistanis were committing crimes and bringing malaria into the country, which was otherwise virtually free of the disease. The United Nations refugee agency says 88 Pakistanis have been deported since Aug 01 in what is being called a breach of international law. The agency has called for an end to the deportations and demanded access to another 75 detained people who are awaiting deportation. The Sri Lankan government says the Pakistanis are part of an influx of economic immigrants in the past year who have become a burden on the country's resources and potentially compromised state and regional security. Most of the Pakistanis are from the Ahmadiyya Islamic sect.

Support for Pakistan free of any conditions: China, *Daily Times*, September 2²⁸

China said its financial and economic support for Pakistan was totally unconditional and based on the spirit of win-win cooperation. *"No strings are attached to our support for the brotherly country. It has no ceilings. We continue to work with each other with sincerity and on the basis of win-win cooperation,"* Assistant Foreign Minister Liu Jianchao told a group of visiting journalists from Pakistan and Sri Lanka. *"We are pursuing the agenda of a mutually beneficial partnership for the benefit of the people of both countries."*

²⁵ <http://nation.com.pk/national/12-Sep-2014/my-goal-is-to-replace-madrassas-with-secular-schools>

²⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1131676/serving-judges-for-election-tribunals-proposed-by-ecp>

²⁷ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32629-Sri-Lanka-court-gives-green-light-to-deport-Pakistani-asylum-seekers>

²⁸ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/02-Sep-2014/support-for-pakistan-free-of-any-conditions-china>

Pak-Malaysia meeting on defence cooperation commences, *The News*, September 3²⁹

The 12th meeting of Pak-Malaysia JCDC concluded on September 2 agreed to collaborate in the fields of training, bilateral visits, participation in military exercises and defence products. [...] During the meeting Federal Secretary Defence, Lt Gen (retd.) Muhammad Alam Khattak said that Pakistan has a very important place in the region and the Pakistani Armed Forces are playing a key role in stopping the spillover of war in Afghanistan.

Protests: Chinese president 'calls off' Pakistan tour, *Daily Times*, September 5³⁰

Chinese President Xi Jinping's trip to Pakistan was postponed on 4 as his security team did not give him clearance to visit the country. Xi's security delegation was in Islamabad on 3 to review the security situation in light of the protests and was not satisfied with the arrangements. The Chinese president was scheduled to arrive in Islamabad on September 14. The Chinese ambassador to Pakistan had requested the government to vacate the Red Zone of Islamabad ahead of the Chinese president's visit. The message of Chinese ambassador was conveyed to both the leaders of the protesting parties.

China donates \$50,000 for flood victims, *The News*, September 10³¹

The counsellor of Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, Yao Wen, on September 9, donated \$50,000 to the PRCS for provision of relief to flood victims. Yao Wen handed over the cheque to PRCS Assistant Secretary Ateeb Siddiqui at the PRCS National Headquarters. "The government and people of China stand with their Pakistan brethren in this hour of need," Yao Wen stated on the occasion.

Afghan criticism of border trench rejected, *The Nation*, September 15³²

Pakistan has rejected Afghan criticism of a 480-kilometre trench its military is digging along its mostly porous border, saying the project is aimed at 'effectively' controlling movement of terrorists and flow of drugs and human traffickers into the country. Pakistani forces are digging a trench more than two meters deep and three meters wide in Balochistan province, which shares half of the country's more than 2,500-kilometer border with Afghanistan. Army officials said the trench is expected to be completed next October.

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Do not waste time: corps commanders, *The News*, September 13³³

The corps commanders on August 31 reaffirmed their support to democracy and expressed the resolve that the armed forces were always ready to protect the state institutions according to the wishes of the people of the country.

²⁹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-270716-Pak-Malaysia-meeting-on-defence-cooperation-commences>

³⁰ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/05-Sep-2014/protests-chinese-president-calls-off-pakistan-tour>

³¹ [http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-272010-China-donates-\\$50000-for-flood-victims](http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-272010-China-donates-$50000-for-flood-victims)

³² <http://nation.com.pk/national/15-Sep-2014/afghan-criticism-of-border-trench-rejected>

³³ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32580-Do-not-waste-time-corps-commanders>

Army, ISI not behind PTI, PAT: ISPR, *The News*, September 2³⁴

The ISPR has categorically rejected the assertions that the army and the ISI were backing the PTI or the PAT in anyway in the current political standoff. In a press release issued here on 1, the ISPR said that the army was an apolitical institution and had expressed its unequivocal support for democracy on numerous occasions. It said that it was unfortunate that the army was dragged into such controversies. Integrity and unity of the army is its strength which it upholds with pride.

PAF receives four modified F-16s from Turkey, *The News*, September 6³⁵

The successful accomplishment of Mid-Life Upgrade and Falcon STAR configuration for PAF F-16s, culminated with a graceful closing ceremony that took place at the TAI Ankara, Turkey on 5.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

The inevitable postponed, not averted, Ayaz Amir, *The News*, September 2³⁶

If the bugles had been sounded on August 30 evening when the corps commanders met, and if what is now an apology of a government had been given its marching orders, no one would have been surprised. A country living on the edge for weeks had been brought to expect this. But the generals perhaps were playing a waiting game. Perhaps they wanted to give what has now been reduced to a shambles of a government some more rope – to compound the long list of its follies and commit some more blunders. Or perhaps the generals yet had to pluck up the nerve to deliver the fatal blow, the coup de grace, to put Nawaz Sharif and his sorry lot out of their extended misery. Whatever the reason, the generals delivered just a warning shot ...calling upon this waning shadow of a mandate to desist from the use of force and waste no time in finding a political solution to its problems. This advice is rich with irony for it amounts to asking a patient in intensive care to be up and about and perform some heavy gymnastics.

Army's questionable decisions, Editorial, *Dawn*, September 2³⁷

Consider the sequence of events so far. When the army first publicly waded into the political crisis, it counselled restraint on all sides as though it was the government that fundamentally still had some questions hanging over its legitimacy simply because Imran Khan and Tahirul Qadri alleged so. Next, the army crept towards the Khan/Qadri camp by urging the government to facilitate negotiations as though it was the government that was being unreasonable, and not Mr Khan and Mr Qadri. Now, staggeringly, the army has 'advised' the government not to use force against violent protesters and essentially told it to make whatever concessions necessary to placate Mr Khan and Mr Qadri. It is simply extraordinary that it is the PAT and PTI supporters who want to break into and occupy state buildings, but it is the government that has been rebuked. It's as if the army is unaware rather, unwilling to acknowledge the constitutional scheme of things: it is the government that is supposed to give orders to the army, not the other way around.

³⁴ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32608-Army-ISI-not-behind-PTI-PAT-ISPR>

³⁵ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32716-PAF-receives-four-modified-F-16s-from-Turkey>

³⁶ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-270471-The-inevitable-postponed-not-averted>

³⁷ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1129263/armys-questionable-decisions>

Playing with words, Amir Zia, The News, September 8³⁸

It seems that the much-trumpeted revolution of Allama Tahirul Qadri will have to wait for now and the freedom sought by Imran Khan will also have to remain on the hold because the 'umpire' ignored their initial bout of appeals. [...]Qadri is definitely not in the league of the mighty greats who changed the course of history. To his critics, he remains just another smooth-talking cleric, an alleged 'confidence man', holding his followers at his whim. But in our barren political landscape dotted mostly with mumbling politicians, Qadri is among the few best. [...]Imran Khan also trying hard to stir the passions of his followers is monotonous. The 'entertainment value' of his frequent addresses at the sit-in comes from the harsh language and below-the-belt remarks he makes against rivals, the media, judiciary and what not. It seems that the entire universe conspired to snatch the election victory from him. [...]Prime Minister Sharif has always been seen as an uninspiring speaker. Experience and three decades of being in politics failed to sharpen his public speaking skills. At his best, he can sell tangibles like the yellow cab scheme, metro buses, motorways and trade etc. But expecting a businessman like him to paint a grand dream or sell an idea is perhaps asking for too much.

Pakistan's security dilemma, Gen(R) Mirza Aslam Beg, The Nation, September 12³⁹

During the last fifty years, various Pakistani regimes have used the Army with impunity to control political dissent in various areas of the country. There are ten such instances where the Army re-established control over the areas, but the governments failed to establish their writ, with the result that these regions have gradually slipped into disorder. Balochistan is one such example, where the Army launched five operations, but civil administration never established administrative control. The areas of Swat, Dir, Bajaur, Waziristan and Balochistan, more or less, have been under the Army's control ever since.

The script we need, Amir Zia, The News, September 15⁴⁰

[...]The on-and-off straining of ties between the civil and the military leadership on key strategic security and political issues is an irritant, but if the past is any guide then the army has the capacity to nudge politicians to take into account its concerns through patient negotiations, restrained nudging and at times by issuing subtle or candid messages rather than any direct intervention. This formula has so far worked. It was tried successfully during the previous PPP-led government when it wanted to put the Inter-Services Intelligence under the interior ministry's control in 2008. Again when Nawaz Sharif and his allies planned to lead a 'long march' into Islamabad in 2009 to get the sacked Supreme Court judges including Iftikhar Chaudhry restored. And yet again during the Memogate scandal in 2011-12 which resulted in the resignation of Pakistan's ambassador to the United States, Hussain Haqqani. [...]Our politicians and the media made a mess of the situation by unwarrantedly dragging the army into the political fray by repeated symbolic assertions about the alleged 'scriptwriter' or the 'umpire' and fanning all sorts of rumours. It, indeed, appears to be an effort – by design or default – to malign the army, which compounded the political uncertainty. The key question, however, remains whether the definite message from the armed forces will help put an end to this political crisis. Will it bring the much-

³⁸ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-271540-Playing-with-words>

³⁹ <http://nation.com.pk/columns/12-Sep-2014/pakistan-s-security-dilemma>

⁴⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-272814-The-script-we-need>

needed political stability and ward off pressure from the besieged Sharif government? Will it force Tahirul Qadri and Imran Khan to abandon their campaign aimed to dislodge the government through agitation?

Back from the precipice, Babar Sattar, *Dawn*, September 15⁴¹

The reiteration of khaki resolve to not use dharnas to dabble in politics is cause for relief. Imagine if the press release post the corps commanders' meeting had neither issued instructions to the government nor spoken of abiding by "*national aspirations*" and had simply reminded everyone that the khakis are under oath to "*uphold the Constitution*", which embodies the "*will of the people*" and to not "*engage ... in any political activities whatsoever.*" Would that leave any room to drag the military's good name into this political squabble? Do the khakis not realise that Pakistan has a long history of military coups and interference from behind the curtain? Is it then fair to begrudge critique of the military's role in politics? *Do any ISPR press releases exist blacklisting Geo TV or expressing disquiet over the Musharraf trial? Are khaki views on these matters a secret? Despite repeated court orders, Geo's transmission has not been restored. Cable operators across Pakistan are risking their licenses to ensure Geo's blackout. Is this a coincidence?*

No sign of the census, Editorial, *Dawn*, September 19⁴²

Normally, a census must be held every 10 years as recommended by the UN; in Pakistan's case, we have not held it for 16 years. The reason why the three provinces are afraid of holding a census and local bodies' elections is obvious: they are not sure which way the people would vote. A 'wrong' verdict would undermine the ruling parties' right to govern and perhaps strengthen elements that want fresh general elections. It is this fear that stands between the nation and the census, with the imperatives of economic planning being sacrificed at the altar of partisan interests.

War on minorities, Editorial, *Dawn*, September 24⁴³

In Peshawar itself, the small Sikh community has been repeatedly targeted this year. Five Sikhs have been killed in as many months, with two fatalities in the first week of September alone. In a remote corner of Balochistan, armed men attacked a group of Zikris in their place of worship, killing six and injuring several others. Although persecution of the Zikris a little-known Islamic sect had surfaced during Gen Zia's time, when religious extremism was actively harnessed and patronised to further strategic objectives, this was the first direct attack in more than two decades on their lives. [...] The crux of the problem is the state's refusal to take proactive steps to control the menace of religious extremism: banned/extremist organisations extend their influence to areas so far untouched by communal strife; hate speech is freely disseminated; the blasphemy law is used as a tool of persecution; school curricula contain derogatory references to minority communities. While the government continues in a state of torpor, this fire has begun to consume the very foundations of the country.

⁴¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1132006/back-from-the-precipice>

⁴² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1132801/no-sign-of-the-census>

⁴³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1133908/war-on-minorities>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

FISCAL ISSUES

Inflation eases to 14-month low, policy easing eyed, *The News*, September 2⁴⁴

Inflation expectedly slowed to a 14-month low of seven percent in August and analysts hedging their bets on the policy response by saying the central bank could either cut rates in upcoming policy review or sometime in the next two months. The headline CPI inflation (general) increased by seven percent on year-on-year in August as compared to 7.9 percent in the previous month and 8.5 percent in August 2013, the PBS said on 1. Core inflation measured by non-food, non-energy CPI (Core NFNE) increased by 7.9 percent Y-o-Y in August as compared to 8.3 percent in the previous month and by 8.5 percent in August 2013. SPI inflation Y-o-Y increased by 5.2 percent in August as compared to 5.9 percent a month ago and 10.1 percent in August 2013.

