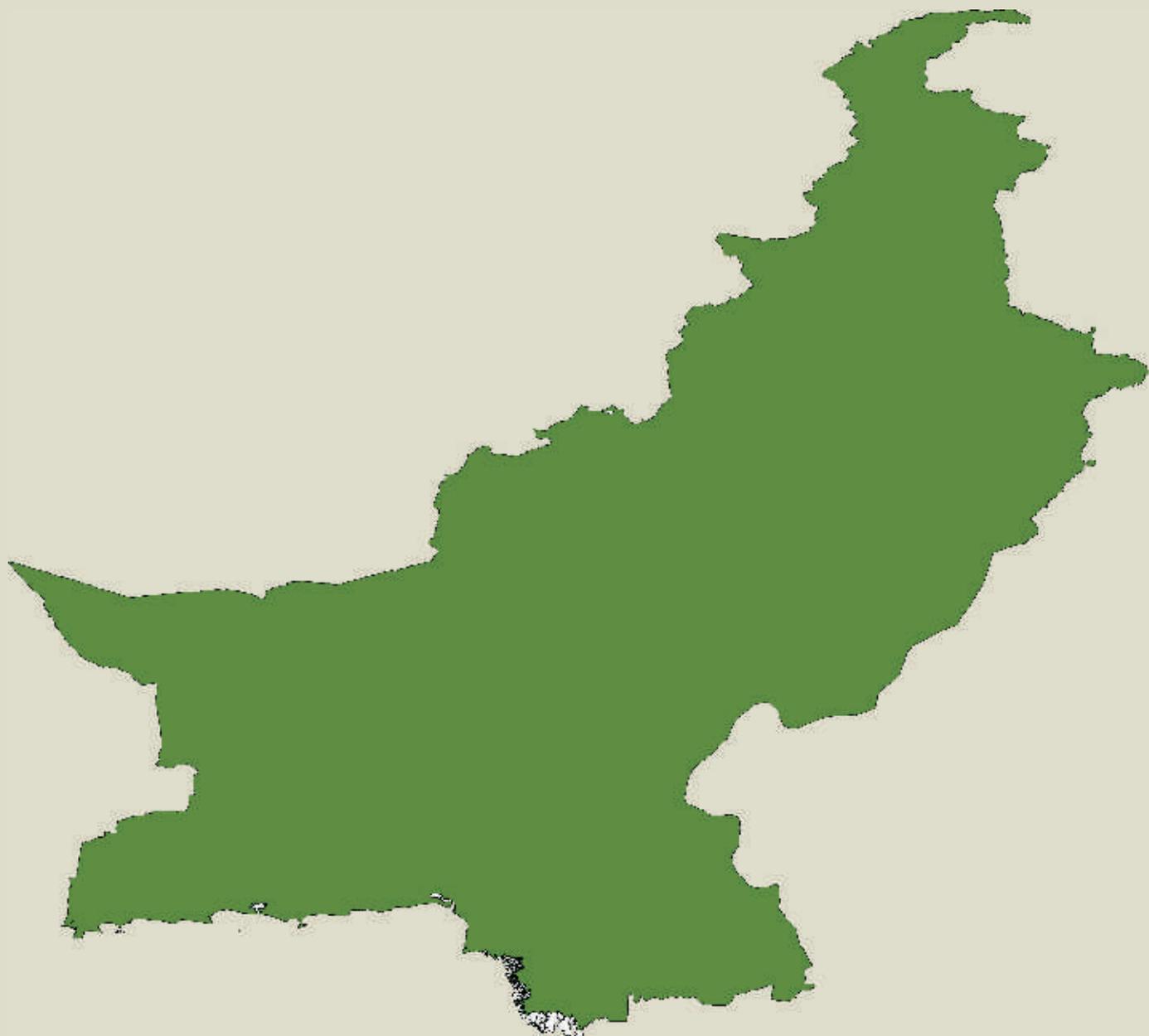


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## ABBREVIATIONS

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

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The political deadlock over Panamagate continues. The ruling elite, despite all their efforts, could not find a way to pacify the opposition on the issue. Both, the opposition and the PML-N agree to have judicial investigation of the matter. However, they differ on the Terms of References (ToRs) of any such judicial commission. The opposition is united in its attack on the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. The PPP co-chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has demanded transparent probe; Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan called Nawaz the "King of Corruption", and the Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) leadership has suggested that the Army should lead the probe. Recently, former Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani too made a statement asking Nawaz Sharif to follow his approach and step down.

The PML-N's response has been quite predictable. It has termed the opposition's ToRs as person-specific. It seems, the PML-N is ready for a judicial probe which investigates all the Pakistanis named in the Panama leaks, rather than focus mainly on Nawaz Sharif's family. It had earlier suggested the Chief Justice of the Apex court to decide the ToRs on its own. However, Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali has out rightly rejected this suggestion. The Chief Justice has pushed PML-N to negotiate the ToRs with the opposition only.

### **Right-wing assertive as ever**

The morale of the religious right-wingers and radicals are high enough to make a dent in the law and order situation in almost all parts of the country. The intensity and frequency might have come down, but these illiberal, anti-state and sectarian elements face no difficulty in targeting the liberals and sane voices at their will. Recently, the rights activist Khurram Zaki, who had extensively campaigned against the Lal Masjid cleric Abdul Aziz, infamous as Maulana Burqa, was gunned down in Karachi. It reminds us the killing of Sabeen Mehmood in the past. The killers of Zaki are yet to be apprehended. The virus of radicalism and extremism has penetrated the society so deep that it seems to be the part and parcel of the Pakistani DNA. Apart from paying lip service to tackle radical extremism, the Pakistani establishment has done nothing substantial in this regard, apart from tacking them by force. What makes matters worse is the fact that the state continues to distinguish between bad and good jihadi outfits and let many radical groups to operate with impunity.

### **Foreign Policy**

On the foreign policy front, Pakistan's relationship with the United States has sunk to a new low during the past few weeks. The advisor to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Sartaj Aziz has admitted that Pakistan-US relationship is

under stress. The US Congress' decision to block the subsidy on F-16 sales to Pakistan, and its intention to use further cuts in assistance to get Dr. Shakil Afridi, who helped US in tracking down Osama bin Laden, out of jail is believed to be the cause of contention between the two nations.

It is noteworthy that in early 2014, President Obama had signed a bill withholding US assistance worth \$33 million to Pakistan over the issue of detention of Dr Afridi. The intention of US Congress to use further cuts to force Pakistan to release Dr Afridi is something which Pakistanis are not taking easily. Republican Presidential nominee, Donald Trump, has raised the issue quite vociferously in his campaign and stated recently that he would get Dr Afridi out if he wins the presidential election.

Pakistan's response has been quite critical. Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan reminded Trump that Pakistan's judiciary would decide the fate of Dr Afridi and not the US. He also underlined that Pakistan was a sovereign nation and Trump's statements only showed his ignorance. There are many in the country terming it another betrayal by the United States. Part of the argument is that when US does not need Pakistan anymore as it has already secured its interests.. A former diplomat even accused America of collaborating with India to counter China and of using Pakistan as the "Whipping boy" to vent its frustration.

