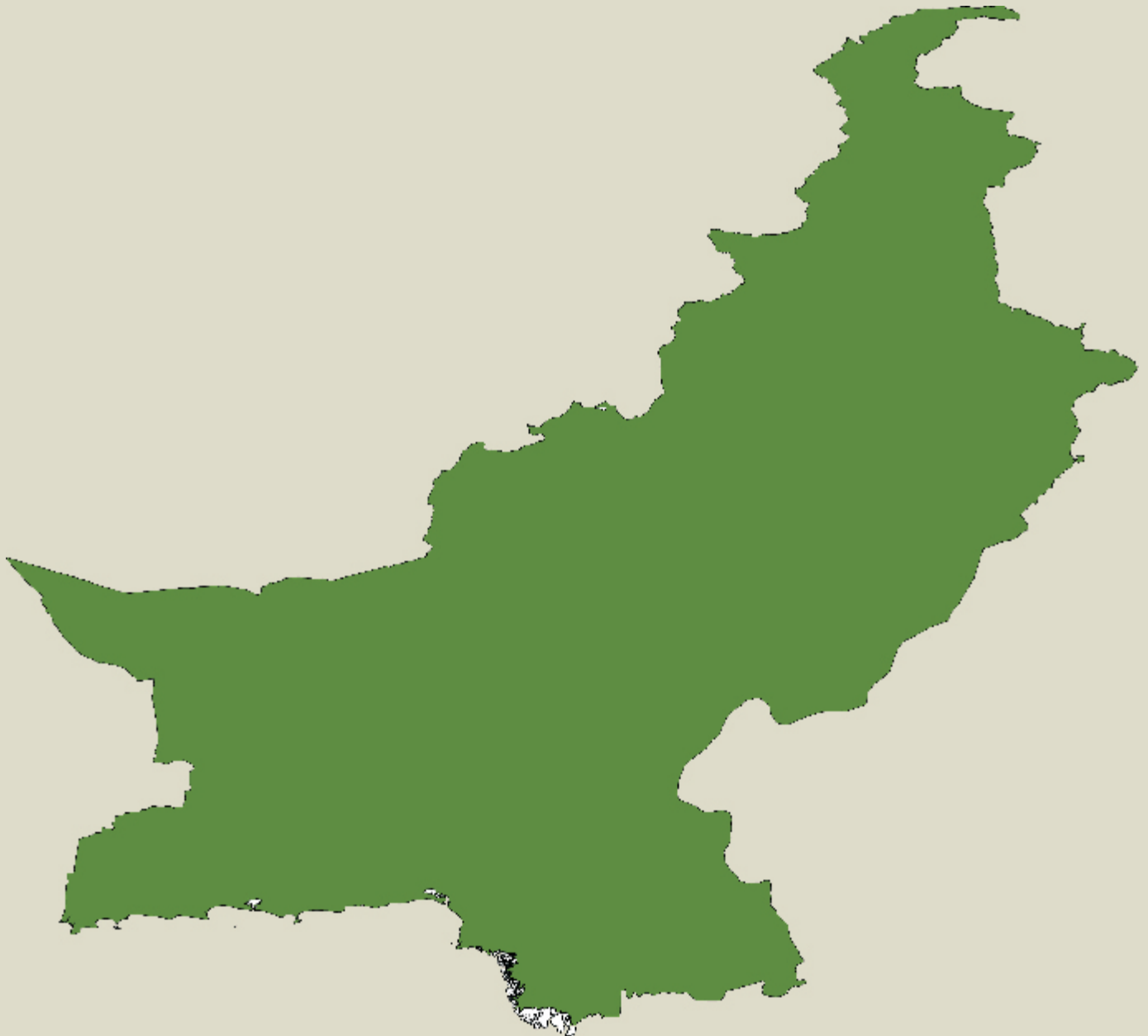


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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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- AJK: Azad Jammu and Kashmir
- ANP: Awami National Party
- BJP: Bharatiya Janata Party
- CCD/DCC: Cabinet Committee on Defence/Defence Committee of the Cabinet
- CJ: Chief Justice
- DGMO: Director General of Military Operations
- ECC: Economic Coordination Committee
- ECP: Election Commission of Pakistan
- EeNec: Executive Committee of the National Economic Council
- FATA: Federally Administered Tribal Areas
- FBR: Federal Board of Revenue
- FC: Frontier Constabulary
- FDI: Foreign Direct Investment
- FIA: Federal Investigation Agency
- GST: General Sales Tax
- IDB: Islamic Development Bank
- IMF: International Monetary Fund
- IP: Iran-Pakistan
- ISI: Inter-Services Intelligence
- Jl: Jamaat-i-Islami
- JUI(F): Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl
- K-P: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- LeJ: Lashkar-e-Jangvi
- LoC: Line of Control
- MQM: Muttahida Qaumi Movement
- NA: National Assembly
- NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- PBS: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

PML-N: Pakistan Mulsim League-Nawaz

PPP: Pakistan People's Party

PTI: Pakistan Tehrik-i-Insaaf

SBP: State Bank of Pakistan

SC: Supreme Court

SSP: Sipah-e-Sabah Pakistan

UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

LeT: Lashkar-e-Taiba

# INTRODUCTION

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## THE MONTH THAT WAS

The South Asia Centre at IDSA has started a monthly news digest on Pakistan, the first released on July 2013. The aim of this exercise is to focus on developments within Pakistan which have strategic implications for India. For India, Pakistan is a neighbouring country of utmost significance. Pakistan's strategic elite perceives India as an implacable enemy and has put in place a cross-border policy of subversion to weaken India. At the moment it is passing through multiple crises and therefore keeping a close watch on internal developments as well as external policies of such a state on regular basis is of critical necessity.

Throughout the month of August, the new government of Pakistan struggled to address the basic issues plaguing Pakistani society and economy. The issues of terrorism, power-shortage, debt-repayment, securing loans for developmental projects etc. continued to haunt the Nawaz Sharif administration. Sharif's maiden address to the nation on August 19 failed to provide the necessary confidence to the people to be optimistic about their future. His address was full of promises and platitudes. He had no concrete plans or programmes to offer. His party nevertheless fared quite well in the by-elections held on August 22, and bagged majority of the seats, providing him with the much necessary mandate to pursue his policies with confidence.

The Nawaz government's policies towards terror drew severe criticism at home. Some commentators held that he was being unnecessarily defensive and offering talks to a group which does not want to reconcile with the Pakistani state. In fact, the claims of the government that it was talking to sections of TTP have been regularly rejected by the TTP spokesperson, and the leader of the Punjabi Taliban has been removed from the party for advocating talks with the government.

Some other analysts writing in the media held that Sharif's policy of reconciliation would fail because the powerful army was opposing the idea of talks with the TTP. There were still others who urged the government to evolve a policy to take on terrorism of all kind and should not only make it TTP-focussed. On the issue of rising incidence of violence in Karachi, the Sharif government seem to have put together a fairly balanced national plan to be implemented under the leadership of the provincial government led by the PPP. However, all the stakeholders (especially the security forces) will have to act judiciously to deal with the situation in Karachi, the financial nerve-centre of Pakistan.

As far as the foreign policy of the new government is concerned, Sharif has been very cautious not to ruffle feathers too much and stick to the policies of the earlier regime. He has sought to warm up to the US and build bridges with the Karzai government in Kabul while offering an olive branch to India and cementing ties with China and Saudi Arabia. During Kerry's visit he emphasised more on improvement of ties than stoppage of drone attacks. He has been trying his very best to persuade China to invest in Pakistani economy. The media of Pakistan was thus upbeat about the prospects of Chinese investments in the economic corridor stretching from Gwadar till Kasghar, an extension of the Karakoram Highway. He has wooed the western governments well and secured the necessary loans from IMF, ADB and IDB to keep the economy on the rails.

On India, he has pushed for a policy of engagement, without forgetting to emphasise on the resolution of the Kashmir issue to placate the domestic audience. As the violation of ceasefire along the LoC picked up from the Pakistani side and retaliation from Indian side gathered momentum during the month, Sharif called for de-escalation and resumption of dialogue. However, it seemed, he was

unable to hold his ground in the face of the all-powerful military and its affiliate non-state actors who were perhaps scripting a different story and trying hard to derail the proposed meeting between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan on the side-lines of the UN meeting at New York in September. The media in Pakistan spewed venom against India and advised Nawaz against talks with India. Nawaz kept hoping, nevertheless, as reports in the media suggested, that he would still be able to pull it off and meet his Indian counterpart.

It was interesting to observe Nawaz Sharif's policies vis-à-vis other political parties and provincial governments. In continuation of his earlier approach not to vitiate politics within the country and to consolidate democracy further, Nawaz adopted a rather tolerant and pragmatic policy of constructive engagement at the internal level. His party recognised the role of PPP government in Sind, and without being provoked by Altaf Hussain's call for sending army to Karachi, evolved a policy whereby the attempt to reinforce peace in Karachi will be led by the provincial government. Similarly, when PTI protesters were baton-charged by policemen in Lahore, he ordered an impartial investigation to punish all those involved in the act. It seems that he is ensuring that the process of democracy takes deeper roots in Pakistan.

Be that as it may, what is of significance for India is the silence of his party as well as his government on the role of personalities like Hafeez Saeed and his notorious organisation called Lashkar-e-Toiba in fomenting anti-India sentiments with a programmed zeal to derail the talks with India, which he seems to so passionately pursuing. Is he serious about normalising relationship with India? Or is it all a chimera?

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# POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

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## KARZAI'S PAKISTAN VISIT

**Karzai seeks help on campaign against extremism**, *Dawn*, *The Daily Times* and *The News International*, August 26 and 27<sup>1 2 3</sup>

Afghan President Karzai and PM Sharif met in a one-on-one meeting at the Prime Minister's House in Islamabad on August 26 during which Karzai asked Pakistan to help arrange peace talks between his government and Taliban insurgents. PM *Sharif reiterated Pakistan's commitment to an "Afghan-owned and Afghan-led" transition* from NATO to Afghan security control of the country and assured Pakistan's support in the process.

Afghan government peace negotiators accompanying Karzai had called for the release of the most senior Taliban figure detained in Pakistan, former deputy leader Abdul Ghani Baradar. However, no mention was made about prisoner releases in the short statements made by Sharif and Karzai.

*Karzai decided to extend his trip for a day in order to continue talks with Sharif* in the hill station of Murree near Islamabad, where they talked about ways to curb terrorism and improve bilateral relations. Army Chief General Ashfaq Parvaiz Kiyani, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Mr. Tariq Fatemi were also present at the Murree meeting. Sharif on August 27 accepted Karzai's invitation to visit Afghanistan, with the date to be determined through diplomatic channels.

## KERRY'S PAKISTAN VISIT

**Kerry meets Sharif, Aziz, Kayani; Move to re-establish full-partnership**, *Dawn*, August 1 and August 2<sup>4 5 6 7 8</sup>

The United States and Pakistan agreed on August 1 to re-establish a "full partnership", hoping to end years of acrimony over US drone strikes on Pakistani soil, the raid that killed Osama bin Laden and other grievances. Both the sides announced resumption of their strategic dialogue stalled since October 2010 to further deepen their partnership in various fields at a joint press conference.

US Secretary of State John Kerry and his Pakistani counterpart, Sartaj Aziz, said that the two countries *will resume high-level negotiations over security issues*. Kerry also invited Nawaz Sharif to come to Washington to meet Obama. He said the talks will cover "all of the key issues between us, from border management to counterterrorism to promoting US private investment and to Pakistan's own journey to economic revitalisation." Aziz stated that Pakistan wanted greater mar-

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<sup>1</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038465/karzai-visits-pakistan-seeks-help-in-taliban-peace-process>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\27\story\\_27-8-2013\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\27\story_27-8-2013_pg1_1)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-115503-Pakistan-to-assist-Afghan-reconciliation-process:-Nawaz>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1033392/us-pakistan-to-resume-high-level-negotiations>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story\\_2-8-2013\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story_2-8-2013_pg1_1)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story\\_2-8-2013\\_pg1\\_4](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story_2-8-2013_pg1_4)

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story\\_2-8-2013\\_pg7\\_11](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story_2-8-2013_pg7_11)

<sup>8</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story\\_2-8-2013\\_pg7\\_15](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story_2-8-2013_pg7_15)



ket access to the United States with a *focus to increase trade volume up to \$11 billion and greater FDI from the US*.

During his meetings with the US delegation and Kerry, President Asif Ali Zardari called upon the international community, especially the United States, *to step forward and prepare a 'Marshall Plan' for Pakistan...* to give its people the peace dividend by way of massive economic assistance, energy development and greater market access.

PTI Chairman Imran Khan also met with Kerry and asked him to stop drone attacks. The two discussed mainly security issues. Army chief General Ashfaq Kayani and ISI Director General Zaheerul Islam also met with Kerry and discussed matters related to Afghanistan and the regional situation.

## Opinions and Editorials

**Why John Kerry Came, Muzaffer Ejaz, Jassarat, August 2<sup>9</sup>**

Press conferences by foreign dignitaries can be misleading. The cheerful faces which emerge on the news-papers after bilateral dialogues are often deceptive. While on dialogue tables they would be fighting, in front of the press they come across as best of friends. *John Kerry's first message to Sartaj Aziz during the meeting was to end all terror sanctuaries in Pakistan and [...] [he] was categorical that drones were not going to stop anytime soon.* PM Sharif reluctantly raised the point that drones were violating the sovereignty of Pakistan and would not help eradicate terrorism.

## MUSHARRAF TRIALS

**Treason case: FIA issues notices, The Express Tribune, August 7<sup>10</sup>**

The FIA has issued notices to Musharraf's collaborators in the imposition of emergency in 2007, taking into a decisive phase the investigation of a high treason case against him under Article 6 of the Constitution. The agency has summoned for questioning former Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, his principal secretary Khalid Saeed, former law secretary Justice (retd.) Ajmal Mian and seven other top government functionaries. The said persons were as per official record "a party" to the November 3, 2007 emergency.

**Bugti Murder Case: ATC orders authorities to produce Musharraf on Sept 10, The Express Tribune, August 19<sup>11</sup>**

An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Quetta ordered the authorities to produce before it Musharraf, the main accused in the murder of Baloch leader Akbar Bugti, on September 10 as it adjourned the matter to that date. The ATC once again issued arrest warrants for former Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, former Balochistan governor Owais Ahmed Ghani, former deputy commissioner of Dera Bugti Abdul Samad Lasi, who are also named in the murder of the Baloch leader. The Balochistan High

<sup>9</sup> <http://jasarat.com/index.php?page=03&date=2013-08-03>

<sup>10</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/587488/high-treason-case-fia-sends-notices-to-musharrafs-collaborators/>

<sup>11</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036873/bugti-murder-case-atc-orders-authorities-to-produce-musharraf-on-sept-10>

Court on August 24 dismissed a petition by Musharraf for this trial to be transferred to Rawalpindi from Quetta due to security fears.

**Bhutto murder case: Musharraf indicted, *The Express Tribune*, August 20 and 21<sup>12 13 14</sup>**

The Rawalpindi Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) formally indicted Musharraf on August 20 for the murder of former PM Benazir Bhutto, assassinated in 2007. He has eleven charges levelled against him which include murder, conspiracy to murder and facilitation of the murder of Bhutto. Musharraf, who made no public remarks during his appearance, denied all the charges against him. The court exempted Musharraf from appearing before the court on security grounds in future. It is the first time an ex-army chief has been charged with a crime. The court will again take up the case on August 27.

## Opinions and Editorials

**A historic 'first', *The News International*, August 22<sup>15</sup>**

We may be seeing a moment in history. The case [of indictment of Musharraf] is significant for more reasons than one. In the first place, *it is not usual for a former army chief to be put on trial*. If he is found guilty, Musharraf faces possible life imprisonment or even the death sentence – although that will be an unlikely outcome given that *the murder charge will not be easy to prove*. .....The government of her own party – the PPP – failed completely to solve the most important crime in our recent political history. ....The reasons for this need to be understood. Various other events such as *the murder of the main FIA prosecutor in the case, Chaudhry Zulfiqar in May last year* simply added to the sense of uncertainty over the whole matter. We must now hope, with the next date of hearing set for August 27 that some important information will be brought forward. Still more relevant is the fact that *this trial will undoubtedly help establish the principle of an even playing field for all*, with no discrimination in the pursuit of justice – no matter who the accused may be.

**Musharraf in the dock, *The Daily Times*, August 22<sup>16</sup>**

Even when it has not been running the show, *the powerful army has been pulling the strings from behind the scenes*. Hence, to see a former military dictator being hauled up and brought to book is *a precedent that one could not have imagined in the past*. [...]. Whilst the ex-general is in the dock for the most high profile assassination in Pakistan's recent history, *it is the party Benazir gave her life for that should be ashamed of the role it failed to play* in bringing the perpetrators of her murder to justice. It was the PPP that gave Musharraf safe passage out of the country in 2008, even though fingers had already started pointing his way. ....*WThe PPP beats its chest and rides on a wave of sympathy for its martyred leaders but also leaves them high and dry when it is most needed*.

<sup>12</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/592634/musharraf-indicted-in-benazir-bhutto-murder-case/>

<sup>13</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/593045/benazir-assassination-case-in-a-first-ex-military-ruler-charged-with-murder/>

<sup>14</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/593177/isi-received-information-about-plot-to-kill-benazir-bhutto/>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-8-197207-A-historic-first>

<sup>16</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\22\story\\_22-8-2013\\_pg3\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\22\story_22-8-2013_pg3_1)

**Musharraf on trial, *The Nation*, August 22<sup>17</sup>**

*An important first step was taken ...* However, the exemption from personal appearance which he was granted, indicated *that the trial court was allowing latitude*, for he did not claim medical grounds, but the exemption was granted because of security concerns. While *the trial must be scrupulously fair*, the nation also deserves to know who was responsible for the assassination of a former Prime Minister.

**GWADAR PORT****Chinese team to visit Gwadar port, *Dawn*, August 20<sup>18</sup>**

A high-level delegation of the China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) headed by its chairman will *visit Gwadar on August 26 to review arrangements for making the port fully functional*. Pakistan has already handed over the task of handling Gwadar Port to the CHEC.

**Sharif for giving 'Hong Kong like status' to Gwadar, *Dawn*, August 23<sup>19</sup>**

Sharif on August 23 *expressed optimism on the possibility of transforming Gwadar into a successful free port on the same lines as Hong Kong* to attract foreign investment and boost national economy. He was chairing a meeting at the Prime Minister's Office to discuss the Kashgar to Gwadar economic corridor.