National savings drops 34 percent in July, *The News*, September 3⁴⁵

National savings in Pakistan dropped 34 percent at Rs21.404 billion in July 2014 over the preceding month. However, the CDNS had mobilised only Rs13.3 billion as national savings in July 2013. *High net worth individuals, who used to invest in saving schemes, are now opting government papers*, Ahsan Mehanti at Arif Habib Corp said. He said the government is facilitating individuals and institutional investors to participate in government papers, including treasury bills and Pakistan Investment Bonds through commercial banks. In July this year, highest investment was recorded in special saving certificates at Rs8.33 billion followed by regular income certificates, which attracted Rs4.037 billion. The directorate also sold prize bonds worth Rs1.263 billion. An official said the CDNS could now offer bonds/certificates through depository as well as stock exchanges.

\$7bn debt servicing a challenge to economy, *Dawn*, September 14⁴⁶

External debt servicing rose to an alarmingly high level as it reached close to \$7 billion in FY14 which is almost 80 per cent of the current reserves of the SBP while the reserves are declining on week on week basis. A recently produced data of the State Bank showed the country paid \$6.820bn as debt servicing in FY14, including \$5.910bn as principal amount and \$915m as interest.

Forex reserves fall to \$13.577 billion, *The News*, September 5⁴⁷

The total liquid foreign exchange reserves held by the Pakistan stood at \$13.577 billion on August 29, marginally down from \$13.581 billion as of August 22. Liquid foreign exchange reserves held by the SBP increased by \$165 million to \$8.719 billion as of August 29; following receipt of \$371.4 million under the Coalition Support Fund during the week. The SBP made payments of \$54 million on account of external debt and other official payments. Net foreign exchange reserves held by commercial banks declined to \$4.859 billion for the week under review as compared to \$5.02 billion in the previous week.

⁴⁴ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-270350-Inflation-eases-to-14-month-low-policy-easing-eyed>

⁴⁵ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-270576-National-savings-drops-34-percent-in-July>

⁴⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1131843/7bn-debt-servicing-a-challenge-to-economy>

⁴⁷ [http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-270952-Forex-reserves-fall-to-\\$13577-billion](http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-270952-Forex-reserves-fall-to-$13577-billion)

Improved collection reduces circular debt to Rs238b, *The Nation*, September 10⁴⁸

Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar on 9 was informed that circular debt has been reduced to Rs 238 billion from Rs 295 billion due to the improved collection of the power dues.

Political uncertainty deprives country of \$2.4b, *The Nation*, September 17⁴⁹

Ishaq Dar on 16 said that country has been deprived of \$2.4 billion foreign exchange due to the political uncertainty that delayed three important transactions; issuing of Sukuk bond, divestment of OGDCL shares and IMF tranche. Finance Minister made these remarks in a meeting with President ADB Takehiko Nakao. Ishaq Dar said government has failed to complete three transactions on time due to the political uncertainty in the country that included issuing of Sukuk, divestment of OGDCL shares and IMF next release. But we would solve the issue amicably as we had already constituted a committee on electoral reforms, he added.

TRADE

Exports down by 7.62pc on political turmoil, *The News*, September 5⁵⁰

Pakistan's exports fell by 7.62 percent during the current fiscal year due to the present political turmoil, which has impeded transportation of goods across and out of the country, according to data released by the Customs department. Exports during July-August 2014 were at Rs306.8 billion as against Rs332.12 billion in the same months of the last fiscal year. [...]Meanwhile, despite the lower value recorded in exports, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has managed to achieve its revenue collection target for August 2014. The FBR collected Rs183 billion for the month against the target of Rs180 billion, which is 26 percent higher than the collection of Rs145 billion in August 2013.

Trade deficit shoots up by 28pc in Jul-Aug, *The Nation*, September 12⁵¹

Pakistan's trade deficit has shoot up by 28 percent in first couple of the months (July-August) of the ongoing fiscal year 2014-15 due to the massive increase in imports and continuous decline in exports of the country. The country's trade imbalance has recorded at \$4.243 billion during July-August period of the financial year 2014-15 as against \$3.308 billion of the corresponding period of the previous year showing a decline of 28.26 percent. The trade deficit has widened because imports have outpaced the exports during the first two months of the current fiscal year. According to the PBS, exports have went down by 5.84 percent in first couple of months, as country has exported goods worth of \$1.91 billion in July-August 2014-15 as against \$1.98 billion of the same period of previous year. Meanwhile, the imports have shown growth of 9.44 percent, as country imported goods worth of \$4.718 billion in July-August 2014-15 as against \$3.572 billion. Therefore, the country's trade imbalance has recorded at \$4.243 billion during July-August period of the financial year 2014-15 as against \$3.308 billion of the corresponding period of the previous year.

⁴⁸ <http://nation.com.pk/business/10-Sep-2014/improved-collection-reduces-circular-debt-to-rs238b>

⁴⁹ <http://nation.com.pk/business/17-Sep-2014/political-uncertainty-deprives-country-of-2-4b>

⁵⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-270949-Exports-down-by-762pc-on-political-turmoil>

⁵¹ <http://nation.com.pk/business/12-Sep-2014/trade-deficit-shoots-up-by-28pc-in-jul-aug>

ENERGY

Hydel generation up by 93 million units in August, *The Nation*, September 2⁵²

The hydel power stations, operated by the Wapda, have delivered 2236 million units of electricity to the national grid in August 2014 as compared to 2143 million units during the corresponding period last year. This generation registered an increase of 93 million units at a time when the country is in dire need of electricity. The average peak share during August 2014 remained 6355 MW against average peak share of 6166 MW in August 2013, representing an increase of 189 MW. This increased generation and average peak sharing is due to enhanced water outflows from the reservoirs by IRSA, and efficient operation and maintenance of hydel power stations.

China to complete Nandipur Power project by end March 2015, *The News*, September 5⁵³

China has announced to complete the Nandipur Thermal Power Project by March 31, 2015 which will feed 420MW power to the national grid. Nawaz Sharif had inaugurated the first unit of the project in last May. As a result of continuous pressure by the Shahbaz Sharif, Chairman Dong Fang Electric Corporation Si Zefu ordered the completion of the 420MW Nandipur Project by March 31, 2015 instead of June 30, 2015.

'Govt to start Dasu, Diamer-Bhasha simultaneously', *Daily Times*, September 7⁵⁴

Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar has said that the government will go ahead with both Dasu and Diamer-Bhasha projects at the same time and eventually phase out costly thermal power generation, which has resulted in large import bill. He directed the officials of the Ministry of Water and Power and WAPDA to plan for the international investors meeting to be held in Washington DC to attract donor agencies and US investors for construction of mega dams in Pakistan with special emphasis on opportunities available in Diamer-Bhasha Dam Project.

Alternative to IP pipeline: Pakistan mulls new gas import scheme, *Express tribune*, September 16⁵⁵

Amid the lingering threat of sanctions from the United States, Pakistan has decided to offer an alternative plan to Iran, involving conversion of natural gas into Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), a move that could all but shelve the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project. Under the new plan, Iran will convert natural gas into LNG and then export it to Pakistan by using terminal facility of Oman. Already, Iran and Oman have signed an agreement, according to which Oman will purchase around \$60 billion worth of natural gas from Iran in the next 25 years, with the project stipulating the laying of a \$1 billion gas pipeline across the Gulf to Oman.

Imported LNG to help save \$2.5 bn in fuel bill, *The News*, September 16⁵⁶

Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has said that the LNG to be imported for the CNG industry will not only ensure round-the-clock availability of gas

⁵² <http://nation.com.pk/business/02-Sep-2014/hydel-generation-up-by-93-million-units-in-august>

⁵³ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32683-China-to-complete-Nandipur-Power-project-by-end-March-2015>

⁵⁴ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/business/07-Sep-2014/govt-to-start-dasu-diamer-bhasha-simultaneously>

⁵⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/762903/alternative-to-ip-pipeline-pakistan-mulls-new-gas-import-scheme/>

⁵⁶ [http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32924-Imported-LNG-to-help-save-\\$25-bn-in-fuel-bill](http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32924-Imported-LNG-to-help-save-$25-bn-in-fuel-bill)

to CNG stations but would also help save \$2.5 billion per annum. The CNG sector worth Rs450 bn will grow to Rs600 billion once the LNG gets imported and injected into the system and used by the CNG industry. "The import of LNG will prove to be a game changer as it is the only recipe available with the government to rid the country of the crippling energy crisis,".

Cost of Nandipur power project goes up by another Rs 27 billion, Daily Times, September 17⁵⁷

The cost of Nandipur Power Project has risen by Rs 27 billion, which has made the project unfeasible. The production cost of the power project which has a capacity of only 450 megawatts has escalated by Rs 27 billion to Rs 84 billion. This unprecedented cost and small capacity of the project has shocked the power experts who claim that a mega project of over 800MW can be executed in this cost. The project would provide power at Rs 8.50 per unit, compared to Rs 4 per unit of the IPPs operationalised in 2007.

LOAN

WB okays \$47.95m nutrition funding, The News, September 2⁵⁸

The World Bank has approved \$47.95 million to help Pakistan improve nutrition status of its children under the age of two years, and of pregnant and lactating women in targeted areas. Currently, all four provinces of the Pakistan face challenges of malnutrition. Half of the children under the age of five in Balochistan (52 per cent) and in Sindh (50 per cent) are stunted and these rates have worsened in these two provinces since 2001. Likewise, almost half (48 per cent) of children in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 39 per cent of children under five years in Punjab are stunted. While the project focuses initially on Sindh and Balochistan provinces, the aim is to enhance national coverage through coordination of support between Pakistan's development partners.

Pakistan hopes for more assistance as ADB president due mid Sept, The News, September 5⁵⁹

Pakistan will make a case for stepping up financial resources from the ADB to help the country speed up \$12 billion funding for its much-delayed Diamer Basha dam project, government officials said on 4. Pakistan would request the ADB to accelerate its efforts being lead manager of consortium of donors for arranging the funds for the construction of Diamer Basha dam project during the visit of Takehiko Nakao, president of the Manila-based bank. Nakao is scheduled to visit Pakistan from September 15 to 17 on his first trip to the country since taking charge. The bank president is likely to pledge the bank's commitment to provide \$3 billion loans to Islamabad within three years period. Under the three years plan, the ADB will provide \$900 million to \$1 billion each year over the next three years, totaling the amount in the range of \$2.7 to \$3 billion.

⁵⁷ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/islamabad/17-Sep-2014/cost-of-nandipur-power-project-goes-up-by-another-rs-27-billion>

⁵⁸ [http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-270533-WB-okays-\\$4795m--nutrition-funding](http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-270533-WB-okays-$4795m--nutrition-funding)

⁵⁹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-270948-Pakistan-hopes-for-more-assistance-as-ADB-president-due-mid-Sept>

ADB will fund energy projects in Pakistan: Bank president, *The News*, September 17⁶⁰

President of ADB Takehiko Nakao has said that they will extend financial assistance to Pakistan for the Bhasha Dam, TAPI Gas Pipeline, Jamshoro project and other energy ventures to meet relevant needs.

INVESTMENT

Pak-China Investment Company to be revived, *Dawn*, September 6⁶¹

Beijing and Islamabad have agreed to reinvigorate PCICL so that China Development Bank could directly finance private sector to take up energy and infrastructure projects. The decision was taken in a meeting on 5 between Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and a Chinese delegation led by Deputy Director General of China Development Bank Ms Liu Hui. The delegation also included PCICL's board of directors. The two sides agreed that Pakistan-China Economic Corridor related projects including energy and infrastructure should be a good starting point for the private sector to be chipped in through the PCICL.

2MFY15: FDI drops 37%, clocks in at \$87.1 million, *Express Tribune*, September 16⁶²

Pakistan received FDI of \$87.1 million in the first two months of 2014-15, which is 37% less than the FDI received during the same months of the preceding fiscal year. According to SBP, FDI decreased by \$51.2 million year-on-year in July-August, as it amounted to \$138.3 million in the first two months of 2013-14. FDI in FY2013-14 clocked up at \$1.63 billion after increasing by 11.99% on an annual basis. The increase during the last fiscal year was mainly on the back of the auction of the telecom spectrum that fetched the government \$610.9 million in May. There was a net outflow of FDI amounting to \$21.7 million from the telecommunications sector in July-August. In contrast, the same sector had registered a net outflow of \$49 million of FDI during the same period of the last fiscal year. FDI in the telecommunications sector in August amounted to a negative \$10.2 million.