In Bangladesh, the hanging of another Jamaat-e-Islami leader Moti-ur-Rehman Nizami invited widespread condemnations. The foreign office in its statement said that Pakistan was deeply saddened over the hanging of the JI leader. The Pakistani lawmakers in National Assembly also offered *Fateha* (Prayers) for the departed soul. Jamaat-e-Islami (Pakistan) termed it as 'an inhuman act' targeting those who stood for the cause of united Pakistan. The PPP termed it a sad incident and accused Bangladesh of targeting JI leaders for their loyalty towards Pakistan. PTI, on its part asked the house to pass a resolution against the act as this was in clear violation of the 1974 agreement. The media was full of editorials and articles condemning this issue and even urged the EU and the US to raise their voice against such violation of human rights in Bangladesh.

Pakistan-Afghanistan tension along the Torkham crossing was resolved after a meeting between the Afghan ambassador and the army chief. The tension between the two neighbours over Torkham came to the fore when Afghan authorities learned about Pakistan Army's attempts at fencing the Pak-Afghan border. They responded by stopping Pakistani forces from installing barbed wires along the border. This led the two sides to deploy more troops and military equipment. The incident reflected the army's way of doing business. It took unilateral action and started fencing parts of the border without

discussing the issue with either the Afghan authorities or even civilian government in Pakistan.

### **India-Pakistan relations**

Pakistan's hand in various terror attacks in India, including the one in Mumbai in 2008, is an established fact. International community is well aware of its meddling in the neighbouring countries and its use of non-state actors to achieve its foreign policy objectives. In his latest book, Hussain Haqqani, the former Pakistani ambassador to the US, has revealed that ISI was involved in the Mumbai attacks. He argues that shortly after the attack, ISI Chief Shuja Pasha told him, in a private conversation in Washington, that the planners of the 26/11 attack on India's economic capital were "our people" but it wasn't "our operation." It would be interesting to see how the security establishment responds to this allegation.

### **Sino-Pak**

Pakistan's reliance on China is increasing day by day; so are the Pakistani expectations. The reports suggest that Pakistan is looking towards China to fund the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project. This is in the backdrop of the lifting of international sanctions on Iran after it struck a deal with the western powers over its nuclear efforts. In the first week of May, the China-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) agreed to jointly finance a new highway with Asian Development Bank (ADB). This is in addition to the US \$46 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which Pakistan claims to be a game changer resulting in overall economic development of Pakistan.

The federal government, right since the beginning, has not been transparent in this regard. Despite all its claim to build the Western link of the CPEC project first, the government is focussing on the Eastern route which passes through Punjab. Smaller provinces are not happy with the way federal government is proceeding. The people of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) too have voiced their concerns in this regard. They fear that they would not get the benefits because the only economic zone proposed for the GB is on the Karakoram Highway (KKH) route which might result in the ribbon development.

**Dr Ashish Shukla**

## POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

### NATIONAL POLITICS

**N-safety paradigm is dynamic and responsive: Sartaj**, *The Nation*, May 3<sup>1</sup>

Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, **Sartaj Aziz today said that Pakistan's nuclear safety paradigm is dynamic and responsive, against the entire range of possible threats.** Adviser on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz stated while addressing a seminar on Pakistan's non-proliferation efforts and strategic export control system in Islamabad. The Adviser said Islamabad is committed to nuclear security and has been proactively engaged with the international community, to promote nuclear safety and security.

**Sami wants Islamic laws to curb corruption**, *The Nation*, May 4<sup>2</sup>

Jamiat Ulema Islam (JUI-S) Ameer Maulana Samiul Haq has demanded enforcement of the Islamic punishments such as chopping of hands for the persons proved to be involved in corruption, instead of sending them home. **Addressing the party workers in Daska and Sialkot, he said that the corrupt elements should be awarded Islamic punishments to stop corruption.** He stressed strict accountability of every corrupt person in the country not of a few persons. **He flayed the PTI for bringing women to its public meetings, saying that it was the most condemnable act.** He said that PTI was using women as their political tool for making the PTI public meetings successful.

**Bilawal criticises govt, sees foreign policy nowhere**, *Daily Times*, May 10<sup>3</sup>

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairperson Bilawal Bhutto on Tuesday (May 10) strongly criticised the federal government, saying **Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has ruined the foreign policy of Pakistan.** Addressing election rally here in Azad Jammu Kashmir, he said that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif would have to answer on Panama Papers. **"The government's boat is shaking. The game is now over for circus lions," he said, adding that his party wants a fair probe into the revelations of the Panama Papers.** Bilawal also criticized PM Nawaz for neglecting Kashmir. **"He (PM) has made Pakistan's stance on Kashmir a joke," he said.** "He (Nawaz) went too far in his friendship with India that he did not care to meet Kashmiri leaders," he said. "No leader in the past has ever inflicted such damage on Kashmir," he said.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/03-May-2016/pakistan-s-nuclear-safety-paradigm-dynamic-responsive-sartaj>

<sup>2</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/04-May-2016/sami-wants-islamic-laws-to-curb-corruption>

<sup>3</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/10-May-16/bilawalcriticisestgovt-sees-foreign-policy-nowhere>

## THE PANAMA PAPERS

### **Opposition parties finalise ToRs, *The Nation*, May 3<sup>4</sup>**

The opposition parties have prepared a consented Terms of References (ToRs) with regards to Panama Leaks probe, Waqt News reported. ***Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader Aitzaz Ahsan said the entire opposition has agreed on the ToRs. While talking to media after the joint meeting of the opposition, the PPP leader said the ToRs demand that Prime Minister and his family be investigated with regards to their involvement in Panama Papers. "The investigation of their assets, their details, and the transfer of money should be investigated at the international level," he said. "The assets in the name of PM's children and wife and other close relatives should also be investigated. "The Judicial Commission under Chief Justice of Pakistan should investigate the PM and his family's involvement within three months, while other individuals involved in Panama Leaks can be investigated within a year.***

### **Opposition's ToRs person-specific: Pervaiz, *The Nation*, May 4<sup>5</sup>**

Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage Senator Pervaiz Rashid Tuesday (May 3) said the Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the judicial commission on Panama Papers presented by the opposition were person-specific. ***According to the opposition's ToRs, he said those who had formed offshore companies and opened accounts to invest their legal money, could be investigated. But those who had got written off their loans illegally and were also involved in establishing offshore companies could not be asked about their wrongdoings, he added.***

### **'Army should lead probe, *The Dawn*, May 9<sup>6</sup>**

At a rally outside the Rawalpindi-Islamabad Press Club on Sunday (May 8), Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) started a campaign against the PML-N led government in relation to the Panama Papers leaks and demanded that an organisation be established which will work under the Pakistan Army to probe corruption charges against the prime minister and his family. [...] ***If a probe into the allegations in the Panama Papers is done by an organisation which works under the army, then the prime minister does not need to resign. However, if another organisation is probing into the matter, then the prime minister should resign before the investigation starts," PAT's Sultan Naem Kayani said at the rally.***

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<sup>4</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/03-May-2016/opposition-parties-finalise-tors-over-panama-leaks-probe>

<sup>5</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/04-May-2016/opposition-s-tors-person-specific-pervaiz>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1257208/army-should-lead-probe-into-panama-leaks>

**Offshore company owners exposed, *The Express Tribune*, May 10<sup>7</sup>**

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) published online on Monday (May 9) detailed data from the Panama Papers trove on more than 200,000 secret offshore companies cataloguing the names of 259 Pakistanis who own shares in offshore companies. [...] **Most of the Pakistani addresses used to register companies were from Karachi (65), followed by Lahore (43) and Islamabad (25).** [...] According to TV channels, apart from the names of Maryam Nawaz and relatives of the Sharif family, the list includes names of Sadrudin Hashwani, Hussain Dawood, Mir Shakilur Rehman, Ali Siddiqui and many more.