**IP gas pipeline could be extended to China, *The Express Tribune*, August 24<sup>20</sup>**

According to sources, *Pakistani and Chinese officials will discuss the laying of a gas pipeline from Gwadar to western China* in a meeting to be held on August 26. They will also discuss a proposal about constructing an oil pipeline between the two countries. *The two sides will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the economic corridor*, which had already been approved by the cabinet. *Chinese companies have expressed interest in laying the gas pipeline. Iran has also expressed interest in stretching the pipeline to China.*

**China shows interest in investment in Gwadar infrastructure, *Dawn*, August 27<sup>21</sup>**

At a meeting held in Gwadar on August 26 between a delegation of the *China National Reforms and Development Commission* and top members of the Federal and Balochistan administrations, *China expressed an interest in investing in numerous development projects in Balochistan and, particularly, Gwadar*. China agreed to extend technical support for the establishment of small industries in Gwadar and units for boat manufacturing and processing of fish and dates, support youth-driven education projects, provide medical assistance and support to medical facilities, provide

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editorials/22-Aug-2013/musharraf-on-trial>

<sup>18</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037024/chinese-team-visits-gwadar-port>

<sup>19</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037827/nawaz-for-giving-hong-kong-like-status-to-gwadar>

<sup>20</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/594264/new-stakeholders-ip-gas-pipeline-could-be-extended-to-china/>

<sup>21</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1039331/china-to-invest-in-gwadar-projects>

employment opportunities in projects carried out by Chinese investors, build dams and establish marble cutting factories.

### **Nawaz approves Pak-China trade corridor route, *Dawn*, August 16<sup>22</sup>**

Chairing a Cabinet meeting the Prime Minister *in principle approved the proposed alignment of trade corridor from Kashgar to Khunjerab and Gwadar* with directions to further evaluate the proposal in terms of time and cost efficiency. Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar, Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Information Pervez Rashid, Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafiq, Special Assistant to PM Tariq Fatemi among other concerned officials attended the meeting. The meeting also discussed an alternative and shorter route along the Karakoram Highway, connecting Chilas with Manshera.

## **Opinions and Editorials**

### **The Gwadar Port, *The News International*, August 26<sup>23</sup>**

Since coming into power, Nawaz Sharif has ..paid particular attention to Gwadar... [His] plans to *revive the moribund port-development project include the development of a Gwadar to China road* as part of the proposed Pak-China Economic Corridor. [He] is now trying to sweeten the deal by announcing a Gwadar to Kashgar economic corridor. Kashgar is a strategically-important Chinese .... Linking it to Gwadar *would significantly reduce transportation costs and time* since the only route to the city from Pakistan right now is the Karakoram Highway. With *Gwadar being only 200 miles from the Straits of Hormuz*..the combination of developing the port city and providing a land route to China *would significantly shorten its oil transport chain*. In theory, ..moving forward on these projects should provide an economic boom to both countries. *But there are still significant hurdles to overcome*.

*There is no challenge greater than that of security*. ...So far, Nawaz Sharif has done nothing to convince the people of the province that development in Gwadar will benefit the entire country, particularly Balochistan. ...*There has been no assurance or guarantee from the government that in return for Chinese investments, the \$300 billion RekoDiq mines would not be handed over to the Chinese on a plate for peanuts. There is also the vexing issue of money*. Chinese contractors will have to be paid on time for any work they do, both in developing the port and the economic corridors. *The government's track record in this regard is far from inspiring. Just recently, a Chinese contractor threatened to halt work on the Neelum-Jhelum project until he was paid Rs4 billion*.... The project is vital to both our economic and national security needs since, under the Indus Waters Treaty, India will be able to secure water rights from the Neelum River if we do not complete our project before them. *For Gwadar to be a success, the government will have to be vigilant in ensuring that such unforced errors are no longer repeated*.

<sup>22</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036260/nawaz-approves-pak-china-trade-corridor-route>

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-8-198029-The-Gwadar-Port>

## RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURS

### **\$44 million optic fibre project planned with China, Dawn, August 5<sup>24</sup>**

An agreement to lay optic fibre cables was signed between China and Pakistan during Sharif's official visit to China in early July. *Huawei has been awarded the contract.* The optic fibre will be laid between Rawalpindi to Khunjarab, a distance of 820 KM. The project will cost \$ 44 million and will be completed within a span of two years. Successful implementation of the project would provide Pakistan with direct telecom access to China and the Central Asian States.

### **New draft policy for Afghan repatriation, The Express Tribune, August 7<sup>25</sup>**

Fearing uncertainty in Afghanistan following the withdrawal of US forces in 2014, the government has formulated a draft policy which calls for the voluntary repatriation of refugees and stringent border management measures. The draft policy has been shared with both Kabul and UNHCR. The proposed policy emphasises voluntary repatriation as the most preferred solution, saying local integration is not an option.

## PROVINCIAL POLITICS

### **ECP announces by-poll results, Dawn, August 23<sup>26</sup>**

The ECP on August 23 announced the official results of the country's largest by-polls and the PML-N topped the electoral race by winning 18 of the 39 national and provincial assembly seats. In the NA, the PML-N won five seats, the PPP won two, the PTI won two, the MQM won one and the ANP won one. The ECP ordered re-polling in two NA constituencies based on a directive of a High Court after reports that women had been barred from voting in NA-5 Nowshera and NA-27 LakkiMarwat.

Complete results can be seen here: <http://ecp.gov.pk/electionresultbye2013/AllResultsBye2013.aspx?assemblyid=NA>

### **PM asks officials to be investigated for arresting PTI workers, The Express Tribune and Daily Times, August 26<sup>27 28</sup>**

Over 70 PTI leaders and workers, protesting against alleged rigging in the August 22 by-elections, were baton-charged and arrested by the Punjab police on August 24. However, they were released hours later on the orders of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. On August 25, the Prime Minister directed the Punjab government to investigate the arrests of the PTI workers and asked for legal action to be taken if the highhandedness of public officials is proved.

<sup>24</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1033788/44m-pakistan-china-optic-fibre-project>

<sup>25</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/586277/new-policy-to-guide-afghan-repatriation-till-2015/>

<sup>26</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037796/ecp-announces-official-by-election-results>

<sup>27</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/595315/faceoff-in-lahore-pm-appeals-for-restraint-appeases-pti-protesters/>

<sup>28</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\26\story\\_26-8-2013\\_pg7\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\26\story_26-8-2013_pg7_1)

**Altaf Hussain demands army take control of Karachi's administration, *The Express Tribune*, August 27**<sup>29 30</sup>

MQM chief Altaf Hussain asked the PM to hand over the administration of Karachi to the Pakistan Army. Hussain said the Sindh government, the police and the Rangers had failed to protect citizens of the city. PPP leader Syed Khurshid Ahmed Shah opposed the claim and called it part of a conspiracy.

**JUI(F) joins Cabinet, *The Express Tribune* and *The Daily Times*, August 7 and 30**<sup>31 32</sup>

Akram Khan Durrani, aide to JUI(F) chief Fazlur Rehman, was appointed as Federal Minister on August 30 after a string of meetings between Fazl and PM Sharif, including one on the night of August 29 where the JUI(F) also pledged full support in proposed negotiations with militant organisations.

Earlier in the month, Fazlur Rehman had linked joining the federal government upon acceptance of his party's priorities: the approval of recommendations by the Islamic Ideological Council (IIC); holding peace talks with the Taliban; establishment of a peaceful atmosphere in the tribal region and protection of religious seminaries.

**ANP to reorganize party, *The Express Tribune*, September 1**<sup>33</sup>

ANP chief Asfandiyar Wali Khan unveiled plans on August 30 to reorganise his party at the grassroots level following dismal results in the May 11 elections. Wali Khan dissolved all party organisations, including central, provincial and district cabinets based on the recommendations of a committee which was formed to look into the party's defeat in the May 11 general elections. The ANP chief said ANP would soon begin a fresh membership campaign that would last two months. He said a central election commission and five provincial election commissions would conduct the intra-party polls and Senator Haji Adeel had been made the chairman of the central election commission.

## Opinions and Editorials

**Are We Pakistanis? Moosa Chalonakha, *Bang-e-Sahar*, August 22**<sup>34</sup>

Early in the morning on 14<sup>th</sup> August, my friend sent me an SMS – "Happy Independence Day". The SMS made me think that we were neither Pakistanis nor independent. Then why should we celebrate? Would it not be like "*Beganaay Shaadi main Abduallah Dewaana*"?

I was greatly amused by the fact that an educated and wise person like my friend, who was an MA from Karachi University, would become so insane! I met him later that day and asked him how a

<sup>29</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/595791/altaf-hussain-demands-army-take-control-of-karachis-administration/>

<sup>30</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/595834/army-in-karachi-khursheed-shah-opposes-mqm-demand/>

<sup>31</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/597306/presidential-seal-jui-f-inches-closer-to-pml-n-orbit/>

<sup>32</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\07\story\\_7-8-2013\\_pg7\\_9](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\07\story_7-8-2013_pg7_9)

<sup>33</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/598203/back-in-wali-bagh-asfandiyar-unveils-plans-to-reorganise-anp/>

<sup>34</sup> [www.bangesahar.com/popup.php?\\_date=08-22-2013&img=08-22-2013page-2-3](http://www.bangesahar.com/popup.php?_date=08-22-2013&img=08-22-2013page-2-3)

person like him who had seen the outside world was talking like a layman. He told me that he was a patriotic Pakistani. I told him that we were not Pakistanis; we are only the people of a disputed area called Gilgit-Baltistan.....[where] steps are being taken by Pakistani government to illegally change its demography. ...by settling non Gilgit-Baltistani's to reduce the local populace to a minority.... We have to understand that we are not Pakistanis and Gilgit-Baltistan is not part of Pakistan. Our people could not understand this basic fact during the last 65 years. Whatever Pakistan is doing in the area in the name of ushering in progress and development is not a favour to us; rather it has to do it as per its obligations under the UN guidelines. Pakistan is securing more than Rs 60 billion from the region as taxes; it is consuming the proceeds from the projects on the Sindh in Gilgit-Baltistan and earns a hefty income from tourism. In return, Pakistan is giving back a paltry Rs 8 billion to its people. The remaining billions of rupees are being spent for developing different provinces of Pakistan. This is total injustice. Instead of hailing "Pakistan-Pakistan" we need to fight for our rights.

## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

**PTI's white paper on election rigging, *Daily Times*, August 3<sup>35</sup>**

PTI leader Shireen Mazari said that PTI would issue a white paper on rigging in the May 11 general election to explain how final election results were manipulated in over 35 National Assembly constituencies.

**PPP and PML-N for consensus candidate for NAB, PTI opposes, *The Daily Times and Dawn*, August 8 and 9<sup>36 37</sup>**

The government is said to have shown a willingness to accept the PPP's nomination of retired Justice Rana Bhawgandas for the post of NAB chairman. His candidature for the post has been objected to on legal grounds as he served as Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) chairman during the previous government and would not be considered eligible for any other government responsibility for two years as per the law. The government, it is believed, is ready to amend the laws to appoint him as NAB chief. However, PTI's Shireen Mazari noted that individual specific modifications to the law are not acceptable.

**Ban Ki-moon meets top leadership, *Daily Times*, August 13 and 15<sup>38 39</sup>**

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon arrived in Islamabad on August 13 on a two-day visit. According to Foreign Office, Ban Ki-moon met President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz. He could not meet with COAS Kayani as the army chief was held up in Kakul due to rains.

<sup>35</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\03\story\\_3-8-2013\\_pg7\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\03\story_3-8-2013_pg7_2)

<sup>36</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story\\_8-8-2013\\_pg7\\_16](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story_8-8-2013_pg7_16)

<sup>37</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035089/a-retired-judge-may-end-up-heading-nab>

<sup>38</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\13\story\\_13-8-2013\\_pg7\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\13\story_13-8-2013_pg7_2)

<sup>39</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035931/nawaz-calls-for-de-escalation-of-tension-on-loc>

### **Six cases may be opened against Zardari, *The Express Tribune*, August 19<sup>40</sup>**

Six accountability cases against President Asif Ali Zardari are going to be opened in the second week of September, according to *Daily Express*. Accountability court judges will reopen all these references and will issue summons to the accused. The Supreme Court, in its judgment on the NRO case had assigned the right of reopening accountability cases to accountability courts.

### **Thai PM's visit, both countries vow to double trade, upgrade defence ties, *Dawn*, August 20 and 22<sup>41 42</sup>**

The PMs of Pakistan and Thailand on August 20 expressed their desire to build a strong economic partnership, double their trade figures to \$2 billion in the next five years and eventually enter into a Free Trade Agreement. Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra extended her country's support to Pakistan in becoming a Full Dialogue Partner with the ASEAN. Pakistan will back Thailand's bid for a position in the OIC.

### **Zardari's farewell dinner for journalists, *The Express Tribune*, August 27<sup>43</sup>**

At a farewell dinner for journalists, outgoing President Zardari said he was leaving the presidency as "a satisfied man" after overseeing the first-ever democratic transition of power in Pakistan and relinquishing presidential powers to parliament.

### **Prisoner swap with Europe approved, *The Express Tribune*, August 29-30<sup>44 45</sup>**

In a move to repatriate Dr Aafia Siddiqui, a meeting of the Federal Cabinet chaired by the PM has approved the signing of the Council of Europe Convention on the transfer of sentenced persons. Under US law, a person sentenced under federal law may only be repatriated if the country in question is a signatory to a prisoner transfer treaty to which the United States is also a signatory. The US is a signatory to the Council of Europe Convention while Pakistan is not.

### **SC drops charges against Imran, *The Express Tribune*, August 1, 2 and 29<sup>46 47 48</sup>**

The SC has dropped contempt of court proceedings against PTI Chairman Imran Khan. The Chief Justice had, on July 31, issued a contempt of court notice for alleged derogatory remarks by Imran Khan against the top court and its judges regarding their role in the execution of the general elec-

<sup>40</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/592035/end-of-immunity-six-cases-may-be-opened-against-president-zardari/>

<sup>41</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037147/pakistan-thailand-vow-to-double-trade-enhance-economic-partnership>

<sup>42</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037521/pakistan-and-thailand-to-upgrade-defence-ties>

<sup>43</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/595723/farewell-dinner-zardari-exiting-presidency-as-a-satisfied-man/>

<sup>44</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596797/transfer-of-convicts-cabinet-approves-prisoner-swap-deal-with-us-europe/>

<sup>45</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/597254/council-of-europe-convention-govt-to-approach-us-other-signatories-next-month/>

<sup>46</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596803/sc-drops-charges-against-unyielding-imran/>

<sup>47</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/585052/imran-khan-decides-to-appear-in-court-in-person/>

<sup>48</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\03\story\\_3-8-2013\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\03\story_3-8-2013_pg1_1)



tions. *He had called the ECP and the SC "shameless"*. The SC rejected Khan's written defence at a hearing on August 2 and asked him to file a comprehensive reply on August 28. The court observed that instead of maligning the judiciary, Imran Khan should have filed an application for the early hearing of his petition against alleged rigging. In the written explanation, Khan stated that *his statements on July 26 regarding the rigging of the elections was mainly directed at returning officers and district returning officers*, who belong to the sub-ordinate judiciary and not the SC itself.

#### NSA clarifies stance on USA, Afghanistan, India and Syria, *The Daily Times*, August 29<sup>49</sup>

The opposition on August 27 sought a clarification of the policies of the government on key foreign policy issues such as Syria, violation along Line of Control (LoC), dialogue with Taliban and the National Security Committee, and later walked out from the National Assembly against what it termed the "non-serious" attitude of treasury on these issues... On August 29, NSA Sartaj Aziz said the "chill" between Afghanistan and Pakistan "has changed into warmth". He said *Pakistan would use its influence and "contacts with all groups in Afghanistan"* to help national reconciliation and that "we do not wish to make any nationality or political party our favourite".

*On India*, he said, *the Indian army had "persistently violated the LoC, killing three Pakistan soldiers, including a captain, and two civilians"* while displaying an inconsistent attitude on the issue. On the US, he said that US Secretary of State John Kerry had agreed with Pakistan's view that *Pakistan-US relations had been seen for the past 12 years through "Afghanistan's lens"* and that the time had come to firm up ties with a resumption of strategic dialogue. He also said that there would be more headway in the coming days in getting drone attacks stopped immediately.

On Syria, he said *Pakistan had asked its representatives to the UN to take a stand in the Security Council based on respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity* of the war-torn country, non-intervention and non-interference in the internal affairs of states under any pretext, resolution of disputes through peaceful means and rejection of regime change through external intervention.

#### Pakistan opposes military action in Syria, *The Express Tribune*, August 30<sup>50</sup>

Expressing deep concern over the ongoing violence in Syria, Foreign Office spokesperson Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry indicated that *Pakistan might oppose any resolution seeking military action against Syria*. Pakistan is currently a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council and will have a crucial role in authorising any punitive action against Syria.

#### Shakil Afridi sentence overturned, *The Nation*, August 30<sup>51</sup>

The Commissioner of Peshawar has *ordered a retrial for Shakil Afridi*, a doctor who allegedly attempted to help the US in its hunt for Bin Laden by creating a fake vaccination program to obtain a DNA sample from bin Laden. *Afridi was previously found guilty under the tribal justice system* of the semi-autonomous Khyber district and convicted in 2012 for treason over *alleged ties to mili-*

<sup>49</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story\\_29-8-2013\\_pg7\\_5](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story_29-8-2013_pg7_5)

<sup>50</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/597276/fo-briefing-pakistan-opposes-military-action-in-syria/>

<sup>51</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/30-Aug-2013/dr-afridi-s-sentence-overturned>

*tant group Lashkar-e-Islam* and not for working for the CIA.

### Zardari to stay in Pakistan to reorganise PPP, *The Express Tribune*, September 1<sup>52</sup>

Former Punjab governor and PPP General Secretary Latif Khosa has said outgoing president Zardari will stay in Pakistan after stepping down from office will supervise the re-organisation of the PPP. He is to return to Bilawal House in Karachi. The reorganisation of the party will take place in all four provinces, starting with Punjab. Regarding a constitutional stipulation that prevents the President from involvement in political activities for a period of two years after the end of his tenure, Khosa said constitutional experts had not interpreted the relevant causes properly and that Zardari would look into objections, if raised. Regarding criminal cases that might be reopened against Zardari, Khosa said that he was confident that no cases would be reopened at home or abroad.

## Opinions and Editorials

### Pak-Thailand friendship, *The Nation*, August 22<sup>53</sup>

That the Nawaz setup is sincerely intent on looking to the yet unexplored niches on the foreign policy front comes as breath of fresh air. Thailand's Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's recent visit to Pakistan, which materialised after Prime Minister Nawaz's invitation *reflects a regional approach worthy of appreciation*. ....We are in the process of coming out of the economic blues while trying at the same time to draw increasing economic cooperation with friends as means to break the begging bowl. Thailand is reaching out to the world and its fast growing economy can offer us a lot. For us, this might be the expression of 'Look East Asia' but in order to have more friends, willing to invest and let their citizens venture here for cultural or trade purpose, *we will have to set our house in order. This will remain a forlorn dream when tourists and mountain-climbers are getting their throats cut.*

### Talking trade, *The Express Tribune*, August 23<sup>54</sup>

...At a time when the whole world has properly understood that the global system of power and alliances is played out primarily in the realm of economics, our strategists seem content to confine trade policy to the bureaucrats in the commerce ministry, rather than seizing it as an instrument of statecraft. ....what is needed from Islamabad is more urgency in signing trade agreements with economies that matter most to Pakistani businesses.