Textile sector attracts Rs55.64bn investment in first half 2014, *The News*, September 10⁶³

Investment in Pakistan's dominant textile sector remained Rs55.64 billion during January-July 2014, though value added apparel sector attracted only 2.48 percent or Rs1.38 billion rupees during the period, government data said. Highest investment of 38.8 percent, or Rs21.2 billion, was made in spinning sector while 29.15 percent or Rs16.22 billion was invested in weaving during the first six months of current calendar year. Gohar Ejaz, group leader of All Pakistan Textile Mills Association said *the sector is operating without government support for more than two decades*.

⁶⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32959-ADB-will-fund-energy-projects-in-Pakistan-Bank-president>

⁶¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1130108/pak-china-investment-company-to-be-revived>

⁶² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/762747/2mfy15-fdi-drops-37-clocks-in-at-87-1-million/>

⁶³ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-271836-Textile-sector-attracts-Rs5564bn-investment-in-first-half-2014>

China plans \$50 billion investment in Gwadar, *The News*, September 10⁶⁴

The Chinese government has set out plans to invest \$50 billion by 2017 in new coal-fired power plant and solar and wind energy units in Gwadar to help stabilise supply in the energy-deficient country. Shah Faisal Afridi, President Pak-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry said *China has planned to replicate the model of SFTZ for the development of Gwadar*. SFTZ incorporated numerous relaxations in various sectors under the free trade zone's new capital registration system. Foreign investors are no longer required to contribute 15 percent capital within three months and full capital within two years of the establishment of a foreign invested enterprise.

Zong to invest \$1bn in network expansion, *The News*, September 28⁶⁵

Zong Pakistan, the first international step for China Mobile, will invest one billion dollars to expand its network in the country, said the company's top official on 27.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Neelum-Jhelum project facing financial problems, *Dawn*, September 4⁶⁶

The strategic 969MW Neelum-Jhelum hydropower project is facing serious financial constraints and despite the prime minister's instructions none of its units would be operational next year. The fiscal problems stem from inability of the Economic Affairs Division to arrange \$475 million from local or international banks and financial institutions for more than four years now. The project achieved 66 per cent progress as of third week of August. This includes 75pc progress on most critical segment of the project the 51km excavation of tunnels passing underneath River Jhelum. It has so far consumed Rs122bn against revised estimated cost of Rs275bn.

Overseas Pakistanis remit \$2.98bn in July, Aug 2014, *Daily Times*, September 11⁶⁷

Overseas Pakistanis remitted an amount of \$2978.10 million in July and August 2014 of current fiscal year (FY15), showing growth of 12.61 percent compared with \$2644.53 million received during the same period of last FY14. The inflow of remittances during August 2014 from Saudi Arabia, UAE, USA, UK, GCC countries (including Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Oman) and EU countries amounted to \$396.90 million, \$284.90 million, \$199.01 million, \$172.71 million, \$152.17 million and \$33.14 million respectively compared with the inflow of \$321.86 million, \$256.01 million, \$217.87 million, \$198.53 million, \$134.46 million and \$36.75 million respectively in August 2013. Remittances received from Norway, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Japan and other countries during the last month amounted to \$89.88 million as against \$74.66 million received in the same month of the last FY14.

US to provide \$41m for drugs control, *The Nation*, September 27⁶⁸

US Ambassador Richard Olson and Pakistan Economic Affairs Division Secretary Muhammad Saleem Sethi signed a bilateral assistance agreement under which the US Department of State's

⁶⁴ [http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-271839-China-plans-\\$50-billion-investment-in-Gwadar](http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-271839-China-plans-$50-billion-investment-in-Gwadar)

⁶⁵ [http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-275326-Zong-to-invest-\\$1bn-in-network-expansion](http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-275326-Zong-to-invest-$1bn-in-network-expansion)

⁶⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1129742/neelum-jhelum-project-facing-financial-problems>

⁶⁷ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/business/11-Sep-2014/overseas-pakistanis-remit-2-98bn-in-july-aug-2014>

⁶⁸ <http://nation.com.pk/islamabad/27-Sep-2014/us-to-provide-41m-for-drugs-control>

International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Bureau will provide \$41.8 million to support the Pakistani government in building its law enforcement capability, fighting illicit narcotics, and reforming its criminal justice system.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Early warning signs, Dr Hafiz A Pasha, *Express Tribune*, September 23⁶⁹

The ambitious targets set by the government for 2014-15 in the Annual Plan are already beginning to look unattainable even in the first two months. This is due, first, to the setting of targets because of worsening of trends in the last few months of 2013-14 and, second, due to recent ongoing events like the happenings in Islamabad and the floods which have already wreaked extensive damage in Punjab. The GDP growth rate target for 2014-15 is 5.1 per cent, based on the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) estimate of growth of 4.1 per cent in 2013-14. The leading sector is expected to be large-scale manufacturing sector with a growth rate of seven per cent. Such a high growth rate has not been achieved by this sector since 2006-07. However, there has been a visible loss of momentum in industrial production since December 2013. The growth rate in the first six months of 2013-14 was high at 6.5 per cent, but it fell to less than two per cent in the second half of the year. Consequently, the annual growth rate in 2013-14 is four per cent. This is significantly lower than the growth rate assumed for the year by the PBS.

SECURITY SITUATION

ZARB-E-AZB

Operation to be extended to remote areas: army chief, *Dawn*, September 11⁷⁰

As the Zarb-i-Azb military operation entered its second phase in North Waziristan, Army Chief Gen Raheel Sharif vowed on 10 to take the fight against terrorists to remote areas of the tribal agency. "Terrorists will be pursued even in the remotest areas and all their sanctuaries will be taken out," he said while reviewing the progress of the operation at a meeting with the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt. The meeting evaluated the coordination between the Pakistan Air Force and the army and the targeting mechanism.

TTP Punjab announcement on laying down arms not to affect NWA operation: minister, *Daily Times*, September 14⁷¹

The ongoing military operation in the NWA would not be affected by TTP Punjab chapter's announcement to lay down arms, and it would continue till the elimination of terrorists and terrorism. "It's too late to retreat," commented Defence Minister Khawaja Asif. "The terrorists have to face the consequences." The terrorists, the minister said, were on the receiving end after the security forces successfully took them on in NWA and elsewhere. "Their chain of command is completely destroyed and are circled from everywhere. It is the result of the successful military operation that those terrorists who were not willing to negotiate are now talking about discontinuing militancy. We

⁶⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/765746/early-warning-signs/>

⁷⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1131244/operation-to-be-extended-to-remote-areas-army-chief>

⁷¹ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/14-Sep-2014/ttp-punjab-announcement-on-laying-down-arms-not-to-affect-nwa-operation-minister>

are least bothered about the TTP's announcement. We would not stop till the terrorists and terrorism are completely eliminated."

TERRORISM

TTP chief says his men too could lay siege to Islamabad, *The News*, September 1⁷²

The TTP chief Maulana Fazlullah has said that launching an attack on Islamabad won't be a difficult task for his fighters after having observed how unarmed protestors were able to lay siege to the seat of power in the federal capital and paralyse the government. "About 30,000 people have besieged the capital of Pakistan for the last two weeks and the government is unable to deal with them," he said in an audio clip received by Geo Television on Sunday.

Deepening split: TTP expels splinter group chief, *Express Tribune*, September 4⁷³

Differences within the TTP seem to have further deepened after a commander of the splinter group was expelled by the parent outfit. "The TTP leadership, after approval by the honourable Ameer, has removed Commander Abdulwaki, alias Omar Khalid Khorasani, as the chief of Mohmand agency unity and also cancelled his basic membership," TTP spokesperson Shahidullah Shahid said on 4th. TTP explained that Khorasani, the group's chief in Mohmand tribal region, has been removed because of his interference in affairs of the Afghan Taliban and his contacts with the mysterious groups – Ahrar-ul-Hind and Junud-e-Khorasan. TTP spokesperson Shahidullah Shahid said the TTP will soon announce a new leader for Mohmand agency. In what seems to be an angry response to the TTP move, the Jamaat-ul-Ahrar splinter group expelled TTP chief Maulvi Fazalullah.

TTP split grows as Fazlullah expels head of Mohmand Agency unit, *The News*, September 5⁷⁴

The strife in the ranks of the outlawed TTP escalated on 4 as its head Maulana Fazlullah and his shura expelled the Mohmand Agency chapter chief Omar Khalid Khurasani and terminated his membership for indiscipline and for patronizing 'suspicious' militants groups such as Ahrarul Hind and Junood Khurasan. Omar Khalid Khurasani, whose real name is Abdul Wali, reacted through his aide and spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan, who said Maulana Fazlullah and some of his men having vested interest had been expelled from the TTP. Ehsan is now spokesman of TTP Jamaat al-Ahrar, which was recently launched by Khurasani and other commanders after accusing Fazlullah of failing to run TTP as a disciplined organization due to lack of leadership qualities. The TTP statement was issued by its spokesman Shahidullah Shahid, who said *Maulana Fazlullah had endorsed the shura decision to sack Khurasani as the head of the TTP Mohmand Agency chapter for aligning with a suspicious organization like Ahrarul Hind and patronizing Junood Khurasan inside the Afghan Taliban movement to harm its shadow government of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.* The statement charged Khurasani and his men of *conspiring to create differences in TTP and weaken its cause.*

⁷² <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32595-TTP-chief-says-his-men-too-could-lay-siege-to-Islamabad>

⁷³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/757845/deepening-split-ttp-expels-splinter-group-chief/>

⁷⁴ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32689-TTP-split-grows-as-Fazlullah-expels-head-of-Mohmand-Agency-unit>

Fazlullah has joined hands with killers of Taliban, says splinter group, Dawn, September 5⁷⁵

TTP and its splinter group JA are on a collision course as the latter has accused TTP chief Mullah Fazlullah of joining hands with people involved in the killing of militant commanders. In a statement on 4, JA spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan said *those who were involved in the killing of TTP commanders Nadeem Abbas, Asmatullah Shaheen Bhattani, Tariq Mansoor and 200 fighters of the Mehsud tribe were now sitting beside Fazlullah*. Ehsan, who earlier served as central spokesman for the TTP, said that *being head of his group Fazlullah should bring the killers to "justice"*. He said the *TTP chief lacked qualities of a good leader, which had resulted in the killing of many commanders*. The JA spokesman said the *Fazlullah-led TTP group "now comprised only a few people"*. He said that *Fazlullah had no authority to expel Umar Khalid Khurasani of Mohmand Agency from TTP*. Khurasani was now an active member of JA and the group's leadership had the authority to appoint a leader for Mohmand. He claimed that *a majority of Taliban commanders had joined JA and the families of both Baitullah Mehsud and Hakimullah Mehsud had become associated with it*. He said *JA had expressed allegiance to Mullah Umar and had faith in the leadership qualities of the top leader of Afghan Taliban*.

Shehryar group renews loyalty to TTP chief, The Nation, September 17⁷⁶

While TTP is fragmented into different internal factions and the head of the outfit is looking for commanders to keep the group intact, the Shehryar Mehsud group of militants has pledged renewed loyalty to Maulana Fazlullah and vowed not to leave the central command of TTP in the lurch. September 15, a section of the media reported that after *"denouncing terrorist attacks against the government"* just like Maulana Asmatullah-led Punjabi Taliban - the Shehryar Mehsud group of Taliban had also dissociated from Maulana Fazlullah-led TTP. However, the Shehryar Mehsud group turned down the report as *"fabricated" and "baseless"*. *"Shehryar Mehsud had signed an agreement of loyalty with Hakimullah Mehsud at the time of joining the TTP and the same accord was renewed when Maulana Fazlullah was taking over charge as head of the group. The group is obeying Maulana Fazlullah in action as it was following Hakimullah Mehsud"*, said a member of Shehryar Mehsud group.

Al-Qaeda claims slaying of ISI brigadier, The News, September 20⁷⁷

The South Asia branch of al-Qaeda has claimed responsibility for the September 6, 2014 mystery murder of an ISI Brigadier, Zahoor Fazal Qadri, and his brother, in Sargodha. The responsibility has been claimed in a statement released by Usama Mahmood, the spokesman of al-Qaeda's sub-continent chapter, who had earlier claimed the defence day (September 6, 2014) terrorist attack on the PNS Karachi Naval Dockyard. The ISI Brigadier, who had also served in Waziristan region in the past on an important assignment, and his brother were killed at Astana Fazal a Sufi shrine situated in the suburbs of Sargodha, where deprived and needy are provided free food, medicines and religious education. Brig Zahoor Fazal Qadri, who was off-duty when targeted, became the Gaddi Nasheen of the shrine in 2012 following the death of his father. His brother, Zahoor Fazal Subhani, who was also killed in the attack, used to look after the Astana Fazal Shrine's affairs. [...] *"The Sargodha attack should be taken as a warning by the slaves of [the United States of] America in the Pakistani Armed Forces to leave the US-backed 'war on terror' or get ready to face the consequences"*, so

⁷⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1129976/fazlullah-has-joined-hands-with-killers-of-taliban-says-splinter-group>

⁷⁶ <http://nation.com.pk/national/17-Sep-2014/shehryar-group-renews-loyalty-to-ttp-chief>

⁷⁷ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-273917-Al-Qaeda-claims-slaying-of-ISI-brigadier>

said AQIS spokesman Usama Mahmood in his Urdu statement, which has been reproduced on The Long War Journal Website.

