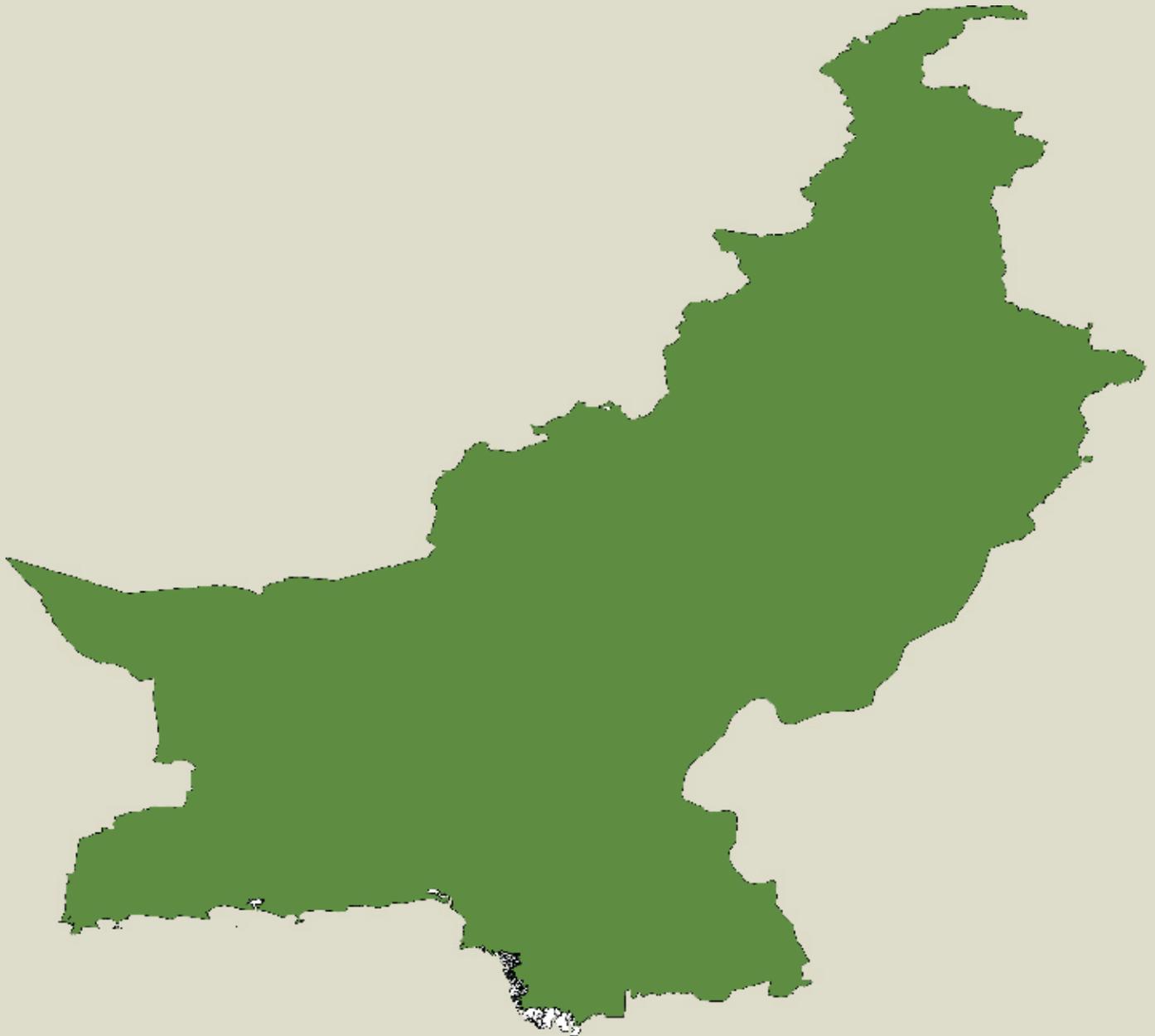


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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

PML-N candidate Mamnoon Hussain new President; PPP and allies boycott, *The Express Tribune*, July 22, July 24- 27 and July 31¹²³⁴⁵⁶⁷⁸

Mamnoon Hussain, a businessman from Karachi, will succeed Asif Ali Zardari as the 12th head of state after the latter's five-year term expires in September. Given the dominance of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in parliament, its presidential candidate Mamnoon Hussain was guaranteed a walkover even before the main opposition group, Pakistan People's Party (PPP), and its allies pulled out of the race to protest the change in the election schedule. Hussain won easily in Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan, though he lost in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P), where Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), the party of his challenger, Wajihuddin Hussain, has the majority. He won 277 out of 311 votes in the upper and lower houses of parliament to emerge victorious. "Mamnoon Hussain secured 432 electoral votes from parliament and provincial assemblies against Justice (retd) Wajihuddin Ahmed who secured 77 electoral votes," announced Chief Election Commissioner Justice (retd.) Fakhruddin G Ebrahim after the vote count.

The election was conducted with controversy in the air over the rescheduling of the date of the election. A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry had ordered the ECP to revise the presidential election schedule and conduct the poll on July 30 rather than the earlier date of August 6. The bench passed the order based on a petition filed by PML-N Senator Raja Zafarul Haq on July 24. Citing the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) as respondent in his petition, Senator Haq argued that the last 10 days of Ramzan normally involve extensive spiritual and religious activity and, therefore, several legislators might be performing religious duties at that time as August 6, the earlier date of election decided by the ECP, falls on one of the last three days of Ramzan. The constitution would not have allowed the postponement of the election beyond August 8.