We do not even suggest starting with India. Let us start with something basic like the European Union (EU). The EU is Pakistan's largest trading partner — one with which we run a large trade surplus. ....Yet, rather than do what is very clearly in our economic interest, we dither and try to blame it all on Brussels. Trade....should be the centrepiece of the agenda of every meeting undertaken by Pakistani diplomats around the world. *The empty rhetoric may impress the civil servants, who write the joint statements, but nobody else.*

<sup>52</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/598172/clock-of-immunity-zardari-to-stay-in-country-reorganise-party-says-khosa/>

<sup>53</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editorials/22-Aug-2013/pak-thailand-friendship>

<sup>54</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/593783/talking-trade/>

# ECONOMIC ISSUES

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## FISCAL ISSUES

### **FBR misses monthly target for July, *The Express Tribune*, August 1<sup>55</sup>**

Despite collecting sales taxes at higher rates, the FBR has *missed the monthly tax collection target by at least Rs 12 billion* mainly due to a failure to plug loopholes. According to provisional results, the revenue collection authority collected net Rs. 127 billion as taxes in July. The net collection is Rs. 20 billion higher than the collection made in July last year, showing a growth rate of about 19%. However, despite this double-digit growth, the FBR remained behind the required growth rate of 28% to achieve the Rs2.475trillion annual target. The monthly collection was 5.1% of the annual target.

### **IDB to provide \$150 million trade finance and \$750 million in loans, *The Express Tribune*, August 4<sup>56</sup>**

The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has agreed to provide *trade finance worth \$150 million to help Pakistan import fertiliser and petroleum products* to meet its needs, a facility that will ease some pressure on shrinking foreign exchange reserves. The bank will also *extend •750 million in loans to Pakistan and its first tranche was released according to reports on August 17*. This comes after the Economic Coordination Committee asked for financing to be sought from the Saudi Development Fund and the IDB.

### **KP sets up revenue authority, *Dawn*, August 12<sup>57</sup>**

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority, set up last week, will start collecting sales tax on services and receive returns from August 15. KP is the third province, after Sindh and Punjab, to establish its own authority for the collection of sales tax on services, which was devolved to provinces after the 18th amendment in April 2010.

### **World Bank to provide \$1.5bn, *Dawn*, August 22<sup>58</sup>**

The World Bank has assured Pakistan of providing \$1.5 billion assistance during the current fiscal year to support its economic development and stabilisation programme. A statement issued by the Ministry Of Finance quoted Mr. Philippe Le Houerou, the World Bank's vice president as saying the bank was ready to take the relationship with Pakistan to the next level after a successful conclusion of a programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

### **Government accuses previous government of staggering borrowing, *Dawn* and *The Nation*, August 23 and 24<sup>59 60</sup>**

The National Assembly on August 23 was informed by the Minister of State for Privatisation that

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<sup>55</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/584773/sticking-to-tradition-despite-taxing-at-higher-rates-fbr-misses-collection-target/>

<sup>56</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/586179/trade-finance-idb-to-extend-150m-for-urea-and-oil-import/>

<sup>57</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035248/kp-sets-up-revenue-authority>

<sup>58</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037435/world-bank-to-provide-15bn>

<sup>59</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037819/pakistans-debt-reaches-new-heights-minister-of-finance>

<sup>60</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/business/24-Aug-2013/ppp-govt-borrowed-rs8-13tr-in-5-years>

the previous government borrowed a staggering Rs 8,136 billion and had apparently borrowed Rs 6,234.3 billion from domestic loans over its tenure, Rs. 1,256.5 billion from public and publicly guaranteed and Rs 645.3 billion from IMF in five years making total at Rs 8,136 billion. He added that Rs 6,044 billion was the total debt remaining in June 30 2008. He said that public debt had reached Rs 14,000 billion. According to the Ministry of Finance, the previous government borrowed international loans amounting to \$2.057 billion during the past two years. Out of this, the majority, amounting to a total of \$1.9 billion was borrowed from China.

#### **SBP raises Rs 26.03 billion from sale of T-bills, *Dawn*, August 26<sup>61</sup>**

The SBP raised Rs 26.03 billion from an auction of T-bills of various durations held on August 21. Of the total, three-month T-bills fetched Rs 25.835 billion at a cut-off yield of 8.9583 percent, six-month T-bills fetched Rs 0.195 billion at 8.9892 percent, while 12 month bids were rejected.

#### **Punjab debt burden to reduce over next decade, *Dawn*, August 26<sup>62</sup>**

A Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA), done with a 10-year horizon in collaboration with the World Bank, shows that the debt outlook of Punjab will get healthier between the 2011-12 fiscal year and the 2020-21 fiscal year. The Debt-to-GRP (Gross Regional Product) ratio is projected to gradually decline over the next 10 years from four percent in 2011-12 to just 1.2 percent.

#### **Pakistan to borrow \$ 12 bntorepay debt, *The Express Tribune*, August 27<sup>63</sup>**

Speaking at a news conference on August 26, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said attempts would be made to secure fresh loans over the next three yearsto protect the government from international debt obligations. Dar noted that forex reserves were low and needed to be increased. He said the government was planning to launch exchangeable bonds in the international market to boost reserves and sovereign infrastructure bonds for development projects.

#### **FBR to target posh areas to widen tax net, *The Express Tribune*, August 29<sup>64</sup>**

FBR Chairman Tariq Bajwa said the FBR would be targeting expensive localities in Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad to crack down on tax evasion. He said the FBR will carry out this exercise by analysing consumption patterns of households. This includes the ownership of vehicles and international travel patterns. *The FBR aims at making 2.5 percent of the population pay taxes; only around 0.5 percent, approximately 800,000 individuals, currently pay taxes.* The NA has authorised access to the bank accounts of suspected tax evaders as well, prompting fears of the misuse of that power by the government and large-scale withdrawals from the banking system. Bajwa said that there was no evidence of such withdrawals yet.

#### **25 percent increase in tax revenues, *The Express Tribune* , August 28<sup>65</sup>**

The government on August 27 reported a 25 percent rise in tax revenues since the beginning of the

<sup>61</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038289/bank-borrowing-up>

<sup>62</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038310/punjab-defines-sustainable-debt-burden>

<sup>63</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/595720/rescue-scheme-govt-to-borrow-12-billion-to-retire-previous-debts/>

<sup>64</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596813/hunt-for-rich-tax-evaders-fbr-to-zero-in-on-residents-of-upscale-areas/>

<sup>65</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596040/big-rise-in-tax-revenues-as-reforms-kick-in/>

fiscal year compared to the same period in the previous fiscal due to a raft of new tax collection measures. Officials in the Ministry have said that new measures, such as a hike in the GST and expansion of the tax net, are expected to generate Rs 207 billion worth of new revenue this fiscal year. The official said the Ministry was “working on a war footing” realising full well the implications of failure in bringing in more taxes.

#### **Taxes on oil and gas largest revenue source, *Dawn*, August 31<sup>66</sup>**

The government collected about Rs 595 billion in different taxes on oil and gas in 2012-13, accounting for almost 31 percent of total revenues collected by the FBR at Rs 1,936 billion. The oil and gas sector has emerged as the single largest contributor to Pakistan’s total revenue.

#### **PML-N borrows heavily from SBP in first 45 days, *Dawn*, September 1<sup>67</sup>**

The PML-N government borrowed Rs 594 billion from the SBP during the first 45 days of this fiscal year (2013-14). The outgoing PPP-led coalition government had changed its borrowing pattern during the last three years of its tenure and kept its focus on scheduled banks after intense criticism by economists, analysts and even the SBP over large borrowing from the SBP. The PML-N government has reversed entire borrowing pattern and resorted to borrowing from the SBP. The amount borrowed in the 45 day period is a record high.

## **Opinions and Editorials**

#### **Pyrrhic victories, *The Express Tribune*, August 12<sup>68</sup>**

...The goal of the finance ministry should not be to lower the budget deficit by any means necessary; it should be to ensure that the government can spend on programmes it needs to spend money on in a sustainable manner, of which a low budget deficit number is only one indicator. Yet, from the way finance ministry officials operate, one would think *that their job consists entirely of getting the numbers to balance.....* while provincial incompetence is appalling, *Islamabad has no right to start cutting into the provinces’ share.* This point is made all the more jarring by the fact that *the amount by which the federal government missed its tax collection target is nearly 10 times larger than the amount that it withheld from the provinces.* The ultimate source of salvation for federal fiscal sanity lies in getting more Pakistanis to pay their taxes. All else is a distraction.

## **TRADE**

#### **Export of textile and clothing picks up in 2012-13, *Dawn*, July 20<sup>69</sup>**

Pakistan’s export of textile and clothing witnessed a growth of over five percent in the outgoing fiscal year (2012-13) compared to the 2011-12 fiscal according to data from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). This marginal increase in exports is the outcome of *temporary improvement in*

<sup>66</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1039536/govt-earned-rs595bn-from-oil-gas-in-fy13>

<sup>67</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1039731/record-rs594bn-borrowing-from-sbp-in-45-days>

<sup>68</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/588838/pyrrhic-victories/>

<sup>69</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1030484/export-of-textile-clothing-rises>

*supply of gas to the sectors* in the last quarter of the outgoing fiscal year. A slight *improvement in demand from Pakistan's key markets of Europe and US* also led to improvement in export proceeds from these sectors. In absolute terms, export proceeds of textile and clothing *reached \$13.064 billion in 2012-13 from \$12.336 billion over the previous year*. In 2011-12, export of textile and clothing had witnessed a 10 percent decline over the previous year.

#### **ECC meeting backs wheat barter with Iran, *The Express Tribune*, August 6<sup>70</sup>**

Sources have told *The Express Tribune* that the Finance Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Water and Power have *backed the proposal of exporting wheat to Iran as a barter for electricity* in a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) on July 30, stressing bartering with Iran was not restricted by UN sanctions. *The ECC may approve the export of 30,000 tons of wheat to Iran as well as payment of \$70 per ton of wheat as a cost differential for the electricity*, they said.

#### **Pakistan's trade gap eases 1.35 percent in July, *Dawn*, August 20<sup>71</sup>**

Pakistan's trade deficit fell 1.35 percent in July, the first month of fiscal year 2013/14, the Bureau of Statistics said on August 20. The trade deficit fell to \$1.719 billion in July from \$1.743 billion the previous month. Exports totalled \$2.095 billion in July and imports were \$3.814 billion.

## ENERGY

#### **Clearance sought for 9,800 MW coal plants, *The Express Tribune*, July 30<sup>72</sup>**

Unnamed sources have told *The Express Tribune* that the Ministry of Water and Power has approached the Planning Commission, *seeking clearance of 9,800 MW coal-based power plants* which would be completed in three years.

To produce that much electricity, *three existing independent power plants (IPPs) of 2,590 MW capacity will be shifted to coal* to bring down the generation cost. These include the *400 MW Guddu, 840 MW Jamshoro and 1,350 MW Muzaffargarh power plants*. The government will also undertake work on new coal-run power plants, which will be capable of generating 7,210 MW of electricity. These projects include two plants of *600 MW each in Balochistan's coastal area of Hub*, a *2,400 MW Thar project*, a *1,200 MW Karachi Coastal project*, a *1,200 MW Lakhra project* and a *1,200 MW Jamshoro project*.

#### **Punjab to spend Rs. 12 bn on power projects, *The Express Tribune*, July 30<sup>73</sup>**

The Punjab government will undertake *projects in the energy sector at a cost of Rs. 12 billion* during the current fiscal 2013-14. "Power generating projects of 200 megawatts (MW) will be executed with public-private partnership," official sources told the media on July 29.

<sup>70</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/586960/barter-trade-government-to-push-ahead-with-wheat-export-to-iran/>

<sup>71</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037127/pakistans-trade-gap-eases-135-pct-in-july>

<sup>72</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/583619/policy-shift-government-plans-to-produce-power-from-coal-on-a-big-scale/>

<sup>73</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/583604/power-generation-punjab-to-spend-rs12-billion-on-projects/>

### Petrol and diesel prices raised, *Dawn*, August 1<sup>74</sup>

The government increased on July 31 the prices of petrol and diesel by Rs 2.73 and Rs 3 per litre with immediate effect. Except for high-speed diesel, the full impact of international prices and rupee devaluation has been passed on to consumers.

### China to set up four coal-fired plants in Balochistan, *Daily Times*, August 2<sup>75</sup>

China has agreed to set up four coal-fired power plants at *Gadani Power Corridor in Balochistan*, said Prime Minister Sharif in a visit to the power corridor that will be called Gadani Power Park. It is planned that the park will have *eight coal-fired power plants with an aggregate capacity of 5,200 MW*, but the Prime Minister has said that *he wanted this capacity to be enhanced to 6,600 MW through 10 power plants*.

Sharif also reportedly said (*Dawn*, August 5<sup>76</sup>) that the government had prepared a *25-year long-term plan to generate 50,000MW power to end the energy crisis*. He also said the settlement of circular debt worth Rs. 480 billion had led to the generation of 1,700 MW extra power.

### No unnecessary cost in Nandipur project, *The Express Tribune*, August 18<sup>77</sup>

A high-powered committee, constituted to investigate the revised cost of Nandipur power project, has *ruled out any unnecessary increase in the estimate*. Sources told *The Express Tribune* that *this was a move to attract Chinese investment*.

### Pakistan to continue with I-P pipeline, *The Express Tribune*, August 27<sup>78</sup>

Petroleum Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said Pakistan did not fear sanctions and quoted *Iran's sale of gas to Armenia and Turkey as reasons to continue with the proposed pipeline between the two countries*. The pipeline is supposed to bring in 750 million cubic feet per day from Iran upon completion. He admitted the government was trying to come up with funds for its portion of the project.

### Ecneec approves Rs 132 billion in power projects, *Dawn*, August 29<sup>79</sup>

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) on August 28 presided over by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and attended by ministers and senior representatives from provincial governments *approved 16 projects with a total estimated cost of Rs 132 billion*. Of the approved projects, 12 relate to the energy sector, amounting to Rs96.48 billion, including the Rs7.51 billion 31.17MW Koto hydropower project.

<sup>74</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1033256/petrol-diesel-prices-raised>

<sup>75</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story\\_2-8-2013\\_pg7\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story_2-8-2013_pg7_1)

<sup>76</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1033496/25-year-plan-to-produce-50000mw-nawaz>

<sup>77</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/591183/nandipur-power-project-report-rules-out-unnecessary-increase-in-revised-cost/>

<sup>78</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/595807/pak-iran-pipeline-pakistan-to-continue-pipeline-project-despite-international-pressure/>

<sup>79</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1039048/ecneec-approves-rs132bn-power-projects>

Three projects costing Rs41.39 billion were approved for Sindh, two costing Rs9.81 billion for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, seven costing Rs43.6 billion for Punjab along with a Rs11.8 billion project for the province's southern region and a Rs8.73 billion scheme for Balochistan. A Rs22.58 billion project was approved for Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK/POK) and one of Rs2.63 billion for Islamabad. The Planning Commission was *asked to prepare an integrated plan for transmission lines needed for the electricity planned to be generated* by the 6,600 MW thermal plants in Gadani, 1,200 MW plant in Jamshoro, the 2,017 MW Karachi coastal plants and other scheduled projects.

## Opinions and Editorials

### Punjab govt. & Chinese Co. strike deal on Solar Power Plant, *NawaiWaqf*, August 3<sup>80</sup>

The Punjab government and the renowned Chinese energy company ZTA struck a deal on establishing a 500 MW solar power plant. Right now Pakistan is going through a massive energy crisis.... The PML (N) started working on the issue soon after coming to power... Nawaz Sharif has persuaded Chinese companies to invest in Pakistan which they have readily obliged. *ZTA will construct a 300 MW solar power plant in Cholistan, which in future will be upgraded to 500 MW.* This project will be completed in one year. *After 18th amendment of the constitution, the Punjab government's work on these projects is a good sign.* The other provinces should also start working on these projects so that people will get relief from the load shedding.

### Roshan Pakistan: at what cost?, *The Daily Times*, August 7<sup>81</sup>

As Pakistan struggles to survive in a scorching summer... the latest announcement of the federal government *to increase the electricity tariff has been met with incredulity, followed by outrage* [...] In consideration of the economic suffering of the majority of people, .... the present decision must be reconsidered very carefully. *The incomes of all classes of people have suffered a steady setback* – which continues to date – and any increase in electricity tariff would be devastating. The urgency with which the present government wishes to fulfil its promise of a 'Roshan' (Bright) Pakistan does not take into account the fallout.

### Nandipur scam, *The News International*, August 12<sup>82</sup>

..The Nandipur project is about 65 percent complete and all the equipment necessary to finish the job had been sitting on the dockside at Karachi. It transpires that ... the conversion of the GE turbines to gas is a complete non-starter as ten of the existing gas-fired power plants are either operating far below capacity or shut down completely – adding another gas-fired station to the collection makes no sense. The proposed expenditure of \$25 million for the conversion is anyway inflated.... Into the mix comes Transparency International Pakistan (TIP). Again it will be recalled that TIP gave a clearance certificate to the metro bus project about which there remain a slew of unanswered financial questions. The Nandipur report was shared with TIP with the expectation once again of getting the nod – which calls into question the impartiality of TIP.

<sup>80</sup> <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/06-Aug-2013/229634>

<sup>81</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\07\story\\_7-8-2013\\_pg3\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\07\story_7-8-2013_pg3_1)

<sup>82</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-8-195417-Nandipur-scam>



### Close to collapse? Iran-Pakistan pipeline, *Dawn*, August 7<sup>83</sup>

Is it dead, or is there still some life left in it? The Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project appears to have been dropped by the Sharif government, though no formal intimation has been made. If that is in fact the case, *it is an unnecessary capitulation by the government to US, and perhaps even Saudi Arabian, pressure*. Two matters are relevant here. First, is the IP pipeline a sanction-able project? If a robust legal defence and a *hard look at the language of the sanctions suggests, as some in the Foreign Office have argued, that the IP pipeline is permissible under existing sanctions*, then Pakistan is needlessly giving up a right to do business with a neighbouring country..... Iranian government has been very serious about supplying gas to Pakistan. The project on the Iranian side of the border is near complete and the Iranians have offered a number of concessions... *To allow such a seemingly viable economic idea to collapse... is a travesty and a disservice to the Pakistani people*. It appears the Sharif government would rather focus on the potential fallout of Washington or Riyadh's annoyance with Pakistan than close a deal with Tehran which is there for the taking.

### US pressure, *The News International*, August 6<sup>84</sup>

US Secretary of State John Kerry's visit will be remembered ultimately not for finally putting the relationship between the two countries on a more even footing but *for reinforcing that we truly are the junior partner in this alliance*. There are few issues that matter as much to the people of Pakistan as the energy crisis that has caused load shedding on a massive scale. ..The only stumbling block [in case of pipeline from Iran] is the US, which is determined to continue its international isolation of Iran over its alleged nuclear programme and so has threatened us with sanctions if we go ahead with the pipeline. Our power crisis is now so acute that *this is the one issue on which we should finally draw a line in the sand and resist US pressure*. The pipeline is far too important for us to be bullied by the US. ..The US has, in the past, suggested the Tapi pipeline as an alternative but not only will that provide us with less gas but it will also go through Afghanistan, which after the US troop pullout next year will become even less safe..