TTP concedes senior leader's death in clash, Dawn, September 21⁷⁸

TTP confirmed on 20 that one of its senior leaders, Mohammad Hassan, was killed in a clash with security forces in Boya area in NWA. TTP spokesman Shahidullah Shahid said in a statement that *Mohammad Hassan hailed from Kabul and, after his release from a prison in Afghanistan, had "rejoined jihad" in Pakistan along with his friends.* With the statement, the TTP also released 12 photographs of the funeral prayer of Mohammad Hassan. The pictures showed TTP chief Mullah Fazlullah leading the prayer in a forest area dominated by oak trees. In one photograph, he is seen speaking to a small group of militants who attended the funeral. Said Khan Sajna, who leads his own faction of the TTP in the Mehsud area of South Waziristan, stood behind Fazlullah during the prayer. Warring factions bury the hatchet: Two rival factions of the TTP comprising Mehsud tribesmen, led by Sajna and Sheheryar Mehsud, have reconciled due to efforts made by Mullah Fazlullah, according to sources. They said that on the directives of Mullah Fazlullah, the two factions had held a meeting in Dattakhel area of North Waziristan and appointed Sajna the interim head of the TTP in the Mehsud area for two months. After Eidul Azha, Mullah Fazlullah will convene another meeting of the two groups to select a permanent chief of the TTP's Mehsud branch.

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, FATA AND BALUCHISTAN

School set on fire in Kech district, Dawn, September 3⁷⁹

Some armed religious fanatics of a hitherto unknown Al Jihad organisation set a private English medium school on fire in Turbat area of the Kech district. They also left pamphlets with the name of Al Jihad in the school and in the area, warning the people of Balnigore to desist from sending their children to English medium schools to study English or risk unspecified repercussions. *"People should not send their children to schools or English language centres for studying English,"* warned the pamphlet. It asked people to send their children only to madressahs to get religious education. [...] Several private English medium schools and language centres were attacked in Panjgur district In May this year, by unknown armed men and an organisation, known as Al Furqan Al Islami, had claimed responsibility for these attacks. Owners and the administration of these private schools had been asked by the organisation to stop educating girls in their institutions. Parents were also warned against sending their daughters to private schools and English language centres.

IS literature circulated in parts of KP, Dawn, September 4⁸⁰

A group belonging to the militant Islamic State group, formerly known as the ISIS, has distributed a booklet in parts of KP and tribal areas, particularly in Afghan refugee camps. The booklet in Pashto and Darri is titled Fateh (victory) and has the images of the IS flag and Kalashnikov on its

⁷⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1133311/ttp-concedes-senior-leaders-death-in-clash>

⁷⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1129567/school-set-on-fire-in-kech-district>

⁸⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1129775/is-literature-circulated-in-parts-of-kp>

cover. It is said to have been distributed in some areas of Afghanistan as well. According to informed sources, a small group of activists led by an Afghan national has distributed the booklet. It calls upon people to support the IS which has occupied large swathes of territory in Iraq and Syria. It says the caliphate declared in parts of Iraq and Syria will expand to Khurasan, comprising Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and Central Asian countries.

TTP claims Peshawar attack targeting senior army officer, Dawn, September 24⁸¹

TTP has claimed responsibility for a suicide attack on 23 that targeted a convoy of the FC in Peshawar carrying a high-ranking military official. At least four people including a woman and a security official were killed and fourteen others injured in the blast targeting Brigadier Khalid Javed, who narrowly escaped the explosion and was said to be safe. Shahidullah Shahid said *the attack on the security forces convoy was a reaction to the Zarb-i-Azb military operation against militants in the troubled North Waziristan*. TTP spokesman vowed to launch attacks on members of the PML-N government.

2 jihad fundraisers arrested in DI Khan, Daily Times, September 14⁸²

Police arrested two people over dispute of raising fund for 'jihad'. Two people with a receipt book came to a mosque located in Farooq-e-Azam Town Ratta Kalachi in Dera Ismail Khan and sought permission to raise fund for jihad. The prayers leader and another person Manzoor Ahmed present in the mosque refused to give them permission which led to exchange of harsh words and the two visitors who claimed to be 'mujahideen' threaten them of dire consequences for forbidding them.

Peshawar suicide attack on FC kills five, Daily Times, September 24⁸³

A suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden car into a convoy of Frontier Corps in the high security zone inside the cantonment, leaving five people, including a woman and a security official, dead. FC Deputy Inspector General Brig Khalid Javed was the prime target of the suicide attack, Peshawar police chief Ejaz Khan confirmed, while the ISPR said the senior military official survived the attack but was wounded.

Echoes of Swat, Karachi: Militants set up 'court' in FR Peshawar to resolve disputes, Express Tribune, September 26⁸⁴

Taliban militants have reportedly set up a 'court' in Maly Tangay, Frontier Region (FR) Peshawar. Even as locals disclose details of the militant group's quasi justice system ironically, set up to help locals with extortion the FR's political administration has denied the existence of any such court. "We have been told that Talha has been appointed as the militants' new ameer in the area and Hazrat Ali has been removed," an elder said.

⁸¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1133796/woman-among-3-killed-in-peshawar-blast-targeting-senior-army-officer>

⁸² <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/14-Sep-2014/2-jihad-fundraisers-arrested-in-di-khan>

⁸³ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/24-Sep-2014/peshawar-suicide-attack-on-fc-kills-five>

⁸⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/767287/echoes-of-swat-karachi-militants-set-up-court-in-fr-peshawar-to-resolve-disputes/>

SINDH

Militant attack on Navy facilities foiled, *Dawn*, September 9⁸⁵

The Pakistan Navy claimed on 8 to have foiled a militant attack on one of its facilities in Karachi over the weekend. Two militants were killed in the raid while four of the attackers were captured leading to more arrests in other parts of the country. The Navy said in a statement late on 8 night that "on Saturday a group of miscreants tried to penetrate Pakistan Navy Dockyard area defences at Karachi. Pakistan Navy security personnel responded valiantly and in the ensuing encounter killed two while apprehending four miscreants alive". "During their engagement with miscreants, one petty officer embraced Shahadat, while an officer and six sailors sustained injuries. No material loss has taken place," it further said.

Son of AIG Sindh was involved in PN Dockyard attack: police, *The News*, September 10⁸⁶

Owais Jakherani, the son of Assistant Inspector General AIG (Inspection) of Sindh Police Ali Sher Jakherani, was a former commissioned officer of Pakistan Navy and one of the men who had attacked the Pakistan Navy Dockyard on the night of Saturday, September 6 and was killed in subsequent action, the Karachi Police chief Ghulam Qadir Thebo said. He said AIG Inspection Ali Sher Jakherani, who is currently in Saudi Arabia as Khuddam-e-Haj, told him that his son Owais Jakherani was a commissioned officer in the Pakistan Navy, who had left the Navy a few months back and had told his family that he was preparing for Pakistan Civil Service Examination.

Qaeda claims dockyard attack; three navy men held, *Daily Times*, September 12⁸⁷

Al Qaeda's new South Asia branch on 11 claimed responsibility for a weekend raid on a Karachi naval yard that left a sailor and three attackers dead, saying former military officers had helped in the attack. It is the first attack claimed by the terror network's new wing, whose creation was announced by chief Ayman Al-Zawahiri last week.

750 become victim of sectarian killings, *The Nation*, September 13⁸⁸

Law enforcement agencies have failed to curb sectarian killing which claimed over 750 lives during a year of Karachi targeted operation. The security forces claimed to have arrested 20,000 criminals and killed around 350 criminals and terrorists during the targeted operation which completed its 12th month. The targeted operation drive started on September 5, 2013 but security forces have unable to protect the lives of people, killed on sectarian grounds, including doctors, educationists, traders and other professionals.

⁸⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1130812/militant-attack-on-navy-facilities-foiled>

⁸⁶ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32799-Son-of-AIG-Sindh-was-involved-in-PN-Dockyard-attack-police>

⁸⁷ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/12-Sep-2014/qaeda-claims-dockyard-attack-three-navy-men-held>

⁸⁸ <http://nation.com.pk/karachi/13-Sep-2014/750-become-victim-of-sectarian-killings>

PUNJAB

Punjabi Taliban give up 'armed struggle', Dawn, September 14⁸⁹

Maulana Asmatullah Muawiya, head of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Punjab, said on 13 that his group had decided to abandon its armed struggle in this country and instead would focus on "peaceful struggle" for the implementation of Sharia. Further he said that jihad would continue against the enemies of Islam. But it did not mention the region or country where the group would carry on its struggle against what it called anti-Islam forces. "This decision was taken in the interest of Islam and Pakistan," the statement said.

Corps commander calls for curbing terror in Punjab, Balochistan, Dawn, September 25⁹⁰

A senior military commander called for action against terrorist groups in southern Punjab and Balochistan, saying the successful Zarb-i-Azb operation was not enough to end the terrorist threat in the country. "Terrorism cannot be eliminated without intelligence-based operations throughout the country – particularly in Southern Punjab and Sindh," Corps Commander Peshawar Lt Gen Khalid Rabbani said while briefing on Zarb-i-Azb at the National Defence University.

AFGHAN SECURITY SITUATION

Karzai meets elders of NWA IDPs, The News, September 1⁹¹

Afghan President Hamid Karzai told the Pakistani refugee elders from the NWA during a meeting in Kabul on 31 August that they should consider Afghanistan as their home. "You are living in your own home and you would live as an owner here," Karzai reportedly told the elders. The Afghan Islamic Press quoted a press release issued by the President's office as saying that he hoped peace would be restored in the region and the people would start living a peaceful life.

Afghan forces hunt militant leader welcomed under peace process, Daily Times, September 5⁹²

Afghan security forces are hunting a senior Islamist militant allowed to settle in the country in 2011 under a government peace plan but who is now leading hundreds of insurgents seeking to overrun the northern province of Kunduz, officials said. The search for Qari Bilal, who according to the *Long War Journal* is from the IMU comes months before most foreign troops are due to leave the country. [...] Kunduz was the last northern stronghold held by the Taliban during the US-led war that ousted the hardline Islamist group in 2001, and is a trade route linking Afghanistan with the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan to the north. Taliban fighters and their allies have launched a wave of attacks this year, and the involvement of a known militant held in jail at least once since 2011 will be of concern to NATO and Afghan forces urgently seeking to impose stability. Police said clearance operations against the militants had been successful, and that the government had regained control of most areas of Kunduz. But provincial governor Ghulam Sakhi Baghlani said on 2 that at least three districts out of a total of seven were still under the control of Bilal and Mullah Abdul Salam, another militant leader he identified as the Taliban's

⁸⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1131866/punjabi-taliban-give-up-armed-struggle>

⁹⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1134212/corps-commander-calls-for-curbing-terror-in-punjab-balochistan>

⁹¹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32604-Karzai-meets-elders-of-NWA-IDPs>

⁹² <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/region/05-Sep-2014/afghan-forces-hunt-militant-leader-once-welcomed-under-peace-process>

"shadow governor" of the province. "(Bilal and Salam) have hundreds of Afghan and foreign insurgents under their command," Baghlani said.

Pakistan Taliban faction shifts focus to Afghanistan, *The News*, September 6⁹³

Militant faction of the Pakistani Taliban on 5 said it would abandon insurgent activity inside the country and redirect its energies towards Afghanistan. "*We will confine our practical jihadist role to Afghanistan in view of deteriorating situation in the region and internal situation of Pakistani jihadist movement,*" Punjabi Taliban chief Ismatullah Muawiya said in a pamphlet faxed to the media, without clarifying further.