**Joint opposition stages walk out from NA, *The News*, May 10<sup>8</sup>**

The joint opposition, led by Syed Khursheed Shah, staged walk out from the National Assembly on second consecutive day on Tuesday (May 10). Taking a tough position, the joint opposition on Monday (May 9) staged walk outs from the Senate and the National Assembly in addition to announcing a daily boycott of parliamentary sittings until Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif explains his position in parliament with regard to his children's names in the Panama Papers.

**Rehman Malik against exposing offshore assets, *The Express Tribune*, May 10<sup>9</sup>**  
**Former interior minister Rehman Malik has called for drafting laws on offshore businesses as public disclosure of such assets can lead to serious problems for overseas Pakistanis.** The senator presented his proposed legal review of declaration of overseas wealth by Pakistani nationals and mode of investigations before the Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control on Monday (May 9).

**JUI-F hits out at PTI, PPP, *Daily Times*, May 10<sup>10</sup>**

**Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-F (JUI-F) leader Hafiz Hussain Ahmad has said that his party will not serve as a defence counsel for corruption, but "we want to save system and not (Prime Minister) Nawaz Sharif."** "Our parliamentary compulsions be not misconstrued. We want to save system rather than Nawaz Sharif. Defending system is not defending corruption of anyone," he said while talking to journalists of Hazroo here on Tuesday (May 10).

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<sup>7</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1100319/panama-papers-part-ii-259-pakistani-offshore-company-owners-exposed/>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/118875-Joint-opposition-stages-walk-out-from-NA>

<sup>9</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1100238/need-for-laws-rehman-malik-against-exposing-offshore-assets/>

<sup>10</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/10-May-16/jui-f-hits-out-at-pti-ppp-over-change-corruption>

**Bilawal demands transparent probe**, *The News*, May 10<sup>11</sup>

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has demanded transparent investigation into Panama leaks allegations. Addressing a big public rally in Bagh, Azad Jammu Kashmir, Bilawal said, **"We want transparent probe into Panama Papers allegations against Sharif family."** He said, **"Mian sahib you will have to answer over Panama leaks."** Bilawal also criticised PM Nawaz for neglecting Kashmir. "Mian Sahab has made Pakistan's stance on Kashmir a joke," he said, adding, "Mian Sahab went too far in his friendship with India that he did not care to meet Hurriyat leaders." "No leader in the past has ever inflicted such damage on Kashmir."

**Imran calls Nawaz 'king of corruption'**, *Daily Times*, May 12<sup>12</sup>

Heating up the debate on Panama Papers controversy, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman **Imran Khan has called Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif the 'king of corruption'.** **"Our people should vow to fight corruption and hold Nawaz Sharif, who is the king of corruption, accountable,"** Imran Khan said while speaking to a charged audience at the party rally in Bannu on Wednesday (May 11).

**It's Nawaz's turn to go home, says Gilani**, *The Dawn*, May 13<sup>13</sup>

Former prime minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has said it is the turn of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to go home. **"I was an elected prime minister but I was removed from the office. Now it is the turn of Nawaz Sharif," he said while talking to reporters here on Thursday (May 12).** He said he was not the beneficiary of NRO but he was facing 28 cases including that of NRO, which was unfair.

**Panama: judicial commission**, Editorial, *The Dawn*, May 15<sup>14</sup>

Thwarted first by a series of retired chief justices, the PML-N government has now been dealt another blow by the Chief Justice of Pakistan Anwar Zaheer Jamali in its increasingly futile bid to try and move past the Panama Papers debacle. **Declining to form a judicial commission in unusually blunt language, the chief justice has effectively pushed the PML-N into negotiating with the opposition on the terms of reference of a judicial commission.**

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<sup>11</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/118889-Bilawal-demands-transparent-probe-into-Panama-leaks>

<sup>12</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/12-May-16/imran-calls-nawaz-king-of-corruption>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1258045/its-nawazs-turn-to-go-home-says-gilani>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1258386/panama-judicial-commission>

## PROVINCIAL POLITICS

### **Boundary dispute between GB, KP tribes intensifies, *The Dawn*, May 9<sup>15</sup>**

The boundary dispute at the site of Diamer-Bhasha dam between the residents of Diamer district of Gilgit-Baltistan and Kohistan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has deepened with tribes on both sides refusing to budge from their positions. The Harban tribe of Kohistan and the Thor tribe of Diamer claim ownership of a piece of land spanning eight kilometres in Gandlo Nala area. People from both sides gathered on the road on Sunday (May 8), warning the authorities concerned of dire consequences if a settlement of the dispute could not be worked out soon.

## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

### **Panama conundrum, Mohsin Raza Malik, *The Nation*, May 4<sup>16</sup>**

[...]It would not be appropriate to ask the apex court judges to thoroughly look into the factual detail of each Panama-leaks case. [...] **Therefore, Instated of asking the apex court to probe all Panama-related allegations, the government can preferably constitute various JIT's, comprising investigators from relevant government agencies, in the same manner as the 'multi-agency group' in India is probing against more than 500 Indians whose names are included in Fonseca's list of off-shore companies.**

### **Reason versus power players, Asha'ar Rehman, *The Dawn*, May 13<sup>17</sup>**

[...]There was a time when a prime minister in his first term was sufficiently embarrassed by the pressure exerted by his mediating army chief and president to leave midway in a huff, with a reference to victimisation. That easy solution to tough situations is no more available in this country, to the utter consternation of all those not favourably disposed towards long, complicated but mandatory routes a country must go through at various times in its history. The absence of easy solutions like those available in the past can create quite a lot of frustration unless everyone takes part in this activity right now with the aim of exploring and setting up a system which can hold the rulers accountable. [...] **The system is urgently needed so that it can every now and then hold some in power accountable for their deeds and the secrecy which surrounds some of these actions. Without this system, let's reiterate, democracy in this day and age will remain incomplete.** In order for it to survive, democracy must from time to time be allowed to throw up the corrupt for lynching by the people.

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<sup>15</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1257229/boundary-dispute-between-gb-kp-tribes-intensifies>

<sup>16</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/columns/04-May-2016/panama-conundrum>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1258000/reason-versus-power-players>

## FOREIGN POLICY

### **US to use further cuts to get Dr Afridi out, *The Dawn*, May 2<sup>18</sup>**

The US Congress, which last week withdrew funds for an F-16 deal to force Pakistan to act against the Haqqani network, is now considering another cut, this time to persuade Islamabad to release Dr Shakil Afridi. [...] ***In January 2014, President Barack Obama signed a bill that proposed to withhold \$33 million from assistance to Pakistan over Dr Afridi's detention. In May that year, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed another measure linking the provision of military aid to Pakistan to Dr Afridi's release.*** [...] The Obama administration's fiscal 2017 State-Foreign Operations request seeks \$742 million in foreign assistance for Pakistan, a nearly eight per cent reduction compared to fiscal 2015 levels. Since 2011, when the United States discovered and killed Osama bin Laden in Islamabad, the US assistance to Pakistan has continued to decrease. [...] Statistics released by the Congressional Research Service show that since 2002, Pakistan has received nearly \$33.1 billion in foreign aid, including nearly \$3.9 billion in foreign military financing. The State Department has requested \$265 million in defence aid for Pakistan in fiscal 2017, the same amount as fiscal 2015.