### Something to cheer, *The Nation*, August 23<sup>85</sup>

Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif has informed the *National Assembly that Kalabagh Dam is now among the six projects to be built as part of the future development projects*. He assured that the dam would be built after consensus. It is no overstatement that the project would serve as the backbone of the economy, since it has been rated by the local and international experts as tailor-made to make up for the present shortfall. 3400MW of electricity can rev up the virtually decrepit economic engine.... *The good thing is that PTI government rules KPK and is already coming round* to call for the dam's construction. Sindh's fears can be easily allayed with the assessment of the experts and scientists.

<sup>83</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1034702/close-to-collapse-iran-pakistan-pipeline>

<sup>84</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-8-194578-US-pressure>

<sup>85</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editorials/23-Aug-2013/something-to-cheer>

## IMF LOAN

**IMF says Pakistan can seek \$6.6 billion, Dawn, August 13<sup>86</sup>**

The IMF has agreed to let Pakistan seek a loan package worth \$6.6 billion, two top finance ministry officials said on August 12. *The Fund had settled on an initial package of \$5.3 billion* after an IMF delegation held weeks of talks in Pakistan in July. Pakistan had requested \$7.2 billion. The IMF's executive board will formally approve the package for Pakistan sometime in early September.

## REMITTANCES

**Overseas Pakistanis send \$1.4 bn in July, The Express Tribune, August 14<sup>87</sup>**

Pakistanis working overseas sent \$1.404 billion to Pakistan in July this year compared with \$1.205 billion in the corresponding month last year, showing a growth of 16.57% or \$199.68 million, according to data released by the State Bank of Pakistan on August 12.

Country	Remittances in July 2013 (in millions)	Remittances in July 2012 (in millions)
Saudi Arabia	\$410.73	\$349.66
UAE	\$252.41	\$240.54
USA	\$233.06	\$215.30
UK	\$221.93	\$148.49
GCC	\$161.44	\$140.36
EU	\$38.59	\$30.83

## INVESTMENT

**Foreign investment up 46 percent in July, Dawn, August 17<sup>88</sup>**

Foreign private investment increased by 46 percent in the first month of this fiscal year, though in absolute terms the amount is not substantial. As per the reports of the State Bank of Pakistan on August the foreign private investment in July rose to \$118 million compared to \$80 million in July last year. Over the last five years, foreign direct investment hit the rock bottom reflecting a loss of confidence in the market.

**China to raise investment ceiling to \$10 bn, The Express Tribune, August 27<sup>89</sup>**

Pakistan, in the inaugural meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee of the China-Pakistan Eco-

<sup>86</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035445/imf-agrees-pakistan-can-seek-66-bn-say-officials>

<sup>87</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589888/overseas-pakistanis-send-home-1-4-billion-in-july/>

<sup>88</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036343/foreign-investment-up-46pc-in-july>

<sup>89</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596042/deepening-ties-china-to-consider-raising-investment-ceiling-to-10b/>

conomic Corridor, has asked China to raise investment ceiling of Export Import Bank of China to \$10 billion from existing \$3 billion in an effort to create more financial space for funding mega development projects. Pakistani and Chinese officials also inaugurated the 'Pak-China Economic Secretariat' at the Planning Commission in Islamabad.

## MANUFACTURING

### Manufacturing grows 4.3percent in FY '13, *Dawn*, August 17<sup>90</sup>

The country's large-scale manufacturing (LSM) grew 4.3 percent more in fiscal year 2012-13 than fiscal year 2011-12, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). Assessed on a year-on-year basis, the LSM grew by 4.82percent in June 2013 compared to June 2012. Meanwhile, the industrial growth during June 2013 increased by 4.82percent compared to June 2012 while it decreased by 2.35percent compared to May 2013.

Manufacturing growth and contraction by industry		
Industry	Growth (%)	Contraction (%)
Textile	1.61	
Food Beverages And Tobacco	9.30	
Coke And Petroleum Products	16.18	
Paper And Board	18.40	
Rubber Products	11.79	
Pharmaceuticals	10.01	
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	5.18	
Iron And Steel Products	8.68	
Leather Products	0.65	
Fertilisers		4.02
Electronics		5.295
Wood Products		8.41
Engineering Products		15.55
Automobiles		12.46
Chemicals		0.52

<sup>90</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036341/manufacturing-grows-43pc-in-fy13>

## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

### **ADB's \$430 mn for welfare programme, *The Express Tribune*, July 31<sup>91</sup>**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is reported to be in negotiations for a \$430 million loan in budgetary support with the Pakistani government. According to officials at the Economic Affairs Division (EAD), Pakistan is seeking the \$430 million in a bid to shore up the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), one of the world's largest social protection programmes.

### **Steel Mills may shut down without funds, *Dawn*, July 29 and August 22<sup>92 93 94</sup>**

The Ministry for Industries and Production on August 22 said that if the government failed to provide funds to the Pakistan Steel Mill (PSM) by September 30, the mill would shut down completely. The Ministry has presented the Economic Coordination Council (ECC) three options to solve the issue: release Rs. 29 billion to keep the mills running, completely shut down the mills and pay Rs. 56 billion in severance to employees or, third, privatise the mills. A decision is expected to be made soon.

### **Centre not to repay Gilgit-Baltistan loans, *The Express Tribune*, August 28<sup>95</sup>**

The federal government has refused to take on the responsibility for repaying foreign loans being sought by Gilgit-Baltistan for energy projects, raising the spectre of a halt to international lending to the autonomous region. The issue was highlighted in a meeting of the ECC held in mid-August. At the meeting, it was pointed out that Gilgit-Baltistan did not have the money to repay loans for small hydro-electric projects in Skardu and Chilas and similar foreign funded projects in the future and the federal government, consequently, asked to take on such loans. The Economic Affairs Division of the government had earlier asked representatives from Gilgit-Baltistan to forward loans to the entities operating the projects as the projects were bound to generate some revenue.

<sup>91</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/584375/budgetary-lifeline-adb-considers-430m-in-support-for-bisp/>

<sup>92</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1032899/pakistan-steel-to-seek-rs11bn-bailout>

<sup>93</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037593/psm-may-shut-down-if-govt-fails-to-release-funds>

<sup>94</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596699/pakistan-steel-losses-pile-up-to-rs86-billion-despite-bailouts/>

<sup>95</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596058/centre-refuses-to-promise-repayment-of-gilgit-baltistan-loans/>

# SECURITY SITUATION

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## TERRORISM

### **TTP and SSP plan attacking Musharraf's house, *The Express Tribune*, July 31<sup>96</sup>**

Security agencies have revealed that the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan have planned to attack former dictator Pervez Musharraf's farmhouse in Islamabad. Musharraf is being held at his ChakShahzad farmhouse, which was declared a sub-jail on April 20.

### **TTP kills Nanga Parbat attack investigators, *The Express Tribune*, August 7<sup>97</sup>**

TTP militants shot dead three security officials investigating the recent massacre of foreign mountaineers in the Gilgit-Baltistan region. The new *JandulHafsa* faction of the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, which claimed responsibility for the June 23 attack on a base camp of Nanga Parbat that left 10 dead, claimed responsibility for this attack as well.

### **Al Qaeda bringing Pakistani explosive experts to Yemen, *Dawn*, August 10<sup>98</sup>**

Senior Yemeni intelligence officials said on August 9 that intelligence suggested that foreign fighters, including explosive experts from Pakistan, had crossed into Yemen to either ferry in money to al Qaeda or for training in terror camps.

### **US evacuates non-emergency staff from Lahore, *Dawn*, August 9<sup>99</sup>**

The United States evacuated all non-emergency staff from its consulate in Lahore, citing "specific threats" amid a worldwide alert over Al Qaeda intercepts. Meghan Gregonis, spokeswoman for the US embassy in Islamabad, said the evacuation was not linked to a terror threat that prompted the closure of 19 diplomatic missions in the Middle East and Africa earlier in the month. There has been no indication of when the consulate might be reopened. On August 10, US State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the consulates in Yemen and Lahore would remain closed indefinitely.

### **TTP to talk if religious leaders involved, *The Express Tribune*, August 10 and 11<sup>100 101</sup>**

Spokesperson ShahidullahShahid said on August 9 that the TTP was ready to hold talks with the government if the latter gave a guarantee of putting forward religious and intellectual leaders such as JUI-F Chief MaulanaFazlurRehman and Jamaat-e-Islami's fourth elected Ameer, Syed MunawarHasan. Hasan said that he was willing to act as mediator between the government and TTP, provided both parties made serious efforts towards dialogue.

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<sup>96</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/584489/ttp-ssp-plan-to-attack-musharrafs-farmhouse-in-islamabad-security-agencies/>

<sup>97</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/587534/terror-in-gilgit-baltistan-nanga-parbat-investigators-shot-dead-in-chilas/>

<sup>98</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035192/al-qaeda-bringing-pakistani-explosive-experts-to-yemen-claims-official>

<sup>99</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035163/us-pulls-staff-from-lahore-consulate-over-threats>

<sup>100</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/588678/ttp-ready-to-hold-talks-with-government-if-religious-leaders-involved/>

<sup>101</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/588804/will-mediate-taliban-talks-if-agenda-is-made-clear-ji-chief/>

### **TTP bomb kills 38 in Quetta, *The Daily Times and Dawn*, August 9<sup>102 103</sup>**

A Taliban suicide bomber killed 38 people on August 8 and wounded more than 50 others, all of them police officers attending a funeral on the eve of the EidulFitr. ADIG, two SPs, a DSP and an inspector were among those killed. The attack was carried out at the police headquarters in Quetta. *The bomber struck as officers gathered to pay their respects to a colleague who had been shot dead only hours before* in Quetta. TTP claimed responsibility through spokesman Shahidullah Shahid.

### **Taliban warn of reprisal if government goes ahead with hanging of militants, President extends moratorium, *Dawn*, August 13 and 18<sup>104 105</sup>**

The outlawed Punjabi Taliban, an offshoot terrorist organisation of Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), on August 12 warned PML-N government of dire consequences if it carries on with its plan of executing convicts on death row....Pakistani authorities had said on August 8 that they would hang four convicts on death row later this month, ending a five year stay on the execution of death sentences ordered by the outgoing president....However, on August 18, President Asif Ali Zardari asked the government to extend the moratorium on the death penalty that had been in place for the last five years.

### **Sharif obliges Zardari, *The News International*, August 27<sup>106</sup>**

On August 26, Sharif suspended the resumption of the death sentences of 468 inmates, including terrorists, who were awarded capital punishment by military courts. According to the sources the PM postponed the capital punishments after holding consultations with President Zardari.

### **Plans for Joint Intelligence Secretariat, *The Express Tribune*, August 14<sup>107</sup>**

Addressing a news conference Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on August 13 revealed snippets from the proposed national counter-terrorism and extremism policy which envisages the establishment of a Joint Intelligence Secretariat and a Counter-Terrorism Rapid Deployment Force. He said the proposed Secretariat – with an initial strength of 500 personnel to be subsequently raised to 2,000 – would be established within six months with the aim of making swift decisions on actionable intelligence. He said the secretariat would also coordinate with the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA), which he alleged had been dysfunctional so far. The new Counter Terrorism Rapid Deployment Force, comprising of serving and retired military officers, would be raised to respond “within minutes” to acts of terrorism.

### **Plot to kidnap Punjab chief minister, *The Express Tribune*, August 21<sup>108</sup>**

An intelligence agency has uncovered a plot to kidnap Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. The

<sup>102</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\09\story\\_9-8-2013\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\09\story_9-8-2013_pg1_1)

<sup>103</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035012/dig-among-30-police-personnel-killed>

<sup>104</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035449/taliban-warn-of-reprisal-if-pml-n-govt-hangs-militants>

<sup>105</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/591889/president-renews-moratorium-on-executions/>

<sup>106</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-115541-PM-Nawaz-halts-death-sentence-to-468-inmates>

<sup>107</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/590039/fighting-terrorism-nisar-unveils-plans-for-joint-intelligence-secretariat/>

<sup>108</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/593018/conspiracy-unearthed-plot-to-kidnap-punjab-chief-minister-foiled/>

conspiracy was unearthed after operatives of TTP's offshoot in Punjab – Punjabi Taliban – arrested on suspicion revealed they had completed their reconnaissance and had chalked out a plan to abduct Shahbaz from his residence in JatiUmra-Raiwind.

**Punjabi Taliban commander welcomes talks,** *Dawn*, August 22 and 23<sup>109 110</sup>

AsmatullahMuawiya, a principal ally of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and leader of the so-called Punjabi Taliban, said in a statement on August 22 from Wana in South Waziristan that Sharif demonstrated political maturity by reiterating his offer to hold peace negotiations with the TTP. Muawiya said militants in Pakistan should respond positively if the government is serious about resolving the conflict.

**TTP 'expel' Punjabi Taliban leader for welcoming government talks offer,** *Dawn*, August 24<sup>111</sup>

ShahidullahShahid, spokesman for the HakimullahMehsud-led TTP), said on August 24 that the Taliban central *shura* (council) had taken 'serious notice' of AsmatullahMuawiya's recent statement warming up to the prospect of talks with the Federal Government as he was not authorised to respond to the government's offer for talks. However, Muawiya responded to The Associated Press that the Taliban *shura* did not have the capacity to remove him because the Punjabi Taliban was a separate group. He said his group had its own decision-making body.

**No dialogue till extremists de-weaponise,** *The Express Tribune*, August 22<sup>112</sup>

In a meeting, *the Defense Committee of the Cabinet (DCC) decided that negotiations with extremists will be conditional* and there will be no dialogue until they are ready to de-weaponise. The government will fight against extremists refusing to give up their weapons, they said.

**Fazl confirms support for Taliban talks,** *Dawn*, August 30<sup>113</sup>

JUI(F) chief MaulanaFazlurRehman told PM Sharif at a meeting on the night of August 29 that he would extend every possible assistance in efforts to negotiate a peace deal with the outlawed Pakistani Taliban. He was quoted in a press release issued by JUI-F's media centre as saying the government must confirm first which Taliban group they need to talk to and at what forum.

**Govtin backchannel talks, Denied by TTP,** *Dawn*, August 31<sup>114</sup>

Information Minister Pervez Rashid said on August 29, "Unofficial talks between the government side and Taliban are in progress." He said the government was ..in contact with Taliban at different levels. Earlier in the day, the JUI(F) chiefFazlurRehman told reporters in Parliament House that a forum comprising "authoritative and responsible people" was being formed in order to hold talks

<sup>109</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037600/punjabi-taliban-commander-welcomes-peace-talks-with-govt>

<sup>110</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037760/punjabi-taliban-welcome-talks-offer>

<sup>111</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038053/ttp-expel-punjabi-taliban-leader-for-welcoming-govt-talks-offer>

<sup>112</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/593717/no-dialogue-till-extremists-deweaponise-says-defence-cabinet-committee/>

<sup>113</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1039204/fazl-affirms-nawaz-of-supporting-taliban-talks>

<sup>114</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1039492/govt-in-secret-contact-with-taliban-minister>

with the Pakistani Taliban within a month. The Information Minister confirmed this development refusing to reveal which group was involved in the talks.

BBC Urdu reported that a senior Taliban leader confirmed that initial contacts between the militants and the government had been made [and] talks encompassing a wide range of issues including prevention of sectarian violence and snapping of ties with Al Qaeda and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi had been held.

However, Shahidullah Shahid, main spokesman for the TTP told AFP that no contacts had been made between the group and any government official. *“It is complete propaganda, the government must make it public if it has any proof of any such talks,”* Shahid said.

## Opinions and Editorials

### Terror travel, *The News*, August 07<sup>115</sup>

[...] Militant groups have stepped up their reign of terror since the new government took power, probably to show that they will not be deterred by a changing of the guard. The Baloch separatists too do not trust the PML-N government any more than they did the PPP one. Amidst all this violence, the government has yet to unveil a counterterrorism strategy [...] There has been no significant effort to win over locals in areas where the TTP operates .. A longer-term vision has to go hand-in-hand with offensive operations, better intelligence and beefed-up security. *The sad reality is that we simply don't have the manpower to protect every potential target in the country.*

### The Punjab threat: Security concerns, *Dawn*, August 8<sup>116</sup>

..Lashkar-i-Jhangvi in Balochistan, TTP in KP, Fata and Karachi, Al Qaeda in the tribal areas and buried deep inside Pakistani cities – these, and many more threats must necessarily be addressed in the government's counterterrorism strategy. But these are threats that have already materialised and demonstrated the damage they can wreak. A policy that stops at confronting them will necessarily be backward looking. ....[T]here is a sense that outside of North Waziristan, many of Punjab's cities, towns and perhaps even villages play host to the most sophisticated, well-financed, committed and trained jihad network in all of Pakistan.[...] Going after the threat in Balochistan, Karachi, Fata and KP and leaving Punjab's militant threat undisturbed would only create another massive, possibly unmatched, threat down the road.

### Unsettling confidence: TTP's threat, *Dawn*, August 14<sup>117</sup>

It is an ominous sign [that] the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan warned the government against carrying out the executions of those of its members that are on death row. .... In many quarters, this has sparked debate over whether the ultimate of punishments should be on the books at all... The issue is that here is a banned organisation that is not just guilty but also proud of being a distributor of death and destruction and that feels emboldened enough to issue warnings to the government.... This

<sup>115</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-8-194892-Terror-travel>

<sup>116</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035365/the-punjab-threat-security-concerns>

<sup>117</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035799/unsettling-confidence-ttps-threat>



kind of confidence negates any effort against militancy. ....It is saddening that there are apologists..who persist in believing that the extremist organisation does not have in its cross-hairs the state and society. This attitude of shying away from reality further emboldens the militants.

### **Independence Day,***The Daily Times, August 14*<sup>118</sup>

We have been double dealing on virtually every issue. On the one hand we are churning out human bombs (suicide bombers) and on the other have been complicit in US drone attacks. ... We installed our favoured government of the Taliban in Afghanistan and later ostensibly helped the US against them while providing them safe havens on Pakistani soil. *We want friendship with India yet spare no chance to infiltrate jihadists into Kashmir.* This double dealing has now become the hallmark of our reputation, with the result that countries like the US and even our all-weather friend China have developed mistrust for us.

While internally the country is bleeding to death because of the failing institutions.....*we continue with our adventures in the neighbourhood, undeterred by their deadly blowback.* .... We continue to give a free hand in Balochistan to groups like Lashkar-e-Jhangvi to conduct a sectarian genocide. The nationalists in the province have been long terrorized through the kidnapping and kill and dump policies of the military. *A man with Rs 10 million on his head and implicated in the Mumbai attacks, Hafiz Saeed, is given right in the heart of Lahore at Gaddafi stadium an open space to deliver explosive Eid sermons on jihad, focusing on Kashmir.* Meantime the pantomime of exchange of fire, casualties, and accusations has flared up again on the LoC.*The days are numbered for a continuation of these adventurist jihadi policies. Either we are heading for an internal collapse, or into isolation as a pariah state.*

### **Tragedy of confused minds,***The Nation, August 22*<sup>119</sup>

It is a shame all the killings and cries of Pakistanis, have not yet persuaded Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif that terrorists – all of them wherever they may be in this dear homeland of ours from Karachi up the Himalayas– should be hunted down with every bit of courage Pakistan can muster.