Kabul summons Pakistani envoy over Punjabi Taliban's threat, *Express Tribune*, September 16⁹⁴

Afghanistan on 15 summoned Pakistani Charge d'Affaires Syed Muazzam Shah over remarks by the Punjabi Taliban that while his group has decided to renounce violence in Pakistan it would continue its operations in Afghanistan, the country's foreign ministry said on Monday. Punjabi Taliban leader Asmatullah Muaweya said in a video message over the weekend that the group will continue preaching in Pakistan. Head of Political Affairs in the Afghan foreign ministry Abdul Samad Samad condemned the threats made by Muaweya and described his remarks as "*clear conspiracies against the stability and security of Afghanistan*". "*In recent terrorist attacks launched in various parts of our country, a large number of Pakistani terrorists have been killed and arrested.*" Samad said the *use of terrorism as a political tool is not in the interest of any nation*

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Splinters, Editorial, *The Nation*, September 1⁹⁵

In the past week a new splinter faction of TTP emerged. Claiming that the present leadership is pursuing "*personal and narrow objectives*", the Jamat-ul-Ahrar is composed of key commanders with Maulana Qasim Khurasani as the new Ameer. The splintering of an already porous group means that the government and the military cannot stick to a blanket policy when it comes to militants, a fact that the past stands witness to. If nothing else, the foiled attack on 14 August at two airbases tells us that the TTP won't go quietly into the night. After an ominous silence during Operation Zarb-e-Azb, the attack is being viewed as the first of many expected retaliatory strikes. [...] The emergence of Jamat-ul-Ahrar has a couple of important implications. Firstly, this new group will be more decisive and violent, seeing that it has a clear objective in sight and all the dissidents are gone. Secondly, while the military might be relieved, since it won't be presented with a united front, a long term solution might be more elusive as no one proposal will be acceptable to all factions. Finally, it is a test for the intelligence agencies, as the attack on Islamabad and Hangu showed, smaller groups can fly under the radar and unless effectively monitored, can strike despite broad security arrangements.

⁹³ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32715-Pakistan-Taliban-faction-shifts-focus-to-Afghanistan>

⁹⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/762886/kabul-summons-pakistani-envoy-over-punjabi-talibans-threat/>

⁹⁵ <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/01-Sep-2014/splinters>

Sectarian agendas, Editorial, *Daily Times*, September 2⁹⁶

Reports of sectarian violence in Balochistan have grown alarmingly over the last 18 months, giving a new face to the already troubled political and security paradigm in the province. Insecurity and violence have grown with the appearance of sectarian militias in force in the province since 2012. [...] This has begun to change following the January and February 2013 bombings in Quetta that targeted the Shia Hazara community, killing almost 250 people. These were the most devastating and widely reported of numerous instances where Hazaras were specifically targeted for being Shia, amounting to the 'creeping' genocide of this small community. Reports of increasing numbers of madrassahs in interior Balochistan, often aided and supported by the local administration, have coincided with growing reports of attacks on women, minority communities and schools. On August 29 unidentified attackers killed six members of the tiny Zikri community in Awaran district at their place of worship in the Ziaratdan area. The Zikri are a tiny sect and are usually unnamed separately as they simply identify as Muslims. Estimates say there are perhaps 750,000 Zikris around the world, with the majority in Balochistan living in scattered, impoverished communities.

Military's figures, Editorial, *Dawn*, September 5⁹⁷

Going by the statistics released by the army on September 3, 910 suspected militants have been killed since the operation Zerb-i-Azb commenced in June while 27 'factories' used to produce IEDs and other munitions have been destroyed. Over 80 troops have also died in the line of duty. The army says it has carried out over 2,200 counter terrorism operations countrywide in the wake of the action in the tribal belt, which is why, it believes, there has been minimal backlash. Indeed, the latter observation is valid before the operation was launched there were fears that there would be a vicious terrorist backlash against any state action deemed hostile by the militants. [...] Meanwhile, the banned TTP has contested the military's claims, saying only 25 to 30 of its fighters have been killed, adding that its bomb factories had been shifted to 'safe places'. The militants may be on the run, but a clear victory against them can only be achieved if they are put out of business altogether. For example, despite counter terrorism operations conducted in Bajaur and Swat in the past, these areas have yet to return to complete normalcy.

New formations, Muhammad Amir Rana, *Dawn*, September 7⁹⁸

[...] The Jamaatul Ahrar, newly established by some breakaway factions of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, is ideologically and politically more ambitious than the TTP and largely inspired by the successes of the IS. Even if it completely breaks its links with the TTP and Al Qaeda, the JA will remain ideologically and politically strong. As far as operational capabilities are concerned, the new group has a strong nexus with sectarian terrorist networks and factions of the Punjabi Taliban and the various Jundallah groups in mainland Pakistan. The phenomenon of Jundallah is important in this perspective. Many groups are operating with the name of Jundallah in Pakistan, similar to Punjabi Taliban groups. Seen from this perspective, the JA is likely to have a close operational alliance with Jundallah groups inside Pakistan. Conversely, the TTP's operational concentration will increase inside Afghanistan. It appears as if a new formation or alliance of Al

⁹⁶ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/editorial/02-Sep-2014/sectarian-agendas>

⁹⁷ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1129889/militarys-figures>

⁹⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1130346/new-formations>

Qaeda, the Afghan Taliban, TTP, the local Taliban led by Gul Bahadur and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan will emerge which will be challenged by an alliance of JA and its Pakistani affiliates, and breakaway factions of the Afghan Taliban and Hizb-i-Islami. The Haqqanis have not yet indicated which side they will join. Maybe they believe they can play with and manoeuvre both pro- and anti-Pakistan groups. But it will not be possible for them to continue this approach for long because ideological alignments among militants are becoming clearer and eventually they will have to decide which way to go.

Al-Qaeda still a force to reckon with, Amir Mir, *The News*, September 11⁹⁹

[...]Terrorism experts say Zawahiri may be looking to the withdrawal of the US-led Allied Forces from Afghanistan as his best chance to revive al-Qaeda's fortunes. To tell the truth, despite having suffered some major setbacks after Osama's killing, al-Qaeda and its close allies have rebounded in Yemen, Libya, Iraq, and in parts of east and west Africa. Al-Qaeda's presence in Pakistan, where the bulk of the terrorist group's core leadership and many of its fighters fled from Afghanistan in 2001, is even stronger compared with Yemen, Libya or Iraq. Explaining the term "Pakistanisation of al-Qaeda", analysts point out that the Pakistani Taliban can well be described as the foundation on which al-Qaeda's original leadership has been able to survive and adapt in the largely lawless tribal areas of Pakistan.

Death knell for TTP, Amir Mir, *The News*, September 14¹⁰⁰

The Ameer of the Punjabi Taliban Asmatullah Muavia's dramatic decision to discard the TTP umbrella and give up terrorist activities inside Pakistan has come as the last nail in the coffin of the al-Qaeda-linked militant conglomerate which has clearly split into four major groups ever since Mullah Fazlullah's appointment as its Ameer in November 2013. Cracks seem to be widening in the TTP with every passing day since the launch of the June 15 Operation Zarb-e-Azab. The good news is that the ameer of the Punjab Taliban, which was a lethal component of the TTP in terms of its military might, has announced to abandon militancy, unlike the two other splinter groups being led by commander Said Khan Sajna and commander Omar Khalid Khurasani.

Inside Job, Editorial, *The Nation*, September 14¹⁰¹

[...] Operations like Zarb-e-azb will in all probability fail, because one can't really fight fire with fire. The Taliban can survive air strikes and bombings, but they cannot survive without support from people. Sadly, there are a substantial number of people in Pakistan, from all classes and professions, who believe in the Taliban philosophy. With the revelation that the dockyards attack was an inside job, it should be clear to us that our society, and not just parts of the military, has been Talibanised. The Taliban enforce this thinking with weapons. It's just that not everyone picks up weapons, yet have the same theological holdings. There is no debate between our ulema and the Taliban. Those who had difference of opinion, like Ghamidi and Khalid Zaheer, had to leave the country for fear of their life. It remains to be seen what will happen to Qadri once his position

⁹⁹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-272166-Al-Qaeda-still-a-force-to-reckon-with>

¹⁰⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-272673-Death-knell-for-TTP>

¹⁰¹ <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/14-Sep-2014/inside-job>

at the centre of Pakistani politics weakens. If highly trained Naval personnel can join ranks with the Taliban, then there is a bigger problem that the nation has to deal with.

RELATIONS WITH INDIA

India creating hurdles in ADB loan for Bhasha Dam, *The News*, September 8¹⁰²

As a consequence of Indian objections to financing Diamer Bhasha Dam, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is dragging its feet over providing multimillion dollars loans to construct this much-delayed hydropower project with an estimated cost of over \$12 billion, it is learnt. Instead of providing direct access to financing for Basha dam, the ADB has offered Pakistan to get programme loans for budgetary support and then divert them towards its choice project even for Basha dam, but Ishaq Dar has flatly refused to adopt this path by arguing that Pakistan is a sovereign state and possesses the right to get financing for any project as a member state of the ADB.

Indian PM writes letter to Nawaz Sharif, *The News*, September 8¹⁰³

Narendra Modi in a letter written to Nawaz Sharif on 7 expressed great distress that the retreating monsoon rains have played havoc in many parts of the two countries. [...] In this hour of need, the Modi offered any assistance that may need in the relief efforts that will be undertaken by the Government of Pakistan. "Our resources are at your disposal wherever you need them," wrote Narendra Modi to Nawaz Sharif.

Indian citizen missing since agencies took him away: police, *Dawn*, September 10¹⁰⁴

The police told the Peshawar High Court on 9 that an Indian national, who had gone missing in Kohat district in 2012, was taken away by personnel of intelligence agencies from a police station before his mysterious disappearance. During the hearing into the case, investigation officer Sajjad Khan of the Kohat police told Chief Justice Mazhar Alam Miankhel and Justice Ikramullah Khan that the police's Riders Squad had arrested Nehal Hamid Ansari, 28, in the city and shifted him to the KDA police station for interrogation. He said the arrest was made on the information provided by Intelligence Bureau inspector Naeem Khan.

Floodwater release by India amounts to water terrorism, says Siraj, *The News*, September 11¹⁰⁵

Jamaat-i-Islami Ameer Sirajul Haq said India's sudden release of flood water into Pakistan is tantamount to water terrorism and a slap on the face of those who were keen to give Delhi most favorite nation status.

¹⁰² <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32758-India-creating-hurdles-in-ADB-loan-for-Bhasha-Dam>

¹⁰³ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32760-Indian-PM-writes-letter-to-Nawaz-Sharif>

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/08-Sep-2014/pakistan-india-in-flood-aid-diplomacy>

¹⁰⁴ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1131061/indian-citizen-missing-since-agencies-took-him-away-police>

¹⁰⁵ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-272182-Floodwater-release-by-India-amounts-to-water-terrorism-says-Siraj>

7 killed in 140 violations of LoC, WB by India, Daily Times, September 11¹⁰⁶

The Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs on 10 was informed that India has violated 93 ceasefire violations on the LoC and working boundary sine June 2014 (total 140 in 2014), which resulted seven casualties and 29 injured. In 2013, total 414 ceasefire violations by India were recorded on the LoC and 50 on the WB, resulting in 9 military casualties and 18 injuries, and 6 civilian casualties and 62 injuries. The ministry of foreign affairs official Muhmmad Nafees Zakriya further said currently, the violations are spread over an area of 900 kms starting from Gultari sector in the North to Harpal/Charwa Sector in the South. The committee was informed that in 2014, there have been seven casualties and 29 injured on working boundary.

Pakistan, India agree on gas price formula, The News, September 16¹⁰⁷

Islamabad has agreed to a pricing formula for the import of natural gas from India. A high-powered delegation from India had visited Pakistan last month to discuss the pricing issue as all other modalities have been finalised. During earlier rounds of talks in New Delhi in March and April it was decided that officials from Gail India would visit Pakistan in the second week of August. Gail India will source LNG from international suppliers, which will then be regasified at the LNG terminal at Dahej in Gujarat for supply to Pakistan. The pipeline to be used to supply gas to Pakistan would start from western Indian state of Gujarat, would be built by Gail India. In 2012, India had offered to export up to 5 million cubic metres of gas per day to Pakistan for an initial period of five years. The two nations, however, had failed to fix a price.

Xi Jinping's landmark visit to India, Rustam Shah Mohmand, Express Tribune, September 18¹⁰⁸

China's President, Xi Jinping, has undertaken a historic visit to India which many believe will change the direction of the relations between the two countries . The visit — the first by Mr Xi Jinping to India, which started on September 17, will give a new impetus to the multi-dimensional relations between Asia's two great powers. [...]The lesson for Pakistani rulers is that Islamabad's strong and robust relations with China will not weigh heavily with Chinese policymakers in their determination to strike a strategic relationship with India. As China and India launch collective endeavours to reduce poverty and improve the living conditions of one-third of humanity, China will not be obstructed by its close relations with Pakistan. Rather than being overwhelmed by the achievements of the visit of the Chinese leader to India its arch-rival, Pakistan, must also seek to normalise and deepen its relations with India so that in the course of time a China-India-Pakistan-Iran trade bloc could become a reality that would usher in a new dawn of immense opportunities for the poor people of the region.