### **Pakistan will get F-16s from elsewhere: Aziz, *The Nation*, May 3<sup>19</sup>**

***Adviser to Prime Minister on foreign affairs Sartaj Aziz has cautioned United States (US) that Pakistan will acquire fighters from elsewhere if the US does not arrange funding for the sale as both countries lock horns over the purchase of the fighter jets.*** [...] Aziz said Pakistan valued the F-16s for their effectiveness, but said that they could be replaced by JF-17 Thunder jets in its anti-terrorism campaign. The adviser also expressed concern over India's growing military power and said if it isn't checked, Pakistan will be "forced to increase its strategic power" too. "The international community should avoid steps which may disturb the strategic balance in South Asia", Aziz warned.

### **Trump's statement shows his ignorance: Nisar, *The Express Tribune*, May 3<sup>20</sup>**

The federal interior minister has said that Pakistan's courts will decide the fate of a tribal areas doctor who had helped the American CIA track and kill al Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden in his Abbottabad compound in 2011. Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan's statement came a day after US Republican front-runner Donald Trump said in a Fox News interview that if elected, he would free Dr

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<sup>18</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1255716/us-to-use-further-cuts-to-get-dr-afridi-out>

<sup>19</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/03-May-2016/pakistan-will-get-f-16s-from-elsewhere-if-funding-not-arranged-sartaj-aziz>

<sup>20</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1096075/idle-boast-interior-minister-rebukes-trump-over-dr-afridi-release-vow/>

Shakeel Afridi in 'two minutes'. Asked how would he do that? Trump said: "I would tell them [Pakistanis] let him out and I'm sure they would let him out."

**Pakistan saddened over hanging of JI leader, *The News*, May 11<sup>21</sup>**

Pakistan on Wednesday (May 11) said it was deeply saddened over the hanging of Ameer Jamat e Islami Bangladesh Moti ur Rehman Nizami for the alleged crimes committed before December 1971 and termed it against the spirit of democracy. His only sin was upholding the constitution and laws of Pakistan, Foreign Office said in a statement. ***The act of suppressing the opposition by killing their leaders through flawed trials is completely against the spirit of democracy.***

**Lawmakers offer prayers for BD's hanged leader, *Daily Times*, May 11<sup>22</sup>**

The National Assembly on Wednesday (May 11) offered prayers (Fateha) for the departed soul of a Jamaat e Islami (JI) of Bangladesh leader Mattiur Rehman who was hanged to death last night in Dhaka for being pro-Pakistan in 1971 war. Speaking on the occasion, JI Parliamentary Leader Sahibzada Tariqullah said that six people have been sentenced to death so far in Bangladesh, which he said was an inhuman act and we strongly condemned it. He said the people who demonstrated loyalty with united Pakistan in 1971 war were being treated brutally. [...] ***Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader Aijaz Jakhri termed it a sad incident and said the JI leaders were being punished for their loyalty with Pakistan.*** [...] Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) lawmaker Shah Mehmood Qureshi said the house should pass a resolution against this act as this was violation of 1974 agreement.

**'Pure luck' rescues Gilani's abducted son, *The Nation*, May 11<sup>23</sup>**

Three years after being kidnapped, former prime minister Yousaf Raza Gilani's son Ali Haider Gilani dramatically won freedom yesterday in a joint US-Afghanistan operation that was not actually aimed at rescuing him. [...] US Special Operations Forces who helped free Gilani reportedly did not know he was there before launching the raid in Afghanistan. ***"It was pure luck," a defence official was quoted as saying. Officials confirmed the operation took place in Paktika province of Afghanistan.***

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<sup>21</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/119176-Pakistan-hanging-JI-leader-Bangladesh>

<sup>22</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/11-May-16/lawmakers-offer-prayers-for-bangladeshs-hanged-leader>

<sup>23</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/11-May-2016/pure-luck-rescues-gilani-s-abducted-son>

**Pakistan eyes China to fund Iran pipeline project, Daily Times, May 11<sup>24</sup>**

**The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources will approach China to fund the Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline, an official said, provided approvals from the economic and development division.** [...]The official stated that after lifting of international sanctions on Iran, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was of the view that by and large, most of the sanctions but a few in specific cases had been withdrawn. "Whereas, the remaining restrictions pertained mainly to nuclear and arms related transactions," he added. **He said that following the CDWP and ECNEC's nod, the ministry would approach China through the Economic Affairs Division for financing the project and Economic Coordination Committee for the constitution of a Price Negotiation Committee to recommend acceptance of the price proposal from China Petroleum Pipeline - the project executing company.**

**Pak, Tajikistan agree to boost trade, energy ties, Daily Times, May 12<sup>25</sup>**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Tajik President Emomali Rahmon on Wednesday (May 11) agreed to strengthen existing bilateral relations, particularly in areas of trade, energy and connectivity. Chairing a high-level meeting held here at Qasr-e-Millat – the presidential palace – the two leaders emphasised on close collaboration between Pakistan and Tajikistan at the government and masses level. [...]In his remarks, Premier Sharif said Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with Central Asia, particularly Tajikistan, which is geographically closest to it amongst all Central Asian states.

**Relations with US under stress: Aziz, The Dawn, May 13<sup>26</sup>**

Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz conceded on Thursday (May 12) that relations with the US had been under stress for the past three months because of conditions Washington had attached to the funding of F-16s sale. [...]The adviser said that **Pakistan-US relations had come to a standstill in 2011 because of unfortunate incidents of WikiLeaks, Raymond Davis, Abbottabad operation, Datta Khel and Salala.** Since 2013, he said Pakistan's relations with the US had witnessed an "upward trajectory". "In the past three months, however, this upward trajectory in relations has witnessed a downward slide, as reflected in a decision of the US Congress to block partial funding for eight F-16 aircraft," he said.

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<sup>24</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/11-May-16/pakistan-eyes-china-to-fund-iran-pipeline-project>

<sup>25</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/pakistan/12-May-16/pak-tajikistan-agree-to-boost-trade-energy-ties>

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1258070/relations-with-us-under-stress-for-three-months-admits-aziz>

## EDITORIALS AND OPINION

### **F-16 sale in jeopardy, Editorial, *The Dawn*, May 1<sup>27</sup>**

[...]A symbol of both Pakistani national-security pride and resentment, the F-16 looks set to reprise its role as a symbol of American betrayal of Pakistan in the 1990s. [...] ***Pakistan is expected to deliver peace in Afghanistan, allow Balochistan to secede and accept Indian hegemony — and it is expected to do so meekly and immediately.*** That is not only preposterous, but a dangerous rhetorical escalation by the US Congress. Yet, it is perhaps not Congress alone that is to blame. Under President Obama, who recently described Pakistan as a “disastrously dysfunctional country” to an American magazine, there has been a growing reluctance to engage with Pakistan other than on the narrowest of security grounds.

### **Foreign Interference, Editorial, *The Nation*, May 4<sup>28</sup>**

***Disagreement over the sale of eight F-16's to Pakistan still continues in the US, with the US Congress now discussing the possibility of cutting additional subsidies to secure the release of Shakil Afridi.*** Donald Trump also chimed in unnecessarily on the issue last Friday as he is wont to do, and stated that he would force Pakistan to secure the release. Obviously this comment did not go down too well with the government, and Chaudhry Nisar's firm response is for once, not out of place. [...] ***With the Interior Minister's statement, it is all but clear that Pakistan is not willing to budge on this issue;*** and nor should it, for a Pakistani citizen is to be tried under the laws of this country, and working for another state without the knowledge of one's home country can be construed as treason.