The terrorists have set up safe-houses everywhere; for instance, the discovery of an Al-Qaeda's international cell in Garden Town Lahore, which is a bustling neighbourhood right in the middle of the city comes as a shock but then not so huge when we have far bigger shocks like the existence of Osama's house located just at a stone's throw from an army academy in Abbottabad...Worse still, it seems *the ruling setup seems committed to wooing the same blood-thirsty outfits and 'Laskhars',* who are bent upon spreading their tentacles around in order to kill as many people as they can.

### **Scant details: Al Qaeda presence?,***Dawn, August 22*<sup>120</sup>

Initial reports about the busting of an illegal telephone exchange in Lahore that was allegedly facilitating Al Qaeda once again highlight the dependence of foreign militant networks on local groups.....Crackdowns have been few and restricted to jerky, superficial searches often aimed at

<sup>118</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\14\story\\_14-8-2013\\_pg3\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\14\story_14-8-2013_pg3_1)

<sup>119</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editorials/22-Aug-2013/tragedy-of-confused-minds>

<sup>120</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1037532/scant-details-al-qaeda-presence>

stereotypical suspects. Thus *the raid on the exchange working under the grand global title of International Technical Hub is an occasion for putting the country's security and intelligence network on the path* to a longer, deeper involvement in a task which can only be delayed at great risk to the public....More explanation is required on how the seminary [in Peshawar banned by the US] was training groups as different in their approaches and designs as Taliban and Al Qaeda on the one hand and Lashkar-e-Taiba on the other. Clarity is needed on all fronts in the war against terrorism.

#### Confusion about talks, *The Nation*, August 26<sup>121</sup>

[I]f the government wished to talk to the TTP, considering that it has told all militants not to contact the expelled commander, it is not easy to see any agreement reached with it honoured by [Muaviya]....Another source of confusion is within the ruling PML-N. Punjab Law Minister RanaSanaullah told a private TV channel that *the government and the Army were not on the same page as regards the talks*. This was hastily corrected by Federal Information Minister *Pervez Rashid, who said that they were*. Not only is Senator Rashid more likely to know as a member of the Cabinet Defence Committee, but the Army is very much a part of the government, and would have to be supportive of any talks offer. Still, RanaSanaullah's statement reflects a fear held even by senior activists of the ruling party. ...*the government should indeed give up the idea of talking to the Taliban*. The Taliban who are killing people in cold blood, it would be nonsensical to assume they will keep their promise.

## KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA

#### TTP orchestrates jailbreak, *The Express Tribune*, July 30 and July 31<sup>122 123 124 125</sup>

TTP militants armed with mortars and grenades *launched a major attack on the Central Prison in Dera Ismail Khan (DI Khan), escaping with 237 prisoners including suspected militants* after a gun battle with security forces, officials said. At least 12 people including four policemen were killed and seven others wounded in the brazen assault staged by militants disguised in police uniforms, they said. DI Khan Commissioner MushtaqJadoon told ARY News that *"30 among the escaped prisoners were hard-core militants"*. On July 31, *police rearrested 45 prisoners who had escaped*. In the aftermath of the DI Khan jail break, PML-N leader RanaSanaullah called for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister PervaizKhattak's resignation.

#### Ban on renting houses to Afghan refugees, *The Express Tribune*, August 8<sup>126</sup>

Following an increase in criminal activities attributed to Afghan refugees in the union council of Panian in Haripur district, *a jirga on August 6 imposed a ban on renting out houses to Afghan*

<sup>121</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editorials/26-Aug-2013/confusion-about-talks>

<sup>122</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/583919/230-prisoners-escape-in-ttps-di-khan-jail-attack/>

<sup>123</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/584483/di-khan-jail-break-rana-sanaullah-calls-for-khattaks-resignation/>

<sup>124</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/584485/police-rearrest-45-di-khan-prison-escapees/>

<sup>125</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\04\story\\_4-8-2013\\_pg1\\_3](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\04\story_4-8-2013_pg1_3)

<sup>126</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/587266/unwelcome-guests-jirga-imposes-ban-on-renting-houses-to-afghan-refugees/>

*citizens* residing on the Pakistani side of the border. Property owners whose houses are already rented to Afghan nationals were asked by the *jirga* to get them vacated voluntarily after Eid or the *jirga* would forcibly evict the tenants with the help of the local police.

**ANP leader Najma Hanif gunned down in Peshawar, Dawn, August 17<sup>127</sup>**

Unknown miscreants gunned down Awami National Party (ANP) leader Najma Hanif after breaking into her house in Peshawar late on the night of August 16. Her husband Hanif Jadoon, who also was an ANP leader, was killed along with his son and guard in a suicide bomb attack in July 2011.

**TTP commander among 5 killed, Dawn and The Express Tribune, August 22-23<sup>128 129</sup>**

On August 22, *Ghulam Jan, believed to be a key commander of the TTP, was killed* along with four accomplices when an improvised explosive device exploded near his vehicle. *Jan, who had a reputation for supporting and harbouring Uzbek, Tajik and Central Asian militants,* was earlier believed to have been ousted from the area by the pro-government Mullah Nazir group which had flushed out Uzbek fighters and anti-state militants from Wazir areas in 2008 and 2009. Maulvi Nazir was killed in a drone strike in January 2013. Ghulam Jan had *claimed responsibility for kidnapping Canadian journalist Khadija Abdul Qahar in 2008* and demanded a ransom for her release. Qahar died in the custody of militants in 2010.

**12 militants arrested in Hangu, The Express Tribune, August 22<sup>130</sup>**

At least 12 militants were arrested and heavy ammunition was seized in a successful operation carried out by security forces in Hangu on August 22. Seven hand grenades, a landmine and six Kalashnikovs were recovered from the possession of the arrested militants.

**FATA Secretariat website hacked in protest against Indian aggression, The Express Tribune, August 25<sup>131</sup>**

A group of Pakistani hackers called Haxor Crew hacked the FATA Secretariat website to record their protest against Indian aggression and atrocities in Kashmir. According to the messages left on the site, the hacker group hacked the site to record their protest against violation of human rights in Kashmir.

## BALUCHISTAN

**Four transmission towers in Balochistan destroyed, Dawn, August 5<sup>132</sup>**

Unidentified men destroyed four power transmission towers between Balochistan's areas of Sibbi and Machh. The attack led to a reduction of 100 MW of electricity which was to be supplied to parts

<sup>127</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036311/anp-leader-najma-hanif-gunned-down-in-peshawar>

<sup>128</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037571/key-ttp-commander-among-five-killed-in-south-waziristan-blast>

<sup>129</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/593708/bomb-kills-pro-al-qaeda-commander-in-south-waziristan/>

<sup>130</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/593697/12-militants-arrested-in-hangu-heavy-ammunition-seized/>

<sup>131</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/594986/fata-secretariat-website-hacked-in-protest-against-indian-aggression/>

<sup>132</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1034226/four-power-transmission-lines-destroyed-in-balochistan-attack>

of the south-western province. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. An attack last month on the power grid plunged 17 districts into darkness for many days.

**Baloch Liberation Army kills 13 labourers, *The Express Tribune*, August 7<sup>133</sup> 134**

Thirteen people, mostly day-labourers from Punjab, were pulled out of passenger buses and shot at point-blank range after a check of their identity cards in what seems to be an ethnically-motivated attack in Bolan district. The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) claimed credit for the grisly killings. The assault was carried out by 150 to 200 insurgents, who were dressed in the uniforms of paramilitary Frontier Corps and Balochistan Levies. A security official is believed to have been killed, two injured and seven Balochistan levies officials kidnapped.

**CJ takes *suomotu* notice of Balochistan violence, reported in *The Express Tribune* and *Dawn*, August 11, 15 and 16<sup>135 136 137</sup>**

Chief Justice of Pakistan, Iftikhar Chaudhry took notice of the deteriorating law and order situation in Balochistan following Eid and pre-Eid attacks that caused over 40 deaths. Chaudhry asked the Attorney General of Pakistan, Advocate General Government of Balochistan, Secretary Interior Government of Pakistan, Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Home Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Inspector General of Police, Government of Balochistan and IG, FC Quetta to submit reports explaining the government's policy to combat the incidents of violence and terrorism – and to appear before the court on August 15th in Quetta.

During the August 15 hearing of the Balochistan unrest case, CJ Chaudhry said the court's order for recovery of missing persons was not being followed whereas there was substantial evidence against Frontier Corps (FC) personnel on this issue. On August 16, The Supreme Court of Pakistan summoned federal interior secretary and Inspector General of FC for the next hearing over the case.

**UN asked to take notice of Baloch 'genocide', *Daily Times*, August 13<sup>138</sup>**

In a statement issued from Oslo, Baloch nationalist leader and former opposition leader in the Balochistan Assembly Advocate Kachkol Ali on August 12 appealed to the UN secretary general to take notice of "genocide of the Baloch nation and sheer violation of human rights". The nationalist leader said the "*genocide of Baloch nation is ongoing for the last 13 years*".

**PPP leader implicated in seizure of 100 tonnes of explosives in Quetta, *Dawn*, August 22<sup>139</sup>**

Security forces, on August 21, detained former Nazim of Quetta, Mir Maqbool Ahmed Lehri of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) in connection with seizure of more than 100 tons of explosives from a warehouse in the Balochistan capital, raided on August 20. Lehri is the provincial leader of Paki-

<sup>133</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/587536/balochistan-unrest-13-labourers-slain-in-grisly-assault/>

<sup>134</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\07\story\\_7-8-2013\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\07\story_7-8-2013_pg1_1)

<sup>135</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/588755/supreme-court-takes-suo-motu-notice-of-mayhem-in-balochistan/>

<sup>136</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036020/balochistan-unrest-case-substantial-evidence-available-against-fc-says-cj>

<sup>137</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036254/balochistan-unrest-case-sc-summons-ig-fc-and-interior-secretary>

<sup>138</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\13\story\\_13-8-2013\\_pg7\\_14](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\13\story_13-8-2013_pg7_14)

<sup>139</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037425/former-ppp-nazim-arrested-in-link-to-quetta-bomb-factory>

stan People's Party. He had served as the city Nazim during former president Gen (retd) Pervez Musharraf's regime. An FC official said Lehari was the owner of the warehouse in which the explosives were found.

### **NP and PkMAP propose action against LeJ, SSP; PML-N refuses, *The Daily Times*, August 27<sup>140</sup>**

Sources in two ruling parties of Balochistan, the National Party (NP) and Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP), said that the NP and PkMAP had agreed to launch a massive crackdown on banned groups Lashkar-e-Jhanghvi and the Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan SSP in Quetta and its adjoining areas but top leaders of PML-N were reluctant. The coalition partners met in Islamabad.

### **70,000 children deprived of education in Balochistan: CM, *Dawn* and *The Daily Times*, August 29<sup>141 142</sup>**

Chief Minister Abdul Malik Baloch told the Provincial Assembly that *migration and insecurity in different parts of the province have deprived around 70,000 children from education*. He also pointed out that "Taliban-style judgements" were being issued in different parts of the state. Speaking on the use of force to address these issues, he said *four military operations in Balochistan had already been concluded without any negotiations or impact and the fifth one was underway, showing that the use of force was ineffective*.

At the session, Balochistan National Party (BNP) President Sardar Akhtar Mengal took oath as a member of the Balochistan Assembly. Mengal has returned as an MPA after 14 years.

## SINDH

### **Attorney General summoned over government inaction in Karachi, *The Express Tribune* and *The Daily Times*, August 29<sup>143 144 145</sup>**

The Supreme Court summoned Attorney General Munir Malik to present a report on the Federal Government's stance on assisting the Sindh government in curbing the unabated violence and crime in Karachi. During the hearing, the Deputy Attorney General Ashiq Raza replied that the situation had become a provincial subject under the 18th Amendment, which devolved many of the powers of federal institutions to the provinces.

During the hearing, Major General Rizwan Akhtar, Director General of the Rangers, said *the militant wings of political parties need to be abolished if Karachi is to ever become peaceful again* to which CJ Chaudhry said that that was the Director General's responsibility. Akhtar told the court that the *Rangers had limited powers. They could arrest criminals, but not investigate the crimes*

<sup>140</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\27\story\\_27-8-2013\\_pg7\\_7](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\27\story_27-8-2013_pg7_7)

<sup>141</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038963/balochistan-unrest-has-deprived-70000-children-from-education-cm>

<sup>142</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story\\_29-8-2013\\_pg1\\_4](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story_29-8-2013_pg1_4)

<sup>143</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596810/karachi-suo-motu-case-sc-summons-ag-to-explain-govt-inaction/>

<sup>144</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596714/sc-law-and-order-hearing-militant-wings-of-parties-behind-violence-says-rangers-dg/>

<sup>145</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story\\_29-8-2013\\_pg1\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story_29-8-2013_pg1_2)

*properly. He added that those arrested were soon bailed out of prison.* The Court ordered the submission of two years' worth of correspondence between executives of both the federal and provincial governments at the next hearing.

The SC has resumed hearing this case which pertains to the implementation of a 2011 order in a *suomotu* notice over the security situation in Karachi, this time with a larger bench.

**Interior Minister indicates 'apolitical targeted operation' in Karachi, *Dawn* and *The Daily Times*, August 29<sup>146 147</sup>**

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said on August 28 that a non-political targeted operation will be carried out by civil armed forces to restore peace in Karachi. At the next meeting of the Federal Cabinet, in Karachi on September 3, the blueprint of the proposed operation will be discussed. He said the *CM of Sindh will lead the operation as law and order is a provincial subject while adding that all federal agencies and resources will be at his disposal* for the operation. Khan also *announced the formation of a monitoring committee consisting of representatives of major political parties in Karachi and eminent media and business figures to ensure transparency and fairness.*

MQM Chief Altaf Hussain sounded a note of caution, however, saying, *"The proposed operation should not turn into the 1992 operation, which was initiated with claims of capturing 72 big fish and later switched towards targeting MQM."*

**CJ attacks Sindh government for allowing weapons smuggling in Karachi, *Dawn*, August 30<sup>148</sup>**

CJ Ifthikar Chaudhry said on August 29 that weapons, in large quantities, were being smuggled in through Karachi port and supplied throughout the country, including Balochistan. Chaudhry, who headed the five-member SC bench hearing the *suomotu* case on violence in the city, came down heavily on the chief secretary of Sindh and provincial police chief, saying neither were discharging their duty.

**MQM criticises PPP for adopting 1990's politics, *Dawn*, August 30<sup>149</sup>**

MQM leader Dr Farooq Sattar accused the PPP government in Sindh of adopting 1990's politics of victimising political opponents through targeted operation by preparing 'lists' and conducting raids to arrest opponents.

## Opinions and Editorials

**Chance to reset ties: Karzai visit, *Dawn*, August 13<sup>150</sup>**

If Afghan President Hamid Karzai does visit Pakistan later this month [...] it will be an opportunity to try and reset ties ... For now, the Afghan Taliban's reluctance to talk to Mr Karzai and Mr

<sup>146</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038965/nisar-indicates-apolitical-targeted-operation-in-karachi>

<sup>147</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story\\_29-8-2013\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story_29-8-2013_pg1_1)

<sup>148</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1039198/cj-assails-sindh-govt-equates-karachi-to-weapon-smuggling-hub>

<sup>149</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1039205/sattar-criticises-ppp-for-adopting-1990s-politics>

<sup>150</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035550/chance-to-reset-ties-karzai-visit>

Karzai's suspicion that he is being kept out of the loop has stymied the much-talked-about Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process. [...] In his visit to Islamabad, then, *the Afghan president's fears about the Doha process should be placated* and the emphasis should be on restarting the dialogue process, whether in Doha or somewhere else or whether in the original framework or a new one.

#### **Progress or status quo? Karzai visit, Dawn, August 26<sup>151</sup>**

..The problem is that the best-case scenario in Afghanistan never quite seems to materialise. In fact, the opposite is often the case. At the moment, ...Mr Karzai appears determined to not be side-lined and furthermore to find some kind of way to stay relevant, and safe after April next year. On the Pakistani side, the new political government has not quite got its foreign-policy house in order... Meanwhile, the army is preparing for a change of command at the top...*Hope for the best, but prepare for continuation of the status quo* – that may be the best approach as President Karzai arrives in Islamabad.

## MINORITIES

#### **Ahmedis prevented from praying at place of worship by Sunni mob, The Express Tribune, July 31<sup>152</sup>**

Ahmedis in Fatehpur, Gujrat district, have been banished from their place of worship during the month Ramazan and fear that they will be deprived of the property by the local government and clerics. On July 11, the first day of Ramazan, a group of Sunnis beat up the Ahmedis and kicked them out of the place of worship, telling them not to return, according to members of the Ahmedi community.

#### **Suicide attack on Shia mosque foiled, Dawn, August 9<sup>153</sup>**

A suicide attack was foiled on the afternoon of August 9 when a bomber was gunned down at a Shia mosque in Islamabad. The suspected bomber was reportedly trying to enter the Imambargah a village on the north-eastern outskirts of Islamabad before he was shot down by a security guard.

#### **Hazara movement 'to be reactivated', Dawn, August 15<sup>154</sup>**

The movement for the creation of a separate province of Hazara would be reactivated if the central and provincial governments did not fulfil their commitments, said Subah Hazara Tehrik (SHT) convener Advocate Mushtaq Khan speaking in Manshera in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He wanted the statement to serve as a reminder to the leadership of Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf and Pakistan Muslim League-N. He asked PTI and its allies in provincial government to adopt a resolution about Hazara province in the Provincial Assembly and send it to federal government for further action. Khan said that they would hold an important meeting next week to evolve strategy to mobilise people for the cause of Hazara province.

<sup>151</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1038447/progress-or-status-quo-karzai-visit>

<sup>152</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/584181/dispossession-ahmedis-banished-from-place-of-worship-lahore-city/>

<sup>153</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035173/suicide-attack-at-islamabad-mosque-foiled-bomber-gunned-down>

<sup>154</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035919/hazara-movement-to-be-reactivated>

**Eleven killed in Bhakkar sectarian clashes, *Dawn*, August 24<sup>155 156</sup>**

The conflict, which resulted in eleven being killed, followed a protest rally held by AhleSunnatWaljamaat (ASWJ) after one of their members was gunned down while closing his shop. ASWJ members then clashed with Shia's in the area. A curfew was imposed for an indefinite period on the district.

**NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY****Composition and name of DCC changed, *The Express Tribune*, August 23<sup>157</sup>**

The government has rechristened the Defence Committee of the Cabinet (DCC) as Cabinet Committee on National Security (CCNS). The newly constituted CCNS would, much like the predecessor body (DCC) be headed by the prime minister and include ministers of foreign affairs, defence, interior and finance, the Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and chiefs of staff of Pakistan Army, Navy and Air Force as its members. The only changes are the minister for information and some senior bureaucrats, who have now been left out. There was no mention of the ISI chief being a part of the new committee.