New trade routes to give a push to Indo-Pak ties, says diplomat, Express Tribune, September 19¹⁰⁹

Indian High Commissioner Dr TCA Raghavan has called on Delhi and Islamabad to talk about opening more trade routes including the Khokhrapar-Monabao border point in a bid to give a push to business ties between the two countries. Speaking to businesspersons at the KCCI, he stressed that Pakistan and India needed a peaceful neighbourhood, a must to overcome the

¹⁰⁶ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/11-Sep-2014/7-killed-in-140-violations-of-loc-wb-by-india>

¹⁰⁷ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32936-Pakistan-India-agree-on-gas-price-formula>

¹⁰⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/764055/president-xi-jinpings-landmark-visit-to-india/>

¹⁰⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/764240/pakistan-india-new-trade-routes-will-give-a-push-to-ties-says-diplomat/>

challenges being faced by the two countries. [...] KCCI President Abdullah Zaki Commenting on commerce between the two sides said trade balance had remained in favour of India. Pakistan exported goods worth \$422.94 million to India in fiscal year 2013-14 against exports worth \$328.62 million a year earlier. On the other hand, goods imported by Pakistan amounted to \$1.758 billion compared to imports valuing \$1.673 billion in 2012-13.

Pak, India need to discuss opening more trade routes, *The Nation*, September 19¹¹⁰

High Commissioner of India, Dr TCA Raghavan said that both countries need to talk about opening up more trade routes including Khokhrapar-Monabao border point in order to facilitate the business communities of both countries. Speaking at a meeting during his visit to Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) on 18, Dr. Raghavan added, *"We need to facilitate and create an enabling environment by ensuring a peaceful neighborhood which is a must to overcome the challenges being faced by Pakistan and India."*

Pakistan not to request India for New York meeting, says official, *The News*, September 24¹¹¹

Pakistan says it will not request a meeting between Nawaz Sharif and Narendra Modi, since it was New Delhi that abruptly cut off the dialogue process and hence made it difficult for Pakistan to take the first step. However, if there is a request from India, Pakistan will not refuse. *"If they do approach us in New York, where anything is possible, then we will make serious efforts to accommodate their request. We are open-minded,"* A senior official said.

PM is out and loud for Kashmir solution, *The Nation*, September 27¹¹²

Nawaz Sharif criticised India in his address to the UN General Assembly in New York on 26 for withdrawing last month from planned peace talks over bilateral issues, including the dispute over Kashmir. *"We were disappointed at the cancellation of the foreign secretary-level talks by India,"* Sharif said. *"The world community, too, rightly saw it as another missed opportunity,"* he remarked. He made an emphatic call for resolution of Jammu and Kashmir conflict as imperative for peace, security and economic uplift of South Asians, saying the region must proceed with more *"dialogue and diplomacy"*. PM Nawaz Sharif also stressed to the world body that Afghanistan currently passing through political and security transitions should become a *"pivot of strategic cooperation, rather than of rivalry."*

FROM THE URDU MEDIA

New Branch Of Al Qaeda, by Ayman al Zawahri, *Nawa-i-Afghan Jihad*, September 2014

Assalamu Alekum to all the Muslim brethren in the world! I want to convey to all my Muslim brethren that with the grace of Allah the Great, we have established one new branch of al Qaeda in the name of *"Jamait-i-Qaeda al Jehad"*, which would be functioning from now onwards in the south Asian region. This is one humble step which would further boost the Shariat rule in the

¹¹⁰ <http://nation.com.pk/business/19-Sep-2014/pak-india-need-to-discuss-opening-more-trade-routes>

¹¹¹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-33082-Pakistan-not-to-request-India-for-New-York-meeting-says-official>

¹¹² <http://nation.com.pk/national/27-Sep-2014/pm-is-out-and-loud-for-kashmir-solution>

Islamic world. The Kafirs have conquered this land and divided and sub-divided it into different fragments.

This Jamat was not established in one day! It was result of repeated efforts of different jihadi groups whose efforts continued for last two years. This jamat will function under the central command of Jamait al Qaeda, which is an army consisting of several armies! Its Emir is Mullah Mohammed Umar Mujahid Hifzullah...This organization is staunch follower of Osama bin Laden's world-wide movement whose aim is oneness of Allah and fight against enemies of Islam and seeks independence of all occupied territories of enemies.

*Its ultimate aim is establishment of Caliphate under the banner of a Calipha...*The establishment of this new branch of al Qaeda is good news for all the Muslims around the world. At the moment, dawaa (invitation for joining Islam) under the banner of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has been travelling far and wide and has gone miles ahead! ... This Emirate with force of faith, confidence, patience and sacrifice has withstood the onslaught of enemy so much so that God almighty has crowned it with victory and has dominated over all the forces who made tall claims (bogus claims) on the battle field....

So all my mujahideen brethren, please rise above all your petty differences and squabbles and march forward and hold the God's thread with all your strength. We should throw away all these petty quarrels and sectarian differences. This Jamaat has come into existence so that all Muslim brethren should remain united and without patience and perseverance erase all the barriers (impediments) created by Britishers and resolve their differences amongst ourselves.

In conclusion of my discussion I would like to suggest to my Mujahid brethren to take courage and move forward! Jihad is one of the surest means/ways to reach Allah the great and it is a very important means through which we could go to Heaven!

Oh People of Faith, Fight in the Path of Allah, *Nawa-i-Afghan Jihad*, September 2014.

O my victorious Muslim nations, come out of your houses and listen to the good news in the name of God!.....Now we want to assure you that branches of Jamaat al Qaeda al Jihad have been widespread throughout the world. And with the grace and Blessings of Allah the great we would go on propagating the Kalma i.e. tenets of Quran (Islam) till all the world is governed by only Sharia laws, i.e., Allah's religion, *so much so that each and every part of the world is liberated and knowledge of Quran and success of jihad is spread over from Ghazni to Kashgar, Samarkand and Bukhara, Kabul, Manila, Jakarta, Baghdad, Damascus, Mecca, Medina, Mogadishu, Algeria, Egypt, and Malaysia, so that through Islamic conquest we liberate Spain and Aqsa mosque and all other occupied territories and see to it that these lands are not subjugated by any power!*

In our first edition we sent our *message to our tormented oppressed Muslim brethren: "We are all with you. We have not forgotten you! Your blood is our blood. Your sufferings and wounds are our wounds. I can assure your widowed ladies and all those martyred, our sisters, brothers and sons, we will seek "blood for blood" and devastation for devastation. We will avenge all these heinous crimes and excesses/tyrannies*

committed upon our gullible Muslims by hostile forces in Pakistan, Middle Africa, Burma, Ahmedabad, Nigeria, Jale, Philipples, West Bank. These are entirely Muslim areas and these excesses committed by enemy forces would never be forgiven.

God be merciful upon the lions fighting in Chechenya who have faced tyrannies perpetrated by Soviet forces for last 450 years! God may give them strength and keep their morale high to carry on their struggle. God may give strength to brave hearts who are fighting in Turkestan. Our mujahideen in Indonesia also gave their blood for the sake of Islam. God may also keep safe our brave hearts who are fighting in Iraq, who are fighting against pro-American government.

We also wish that Allah the Great may keep safe and secure our Mujahideen in Syria who are now marching towards Damascus! From here, they will move towards al Aqsa mosque. God may also give strength and courage to those Muslim brethren who resisted tyranny and did not succumb to Christian devils, who are committing all kinds of excesses, imprisonment, murder and humiliations!

God may also keep safe our Muslim fighters in Egypt, who are stopping the American and Christian oppression so that Allah's name— voice of Islam resounds throughout the Egypt. Allah the great may also take care of the mujahideen of Islam in East Africa, who are fighting for defence of Islamic nation. These brave soldiers of Islam are sacrificing their lives for the cause of Islam and stopping the onslaught of Christian tyrants. May God almighty also shower his blessings and give strength to our Muslim brethren who are in continuous war with the desert of Maghrab and Yemen.

Pak Govt's Secret Talks With Israel by Usman Yousuf. *Nawa-i-Afghan Jihad*, September 2014.

Pakistan has, now a days, become a front for modern day crusaders. In this war of right vs. wrong the disciples of unholy Pakistan army have accused Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan to be "agents" of Israel and for this they have no proof. ...In this article, we would examine the secret meetings which took place between Pakistan and Israel...First of all, let us talk about former Pak army chief – Pervez Musharraf, *who was the first to announce publicly that the diplomatic relations with Israel would be an advantage for Pakistan!* He was the first Pakistani leader, who gave an interview to Israeli magazine "Haartez" in London. In this interview, he advocated that Pakistan should recognize Israel and resume diplomatic relations with them!

Now we would examine the reports which will highlight Pakistan's relations with Israel. One Israeli official, Dr.Moshe Yagar, while serving in Foreign Service from 1956-95, published a Research Paper on 25 Oct. 2007, which says that *in 1949 several Israelis were of the opinion that they should have diplomatic relations with Pakistan so as to enable them to have access to free trade.*

On 2 Sept 2005, there was a *meeting between Pakistani Foreign Minister Kasoori and Israeli Foreign Minister Salon Shalom in Istanbul.* Shalom said that the meeting was very encouraging! And the *journalists present at the meeting considered it as a Pakistani gift.* On 17th of the month, Pervez Musharraf attended a dinner organized by American Jewish Congress in New York. At the meet,

leaders of several Jewish *tanzeems* also participated and heard Musharraf's speech. Further details could be found in Daniel Pipes, "Musharraf's historic speech in New York", *Haaretz*, 18 Sep 2005.

According to Wikileaks, ISI chief *Ahmed Shuja Pasha called on U.S. Ambassador on 1st October, 2009 and gave him a message to be delivered to Foreign Office in Washington: "We have got news about the militants planning attacks against India, which are likely to be conducted in Sept- November. He was in perfect rapport with Israeli interest in Bharat and also possible attacks on Israeli interests in India. Thereafter, Israel accordingly instructed their nationals to restrict their visits and not to take un-important tours of India. (Wiki leaks, "Pakistan-tipped off Israel on terror threats to India 1.32 8259).*

Will Ghani-Abdullah agreement bring stability to Afghanistan?, Editorial , *Nawa-i-Waqt*, 22 September 2014.¹¹³

Yesterday an agreement has emerged between two rival presidential candidates in Afghanistan – Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah on sharing power of the country. Under this, Ghani would be President of Afghanistan while Abdullah would function as Chief Executive. This post would be equal to a Prime Minister's post. By signing this agreement, the long pending dispute on presidential election comes to an end.

Presidential election in Afghanistan has special significance in the context of withdrawal of NATO forces by the end of this year. This has caused strong apprehensions not only in Afghanistan and India but also in Pakistan. *Needless to say that this very thought has upset the present Pakistani rulers and it is genuinely feared that withdrawal of forces from the fragile Afghanistan by year end might ruin the unstable Afghan government and would ultimately pave way for the Taliban, who would ultimately try to gain full control of the country and this region would become stage for anarchical rule by Shariat rule of Taliban!* To avoid this situation, President Karzai has been asking U.S. forces to further extend their stay in the country and thus save country from the scourge of Taliban militants. During Obama's sudden visit to Afghanistan, President Karzai, in lieu of 2 billion dollars agreed upon stay of NATO forces for ten more years. He also sought US support the candidature of his brother to be next President of Afghanistan, which United States declined. *Instead they wanted their own person Abdullah to be the next president.*

As we know, in the presidential elections, Abdullah could not secure more than 50% of votes, which is a pre-requisite for President as per constitutional provisions. Hence there was re-run of elections, which gave Ashraf Ghani more votes than his rival. This was challenged by Abdulla Abdulla like Imran Khan in Pakistan's elections. With U.S.[John Kerry] intervention both candidates agreed upon re-counting wherein Abdul Ghani emerged as victor. Despite having won maximum votes, Abdul Ghani agreed to share power with Abdullah and appoint him a Chief Executive Officer – equivalent to a Prime Minister.

It has generally observed that on several important issues of national importance, both the leaders have divergent view which may not be in the national interest. It was America's intensive

¹¹³ <http://www.nawai-waqt.compk/E-paper/Lahore/2014-0922/p.14/detail> 7

efforts, which came out with the creation of a new post, which even does not exist in the present constitution of Afghanistan. So there is a need to incorporate an amendment to the Afghan Constitution. All said and done, now the 1st priority for Uncle Sam is to perpetuate its authority even after withdrawal of Nato forces. *For this, U.S. wants Afghanistan govt. to sign National Security Agreement. No one could foresee if Abdul Ghani may, like his predecessor refuse to sign on the dotted line of this Agreement.*

India's barbarity on water resources, Daily Ummat, Hafiz Mohammad Sayeed , 26 Sept. 2014.

Water and life are two important components without which none can exist. History bears witness that the great civilizations like Harrapa and Mohen-jo-Daro and Draz civilizations became extinct due to paucity of war as the rivers changed their flow. Water resources are important ingredients upon which great civilizations flourish. And sometimes excess flow of waters also destroys the cities. But you would rarely find instances where on one hand there is drought and on the other there is excessive flood which completely destroys the cities. In short, floods and droughts are witnessed at the same time in a country, which is Pakistan. The onus of this calamity is on India.