### **Bangladesh trials, Editorial, *The News*, May 12<sup>29</sup>**

Motiur Rahman Nizami, a leader of the Jamaat-e-Islami in Bangladesh, has become the fifth person to be hanged for his alleged role in the 1971 war. He is also the fourth from the JI to be given the death penalty. [...] ***The JI is being specifically targeted because it opposes Hasina and her Awami League.*** [...] Bangladesh could have formed a truth and reconciliation commission so that those guilty of crimes in 1971 could be identified and even shunned by the wider society without causing more political tension.

### **Bangladesh execution, Editorial, *The Dawn*, May 12<sup>30</sup>**

[...] ***The trials were termed flawed by international rights agencies, which said the legal process was far below acceptable international standards.*** Yet Prime

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<sup>27</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1255509/f-16-sale-in-jeopardy>

<sup>28</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/editorials/04-May-2016/foreign-interference>

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/print/119422-Bangladesh-trials>

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1257778/bangladesh-execution>

Minister Hasina Wajed seems indifferent to the criticism of her policies, which smack of political persecution and appear odd at a time when a wave of extremist violence has rocked Bangladesh. [...] It is time Ms Wajed tackled the day's problems, which are many and pressing. She should know that her country is party to the 1974 tripartite agreement at New Delhi, when Bangladesh agreed not to proceed with any trials because its founder and her father, Mujibur Rahman, had decided to "forget the past and make a fresh start".

**Torkham tensions**, Editorial, *The Dawn*, May 14<sup>31</sup>

While yesterday's meeting between the Afghan ambassador and the army chief resulted in the reopening of the Torkham crossing after nearly four days of closure, a more permanent solution is needed to end border concerns between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Following the Bacha Khan University attack in Charsadda in January, the security establishment decided to try and finally tackle the Torkham problem. [...] ***The Afghan response, while predictably hostile, may also have been exacerbated by the unilateral actions that Pakistan has taken. Instead of immediately attempting to erect a fence, perhaps the Pakistani state should have first used the full spectrum of its diplomatic and military contacts to explain the situation to Afghan officials.*** [...] The Torkham crossing also has a significant humanitarian dimension, with many Afghans relying on it for access to healthcare and for family reasons. Given that the very reason for the Pakistani attempt to institute new measures at Torkham was to ensure legitimate traffic, it is wrong to punish the people who have relied on the crossing for genuine needs.

**America's whipping boy**, Munir Akram, *The Dawn*, May 15<sup>32</sup>

[...] ***Today, America appears to have adopted Pakistan as its favourite whipping boy. Pakistan's historically close relationship with the US is on a divergent path due to America's growing alliance with India designed to contain China's rising power.*** This process of divergence is likely to be accelerated by US pressure on Pakistan to do three things: release Shakil Afridi, the doctor recruited by the CIA to take DNA samples from Osama bin Laden's Abbottabad hideout; take military action against the Haqqani network and refrain from deploying theatre nuclear weapons against India. [...] ***US pressure on Pakistan to halt the deployment of tactical or theatre nuclear weapons amounts to a pre-emptive strike to prevent Islamabad's response to India's Cold Start doctrine*** which prescribes a sudden and massive attack against Pakistan. At the recent (and final) US-sponsored nuclear security summit, President Obama admonished India and Pakistan for "moving in the wrong

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<sup>31</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1258142/torkham-tensions>

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1258387/americas-whipping-boy>

direction" (in their strategic programmes). Yet, the pressure for restraint is applied only against Pakistan. [...]Despite America's slings and arrows, Pakistan is obliged to avoid a confrontation with Washington. On the other hand, the US would be ill advised to continue bullying Pakistan into compromising its vital interests. In extremis, even a whipping boy can 'turn' on his tormentor.

## MILITARY AFFAIRS

### **Countrywide 'combing ops' approved**, *The Express Tribune*, May 3<sup>33</sup>

Pakistan's top military commanders approved a 'comprehensive plan' on Monday (May 2) for carrying out combing operations against sleeper cells and hideouts of terrorists across the country. [...] ***Under the strategy, the army-led combing operations will be conducted in 'no-go areas' across the country, particularly in south Punjab***, which was considered a stronghold of deadly militant and sectarian groups. A security official told *The Express Tribune* that the combing operations will be conducted jointly by army troops, intelligence operatives as well as personnel of police and other law enforcement agencies.

### **COAS confirms death sentences of 11 Taliban terrorists**, *The Nation*, May 4<sup>34</sup>

Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif yesterday confirmed the death sentences of 11 convicts tried by military courts for terrorism-related offences. [...]All the convicted terrorists belonged to the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), a terrorist outfit with its headquarters in the North Waziristan Agency whose thousands of hardcore fighters have either been eliminated, arrested or injured by Pakistan Army through its lethal operation Zarb-e-Azb.

### **Rangers officials held over custodial death**, *The News*, May 11<sup>35</sup>

Five officials of the paramilitary Rangers force were arrested on Tuesday (May 10) in connection with the death of Aftab Ahmed – the coordinator of Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) leader Dr Farooq Sattar – under the custody of Sindh Rangers. [...] ***The Rangers sources said that the code of conduct was badly violated in the custodial death of Aftab Ahmed.*** Development comes after the orders of Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif to investigate the unfortunate incident.

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<sup>33</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1096085/army-top-brass-approves-countrywide-combing-ops/>

<sup>34</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/04-May-2016/coas-confirms-death-sentences-of-11-taliban-terrorists>

<sup>35</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/118911-Five-Rangers-officials-held-over-custodial-death-of-Aftab-Ahmed>

**Musharraf declared proclaimed offender, *The News*, May 11<sup>36</sup>**

***The special court, hearing high treason case, has declared former president Gen. (retired) Pervez Musharraf proclaimed offender (PO).*** Hearing the high treason case against former military ruler, the special court also ordered for advertising the court verdict in an English and Urdu daily each. It also directed to place the copy of the order outside the residences of Musharraf and the court. Rashid Qureshi, guarantor of Musharraf and joint home secretary appeared before the court on Wednesday (May 11). Later, the court adjourned the hearing till July 12.

## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

**Army speaks again, Shaukat Qadir, *Daily Times*, May 10<sup>37</sup>**

We, the sorry citizens of Pakistan, have got used to event-based news. So when the army chief reiterated his view that the Operation Zarb-e-Azb, or another of its like, is unlikely to have a permanent effect unless corruption is uprooted and accountability is across the board, speculation had to be event based. [...] ***If in his brief period of command, there is one thing that General Raheel Sharif has established about himself, it is that he not only says what he means but also means exactly what he says.*** As far as army is concerned, during his two-year and five-month period in office, over a dozen senior officers have been severely punished for corruption-related activities. [...] ***His performance, by any standards, has been and continues to be, outstanding.*** On the other hand, having started slowly, General Sharif picked up momentum so quickly that his popularity is unparalleled. Soft spoken but firm, he stayed away from media but continued to make news.

## ECONOMIC ISSUES

**AIIB to co-finance first project with ADB, *The Express Tribune*, May 3<sup>38</sup>**

China-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) will jointly finance a major new highway in Pakistan in its first co-financed project with the Asia Development Bank (ADB), the two policy banks said. The announcement on the project, a 64-kilometre-long stretch of the M4 highway that will connect Shorkot to Khanewal in Pakistan's Punjab province, was made as the two banks signed an agreement to jointly finance projects at an ADB meeting in Germany on Monday (May 2).