**First draft of National Security Policy finalised, *Daily Times* and *The Express Tribune* on August 19 and 22<sup>158 159</sup>**

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan told the National Assembly (NA) on August 21 that the government had finalised the first draft of National Security Policy. It will have two parts – one dealing with the internal security while the other dealing with external threats having strategic repercussions. Khan said that the policy on internal matters would be announced by him whereas Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security Sartaj Aziz would present the other part of the policy. Upon being questioned as to why there was such a long delay, ...*The Express Tribune* on August 19 reported that PM Sharif told the PML-N's top leadership at a meeting that the differences between the US military administration and Pakistan Army on Afghanistan and Taliban were hindering the finalisation of the national security policy.

**Shift from force to negotiation with Taliban in new policy: Sharif, *The Daily times*, August 24<sup>160</sup>**

PM Sharif, in an interview with *The Telegraph*, said his government would produce a new national security strategy in the next few weeks..to handle the threat of TTP "Of course we're fighting each other," he said. "I believe that there may be no harm in exploring the other option of having dialogue with them if they're at all serious, and if we find them serious enough – and if we think that talks can yield positive results."

<sup>155</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037831/eleven-killed-in-bhakkar-sectarian-clashes>

<sup>156</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038024/curfew-imposed-in-bhakkar-following-sectarian-clash>

<sup>157</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037756/leaner-panel-formed-for-national-security>

<sup>158</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\22\story\\_22-8-2013\\_pg7\\_4](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\22\story_22-8-2013_pg7_4)

<sup>159</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/592114/address-to-nation-pm-to-talk-about-security-policy/>

<sup>160</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\24\story\\_24-8-2013\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\24\story_24-8-2013_pg1_1)



## CYBER SECURITY

### **Cyber defence body proposed, *The Express Tribune*, September 1<sup>161</sup>**

The Senate Committee on Defence and Defence Production has proposed creating an Inter Services Cyber Command (ISCC) under the office of Chairman Joints Chief of Staff Committee (CJCS) to pre-empt cyber-attacks. The command centre would coordinate between different law enforcement agencies on cyber security.

## DRONE ATTACKS

### **Kerry non-committal on drones, *Daily Times*, August 2 and August 3<sup>162 163</sup>**

US Secretary of State John Kerry suggested in an interview with Pakistan State TV that US drone strikes ..could end “very, very soon... as we have eliminated most of the threat and continue to eliminate it.” The State Department, however, clarified on August 3 that there was no timetable for the cessation of drone strikes. State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said, “Obviously, a lot of this is driven by the situation on the ground.”

### **Possible tacit understanding but no deal with US on drones, *The Express Tribune*, August 27<sup>164</sup>**

State Minister for Privatisation Khurram Dastagir told the National Assembly on August 26 that the government “has not found evidence of any written treaty with the US permitting it drone strikes” and felt that “there was a tacit understanding between the two governments on the use of drones”.

### **Drone attack kills four in North Waziristan, *Dawn*, August 31<sup>165</sup>**

A drone attacked a vehicle near a seminary in Hesokhel Musaki village in Mirali, around 40 kilometres east of Miranshah. Multiple sources said four suspected militants were killed in the missile strike which destroyed the vehicle and severely damaged the walls of the seminary. Intelligence officials said the four men killed were from Turkmenistan. Local militant sources said that they were members of the Islamic Movement Turkmenistan (IMT), affiliated to the Hafiz Gul Bahadur faction of the TTP. The attack was denounced by the Pakistani Foreign Ministry.

## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

### **Ground tests to keep PAF fighters airborne longer, *The Daily Times*, August 8<sup>166</sup>**

The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) has taken steps to keep its indigenously developed fighter aircraft JF 17 (Thunder) airborne for longer hauls, said Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafiq Butt in

<sup>161</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/598183/guarding-new-frontiers-cyber-defence-body-proposed/>

<sup>162</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story\\_2-8-2013\\_pg1\\_5](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story_2-8-2013_pg1_5)

<sup>163</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\03\story\\_3-8-2013\\_pg1\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\03\story_3-8-2013_pg1_2)

<sup>164</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/595673/drone-campaign-tacit-understanding-but-no-deal-with-us-lower-house-told/>

<sup>165</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1039609/us-drone-kills-four-foreign-militants-in-north-waziristan>

<sup>166</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story\\_8-8-2013\\_pg7\\_11](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story_8-8-2013_pg7_11)

an interview with Defence Jane's Weekly. He also said that the PAF must prepare for a two-front situation in view of its combat role in Pakistan's anti- terrorism campaign.

### **Army chief to be named before Kayani retires, *The Express Tribune*, August 12<sup>167</sup>**

According to sources of *The Express Tribune*, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif plans to name the successor of Chief of Army Staff General Kayani weeks before the incumbent's extended six-year term expires in November this year. The source said that consultations have already begun to choose Kayani's successor. Sources said that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif would be sent a shortlist of three generals from which he would likely pick one. Lt Gen Haroon Aslam, currently Chief of Logistic Staff, will be the senior most General in the army after Kayani steps down.

### **Reshuffle of army top brass, *Dawn*, August 12 and 13<sup>168 169</sup>**

Major General Amir Riaz has been appointed as the new Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Pakistan Army. Riaz's predecessor Major General Ashfaq Nadeem served on the said post from April 2011 until recently. Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) on August 9 *dispelled the impression that appointment of Major General Riaz as the new DGMO had any connection with the LoC situation*, saying it was part of a routine reshuffle. He said four major generals had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant general. These included Major General Ashfaq Nadeem Ahmed, the former DGMO, Major General Zamir-ul-Hassan Shah, Major General Qamar Javed Bajwa and Major General Javed Iqbal.

### **Violence in July, *The Express Tribune*, August 19<sup>170</sup>**

There was no let-up in incidents of violence across the country during the month of July. Casualties remained high with *572 deaths and 642 injuries, revealed the Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS) in its monthly report*. Target killings accounted for most number of deaths. Over 70% of the victims belonged to Sindh, followed by Balochistan 16%, K-P 9% and FATA 4%. The highest number of deaths were reported from Karachi, followed by Kurram Agency. A large number of Peace Lashkar members in tribal areas lost their lives to presumed target killings.

### **Madrassa furious over US 'terrorist' tag, *Daily Times* on August 22<sup>171</sup>**

The US Treasury imposed economic sanctions on the Ganj madrassa, or Islamic school, in Peshawar on August 20, saying it trained recruits and facilitated funding for al Qaeda, the Taliban and Lashkar-e-Taiba. The sanctions include a ban on US citizens having any dealings with individuals or assets linked to the school. Students and teachers at the school furiously rebutted the charges on August 21 and said they had not had a chance to defend themselves against the accusations.

The Treasury said *Fazeel-A-Tul Shaykh Abu Mohammed Ameen al-Peshawari, known as Shaykh Aminullah, controlled the school*. In 2009, both the US and the United Nations accused him of providing material

<sup>167</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589043/change-of-baton-army-chief-to-be-named-before-kayani-retires/>

<sup>168</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035427/major-general-amir-riaz-appointed-new-dgmo>

<sup>169</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589507/appointment-of-new-dgmo-part-of-routine-ispr/>

<sup>170</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/592108/seeming-no-end-no-let-up-in-violent-incidents-in-july/>

<sup>171</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\22\story\\_22-8-2013\\_pg7\\_8](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\22\story_22-8-2013_pg7_8)

support to al Qaeda and the Taliban. The founder of the school claims that Shaikh Aminullah has left the school. The Pakistani Interior Ministry and army declined to comment on the decision.

#### Islamabad gunman trained in AJK, *The Express Tribune*, August 27<sup>172</sup>

Speaking at a press conference, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) of Islamabad said Muhammad Sikandar, the gunman who entered into a standoff with police on August 15, received militant training in 1996 from a camp in AJK and then left for Dubai where he raised funds for banned outfits. However, the IGP claimed that it has yet to establish which outfit he was working for.

#### Turkey-Pakistan security cooperation, *The Express Tribune*, August 29<sup>173</sup>

At a meeting in Islamabad on August 28, the Federal Cabinet gave its approval for signing to increase security cooperation between Pakistan and Turkey. The objective is to increase security cooperation between police organisations in areas such as capacity building, counter-terrorism, forensics, intelligence and strategic level police management training.

## Opinions and Editorials

#### The internal threat: Independence Day, *Dawn*, August 14<sup>174</sup>

[...] The absence of social justice and economic uplift is one of the many evils that stalk the country; an even greater evil is the religious and sectarian militancy eating into the vitals of Pakistan [...] This foe can be defeated only if society as a whole takes up cudgels against what is undeniably the greatest danger to Pakistan. *Regrettably, large sections of civil society are silent, mostly out of fear, and neither the ulema nor the men of letters have played their due role of condemning violence and raising awareness.* Institutions that hitherto actively participated in propping up the militants are today confused about the nature of the beast their past efforts have produced.

<sup>172</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/595731/islamabad-standoff-sikandar-raised-funds-for-banned-outfits-say-police/>

<sup>173</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596797/transfer-of-convicts-cabinet-approves-prisoner-swap-deal-with-us-europe/>

<sup>174</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035800/the-internal-threat-independence-day>

# RELATIONS WITH INDIA

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## BORDER SKIRMISHES

### **Five Indian soldiers killed on LoC in Poonch***The Daily Times, August 7*<sup>175</sup>

New Delhi accused Pakistan's military of involvement in an ambush on an army post in the Poonch area of Kashmir which led to the death of the five soldiers. India summoned Pakistani Deputy High Commissioner Mansoor Ahmad Khan and lodged a protest.

### **Two Pakistani soldiers injured in LoC clashes**, *Geo TV News, The Daily Times and The Express Tribune, August 7 and 8*<sup>176</sup>

Shooting occurred on the LoC that injured the two Pakistani soldiers. It came just hours after India accused Pakistani forces of killing five Indian soldiers along the Line of Control (LoC). A Pakistani military official blamed "unprovoked Indian firing". A senior Indian army officer in northern Kashmir alleged that Pakistani troops had opened fire first.

On August 7, Pakistani military's chief spokesperson Major General Asim Bajwa said in a statement *that Pakistani and Indian DGMOs had spoken to each other by hotline*. He added that the Pakistani DGMO strongly and categorically rejected Indian allegations of the LoC violation by Pakistani troops.

### **Sharif hopes peace process will remain intact**, *Dawn, August 9 and 10*<sup>177 178</sup>

PM Sharif said on August 8 that he hoped the peace dialogue with India would remain intact, adding that Pakistan was willing to work with the neighbouring country to prevent recurrence of violent incidents. He said this at a special meeting held at the Foreign Office to discuss the latest incidents along the LoC. Meanwhile, Foreign Office Spokesman Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry, in a statement on August 9, *called upon Indian authorities to ensure protection of "Dosti" bus passengers*.

### **India accused of attacks on border posts**, *The Express Tribune, August 11*<sup>179</sup>

Pakistan on August 11 accused Indian forces of "unprovoked firing" on Pakistani Rangers in the Sialkot sector, sparking an "intermittent exchange of fire" between the two sides.

### **No talks till Hafeez and Dawood are handed over: BJP**, *The Express Tribune, August 11*<sup>180</sup>

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) demanded that the Congress-led UPA Government suspend talks with Pakistan until they hand over Dawood Ibrahim and Hafiz Saeed, *The Express Tribune* quoted a DNA newspaper report as saying.

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<sup>175</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\07\story\\_7-8-2013\\_pg1\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\07\story_7-8-2013_pg1_2)

<sup>176</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story\\_8-8-2013\\_pg1\\_3](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story_8-8-2013_pg1_3)

<sup>177</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035011/nawaz-for-joint-efforts-to-end-loc-violence>

<sup>178</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035194/pakistan-asks-india-to-ensure-protection-of-dosti-bus-fo>

<sup>179</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/588710/indian-army-opens-fire-at-sialkot-sector-check-post/>

<sup>180</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/588703/no-talks-till-dawood-and-hafiz-saeed-are-handed-over-bjp/>

**Pakistan accuses India of killing civilian in Kashmir, *The Express Tribune* and *Dawn*, August 12**<sup>181 182</sup>

Pakistan accused India on August 12 of killing a civilian with “unprovoked firing” in Kashmir. The latest firing apparently took place in three sectors along the LoC: Battal, Chirikot and Satwal sectors.

In a statement, the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the Indian Deputy High Commissioner had been summoned this afternoon to express concern over the ceasefire violation which resulted in the civilian’s death in Rawalakot.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan-administered Kashmir, *Chaudhry Abdul Majeed*, led a 400-strong protest march to the UN observer mission in Muzaffarabad to demand action to restore peace.

**Possible scale down of diplomatic staff in India, shift of troops to Indian border by Pakistan, *The Express Tribune*, August 12**<sup>183</sup>

*The Express Tribune* reported that Pakistan had started examining several options, including scaling down diplomatic staff in New Delhi and shifting troops from the Afghanistan border to the eastern frontier. A Pakistani foreign ministry official said *diplomatic staff could be withdrawn because the Indian government had not arranged fool-proof security* for Pakistani diplomatic missions. A senior Pakistani army official was quoted as saying that the military top brass had finalised a recommendation to the government to allow the withdrawal of some troops from the border along Afghanistan and redeploy them to the eastern frontiers. The final decision on both these issues will be taken by the CCD.

**US refuses to link Kashmir issue to broader terrorism, *Dawn*, August 13**<sup>184</sup>

In response to a question that sought to link the Kashmir issue with terrorism by Al Qaeda and Taliban militants, State Department spokesperson Marie Harf told a briefing in Washington that *there was a distinction between the Kashmir issue and the broader issue of extremism in the region*. She said the two countries should continue to build bilateral relations.

**Munawar attacks India for blocking water to Pakistan, *Dawn*, August 13**<sup>185</sup>

Ji (Jamaat-i-Islami) chief Syed Munawar Hassan said the federal government was trying to boost ties with India while Indian troops had started aggression along the Line of Control. He also said that India had constructed dams to block flow of water towards Pakistan while Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was planning to import electricity from India.

<sup>181</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589124/pakistan-accuses-india-of-killing-civilian-in-kashmir/>

<sup>182</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035213/one-killed-from-indian-firing-in-rawalakot>

<sup>183</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589039/border-volatility-amidst-escalating-tensions-pakistan-weighs-its-options/>

<sup>184</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035453/us-refuses-to-link-kashmir-issue-with-terrorism>

<sup>185</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035545/jamaat-for-meaningful-talks-with-taliban>

**MFN for India not under immediate consideration: Dar, Dawn, August 13<sup>186</sup>**

Pakistani Finance Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar said on August 12 that the government was not currently considering granting most favoured nation trading status to India.

**UN offers to broker Kashmir peace, Daily Times, August 13<sup>187</sup>**

Expressing concern over violence along the LoC, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said his good offices were available if both sides agree to his mediation.

**NA slams 'Indian aggression', Indian Parliament rejects resolution, The Express Tribune, August 14 and 15<sup>188 189</sup>**

The NA on August 13 unanimously *passed a resolution condemning "unprovoked Indian aggression on the LoC"*, the mob attack on Pakistan's High Commission, demonstrations outside Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) offices, irregularities in the plying of the "Dosti" bus in Amritsar and vilification of Pakistan in the Indian media....During the session Awami Muslim League (AML) leader Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said India's response had been antagonistic due to its inherent reluctance to accept Pakistan as an independent country.

*The Indian Parliament on August 14 "rejected" the resolution passed by Pakistan's National Assembly*, saying it levelled "absolutely baseless and unfounded" allegations against India. It alleged that Pakistan Army was involved in "unprovoked" attacks on the Line of Control (LoC). Both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha unanimously adopted identical resolutions.

**India not to talk till skirmishes resolved, The Express Tribune, August 14<sup>190 191</sup>**

India Foreign Office spokesperson Syed Akbaruddin on August 12 said India would not hold talks with Pakistan until the issue of cross border skirmishes was fully resolved. Akbaruddin also said Pakistan should act on terror and take action against Hafiz Saeed to help the bilateral relationship.

**Pak cancels visit of India-bound pilgrims, The Express Tribune, August 14<sup>192</sup>**

A statement from the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs declared that a visit of Pakistani Zaireen (pilgrims) to participate in the Urs of Hazrat Amir Khusroin New Delhi has been cancelled due to security reasons.

**Hafiz Saeed challenges India to prove he is a terrorist, Dawn, August 15<sup>193</sup>**

JamaatudDawa chief Hafiz Mohammad Saeed called on August 14 for the creation of an indepen-

<sup>186</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035439/mfn-status-for-india-is-not-under-immediate-consideration-dar>

<sup>187</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\13\story\\_13-8-2013\\_pg1\\_4](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\13\story_13-8-2013_pg1_4)

<sup>188</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/590028/ceasefire-violations-national-assembly-slams-indian-aggression/>

<sup>189</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035927/indias-two-houses-reject-na-resolution>

<sup>190</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589598/cross-border-firing-india-will-not-hold-talks-with-pakistan-till-matter-resolved/>

<sup>191</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/590024/uneasy-neighbours-india-to-pakistan-act-on-terror-before-talks/>

<sup>192</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/590032/security-reasons-pakistan-cancels-visit-of-india-bound-zaireen/>

<sup>193</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035946/hafiz-saeed-challenges-india-to-prove-he-is-a-terrorist>

dent judicial commission to investigate him. He said the commission should comprise of “senior lawyers and judges from India and Pakistan”. Addressing India on Pakistan’s Independence Day, he said, *“You are the country that ruined us through releasing floodwater into Pakistan every year. You are generating electricity by using our water unlawfully. You are the people who are behind bomb blasts in Pakistan, mainly in Balochistan. You are killing innocent Kashmiris in occupied Kashmir.”*

#### **Sharif calls for de-escalation of tension on LoC, Dawn, August 15<sup>194</sup>**

PM Sharif on August 14 *called for de-escalation of tension on the Line of Control (LoC)* and sought United Nations help for resolving the Kashmir dispute. Pakistan, the Prime Minister said, would continue to respond to the situation with “restraint and responsibility”.

#### **Nawaz, Singh likely to meet in September, Dawn, August 16<sup>195</sup>**

Foreign Office spokesman, Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry, on August 16 *said the Indian and Pakistani Prime Ministers were likely to meet next month in New York, adding that Pakistan had already apprised India of its concern over the situation on LoC.* Chaudhry also said all communication channels between the two countries were open.

#### **Army captain killed, soldier wounded in LoC firing, The Express Tribune and Daily Times, August 21 and 22<sup>196</sup>**

The Pakistani Army has said that one officer was killed and a soldier was wounded by Indian firing along the LoC. The firing allegedly took place in Batal, Nakyal areas near Skardu. On August 21, the Pakistani Foreign Office summoned the Indian Deputy High Commissioner to record protest against continuous ceasefire violations. *The National Assembly passed a unanimous resolution condemning the “attack” by the Indians.*

#### **Women peace delegation leaves for India, Dawn, August 20<sup>197</sup>**

*A 28-member “Women Peace Coalition”, led by former provincial minister Mossarat Qadeem, left for India on August 19.* The group includes parliamentarians, educationists, business women and social activists who will attend several forums to highlight the inclusion of women in peace processes. The group will also meet Indian counterparts belonging to the media, business community, civil society and elected representatives.