India is a country which has from the beginning controlled the waters of these rivers and he has been using this as a strong weapon against Pakistan. Though Indians do not accept this reason, they have been constructing the biggest dam on the Kargil mountainous region. *This will obviously affect the life and living conditions in Pakistan. In this way, India is the biggest enemy of Pakistan! They cannot tolerate our existence and they are go ahead with their intrigues and conspiracies to destroy us. At the moment we will only focus on Indian conspiracy about the provision of water resources.* Leaving aside River Kabul, all other rivers of Pakistan flow from Jammu and Kashmir. *That is why our Quaid-e-Azam had declared Jammu and Kashmir as jugular vein of Pakistan. On 27 October 1947, Bharat and the British carried out their attack on the jugular vein of Pakistan, which meant to control the waters flowing towards Pakistan.*

Apart from Jammu and Kashmir, the *other water works were located in Gurdaspur and Ferozepur and that is why these districts were included in Punjab* (Pakistan side). We faced the enmity from Indian side because of this. On 1 April 1948, India attacked Madhovpur headworks. The water which irrigated areas in Lahore were closed. People were forced to evacuate and thousands of cattle died. As a result, 20 million acres of land became dry in one week. Lakhs of people became victims of famine. No military in the world can destroy any land with bombs and rockets like India can devastate our country by stopping/sabotaging the flow of rivers towards Pakistan. Doubts expressed 63 years ago by David Lieventhal (about Indian intensions) are proving to be correct now.

As we know, the rains came in the beginning of September this year only for four days. But it is very strange that the rains which continued for these four days are not stopping anywhere. The reason being that India released 12 lakhs cusecs of water into the Chenab river.

As a result, the conditions have so much worsened that in 21 districts (out of 36 districts of Punjab, more than 17 lakhs of people have been severely affected by these floods. Water has entered inside dozens of cities/towns. Thousands of houses/buildings have been destroyed and several

bridges, roads and streets have been washed away with the flood waters. Lives of peasants have been severally affected. The cattle and livestock have been washed away in the flood. Thus it would be seen that their life-long savings have been washed away and they are at point Zero! One cannot even fathom the quantum of loss caused by this unprecedented flood.

The figures reveal that 413 villages of Jhang, 400 villages of Muzzafargarh, 349 villages of Jhelum, 300 villages of Sargodha, 262 villages of Zafar wal Narowal, 190 villages of Sialkot, 180 villages of Shekhopura, 155 villages of Hafizabad Pindi are all under water. Out of these several villages have been completely wiped out. Figures show that no such calamity visited Pakistan during the last 70 years! Same is the condition in Wazirabad and Narang Mandi areas. The fury of the floods was so severe that we had to break the barrages/embankments on several locations to save the rest of places like head Termoon and Jhang. Although these areas were saved, the waters of Chenab entered inside Tehsil Athara Hazaee and Tehsil Ahmedpore Syal. In short, the fury of Chenab floods caused unprecedented devastation in the towns of Punjab.

If we calculate the quantum of damage done by recent floods in every villages, taluqa and district of Punjab, it will take one or two years to make the real assessment of the losses occurred and lives lost. By that time, India would venture to release more waters in the rivers and thus cause havoc in Pakistan. The fact remains that by creating artificial floods India has thrust a war-like situation upon us, which is more dangerous than fighting on the border!

When India constructs a dam on a river, it is not a dam but a battle-ground i.e. site for waging war with the enemy! And if this practice continues further, God forbid, those days are not far off when we would be deprived of electricity as well as water. Our very existence would be in danger! Now the question arises as to how long would this continue? Would India be always destroying our lands, our standing crops, our livestock? Let us not forget that 70 per cent of our population lives in villages. If floods visit us every year, then 70 per cent of our villages would be washed away every year! This would obviously entail losses running into millions/billions of rupees every year. Why our rulers are not conscious of this loss? All these losses would obviously boost the morale of our neighbour. We should express these views in the UN Security Council.

The only hope in this marooned situation is that our military and politicians, especially the administrative machinery are very active in helping the people affected by the floods. *But this is not the solution to the problem which India is causing by thrusting artificial floods on us. We can, in such a situation, give a call for waging a war. We cannot remain silent on this issue. Pakistan, at present, is confronted with a war-like situation. The offer of help extended by Indian authorities is no less than a joke and adding salt to our wounds! We should be serious about the problem. We should ask our rulers to forget their petty quarrels and rise above these mutual differences and remain united at the hour of calamity...and we should make all efforts to preserve our integrity.*

One more drone attack, Editorial, *Daily Dunya*, 26 September 2014¹¹⁴

Reports suggest that on September 24, Wednesday, US spy planes carried out attacks on suspected areas of Lavada Mandi – border area of Tehsil Datta Khel in North Waziristan. Spy planes targeted suspected hideouts of terrorists and their vehicles by lobbing 4 missiles. As a result, 11 persons including two militants were killed and two others wounded. It is believed that the deceased belonged to Hafiz Gul Bahadur group....Foreign Ministry has condemned this attack and made it clear to the US authorities that these attacks were unlawful and illegal from international point of view and ultimately damage the US-Pak relations!

It has been observed that despite several protests made by Pak authorities over drone attacks, *the Obama administration has not paid any heed to it, which has been an irritant in US-Pak relations and come in the way of bringing peace to this tumultuous region. As we know, Pakistani army is engrossed in Zarb-e-Azb operation in North Waziristan and now there are visible results emerging from it. During last three months, there is a significant 'lull' in the militants' activities in Pakistan. But it has been seen that as and when an opportunity arises, militants try to make their presence felt and carry out their attacks against security forces...Zarb-e-Arb has obviously broken the backbone of the terrorists. Secondly, as compared to earlier times, the security arrangements are better now! From the analytical point of view, one could now argue that drone attacks are unnecessary. However, if Uncle Sam is bent upon carrying out these illegal attacks, this could, in a way, further sentiments of 'terrorism' amongst the masses, who might join hands with terrorists. This will nullify the results of "Zarb-e-Azb" operation, which has infused terror in the minds of terrorists, so much so that they are thinking of bidding farewell to arms! If the US continues with its drone attacks, terrorists might change their minds and vow to fight more intensely. America should forthwith stop drone attacks. President Obama should remember that if there would be no peace and stability along the Pak-Afghanistan border, the entire South Asia region would be in peril!*

Rizwan Akhtar appointed as new chief of ISI, Editorial, *Daily Dunya*, 24 September 2014¹¹⁵

Lt.General Rizwan Akhtar has superseded 6 major generals and has been appointed as Chief of top security agency – Inter Services Intelligence. At present Akhtar was functioning as Chief of Sindh Rangers and would replace Lt. General Zaheerul Islam. Lt. Gen Akhtar was commissioned in the year 1982 and joined Frontier Force Regiment. He has also served as Commandant of Staff College Quetta, N.D.U. Islamabad. He has also done a graduation course from Army War College in America.

As Chief of Sindh Rangers, he acted successfully against terrorists and several criminal groups. In the military quarters, he is known for his non-interfering and impartial attitude towards the civilian government. There prevails a general impression that he believes in maintaining close rapport with the civilian government. In year-2008, he wrote his graduation thesis while at Army War College at US, *which says that the greatest challenge faced by Pakistan was how to improve relations with India in a gradual manner.* From this, one could get a hint of his pious intentions to help the civilian government in Pakistan to go ahead with process of dialogue with India.

¹¹⁴ e.dunyaconpk.detail.php?date=2014-09-26&Edition=LHRid=1305370-03647814.

¹¹⁵ e.dunya.conpk/detail.php?date 2014-09-24 & edition LHRs id=1301502-72552609

Needless to say that the ISI Chief in Pakistan plays a key role with regard to (i) internal security, (ii) relations with neighbours i.e. Afghanistan and India. So one could comprehend that Chief of ISI would be facing important challenges in the days/years to come. Meanwhile, it is hoped that with his unbiased approach and dedicated performance he would ably confront these challenges.

Agreement on Power Sharing in Afghanistan, Khaled Naved Bhatti, *Ausaf*, 6 September 2014.¹¹⁶

By signing Agreement on power-sharing, Dr.A Ghani and Abdullah have brought an end to political crisis brewing in Afghanistan for last few months. This has been welcomed by various leaders of world community including Pakistan. ...While addressing the media persons on this occasion, President Karzai said that Afghan people were very anxiously waiting for this occasion. The political crisis in Afghanistan emerged on 14th June, when counting started for the 2nd stage in the selection of President. In this counting, the Election Commission announced on 7th July that Dr. Ghani got 56.7% of votes and was ahead in the race while Abdullah polled 43% of votes. These election results were not accepted by Abdullah and he alleged massive rigging in the elections. Incidentally, the turn-out of voters in the 2nd round was 3 times more than the 1st round of elections. Even the women folk were more enthusiastic and came out in large number for voting in the 2nd round of voting! To be brief, both candidates accused each other of rigging which resulted in serious political crisis which gradually assumed dangerous proportions.

The United States, on the other hand was very much concerned, mainly because the time of withdrawal of its forces from the country was coming closer. Secondly, the US wanted the new Afghan President to sign Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) so that even after the withdrawal of U.S. forces (10,000 soldiers) could stay on in Afghanistan so that they (i) could fight militancy and (2) impart requisite training to the Afghan military to enable them to contain the onslaught of imminent Taliban attacks.

President Karzai refused to sign the BSA. He purposely left it to the next incumbent. Despite U.S. govt's warning, Karzai did not budge from his stand and declined to sign the Agreement. The political pundits are of the opinion that this sudden change in Karzai's attitude was due to following: (i) Last year, the US, without taking Karzai into confidence resumed dialogue with Taliban in Qatar, and (ii) it also permitted the Taliban to open an Office in Doha. This issue infuriated Karzai so much that he insisted on removal of Taliban's flag from the venue for talks and stopped the participation of Afghan Peace Council in the dialogue. The US was very much disappointed with Karzai. Incidentally, both presidential candidates –Ghani and Abdullah- during their election campaign had clearly indicated that they would sign the BSA.

To defuse the political situation, US Secretary of State John Kerry, came forward and resolved this problem under a "mutual agreement" signed by the two contenders. However, several observers have expressed their apprehensions about the undefined role of the Chief Executive because there is no provision of Chief Executive in the Afghan constitution. As per provisions of Constitution, Ashraf Ghani would be exercising its full authority in the governance of the country. This could give rise to several administrative problems between the two positions. *Nevertheless, Uncle Sam is*

¹¹⁶ <http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2014-09-06.jpg>

not worried about these irritants. It is mainly concerned with the signature on the dotted line of the BSA. The political atmosphere is now conducive for this and the road ahead is clear for Uncle Sam!

White Lies by President Barack Obama, *Daily Ausaf*, by Mehtab Khan, 26 September 2014.¹¹⁷

U.S. President Barack Obama said that the United States had no enmity with Islam but the Muslim world would have to undergo a "change". Sectarian allegiance/ loyalty and terrorism are two big problems faced by the Muslim world at present and the US will assist the Muslim world to solve these problems.

America as we know is a big country (in size). The lies told by its President are big ones too. Otherwise, who (including Obama) does not know that the Muslim world is set on fire by Barack Obama himself! Founder of al Qaeda is America and it is confronted with its own creation! Now, Al Qaeda has been replaced by ISIS. Uncle Sam is the director-cum-producer of this drama! Al Qaeda has lost its original charm and fervour. Therefore, the US has now created ISIS. It is the brainchild of America and no one else! It is incumbent upon everyone in the Muslim world to know as to why Uncle Sam is resorting to these dirty tricks! And why its only target is the "Muslim World".

There are two reasons for this. First – that after every three decades Uncle Sam wants to have some strong opponent in this world so that there prevails some sense of fear as well as war-phobia in the minds of people. *And out of this fear, several countries would want to accumulate military hardware to be well-equipped to face the insecure situation in days to come. So there is spurt in sale of military hardware and armaments and United States which is sole agent, rather the biggest shopkeeper of military equipment, becomes more wealthy and strong!* In the past too, with this objective in mind, Uncle Sam was occupied with several decades of hot and cold war with the Communists! In Vietnam, the U.S. was engaged in the dirtiest war possible for more than 12 years and in the end destroyed Vietnam. Thereafter, Uncle Sam selected Afghanistan, wherein through its devilish strategy, it lured Russia into Afghanistan. It persuaded Zia ul Haq to participate in this game and dumped heavy arms and ammunition. *The result was that gullible Afghan and Pakistani soldiers and civilians became the target of Russian guns. Thousands of innocent Muslims were thrown in the line of fire in Afghanistan and who gained in the end?* In this game, the U.S. emerged as the victor. After the dismemberment of Russia, innocent Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovnia became targets of Christian frenzy! Thus, the advantage went to Uncle Sam! And who knows whether Uncle Sam would, sooner or later, start sectarian war in Pakistan also?