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<sup>36</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/119149-Musharraf-declared-proclaimed-offender-in-high-treason-case>

<sup>37</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/10-May-16/army-speaks-again>

<sup>38</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1096262/chinas-aiib-to-co-finance-first-project-with-ADB-in-pakistan/>

## CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

**CPEC: a game changer or myth?**, Hassam Waheed, *Daily Times*, May 11<sup>39</sup>

[...]Is the CPEC alone enough to resolve economic issues? This is one of the most-asked questions regarding the CPEC. **The CPEC basically is a physical infrastructure-based project. Roads and power plants are two vital parts of this project.** Is economic growth or progress only dependent on physical infrastructure? This is an important question that needs to be addressed. [...]We must not forget that every nation has its own interests as the top priority. **The rational approach to the whole situation is not to get over-dependent on prospects of the CPEC.** [...]It is true that due to the CPEC a large amount of investment will come to Pakistan, and the physical infrastructure will give new opportunities to the people. But due to weak institutional mechanism and low spending on human capital, it seems like Pakistan will not be able to get full advantage from this business opportunity.

**Encompassing CPEC**, Afzal A Shigri, *The Dawn*, May 12<sup>40</sup>

[...]The people of GB fear that the fruit of this massive development economic corridor will be nothing beyond ribbon development on the existing Karakoram Highway (KKH), which will be the arterial transportation road. **The only economic zone proposed for the entire area of GB on the route is again on the KKH. Such myopic planning effectively excludes the areas located away from the KKH.** [...]For GB, it is absolutely vital that benefits are experienced uniformly. **It is alarming that the on-ground position effectively excludes the entire Baltistan division, district of Astore and many areas of Gilgit division situated away from the KKH.** [...]A survey by a group of informed residents of the area has produced an alternate route that will not only reduce the distance between Gilgit to Islamabad by 55 kilometres but also provide a passage through a peaceful region. **The proposed route takes off from KKH at Thalichi and through Astore district goes to Rattu. From there, the route progresses over the Shuhter Pass and connects to the road linking Muzaffarabad and winds down to Islamabad.**

## SECURITY SITUATION

### KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA

**Two militants arrested in Mardan**, *The Nation*, May 4<sup>41</sup>

**Mardan police have claimed to arrest two members of Tehreek-e-Taliban Swat chapter after an exchange of fire in hilly area at Shahbaz Ghari village**, police sources said. Sources added that police while acting over a tip-off conducted a

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<sup>39</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/11-May-16/cpec-a-game-changer-or-myth>

<sup>40</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1257784/encompassing-cpec>

<sup>41</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/04-May-2016/two-militants-arrested-in-mardan-raid>

raid on the Gila Kando a hilly area in Shahbaz Ghari. Suspects Khalid Mohammad alias Chambar and Khalid Zaman resident of Malakabad Swabi opened fire at police party. After exchange of fire police arrested the suspected militants and recovered 2 kg of explosives, 90 feet safety fuse, 10 detonators, two 30-bore pistol and 15 rounds.

**A suspected terrorist killed, *The Nation*, May 10<sup>42</sup>**

Law enforcement agencies today foiled a major terror bid by killing a suspected terrorist and recovering suicide vest in Peshawar, while three alleged terrorists were arrested in Upper Dir. [...]The alleged killed terrorist was identified as Yahya belonging to Waziristan.

## **BALUCHISTAN**

**Five policemen injured in Quetta IED blast, *The Express Tribune*, May 3<sup>43</sup>**

At least five Rapid Response Group (RRG) personnel, including an officer, were injured on Tuesday morning (May 3) as their vehicle came under attack by a roadside bomb in Eastern Bypass area of Quetta. The RRG vehicle was on its way for duty when it was hit by a roadside improvised explosive device (IED) in the provincial capital, SSP Operation Quetta said while speaking to *The Express Tribune*. "Five RRG police, including an officer, were injured in the blast," the SSP said, adding around two kilogramme of explosive material was used in the blast.

**BLA commander surrenders in Kharan, *Daily Times*, May 9<sup>44</sup>**

A commander of the banned Baloch Liberation Army surrendered before the Frontier Constabulary, the civil administration and the local elders in Kharan on Sunday (May 8). **Ahmed Nawaz, a key BLA commander, laid down his arms before the security agencies**, wrapped himself in the national flag and sung national anthem, an FC spokesman has said. Nawaz was responsible for the recruitment of miscreants and their training, in his organisation, which carried out terrorist activities in different areas of the province, the spokesman further added.

**2 killed, 10 injured in blast, *The Nation*, May 10<sup>45</sup>**

**Two policemen have been killed and 10 people injured in a blast near Quetta's Balochistan University**, *Waqt News* reported. Around 2:30 pm a huge blast was heard on Sariab Road where the university is located. [...]According to police, a time bomb weighing two kilograms detonated near the check post.

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<sup>42</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/10-May-2016/a-suspected-terrorist-killed-in-peshawar-three-arrested-in-upper-dir>

<sup>43</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1096210/five-policemen-injured-in-quetta-ied-blast/>

<sup>44</sup> <http://dailytimes.com.pk/balochistan/09-May-16/bla-commander-surrenders-in-kharan>

<sup>45</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/10-May-2016/blast-near-quetta-s-balochistan-university>

## PUNJAB

### **Five 'ISIS-linked terrorists' arrested, *The Nation*, May 10<sup>46</sup>**

A terror bid was foiled today by the Counter-Terrorism Department, as it arrested five people from Bahawalpur suspected of being associated with Islamic State, a Middle East-based militant group. Further investigations showed that the arrested suspects were affiliated with the global terror outfit. Different kinds of ammunition were also recovered including five bombs and a laptop, police said.

## SINDH

### **Four suspected gangsters killed, *The Dawn*, May 2<sup>47</sup>**

Police on Sunday night (May 1) claimed to have killed four suspects in an encounter in Dalmia area of the metropolis, said an official of Aziz Bhatti police station. Acting on a tip off about presence of alleged gangsters linked with Lyari gang-war, contingents of police encircled the area in Dalmia where they came under attack, the official. In the retaliatory fire, as claimed by the police, four suspects got killed, said Gulshan SP Dr. Fahad Ahmed.

### **Rights activist Khurram Zaki killed, *The Dawn*, May 8<sup>48</sup>**

***Unknown assailants gunned down social media campaigner and civil society activist Khurram Zaki on Saturday night (May 7) in Karachi.*** Central District SSP, Muqadas Haider told Dawn.com that four suspects riding on two motorcycles opened fire on Zaki while he was eating dinner at a restaurant in Sector-11B of North Karachi. ***The activist was killed, and two others – journalist Rao Khalid and bystander Aslam – were critically wounded in the attack.*** [...]Zaki was last in the media limelight alongside activist Jibran Nasir in a campaign against Lal Masjid cleric Maulana Abdul Aziz for inciting hatred against Shia Muslims. The campaigners had managed to get a case registered against Aziz.

### **12 injured in grenade blast, *The Dawn*, May 9<sup>49</sup>**

At least 12 people, including two alleged gangsters, were injured in a grenade explosion near the residence of arrested leader of the banned Peoples Amn Committee Uzair Jan Baloch in Chakiwara on Sunday evening (May 8), officials said.

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<sup>46</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/10-May-2016/five-isis-linked-terrorists-arrested-in-bahawalpur>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1255678/four-suspected-gangsters-killed-in-encounter-with-karachi-police>

<sup>48</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1256995>

<sup>49</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1257181/12-injured-in-grenade-blast-near-uzairs-home-in-lyari>

**Three alleged terrorists held in Karachi**, *The News*, May 11<sup>50</sup>

Police and law enforcement agencies have arrested three alleged terrorists and seized arms from their custody on Wednesday (May 11). According to details, the law enforcement agencies and police, in a joint action in Karachi's Manghopir area, arrested three terrorists affiliated to a banned outfit. The law enforcers seized weapons and explosives from the possession of the arrested militants. The accused were involved in attacks on the security forces.