#### **Singh keen to meet Nawaz, US officials told, Dawn, August 20<sup>198</sup>**

India would like substantive discussions with Pakistan on the recent Kashmir tensions at an expected summit meeting in New York next month, diplomatic sources told *Dawn*. The two prime ministers will also be meeting US President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai during their visit.

<sup>194</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035931/nawaz-calls-for-de-escalation-of-tension-on-loc>

<sup>195</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036238/nawaz-singh-likely-to-meet-in-september-fo>

<sup>196</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/593676/loc-violation-national-assembly-passes-resolution-against-indian-army-firing/>

<sup>197</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036959/women-peace-delegation-leaves-for-india>

<sup>198</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037031/singh-keen-to-meet-nawaz-us-officials-told>

### India frees two Pakistanis, *Dawn*, August 23<sup>199</sup>

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) handed over two Pakistani prisoners from an Indian jail to the Punjab Rangers at the Wagah Border on August 22 as a goodwill gesture.

### Two Pakistani troops killed in shelling, *Dawn*, August 23<sup>200</sup>

A Pakistani soldier was killed in the Hot Spring sector and another in Rakhchakri sector near Rawalakot on August 22. It was also reported that two civilians were injured by Indian shelling in Nakial sector of AJK on the night of August 21. ... In a statement from the Pakistani Foreign Office, spokesman Aizaz Chaudhry said the Indian High Commissioner had been called to the Foreign Office and conveyed Pakistan's concern over the "continued and unwarranted" ceasefire violations.

### DCC meeting discusses LoC firings, *Dawn*, August 22<sup>201</sup>

On August 22, the DCC, in principle, decided that *Pakistan would continue to ask India to observe the ceasefire* and continue to use military and diplomatic channels to prevent further incidents.

### 337 Indian fishermen released from Pakistani jail, *Dawn*, August 23<sup>202 203</sup>

Authorities said that 337 fishermen were released from jails in Pakistan on August 23 as per the announcement by country's Interior ministry a day earlier. The nationality of one fisherman who was supposed to be released could not be ascertained, thereby preventing his release. The fishermen were repatriated through the Wagah border. It was reported that the Sindh government had organised eight "luxury air-conditioned coaches" and meals for the transport of the fishermen.

### Nawaz urges end to India-Pakistan arms race, *Dawn* and *The Daily Times*, August 23 and 24<sup>204 205</sup>

PM Sharif on August 23 in an interview with British newspaper *The Telegraph*, called for an end to a long-running arms race between Pakistan and India and for a stop to a decades-old 'blame game'. "Both Pakistan and India have wasted so much money in military hardware and building up their defenses against each other [...] They have been running after MiG-29s, we have been running after F-16s; they have been buying more tanks and we have been running after submarines. Look at how expensive they are," he said, saying a cessation of the arms race could lead to greater spending in the social sector.

"This blame game has been going on again. This blame game has also been going on for 67 years. *Anything going wrong in India, they blame us. Anything going wrong in Pakistan, we blame them. And I think this blame game has to stop,*" he said. He said that his by-election victory was a mandate for peace with India. He also said that sources told him from time to time that there was the hidden hand of India in certain disturbances and acts of terrorism in Pakistan. He declined to discuss the issue further.

<sup>199</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037743/india-frees-two-pakistanis>

<sup>200</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037754/india-urged-to-hold-talks-as-two-troops-die-in-shelling>

<sup>201</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037756/leaner-panel-formed-for-national-security>

<sup>202</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037801/337-indian-fishermen-released-from-pakistani-jail>

<sup>203</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037429/338-indian-prisoners-being-released-tomorrow>

<sup>204</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037828/nawaz-urges-end-to-india-pakistan-arms-race>

<sup>205</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\24\story\\_24-8-2013\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\24\story_24-8-2013_pg1_1)



**Kerry praises Pakistan's policy of restraint with India, *The Express Tribune*, August 24<sup>206</sup>**

Sources told *The Express Tribune* that US Secretary of State John *Kerry telephoned PM Sharif and appreciated Islamabad's policy of exercising restraint* amid the ongoing border flare-up with New Delhi. The conversation focused on tensions between India and Pakistan.

**Indian shelling allegedly kills two women in AJK; Officer dies falling into ravine, *Daily Times*, August 26<sup>207 208</sup>**

Pakistani authorities accused the Indian army of cross-border shelling that killed two women and wounded seven other civilians. The shells struck villages in Nakyal sector, around 200 kilometres south of Muzaffarabad, intermittently overnight according to Pakistani security officials. Military officials also said Major Saddam Malik of the Pakistan Army died after falling into a ravine along LoC in the Neelam valley near Muzaffarabad on the night of August 24.

## CROSS BORDER TERRORISM

**Tunda's network leads to LeT, *The Express Tribune*, August 25<sup>209</sup>**

Although Indian police have not made much headway in uncovering Abdul Karim Tunda's alleged role in Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), they claim to have exposed the so-called LeT-ISI linkages in smuggling counterfeit currency into India. Investigating agencies, based on leads obtained from Tunda in the course of his interrogation, have over the last two days arrested two persons involved in the currency racket, sources said.

**Kashmir rebels threaten surge in attacks, *The Daily Times*, August 29<sup>210</sup>**

Syed Salahudeen, the head of *United Jihad Council*, an umbrella organisation of groups fighting against Indian rule in Kashmir, said "thousands" of rebels would move across from Afghanistan after NATO troops leave in 2014. "The coming months and years will see a tremendous surge in mujahedeen's activities" in Kashmir, he said. "*The encounter between mujahedeen and Indian forces will enhance to an unprecedented level. The increase in attacks will be enormous and Indian forces will face huge losses,*" he said.

## INITIATIVES FOR COOPERATION

**Two Indian engineering companies explore small scale energy production in Pakistan, *The Express Tribune*, August 6<sup>211</sup>**

Cheema Boilers Limited, manufacturers of high pressure boilers that produce electricity, along with

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<sup>206</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/594520/praise-for-restraint-kerry-lauds-nawazs-india-policy/>

<sup>207</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\26\story\\_26-8-2013\\_pg1\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\26\story_26-8-2013_pg1_2)

<sup>208</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038432/woman-killed-seven-injured-in-loc-shelling>

<sup>209</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/594932/bankrolling-let-indians-claim-tundas-network-leads-to-let/>

<sup>210</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story\\_29-8-2013\\_pg7\\_18](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story_29-8-2013_pg7_18)

<sup>211</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/587331/solving-energy-crisis-indian-firms-to-manufacture-power-packs-in-pakistan/>

Triveni turbine manufacturers, are exploring partnerships in Pakistan to meet the growing electricity demand of sugar mills and allied industries. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on August 6 between these two companies and a Pakistani company.

## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

**Sharif takes exception to Interior Minister's statements on India and terrorism, *The Express Tribune*, August 14**<sup>212</sup>

*The Express Tribune* has reported, quoting sources in Sharif's office that the PM had not taken well to Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Khan's press conference in which he talked about the national policy to combat terrorism and the cross-border skirmishes with India. In comments made earlier, he had questioned whether the war on terror was Pakistan's war. On the India issue, Khan had warned India not to further escalate tensions along the border, reiterating that the entire nation was behind the country's military which was well positioned to respond to any aggression. The sources revealed that there was censure from the PM came because neither statement accurately represented the policy of the government.

**Indian drone "violates Pakistani airspace", *The Daily Times*, August 4**<sup>213</sup>

An unmanned Indian spy plane flying at 3,500 feet was said to have violated Pakistan's airspace near Sialkot on August 3, officials said. The aircraft penetrated about 350 meters inside the Pakistan territory for about two minutes.

**India gives list of 386 detained Pakistanis, Pakistan notes discrepancy in numbers, *The Daily Times*, August 29**<sup>214</sup>

Indian authorities have handed over a list of 386 Pakistanis detained in Indian jails to the High Commission of Pakistan in New Delhi. However, according to the record of Pakistani prisoners maintained by the Pakistani Foreign Ministry and the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi – based on the information received from print, electronic media, NGOs and applications from the relatives of prisoners – there are 485 Pakistani in India jails. The Pakistan High Commission has taken up the matter with the Indian authorities to clarify the discrepancy, said an official of the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He said 30 Pakistani prisoners had completed their sentences but Indian authorities had not yet released them.

**26/11 attacks: Pakistani team to visit India next week, *Dawn*, September 1**<sup>215</sup>

An eight-member panel of Pakistani prosecution and defence lawyers will visit India on September 7 to cross-examine four Indian witnesses in the Mumbai attack case, a Federal Investigation Agency prosecutor informed an anti-terrorism court in Islamabad on August 30.

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<sup>212</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/590039/fighting-terrorism-nisar-unveils-plans-for-joint-intelligence-secretariat/>

<sup>213</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\04\story\\_4-8-2013\\_pg7\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\04\story_4-8-2013_pg7_2)

<sup>214</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story\\_29-8-2013\\_pg7\\_3](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\29\story_29-8-2013_pg7_3)

<sup>215</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1039774/cross-examination-in-mumbai-case-pakistani-team-to-visit-india-next-week>

## Opinions and Editorials

**Assad ullahGhalib, *NawaiWaqt*, August 23<sup>216</sup>**

The elections held in May have further exacerbated the pressure on the military. The party which came to power was dismissed by the military earlier. The winning party's leadership was imprisoned and later sent to exile. *The rift between civilian government and military has started to appear again. The main reason is Nawaz Sharif's India policy* [...] Nawaz Sharif made a comment earlier that he wanted to bring the military back from Siachen unilaterally. He should also work towards bringing military back from Azad Kashmir and shut them in Muree and Mangala barracks (*Na RahegiBaans Na BajegiBansuree*). The Kashmir issue will die its own death.

**It is natural for us to hate, not love, India, S. M. IrfanTahir, *Bang-e-Sahar*, August 6<sup>217</sup>**

Years and decades have gone by but our rulers, devoid of intellect, did not know how to do business with the outside world and do not differentiate between friends and enemy [...] The most pressing issue to think about is the granting of MNF status to India. India is constructing dams on Pakistani rivers. India wants to turn Pakistan into a barren state. India's *AabiJarahiyat* (water or hydro-terrorism) can be understood from the dams constructed on Pakistani rivers. They are now constructing five more dams. India has already violated the Indus Water Treaty. The body of martyred soldier AsimIqbal on the border by Indian security forces is a good gift to Pakistani rulers from their best friend. ... There is so much buzz about good relations with India and the US, but it is in our nature to hate rather to love them, it is in our nature to revolt against them than cooperate with them (*Hamarayfitrat main inn say nafrethaimohabbatnahi, hamarayfitret main bagawathaiwafanahi*).

**Mature response, *The Nation*, August 12<sup>218</sup>**

[...]While Indian media does its best to feed the fire, political parties enjoy the opportunity to do some campaigning in the run-up to the Indian general elections in 2014. In direct contrast to Pakistan's recently witnessed election campaign, Indian political parties have been hugely encouraging ..anti-Pakistan sentiment in India. It is unfortunate that the "world's largest democracy" should fall to such graceless and immature ploys in the face of the simple threat that the Pakistani and Indian premieres may meet on the side-lines of the UN General Assembly.

**Prisoners of history, for how long?, *The Daily Times*, August 12<sup>219</sup>**

[...] Notwithstanding the 'war chant' from some ultra-nationalist sections of the Indian media, it is imperative that the bigger picture not be lost here. The *2003 ceasefire may not have been very effective in defusing the 'fire' of enmity forever, but the very fact of its existence is an indication of the desire of the successive governments of Pakistan and India to implement a long-lasting peace plan*. The very unfortunate events of Kargil and the 2008 Mumbai attacks may have been used as vehicles to block the efforts of peace aspirants by some state and non-state actors... However, the

<sup>216</sup> [www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/columns/23Aug-2013/234167](http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/columns/23Aug-2013/234167)

<sup>217</sup> [http://www.bangesahar.com/popup.php?r\\_date=08-06-2013&img=08-06-2013page-2-2](http://www.bangesahar.com/popup.php?r_date=08-06-2013&img=08-06-2013page-2-2)

<sup>218</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editorials/12-Aug-2013/mature-response>

<sup>219</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\12\story\\_12-8-2013\\_pg3\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\12\story_12-8-2013_pg3_1)

recent announcement of the newly inducted government of Pakistan headed by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and the willingness of Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmoham Singh to open a new dialogue for a long-lasting rapprochement *is a very positive indicator despite the air being thick with war cries.*

**Your obliteration has become the buzz word in the Heavens? (Teri BurbadiyonkayTazkirayHainAasmanon Par), SaeedAasi, Nawaiwaqt, August 13<sup>220</sup>**

Let us think about it, sir. What is the basic motive of war mongering by the Indian government and the opposition against Pakistan? Perhaps our leaders will never understand it. The creation of an anti-Pakistan ambience helps the Indian political parties to garner more votes. So Pakistan is just an election issue for them. Just imagine what kind of approach India will take towards Pakistan if its political parties are fighting the elections with an agenda to destroy Pakistan?

**MFN status, The Nation, August 14<sup>221</sup>**

Federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has said that there is no proposal under ‘immediate consideration’ to give India Most-Favoured Nation (MFN) status. [...] *The MFN decision, taken by the previous government, was not just flawed because it entered the negotiations without insisting that India first resolve all outstanding issues, with that of Kashmir being uppermost, but because it failed to make sure that the concerns of its agriculture were addressed, or that there was any mechanism to ensure that India tore down the non-tariff barriers it used to protect its trade and industry. In short, India made sure that the agreement suited its ends, opening Pakistani markets to Indian goods, while keeping Indian markets closed to Pakistani. [...] While the Kashmir issue is kept off the negotiating table by India, it should not hope to strike trade deals with Pakistan. [...] the MFN agreement is not revived, at least not in its present shape.*

**Ceasefire threatened: LoC tensions, Dawn, August 13<sup>222</sup>**

[...] On India’s part, a hard line has been taken by the military while the Congress party’s youth wing, no doubt with an eye on the 2014 Indian elections.... Army chief Gen Bikram Singh’s anger at his commanders for not using mortar fire and artillery against Pakistani troops must be regretted. A higher degree of firepower will lead to an equally potent response from the Pakistan military, and that will wreck whatever is left of the 2003 ceasefire. Such a stance raises serious doubts about the Congress-led government’s sincerity to the peace process.

Such a situation is exacerbated by the fact that Pakistan is without a foreign minister in these testing times. *Mr Sharif has chosen to be his own foreign minister and defence minister, and since his duties as prime minister must come first, the challenges in the domain of external affairs and defence do not get the time, attention and priority they deserve.*

<sup>220</sup> [www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/columns/13-Aug-2013/231305](http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/columns/13-Aug-2013/231305)

<sup>221</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editorials/14-Aug-2013/mfn-status>

<sup>222</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035549/ceasefire-threatened-loc-tensions>

**Constructive approach, *The Nation*, August 25<sup>223</sup>**

.... There ... exists in India a sentiment that thrives on fanning hatred. This was recently evidenced in its media's irrational commentaries of the LoC friction, the mob attack on our High Commissioner's office as well the statements of the parliamentarians in Lok Sabha, hence accentuating the tremendous amount of effort that is needed to get past deep-seated misconceptions. If peace is to prevail, reciprocity has to be there. If some of the Indian leaders are of the view that by maintaining a hard line they might reap better results in coming general elections, they should know it is unethical and can be dispensed with as with Pakistan's case *where certain parties did very well without whipping up the anti-India feeling*.

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<sup>223</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editorials/25-Aug-2013/constructive-approach>

# STATISTICS

## BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
<b>Balochistan</b>				
Quetta <sup>224</sup>	30/07/2013	Law enforcement operation	4	-
Gwadar <sup>225</sup>	30/07/2013	Militants lob grenade at shop	8	8
Mastung <sup>226</sup>	3/08/2013	Oil tanker set ablaze by gunmen	-	-
Quetta	7/08/2013	Body found, shot	1	-
Bolan <sup>227</sup>	7/08/2013	Baloch Liberation Army militants kill 11 mostly Punjabi labourers and some men, with rumours of security officials being kidnapped	14	3 injured, 7 kid napped
Mastung <sup>228</sup>	8/08/2013	Bomb in shopping center during Eid shopping	3	21
Kech <sup>229</sup>	8/08/2013	Separate shootings	2	-
Quetta <sup>230</sup>	8/08/2013	Police man killed and his children injured	1	2
Quetta <sup>231</sup>	8/08/2013	TTP bombing of policeman's funeral, top police officials killed	38	>50
Quetta <sup>232</sup>	9/08/2013	Shooting at mosque during Eid prayers	10	unknown
Bolan <sup>233</sup>	10/08/2013	Operation by security forces kills six suspected militants. One suspect arrested and large cache of weapons and ammunition recovered	6	-
Quetta <sup>234</sup>	10/08/2013	Attack on FC checkpoint, attackers killed	2	-
DeraBugti <sup>235</sup>	10/08/2013	Baloch tribal leader killed in remote detonation of bomb	1	-
Quetta	11/08/2013	Security convoy attacked, three security officials injured	-	3

<sup>224</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1032978/four-suspected-militants-killed-in-quetta-operation>

<sup>225</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1032770/militants-injure-eight-in-gwadar-despite-dialogue-offer-by-cm>

<sup>226</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\03\story\\_3-8-2013\\_pg7\\_5](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\03\story_3-8-2013_pg7_5)

<sup>227</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/587536/balochistan-unrest-13-labourers-slain-in-grisly-assault/>

<sup>228</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story\\_8-8-2013\\_pg1\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story_8-8-2013_pg1_2)

<sup>229</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story\\_8-8-2013\\_pg7\\_10](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story_8-8-2013_pg7_10)

<sup>230</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/588755/supreme-court-takes-suo-motu-notice-of-mayhem-in-balochistan/>

<sup>231</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\09\story\\_9-8-2013\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\09\story_9-8-2013_pg1_1)

<sup>232</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035162/ten-killed-in-quetta-during-aidul-fitr-prayers>

<sup>233</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035185/clashes-with-security-forces-claim-eight-lives-in-balochistan>

<sup>234</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035185/clashes-with-security-forces-claim-eight-lives-in-balochistan>