One more aspect which is required to be understood is that if the United States wants anything it can get it! It is capable of conquering anything, do anything as per its whims and fancies! At the moment, it wants to be in control of drugs and in this venture, like a devout worshipper it is keen to perform its duties with full dedication and devotion, for the simple reason that it knows that once it controls the drugs, it would obviously reduce the dominating power and pelf of these drugs-producing countries! But ironically, it does not make any effort to reduce/control the spread of arms in these kingdoms because all these developments take place outside the

¹¹⁷ http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2014-09-26/p.14_03jpg.

geographical limits of United States and Europe. So in a way, all these years, Uncle Sam has been engrossed in hatching plots to establish its hegemony and also wage wars thousands of miles away from Washington, where the smell of gunpowder cannot reach.

Now Uncle Sam is playing malicious game in Muslim world with the sole aim of playing the role of a dictator in Muslim world. *It is scared at the same time that if at any point in time, there emerges a truly Islamic country in the region, however small it may be, it would sound the death knell for the United States. In a way, it is very much concerned with, rather frightened by, the spread of Islam in the 21st century!*

Speech of Indian Prime Minister : Far from Reality, Editorial, *Daily Dunya*, 29 September 2014.¹¹⁸ Indian Prime Minister Modi while addressing the U.N. General Assembly said that he was prepared to talk provided Pakistan was serious about the talks and it should create a conducive atmosphere before the talks could be resumed. He also said that Kashmir was a bilateral problem and bringing this issue before UNGA would not solve the problem. A day before Pak Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif accepted that there should be a conducive atmosphere for talks. And until and unless "K" problem was resolved, there will be no peace in the South Asia region. History shows that 67 years ago, it was India who brought this issue to the United Nations where it focussed on the miserable plight of Kashmiri people, but now it has gone back on its promise! The second aspect of this issue is that by bringing the K issue before the UN, India has agreed that Pakistan was party to the dispute. So Pakistan was legally and morally bound to get people of Kashmir right for self- determination.

¹¹⁸ http://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=20140929&edition=LHR&id=1309117_73002744

STATISTICS

BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Balochistan				
Turbat	1/9/2014	12 terrorists were killed and one FC personnel martyred in exchange of fire	13	0
Noshki district ¹¹⁹	7/9/2014	Five gunmen were killed and four security personnel injured when a pick-up carrying explosives blew up during a shootout.	5	4
Quetta ¹²⁰	14/9/2014	Three people, among them a security man, were killed and 24 others injured in a bomb blast.	3	24
Sibbi ¹²¹	27/9/2014	A man was killed while fourteen others were injured when a blast occurred.	1	14
FATA				
Jamrud ¹²²	1/9/2014	An official of the Khassadar Force was killed and five others sustained injuries in an attack.	1	5
Bajaur ¹²³	7/9/2014	At least three persons sustained injuries when three consecutive powerful bombs went off in Chaharmung and Purchamkand suburbs.	0	3
Khyber Agency ¹²⁴	8/9/2014	Two militants were killed and five others injured in	2	0

¹¹⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1130413/five-killed-as-vehicle-blown-up>

¹²⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1131867/fc-man-among-three-killed-in-quetta-blast>

¹²¹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-160955-One-killed,-14-injured-in-Sibbi-blast>

¹²² <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-270338-Khassadar-killed-in-Jamrud-attack>

¹²³ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2014/three-injured-in-consecutive-blasts-in-bajaur>

¹²⁴ <http://nation.com.pk/national/08-Sep-2014/2-li-militants-die-in-khyber-clash>

Spinwam area ¹²⁵	15/9/2014	an armed clash between volunteers of Akakhel Peace Committee and Bara-based defunct Lashkar-e-Islam Three FC men were killed and two others were wounded in a rocket attack.	3	2
Bara ¹²⁶	15/9/2014	Three suspected militants and two civilians were killed in an exchange of fire between security forces and militants.	5	0
Bannu ¹²⁷	19/9/2014	Two policemen and three militants were killed after exchange of firing.	5	0
Bara ¹²⁸	20/9/2014	Four suspected militants were killed when their vehicle was hit by a bomb blast	4	0
Khyber Agency ¹²⁹	27/9/2014	Political Agent Khyber Agency Shehab Ali Shah confirmed the killing of four terrorists who were affiliated with TTP.	4	0
Punjab				
Sargodha ¹³⁰	7/9/2014	Armed terrorists attacked, Agency's brigadier, two others killed and severely injuring seven others in firing at religious ceremony	3	7
Lahore ¹³¹	19/9/2014	A police official was shot dead at Akbar Chowk, Lahore while another was injured.	1	1

¹²⁵ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/15-Sep-2014/3-fc-men-killed-in-khyber-agency-attack>

¹²⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1132057/three-militants-killed-in-bara>

¹²⁷ <http://nation.com.pk/national/19-Sep-2014/two-cops-3-militants-killed-in-bannu>

¹²⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1133124/four-militants-killed-in-bara-blast>

¹²⁹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/27-Sep-2014/khyber-pa-confirms-killing-of-4-ttp-li-terrorists>

¹³⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32735-Agency-s-brigadier-two-others-killed-in-firing-at-religious-ceremony>

¹³¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/764408/policeman-shot-dead-in-lahore/>

Gujranwala ¹³²	28/9/2014	Two gunmen and an assistant sub-inspector were killed and a passer-by was injured in firing between police and the gunmen.	3	1
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa				
Panjgur ¹³³	7/9/2014	Two persons died and one sustained injuries during a raid by the Frontier Corps in Panjgur.	2	1
Peshawar ¹³⁴	7/9/2014	A Sikh trader was shot dead.	1	0
Peshawar ¹³⁵	10/9/2014	Three persons were shot dead, while bodies of two persons were found in different incidents.	5	0
Tank ¹³⁶	12/9/2014	Unidentified terrorists shot dead a peace committee member.	1	0
Badhbher ¹³⁷	12/9/2014	A terrorist was killed during an exchange of fire with police in Badhbher.	1	0
Charsadda ¹³⁸	14/9/2014	A member of Tablighee Jamaat was killed and his brother injured when they were caught in crossfire between two groups.	1	1
Kulachi Tehsil ¹³⁹	15/9/2014	A local commander of the outlawed TTP was killed in an encounter.	1	0
DI Khan ¹⁴⁰	16/9/2014	Two brothers of a senior cop were killed and another sustained injuries when militants attacked house.	2	0

¹³² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1134850/two-gunmen-asi-killed-in-encounter>

¹³³ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2014/two-killed-in-fc-raid>

¹³⁴ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/07-Sep-2014/sikh-trader-shot-dead-in-peshawar>

¹³⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1131062/three-shot-dead-two-bodies-found-in-peshawar>

¹³⁶ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/12-Sep-2014/peace-member-gunned-down>

¹³⁷ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/12-Sep-2014/terrorist-killed-in-peshawar>

¹³⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1131905/preacher-killed-in-charsadda-crossfire>

¹³⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1132105/ttp-man-killed-in-police-encounter-in-di-khan>

¹⁴⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-273108-Militants-kill-two-brothers-of-senior-cop-in-DI-Khan>

Kabal tehsil ¹⁴¹	16/9/2014	Suspected militants shot dead three peace volunteers	3	0
Peshawar ¹⁴²	17/9/2014	A person was killed when unknown armed persons opened firing near a mausoleum of Abdul Shakoor Malang Baba.	1	0
Peshawar ¹⁴³	18/9/2014	Unidentified attackers killed a police official of prison department near his residence.	1	0
Peshawar ¹⁴⁴	24/9/2014	A suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden car into a convoy of Frontier Corps in the high security zone inside the cantonment.	5	0
Sindh				
Karachi ¹⁴⁵	1/9/2014	Four people were injured in an explosion.	0	4
Karachi ¹⁴⁶	3/9/2014	Four people including three political workers were shot dead in various violent incidents.	4	5
Karachi ¹⁴⁷	5/9/2014	Seven people, including two policemen, were killed and six others injured in different incidents of violence	7	0
Karachi ¹⁴⁸	8/9/2014	Two people including a cop were gunned down in separate acts of target killing	2	0
Karachi ¹⁴⁹	10/9/2014	A man and his young	2	0

¹⁴¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1132282/three-peace-volunteers-shot-dead-in-swat>

¹⁴² <http://nation.com.pk/national/17-Sep-2014/one-killed-after-militants-open-firing-at-shrine>

¹⁴³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1132692/policeman-killed-in-peshawar>

¹⁴⁴ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/24-Sep-2014/peshawar-suicide-attack-on-fc-kills-five>

¹⁴⁵ <http://nation.com.pk/karachi/01-Sep-2014/4-hurt-in-karachi-blast>

¹⁴⁶ www.dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/03-Sep-2014/ke-driver-shot-dead-three-others-killed

¹⁴⁷ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/05-Sep-2014/two-cops-among-seven-killed-in-violence>

¹⁴⁸ <http://nation.com.pk/karachi/08-Sep-2014/cop-among-2-fall-prey-to-karachi-target-killing>

¹⁴⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1130963/man-nephew-shot-dead-in-sectarian-attack>

Karachi ¹⁵⁰	11/9/2014	nephew were gunned down in an Orangi Town area apparently in an attack on sectarian grounds. Eminent religious scholar and son-in-law of Mufti Naeem of the Jamia Binoria, Maulana Masood Baig, was gunned down by armed assailants near the KDA Chowrangi in North Nazimabad.	1	0
Hydrabad ¹⁵¹	15/9/2014	Unidentified miscreants gunned down the head of a local Shia organisation.	1	0
Karachi ¹⁵²	15/9/2014	A worker of the ASWJ was shot dead in Ittehad Town.	1	0
Malir ¹⁵³	18/9/2014	seven alleged members of the TTP were killed by the police	7	0
Karachi ¹⁵⁴	19/9/2014	A professor of Islam known for his liberal religious views was shot dead.	1	0
Mirpurkhas ¹⁵⁵	24/9/2014	A homeopath belonging to the Ahmadi community was killed at his clinic.	1	0
Karachi ¹⁵⁶	26/9/2014	A car bomb attack in Defence Housing Authority area of Karachi killed two people and wounded six others.	2	6
Karachi ¹⁵⁷	27/9/2014	Four persons including a woman were killed and three persons injured in separate firing and violent incidents.	4	3

¹⁵⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32808-Jamia-Binoria-scholar-gunned-down-in-Karachi>

¹⁵¹ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/15-Sep-2014/shia-leader-shot-dead-in-hyderabad>

¹⁵² www.dawn.com/news/1131994/aswj-worker-shot-dead-in-ittehad-town

¹⁵³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/763637/sketchy-details-seven-alleged-ttp-members-killed-in-encounter/>

¹⁵⁴ <http://nation.com.pk/national/19-Sep-2014/liberal-professor-gunned-down-in-karachi>

¹⁵⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1133884/ahmadi-doctor-killed-in-mirpurkhas>

¹⁵⁶ <http://nation.com.pk/national/26-Sep-2014/karachi-car-bomb-kills-two-injures-ssp>

¹⁵⁷ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-160949-Four-including-a-woman-killed-in-Karachi-violence>

Zerb-E-Azb				
Datta Khel ¹⁵⁸	10/9/2014	Six militants were killed and a soldier of Pakistan Army and a civilian also embraced martyrdom in the fight against militants in Datta Khel during clearance operation.	8	0
Datta Khel ¹⁵⁹	11/9/2014	Sixty-five terrorists were killed and their five hideouts destroyed in air strikes.	65	0
Tabai area ¹⁶⁰	16/9/2014	Military air strikes on killed at least 15 suspected militants	15	0
Tirah Valley ¹⁶¹	17/9/2014	34 militants were killed in airstrikes and ground attacks.	34	0
Datta Khel ¹⁶²	18/9/2014	Forty suspected militants, among them an unspecified number of foreigners, were killed and five terrorist hideouts destroyed.	40	0
NWA ¹⁶³	19/9/2014	23 suspected terrorists were killed and several hideouts destroyed in fresh air strikes	23	0
Pasht Ziarat ¹⁶⁴	24/9/2014	Clashes in Khyber Agency. The army claimed to have killed 19 militants in three air strikes on suspected hideouts.	19	0
Tihar Valley ¹⁶⁵	25/9/2014	Thirteen militants Tariq Afridi group, among them two leaders, were killed	13	0

¹⁵⁸ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32804-Six-terrorists-soldier-civilian-killed-in-NWA>

¹⁵⁹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32805-65-terrorists-killed-in-air-strikes-on-Shawal-Dattakhel>

¹⁶⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32922-15-more-terrorists-killed-in-fresh-NWA-air-strikes>

¹⁶¹ <http://nation.com.pk/national/17-Sep-2014/air-blitz-clashes-kill-34-militants>

¹⁶² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1132643/40-militants-killed-in-north-waziristan>

¹⁶³ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/19-Sep-2014/zarb-e-azb-23-terrorists-killed-in-nwa-strikes>

¹⁶⁴ www.dawn.com/news/1133962/19-militants-killed-in-n-waziristan-says-ispr

¹⁶⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1134219/two-taliban-leaders-among-13-killed-in-tirah>

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