**New strategy for sustainable peace in Karachi**, *The Dawn*, May 13<sup>51</sup>

The Sindh Apex Committee has decided to develop a new strategy for sustainable peace in the city and strengthen the police force by inducting 20,000 more personnel, including 8,000 personnel in Karachi, who will be trained by the army. **Also, a special force comprising 2,000 ex-army personnel was being created for the security of the Chinese people working on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and on other projects, the committee was informed.**

## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

**The killing of Khurram Zaki**, Editorial, *The Express Tribune*, May 10<sup>52</sup>

Pakistan has been drifting in the direction of intolerance and extremism for decades, a move jump-started by the Zia regime and rolled back by no regime since. **There is now a normative acceptance of intolerance that is so deep as to be institutionalised, a part of the national genetic code.** [...] Khurram Zaki was well known for his outspoken criticism of the Taliban and their fellow travellers, and the reasons for his murder are clear enough — **firstly he was killed for his own sectarian adherence, secondly his criticism of extremist groups and thirdly a rising public profile that centred on street activism and a busy presence on the internet with websites that promoted pluralism and were "critical, progressive and inclusive".**

## RELATIONS WITH INDIA

**Mumbai attacks planned by 'our people': Ex ISI Chief**, *The Nation*, May 10<sup>53</sup>

The planners of the 26/11 attacks were "our people" but it wasn't "our operation", the then-ISI chief Gen. Shuja Pasha had admitted shortly after the Mumbai attacks in 2008, says former Pakistani Ambassador to the U.S. Husain Haqqani. The revelation, which appears in a forthcoming book on India-Pakistan relations, recounts the visit by General Pasha to Washington on

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<sup>50</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/119163-Three-alleged-terrorists-held-in-Karachi>

<sup>51</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1257964/apex-body-plans-new-strategy-for-sustainable-peace-in-karachi>

<sup>52</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1100021/the-killing-of-khurram-zaki/>

<sup>53</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/10-May-2016/ex-isi-chief-said-mumbai-attacks-planned-by-our-people-hussain-haqqani>

December 24-25, 2008, where he made the startling admission. At the end of his meetings with his CIA counterpart Gen. Michael Hayden, General Pasha had reportedly visited Mr. Haqqani at the ambassador's residence. "Pasha said to me 'Log hamaray thay, operation hamara nahin thha'," Mr. Haqqani writes in the book — *India vs Pakistan: Why Can't We Just Be Friends?*

## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

**Two years of Modi**, A. G. Noorani, *The Dawn*, May 14<sup>54</sup>

In foreign affairs, Modi's performance, or the lack of it, has been widely noticed since he himself drew attention to it by his incessant trips to foreign lands. Relations with Nepal began well with a much-heralded trip to Kathmandu. The five-month-long blockade drove Nepal to seek China's support. President Bidhya Devi Bhandari's visit to India, which was due to begin a few days ago on May 9, was cancelled, three days earlier and Nepal's ambassador to India Deep Kumar Upadhyay was recalled. Sri Lanka has resumed provision of facilities to China to which India had objected. The swings in relations with Pakistan baffle supporters as well as critics of the government. The sudden trip to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's home at Raiwind, after a mere four hours' notice, was followed by a setback that is all too common in relations between the two countries. Relations with China are worse than they were before Modi became prime minister. His approach to the boundary dispute is as flawed as his image of that country — 'expansionist'. Those with the United States seem to be on the move upward. But, expectations conflict and the conflict can affect the bonhomie later. Only on one front does one see a clear direction of policy. It is on Hindutva. The last two years have seen a rise in atrocities against Muslims and Christians; bans on the slaughter of cows; the ghar wapisi (conversion to Hinduism) project and stifling of dissent generally. A climate of intolerance has grown.

## EXCERPTS FROM URDU MEDIA & SELECT JIHADI LITERATURE

### INDIA-PAKISTAN

**Kulbushan Yadav: A new story**, Mateen Fikri, *Daily Jasarat*, May 8.<sup>55</sup>

***[...]When Kulbushan Yadav started to make a network, Pakistan's intelligence agency was well aware of it. The intelligence officials disguised themselves as Baloch separatists, extremists of Punjab and Nationalists of Sindh when they approached Kulbushan Yadav. He needed people for his network and he ultimately recruited those intelligence officials. He gave them training and send them to India as well.*** They were regularly paid as well. Their main

<sup>54</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1258145/two-years-of-modi>

<sup>55</sup> <http://epaperlahore.jasarat.org/2016/05/8/lahore/co-11>

objectives included sectarianism in Karachi, fomenting separatist movement in Balochistan, spreading extremism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and derailing the CPEC project. **Later Kulbushan realized that the people he recruited say everything against Pakistan but they do not do the work assigned to them. But instead the people in Balochistan were giving up arms and joining the mainstream. When he tried to find out the reasons he came to know about the folly. He tried to flee but he was arrested by people around him.** The intelligence officials had all the records of what RAW officer was planning to do and they even had recorded the conversations which he made with people in India.

**Indian hypocrisy behind Pak-US tensions**, Editorial, *daily Ausaf*, May 10.<sup>56</sup>

[...]The Pakistan-America relationship receded to new low after America denied the sale of F-16 aircrafts to Pakistan. **But on the other hands the experts in Pakistan believe that the F-16 jets won't be useful to deter an enemy like India because F-16 is a single-engine aircraft while as Pakistan needs two-engine jets with more fuel intake capacity which can go deep inside the enemy country to hit the targets.** If we get new models of F-16 from America under foreign military sales program then there is no problem in the deal. The denial of America has made the job pretty easy for Pakistani policy makers who can now think of other options like China and Russia. Although F-16 jets are good to deter enemy in space but JF-thunder can also be useful in this war.

**India is losing support in Kashmir**, Editorial, *Daily Ausaf*, May 12.<sup>57</sup>

According to American news magazine, India is losing the support of people in Kashmir and if Narendra Modi led government did change its policy then the movement in occupied Kashmir will be uncontrollable. The foreign Policy magazine carried an article which argued that since 1947, the Indian oppression in Kashmir goes unabated. [...]The author argued that because of the atrocities by Indian forces, the valley is again in turmoil. **On the other hand the President of Pakistan has said that OIC should strive hard to help resolve all the issues of Muslim world including Kashmir. [...]This is high time that OIC sends its representatives to Kashmir. It should play its role in resolving issues like Kashmir, Karabakh, Sudan and Yemen. [...]Not only OIC but other international organizations should also send their representatives to assess the situation there. In the meantime, the Commerce Minister of Pakistan, Khurram Dastgeer has rightly said that Indian should be given one sided trade concessions.** We believe that Kashmir should be given first preference. If this longstanding issue is resolved then trade and tourism can follow. **We cannot think of better relations at the cost of blood of Kashmiris.**

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<sup>56</sup> [http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-05-10/news/detail14\\_03.php](http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-05-10/news/detail14_03.php)

<sup>57</sup> [http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-04-16/news/detail14\\_03.php](http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-04-16/news/detail14_03.php)