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Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Quetta <sup>236</sup>	12/708/2013	Assailants opened indiscriminate fire on people coming out of a mosque after Eid prayers in a bid to target former minister Ali MadadJattak, who escaped unhurt	11	31
Quetta <sup>237</sup>	12/708/2013	Unidentified persons shot dead a policeman and injured a man	1	1
Bolan <sup>238</sup>	12/708/2013	Security operation killed six militants	6	-
Mastung <sup>239</sup>	12/708/2013	Two militants killed after attack on FC check post	2	-
Quetta <sup>240</sup>	12/708/2013	Two FC men injured by roadside bomb	-	2
DeraMurad Jamali <sup>241</sup>	12/08/2013	Landmine blast	1	3
Quetta <sup>242</sup>	13/08/2013	Bicycle bomb: improvised explosive device weighing up to five kilogrammes	2	1
Harnai <sup>243</sup>	13/08/2013	Body recovered	1	-
Bolan <sup>244</sup>	14/08/2013	Five suspected militants planting a bomb on railway tracks killed	5	-
Turbat <sup>245</sup>	14/08/2013	Leader of the National Party and member of the Balochistan provincial assembly Mir AzeemBuleidai found dead at home	1	-
Turbat <sup>246</sup>	15/08/2013	Two activists of the Baloch National Movement (BNM) and Baloch Students Organisation (BSO-Azad) were killed in encounter with security forces	2	-
Bolan <sup>247</sup>	16/08/2013	Terrorist attack on a passenger train	4	32
Bolan <sup>248 249</sup>	17-18/08/2013	Clashes between militants and security forces continued for second consecutive day after attack on train. Eight militants killed	8	-

<sup>236</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589002/tragedy-on-eid-11-dead-as-ex-minister-escapes-assault/>

<sup>237</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589002/tragedy-on-eid-11-dead-as-ex-minister-escapes-assault/>

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<sup>240</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589002/tragedy-on-eid-11-dead-as-ex-minister-escapes-assault/>

<sup>241</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\12\story\\_12-8-2013\\_pg7\\_3](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\12\story_12-8-2013_pg7_3)

<sup>242</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035450/bicycle-bomb-kills-two-in-quetta-say-officials>

<sup>243</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\13\story\\_13-8-2013\\_pg7\\_6](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\13\story_13-8-2013_pg7_6)

<sup>244</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/590074/violence-marks-eve-of-august-14/>

<sup>245</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589631/balochistan-mpa-found-dead-in-his-home/>

<sup>246</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035945/two-activists-killed-in-encounter-with-fct>

<sup>247</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036495/train-attack-armed-clashes-leave-two-more-militants-dead-in-bolan>

<sup>248</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036495/train-attack-armed-clashes-leave-two-more-militants-dead-in-bolan>

<sup>249</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/591722/fc-kills-two-more-militants-in-bolan/>

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Mastung <sup>250</sup>	17/08/2013	Two suspected militants arrested	-	-
Quetta <sup>251</sup>	18/08/2013	Gunmen on a motorcycle open fire on a checkpoint killing one soldier and wounding two others	1	2
Quetta <sup>252</sup>	18/08/2013	Police and Anti Terrorism Force (ATF) arrested 12 suspects and seized explosives in a joint operation	-	-
Quetta and Mastung <sup>253</sup>	18/08/2013	Separate instances of violence: tribal elder gunned down, doctor kidnapped and rocket fired in Quetta; container truck was set on fire in Mastung district	3	4
Quetta <sup>254</sup>	19/08/2013	Two Frontier Corps (FC) personnel and assailant killed in shootout	3	unknown
Kalat <sup>255</sup>	23/08/2013	A bullet-riddled body recovered	1	-
Kohlu <sup>256</sup>	27/08/2013	Three rockets fired at security check post	-	-
Zhob <sup>257</sup>	27/08/2013	Unknown gunmen shoot a man	1	-
DeraBugti <sup>258</sup>	27/08/2013	Two gas wells blown up	-	-
Quetta <sup>259</sup>	30/08/2013	Gunmen kill former police officer	1	-
Quetta <sup>260</sup>	30/08/2013	Bomb blast kills child and injures many others	1	unknown
Sibi <sup>261</sup>	30/08/2013	Insurgent killed, eight injured in security operation that used attack helicopters	1	8
Turbat <sup>262 263</sup>	31/08/2013	Armed militants killed in security operation by FC following attack	7-10	-

<sup>250</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036495/train-attack-armed-clashes-leave-two-more-militants-dead-in-bolan>

<sup>251</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/591855/checkpost-firing-in-quetta-leaves-suspect-dead-policeman-injured/>

<sup>252</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/582564/quetta-operation-12-suspects-held-arms-seized/>

<sup>253</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/584941/balochistan-unrest-three-killed-in-quetta/>

<sup>254</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/592102/attack-on-picket-terrorist-two-fc-men-killed-in-shootout/>

<sup>255</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\24\story\\_24-8-2013\\_pg7\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\24\story_24-8-2013_pg7_2)

<sup>256</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\27\story\\_27-8-2013\\_pg7\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\27\story_27-8-2013_pg7_2)

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<sup>258</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\27\story\\_27-8-2013\\_pg7\\_5](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\27\story_27-8-2013_pg7_5)

<sup>259</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1039199/gunmen-kill-police-officer-in-quetta>

<sup>260</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/597399/child-killed-in-quetta-bomb-blast/>

<sup>261</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\30\story\\_30-8-2013\\_pg7\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\30\story_30-8-2013_pg7_1)

<sup>262</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1039619/ten-militants-killed-in-turbat-clashes-officials>

<sup>263</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/598222/firefight-in-mand-frontier-corps-repels-attack-kill-7-militants/>



Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
<b>Gilgit-Baltistan</b>				
Chilas <sup>264</sup>	7/08/2013	TTP faction kills three investigators of Nanga Parbat mountaineer attack	3	-
Gilgit <sup>265</sup>	26/08/2013	Police official from elite force and civilian shot dead in separate incidents of violence	2	-
<b>Punjab and Islamabad</b>				
Toba Tek Singh <sup>266 267</sup>	5/08/2013	Blast in economy class of Karachi bound Shalimar Express	1	14
Bhakkar <sup>268 269</sup>	24/08/2013	Members of a radical Sunni group AhleSunnat Waljamaat (ASWJ) clashed with minority Shia's	11	1
Islamabad <sup>270</sup>	23/08/2013	Gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire outside a Deobandi seminary on the outskirts of the capital	3	-
Lahore <sup>271</sup>	26/08/2013	Unidentified gunmen fire at PTI leader HamadAzhar who escapes unhurt	-	-
<b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA</b>				
Dera Ismail Khan <sup>272</sup>	30/07/2013	TTP orchestrates jailbreak	12	7
Peshawar <sup>273</sup>	1/08/2013	Police conduct raid, trade fire with militants. One militant killed and two arrested	1	-
Bannu <sup>274</sup>	8/08/2013	Three bombs defused	-	-
North Waziristan <sup>275</sup>	1/7/2013	Security convoy attacked with IED, killing four security officials	4	16
Peshawar <sup>276</sup>	12/08/2013	Roadside bomb with half a kilogram of explosives defused	-	-

<sup>264</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/587534/terror-in-gilgit-baltistan-nanga-parbat-investigators-shot-dead-in-chilas/>

<sup>265</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038288/police-official-among-two-killed-in-gilgit-violence>

<sup>266</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1034227/blast-inside-karachi-bound-shalimar-express>

<sup>267</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1034227/blast-inside-karachi-bound-shalimar-express-kills-toddler>

<sup>268</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/573379/seven-people-injured-in-lahore-explosion/>

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<sup>270</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037832/firing-at-islamabad-madrassa-kills-three>

<sup>271</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038359/pti-leader-escapes-shooting>

<sup>272</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/583919/230-prisoners-escape-in-ttts-di-khan-jail-attack/>

<sup>273</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1033397/one-suspected-militant-killed-two-arrested-in-peshawar-operation>

<sup>274</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story\\_8-8-2013\\_pg7\\_4](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story_8-8-2013_pg7_4)

<sup>275</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/570699/north-waziristan-four-soldiers-killed-in-miramshah-blast/>

<sup>276</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035414/explosives-defused-in-peshawar-charsadda>

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Charsadda <sup>277</sup>	12/08/2013	Roadside bomb with three kilograms of explosives defused	-	-
Peshawar <sup>278</sup>	17/08/2013	Awami National Party (ANP) leader Najma Hanif murdered	1	-
Mohmand <sup>279</sup>	19/08/2013	A state run boy's school blown up	-	-
Bajaur <sup>280</sup>	19/08/2013	Unidentified assailants shot and killed a tribal elder	1	-
Chaman <sup>281</sup>	21/08/2013	Explosion inside ticketing counter at a railway station	2	18
Wana <sup>282</sup>	22/08/2013	TTP leader Ghulam Jan killed in roadside bomb believed to be planted by pro-government militant group Mullah Nazir	5	-
Orakzai <sup>283</sup>	24/08/2013	Three people kidnapped	unknown	unknown
Sahol Deer <sup>284</sup>	23/08/2013	Former Union Council (UC) Nazim of Awami National Party (ANP), GulHameedKhattak, gunned down, along with another man	2	1
Pehsawar <sup>285</sup>	24/08/2013	Bomb blast as security convoy passed through,	-	-
North Waziristan <sup>286</sup>	1/7/2013	Security convoy attacked with IED, killing four security officials	4	16
Hangu <sup>287</sup>	26/08/2013	Two militants killed and 12 others arrested during joint police, army and FC operation	2	-
Mardan <sup>288</sup>	30/08/2013	Policemen ambushed by militants, one killed and another injured	1	1

<sup>277</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035414/explosives-defused-in-peshawar-charsadda>

<sup>278</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036311/anp-leader-najma-hanif-gunned-down-in-peshawar>

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<sup>280</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\19\story\\_19-8-2013\\_pg7\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\19\story_19-8-2013_pg7_2)

<sup>281</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/593171/12-injured-in-chaman-railway-station-blast/>

<sup>282</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037571/key-ttp-commander-among-five-killed-in-south-waziristan-blast>

<sup>283</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/24-Aug-2013/three-kidnapped-from-orakzai>

<sup>284</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\24\story\\_24-8-2013\\_pg7\\_4](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\24\story_24-8-2013_pg7_4)

<sup>285</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/24-Aug-2013/three-kidnapped-from-orakzai>

<sup>286</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/570699/north-waziristan-four-soldiers-killed-in-miramshah-blast/>

<sup>287</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038378/two-militants-killed-12-held-in-hangu>

<sup>288</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/597581/militant-ambush-one-constable-dead-another-injured/>

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Lakki Marwat <sup>289</sup>	31/08/2013	Unknown gunmen killed QaumiWatan Party (QWP) leader Razaullah	1	-
<b>Sindh</b>				
Lyari <sup>290</sup>	7/08/2013	Bomb targeting Provincial Minister goes off at a football tournament, injuring the minister and killing and wounding others	11	26
Kashmore <sup>291</sup>	8/08/2013	Landmine explosion	3	-
Hyderabad, Larkana, Dadu and Mehrabpur <sup>292</sup>	14/08/2013	At least 12 hand-grenade explosions allegedly carried out by nationalist parties	-	unknown
Jacobabad <sup>293</sup>	27/08/2013	Three bombs in different parts of the city diffused	-	-

<sup>289</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1039635/qwp-leader-razaullah-gunned-down-in-lakki-marwat>

<sup>290</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/587634/eight-killed-in-lyari-blast-targeting-mpa-javed-nagori/>

<sup>291</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story\\_8-8-2013\\_pg7\\_3](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\08\story_8-8-2013_pg7_3)

<sup>292</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/590074/violence-marks-eve-of-august-14/>

<sup>293</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\27\story\\_27-8-2013\\_pg7\\_3](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\27\story_27-8-2013_pg7_3)

## VIOLENCE IN KARACHI

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Karachi <sup>294</sup>	29/07/2013	Separate incidents of petty violence, policemen among dead	8	-
Karachi <sup>295</sup>	31/07/2013	Low-intensity blast leaves two Rangers personnel injured	-	2
Various places <sup>296</sup>	12/08/2013	Separate incidents of violence. One firing that killed one and injured four, two tortured bodies found, two kidnapped individuals found dead, three other bodies found	7	4
Chawla Market, Nazimabad <sup>297</sup>	13/08/2013	Gunmen open fire killing police official	1	-
Karimabad JamaatKhana and the MetrovilleJamaatKhana in SITE <sup>298</sup>	14/08/2013	Hand-grenade explosions. Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi suspected	2	40
Safari Park <sup>299</sup>	15/08/2013	Three police officials, including a DSP, and three attackers killed in an encounter with armed men.	6	unknown
Cantonment Station <sup>300</sup>	15/08/2013	Man was shot dead when gunmen attacked a bus stand	1	-
Express Media Group offices, Korangi Expressway <sup>301</sup>	15/08/2013	Two people shot and wounded in an armed attack on offices of the Express media group	-	2
Old City Areas <sup>302</sup>	17/08/2013	Five people were shot dead in three separate incidents	5	-
Manghopir <sup>303</sup>	17/08/2013	Man said to be associated with the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan shot dead in alleged encounter	1	-

<sup>294</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/583668/subversive-acts-policeman-among-eight-killed-in-the-city/>

<sup>295</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/584512/low-intensity-blast-injures-2-rangers-in-karachi/>

<sup>296</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589127/6-killed-in-unrelated-incidents-in-karachi/>

<sup>297</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035211/five-including-one-policeman-killed-in-karachi-violence>

<sup>298</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/590074/violence-marks-eve-of-august-14/>

<sup>299</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036017/dsp-among-three-killed-in-karachi-encounter>

<sup>300</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035942/one-shot-dead-in-karachi>

<sup>301</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036422/two-hurt-in-attack-on-media-house>

<sup>302</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036310/five-shot-dead-in-old-city-areas>

<sup>303</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036308/suspected-militant-shot-dead-in-encounter>

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Various places <sup>304</sup>	12/08/2013	Separate incidents of violence. One firing that killed one and injured four, two tortured bodies found, two kidnapped individuals found dead, three other bodies found	7	4
Chawla Market, Nazimabad <sup>305</sup>	13/08/2013	Gunmen open fire killing police official	1	-
Karimabad JamaatKhana and the Metroville JamaatKhana in SITE <sup>306</sup>	14/08/2013	Hand-grenade explosions. Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi suspected	2	40
Safari Park <sup>307</sup>	15/08/2013	Three police officials, including a DSP, and three attackers killed in an encounter with armed men.	6	unknown
Cantonment Station <sup>308</sup>	15/08/2013	Man was shot dead when gunmen attacked a bus stand	1	-
Express Media Group offices, Korangi Expressway <sup>309</sup>	15/08/2013	Two people shot and wounded in an armed attack on offices of the Express media group	-	2
Old City Areas <sup>310</sup>	17/08/2013	Five people were shot dead in three separate incidents	5	-
Manghopir <sup>311</sup>	17/08/2013	Man said to be associated with the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan shot dead in alleged encounter	1	-
Shah Latif Town <sup>312</sup>	18/08/2013	Suspected gangster was shot dead by unidentified assailants.	1	-
Lyari <sup>313</sup>	18/08/2013	Bullet-riddled body of young man found in Lyari	1	-
2-K Bus Stop, Buffer Zone <sup>314</sup>	18/08/2013	Young man on motorbike with wife shot dead	1	-

<sup>304</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/589127/6-killed-in-unrelated-incidents-in-karachi/>

<sup>305</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035211/five-including-one-policeman-killed-in-karachi-violence>

<sup>306</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/590074/violence-marks-eve-of-august-14/>

<sup>307</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036017/dsp-among-three-killed-in-karachi-encounter>

<sup>308</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1035942/one-shot-dead-in-karachi>

<sup>309</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036422/two-hurt-in-attack-on-media-house>

<sup>310</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036310/five-shot-dead-in-old-city-areas>

<sup>311</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036308/suspected-militant-shot-dead-in-encounter>

<sup>312</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036748/suspected-gangster-shot-dead>

<sup>313</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036748/suspected-gangster-shot-dead>

<sup>314</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036748/suspected-gangster-shot-dead>

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Buffer Zone <sup>315</sup>	19/08/2013	A man and nephew gunned down in an attack apparently on sectarian grounds. Man reportedly belonged to the TablighiJamaat	2	-
Napier Area <sup>316</sup>	19/08/2013	Sanitary worker shot	1	-
Garden Area <sup>317</sup>	19/08/2013	MQM worker and Sunni Tehreek activist killed	2	-
Surjani Town <sup>318 319</sup>	19/08/2013	Two bodies of suspected missing persons from Balochistan found. One was a journalist	2	-
Various places <sup>320</sup>	21/08/2013	Two people were killed and four bodies recovered	6	-
Liaquatabad <sup>321</sup>	21/08/2013	Doctor killed in sectarian attack	1	-
Jamshed Quarters <sup>322</sup>	21/08/2013	MQM leader shot dead	1	-
Sohrab Goth <sup>323</sup>	22/08/2013	Homeopathic doctor killed	1	-
Liaquatabad <sup>324</sup>	22/08/2013	Cousins shot dead	2	-
Korangi-5 <sup>325</sup>	22/08/2013	One soldier and a civilian killed in a bomb attack on an army vehicle. Nineteen people, including 10 soldiers, injured.	2	19
Various places <sup>326</sup>	23-24/08/2013	Shootings, recovery of bodies	7	1
Various places <sup>327</sup>	25.08/2013	Five bodies, including two of MQM workers found in different city areas, Spokesperson for ASWJ killed in armed attack, two men shot dead in random violence	8	-
Various places <sup>328</sup>	30/08/2013	Two MQM activists killed, cleric shot, gangster killed, man killed and another injured by motorcycle gunmen, body of man found	7	1

<sup>315</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036934/man-nephew-shot-dead-in-sectarian-attack>

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<sup>317</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1036934/man-nephew-shot-dead-in-sectarian-attack>

<sup>318</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/593146/balochistan-missing-persons-2-bodies-found-in-karachi/>

<sup>319</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\24\story\\_24-8-2013\\_pg7\\_2](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\24\story_24-8-2013_pg7_2)

<sup>320</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037317/karachi-violence-two-people-killed-and-four-bodies-recovered>

<sup>321</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037661/sectarian-attack-claims-doctors-life>

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<sup>324</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037661/sectarian-attack-claims-doctors-life>

<sup>325</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1037755/election-duty-soldier-dies-in-karachi-bomb-attack>

<sup>326</sup> <http://dawn.com/news/1038022/nine-reported-killed-in-incidents-of-violence-in-karachi>

<sup>327</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\26\story\\_26-8-2013\\_pg1\\_1](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\26\story_26-8-2013_pg1_1)

<sup>328</sup> [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\30\story\\_30-8-2013\\_pg1\\_6](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\30\story_30-8-2013_pg1_6)

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Landhi <sup>329</sup>	20/08/2013	Gunmen attack two clinics, clinic allegedly owned by MQM committee member	5	4
Orangi Town <sup>330</sup>	29/08/2013	Trustee of an Imambargahgunned down in targeted attack apparently on sectarian grounds	1	-

### DRONE STRIKES

Place	Date	Description	Casualties
HesokhelMusaki near Miranshah, North Waziristan <sup>331</sup>	31/08/2013	Attack on a vehicle near a seminary that kills four suspected militants of Turkmen origin. Men believed to be associated with Hafiz GulBahadur faction of TTP militants. Walls of seminary destroyed as well	4

<sup>329</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1039763/five-dead-in-attacks-on-clinics-in-karachi>

<sup>330</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1039658/imambargah-trustee-killed-in-sectarian-attack>

<sup>331</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1039609/us-drone-kills-four-foreign-militants-in-north-waziristan>