## PAK-US

**Pak-US agreed on defense cooperation, Daily Nawai Waqt, May 10.<sup>58</sup>**

The American chief of central command Gen Joseph met Pakistan army Chief Gen. Raheel Sharif and defense secretary in separate meetings. ***In both the meetings, discussions were held on issues of mutual interests of both the countries and both parties agreed to cooperate on defense related matters.*** The defense secretary put forth the concerns of Pakistan with regard to F-16 aircrafts. The defense secretary made it clear in the meeting that Pakistan is an ally of America in war against terrorism and Pakistan is in dire need of F-16 jets to deal with the mess of terrorism. ***Gen. Joseph gave assurance that military training, sale of defense equipment and bilateral defense cooperation would continue.***

## PAK-AFGHANISTAN

**Afghan peace: China and Pak on same page, Editorial, Daily Jang, May 2.<sup>59</sup>**

The peace in Afghanistan is necessary for the whole region but there are some hurdles and the biggest among them is the approach of Afghan government. ***The Afghan government does not play a positive role and instead expects Pakistan to do things which they are not capable of doing. For instance, Afghan government asks Pakistan to convince all Taliban factions to join talks but reality is that Pakistan does not have control over all groups.*** Afghan government should realize that Taliban is not a small group. ***They control 30% territory of Afghanistan where they run their own affairs. With this reality in mind, it is the responsibility of Afghan government to negotiate with them and motivate them for talks.*** In the meantime, foreign minister of China, Wong Xe and Sartaj Aziz have agreed to play their constructive role for Afghan peace.

**Indian lobby opposing pro-Pakistan officers, Daily Ummat, May 11.<sup>60</sup>**

***The assembly members and opposition parties are criticizing the decision of Afghan President, Ashraf Ghani to anoint Abdullah Khan Habibi and Masoom Stanekzai as defence minister and NDS chief respectively. The president has sent these two names to Parliament where they will be approved.*** According to sources, Abdullah Khan habibi had left Afghanistan and shifted to Pakistan after Taliban took control. Because of his contacts with Pakistani politicians, journalists and government officials he is often dubbed as ISI member. ***Zilmay Zabuli, who is member Parliament from Zabul has severely criticized Abdullah Khan. He called him ISI member and said that Afghan president wants to make him defence minister for better relations with Pakistan. About Masoom Stanekzai, he said that he remains in touch with ISI.*** Zilmay suggested that

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<sup>58</sup> <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2016-05-10/page-1/detail-4>

<sup>59</sup> [http://e.jang.com.pk/05-02-2016/lahore/pic.asp?picname=10\\_02.gif](http://e.jang.com.pk/05-02-2016/lahore/pic.asp?picname=10_02.gif)

<sup>60</sup> <http://ummat.net/2016/05/11/news.php?p=r-01.gif>

both of them should be brought in front of Investigative agencies. If Masoom Astakzai becomes NDS chief it will be great loss for India and that is why they have mobilized Parliament members to defame Abdullah Khan and Stanekzai.

**Pak-Afghan face each other at Torkham**, Editorial, *Daily Ausaf*, May 13.<sup>61</sup>

Situation on Torkham border is tense as Pak-Afghan forces face each other. Pakistan army has reached there with tanks and other weapons to deal with any kind of untoward situation. Due to the closure of border hundreds of vehicles are stranded on both sides of the border. Because of the presence of forces on either side of the border, people living near border are very much scared. **Actually Pak-Afghan border is very long and it is not an easy job to guard it. There are many ways through which terrorists and smugglers cross into Pakistan. The need was always felt that border should be completely guarded so that illegal infiltration could be stopped. Now when such steps are taken, Afghan forces don't let this happen.** The miss understanding between two can be addressed by mutual agreement and dialogue.

## PAK-BANGLADESH

**Crisis of Jama'at Islami Bangladesh**, Hamid Mir, *Daily Jang*, May 12.<sup>62</sup>

If you think that Mutee-ur-Rehman Nizami was hanged because of his love for Pakistan then that is not true. The judicial murder of Nizami was reported widely in Pakistan and from the headlines of Pakistani Newspapers it seemed that he was not a Bangladeshi but Pakistani. [...]All those leaders belonging to BNP and Jama'at-e-Islami, who have been found guilty by International Crimes Tribunal, have been called as Pakistani by media of Pakistan which is exactly what Hasina Wajid believes. Unfortunately Pakistani media has better understanding of India but know very little about Bangladesh.

**Most of our intellectuals and writers do not know that before the military operation of 1971, the Jama'at-e-Islami leader of the then East Pakistan, Prof. Ghulam Aazam, demanded that power should be handed over to Awami league.** [...]When operation started the cadres of Jama'at-e-Islami started joining organizations like Al-badr and Al-shams. They fought alongside Pakistan army against Mukti Bahini which was supported by India. **When operation was over and Sheikh Mujeeb-ur-Rehman came to power. He immediately banned Jama'at-e-Islami and cancelled citizenship of Prof. Ghulam Aazam. After the assassination of Shaikh Mujeeb-ur-Rehman, Zia-ur-Rehman came to power. He revoked the ban on Jama'at-e-Islami and the Supreme Court of Bangladesh restored the citizenship of Prof. Ghulam Aazam.** Remember that Zia-ur-Rehman was not pro-Pakistan. He had revolted against

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<sup>61</sup> [http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-05-13/news/detail14\\_03.php](http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-05-13/news/detail14_03.php)

<sup>62</sup> [http://e.jang.com.pk/05-12-2016/lahore/pic.asp?picname=10\\_06.gif](http://e.jang.com.pk/05-12-2016/lahore/pic.asp?picname=10_06.gif)

Pakistan even before Shaikh Mujeeb-ur-Rehman. As a major he had taken control of a radio station on Chittagong Hills and announced the independence of Bangladesh. He made an alliance with Jama'at-e-Islami out of his hatred towards Awami League.

After the death of Zia-ur-Rehman, her daughter, Khalida Zia came to power who received support from Jama'at-e-Islami and won the election in 1991. In that election jama'at won 18 seats and emerged out as a king maker. ***Awami League sought support of Jama'at and other parties to come to power but failed. The Awami League leader, Ameer Hussain Amu sent a message to Gen. Ali Ahsan Mujahid who was then general secretary of Jama'at-e-Islami that they are ready to make Prof. Ghulam Aazam a minister which Jama'at-e-Islami rejected and ultimately Khalida Zia came to power. The interesting turn between Jama'at and Awami League came in 1996 when both launched a movement together and demanded that new elections should not be held under the supervision of BNP but under some impartial authority. For the unity with Awami League, Jama'at suffered a lot and in 1996 election they managed to win just three seats.***

**STATISTICS****BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES***(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)*

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
<b>Balochistan</b>				
Quetta <sup>63</sup>	3/5/2016	Five injured in IED blast	0	5
Quetta <sup>64</sup>	10/5/2016	2 killed, 10 injured	2	10
<b>FATA</b>				
<b>Punjab</b>				
<b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>				
Uppar Dir <sup>65</sup>	10/5/2016	A suspected terrorist killed	1	0
<b>Sindh</b>				
Lyari <sup>66</sup>	9/5/2016	12 injured in grenade blast	0	12

<sup>63</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/1096210/five-policemen-injured-in-quetta-ied-blast/>

<sup>64</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/10-May-2016/blast-near-quetta-s-balochistan-university>

<sup>65</sup> <http://nation.com.pk/national/10-May-2016/a-suspected-terrorist-killed-in-peshawar-three-arrested-in-upper-dir>

<sup>66</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1257181/12-injured-in-grenade-blast-near-uzairs-home-in-lyari>