Earlier on July 25, the ECP had said that it would hold the election on August 6, as scheduled earlier, upon hearing postponement requests from the federal government for the religious reasons. ECP Secretary Ishtiaq Ahmed Khan had said that the reasons given by the federal government for postponement were insufficient. On July 24, the Supreme Court had asked the ECP to review July 30 as a day for presidential elections if there were no legal obstacles. Chief Justice of Pakistan Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry had remarked during the hearing that it was better for the ECP to review the issue rather than the Supreme Court. Earlier also the ECP had stated that it was not constitutionally possible to hold early elections.

¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/580313/ecp-refuses-to-reschedule-presidential-election/>

² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/581281/presidential-elections-sc-asks-ecp-to-reconsider-july-30-as-election-date/>

³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/581675/new-controversy-incensed-ppp-considers-election-boycott/>

⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/581680/revised-schedule-zardaris-successor-to-be-picked-on-july-30/>

⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1032047/ppp-announces-boycott-of-presidential-election>

⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1031998/pm-seeks-support-of-jui-f-fata-senators-for-mamnoon>

⁷ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\27\story_27-7-2013_pg7_2

⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/584397/transition-complete-meet-our-new-president/>

Immediately after the decision of the Supreme Court, the PPP announced its decision to boycott the election, on July 26. PPP's former Law Minister for Sindh, Ayaz Soomro, informed the Chief Election Commissioner in writing about the party's decision. Addressing a press conference in Islamabad, the PPP's presidential candidate and senior leader Senator Raza Rabbani said that his party was left with no other option but to boycott the poll as the SC had not consulted all parties on the change of the date of the election. The Awami National Party (ANP) and the Balochistan National Party (BNP) also announced a boycott of the presidential poll. However, the Jamiat Ulema Islam-Fazal (JUI-F) and the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) announced their support for PML-N candidate Mamnoon Hussain.

Opinions and Editorials

"President-elect Hussain", *The Nation*, July 31⁹

It is a pity that an irritant in the form of advancing the date of election has left a bad taste in the mouth. It is a bad start for the PML-N government facing the multiple challenges Pakistan is currently up against. The issue could easily have been sorted out had the PPP and the PTI...been consulted by the government before approaching the Election Commission with the plea that the schedule of election be changed from August 6 to July 30. And again...the Supreme Court did not seek the opinion of all parties who would be affected by its decision ... (However), wisdom now demands that the opposition parties look ahead and not back and join hands with the government to solve the crises the country is faced with. The President-elect has vowed to be a 'true symbol of the federation' and promised to be neutral, giving up his membership of the PML-N in the process. Let us hope that he acts as such, and does not ...besmirch the office he holds with any partisan behaviour.

ABBOTTABAD COMMISSION REPORT

Non-accountability and excessive powers of intelligence poses greatest threat; military blames local police, *The Express Tribune*, July 10¹⁰¹¹¹²¹³¹⁴

A leaked copy of the Abbottabad Commission report led by retired Justice Javed Iqbal asserted that "the excessive powers and non-accountability of Pakistani intelligence establishment have posed the greatest threat of state failure to Pakistan." It pointed out that the country did not have a coherent national security policy and that the current policy was a product of "military hegemony" and lacked serious civilian inputs. It also said the creation of a National Security Council was para-

⁹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Editorials/31-Jul-2013/president-elect-hussain>

¹⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/574997/abbottabad-commission-report-overhaul-of-spy-outfits-proposed/>

¹¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/574928/abbottabad-commission-report-military-faults-local-police/>

¹² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575437/abbottabad-commission-report-laws-meant-to-oversee-ngos-must-be-reviewed/>

¹³ <http://dawn.com/news/1024301/haqqani-rejects-obl-commissions-findings>

¹⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/576743/gone-missing-info-minister-denies-abbottabad-report-leaked-from-pms-office/>

mount, saying the Defence Committee of the Cabinet was not a substitute. The Corp Commanders of the Army, led by Kayani, discussed the report soon after it was leaked to Al Jazeera.

The Army's board of enquiry into the incident apparently told the Abbottabad Commission that the NawanShehar police station near the house in which Bin Laden was found failed to observe suspicious activity from within the compound and failed to take note of visible 'cantonment violations' such as the construction of a third storey to the house. They noted that the area around the Pakistani Military Academy was routinely swept due to frequent visits by high ranking officials, but such sweeps were never efficient as the special branch of the police tasked with job was understaffed. The board also said that multiple intelligence and security agencies, both civilian and military, did not coordinate with each other and that compromised security.

The Commission recommended that laws regulating foreign NGOs be reviewed so as to prevent the infiltration by foreign nationals who might be involved in gathering intelligence or other non-NGO related work. This is with specific reference to the CIA using an NGO called Save the Children to get intelligence on Osama Bin Laden. The Commission also called for the Interior Ministry to be vigilant while issuing visas to US nationals. Former Pakistani ambassador to the United States Husain Haqqani rejected claims that he issued too many visas too laxly to Americans thereby allowing a large number of CIA agents to come to Pakistan as NGO workers. He countered that the visa aspect of the CIA's operations were distractions from the main questions which were why Pakistani intelligence agencies did not detect Osama since 2005 and how the US SEAL team was allowed to infiltrate undetected.

Minister for Information and Broadcasting Pervaiz Rasheed denied reports that the report had gone missing from the Prime Minister's office, saying that it was in the safe custody of the government and that no unauthorized people had access to the report. He also said the government would soon make a decision on the official release of the report.

Opinions and Editorials

"Civil-Military: mistrust National Security", *Dawn*, July 10¹⁵

For all its protestations to the contrary, the army drives national-security policy and jealously guards its pre-eminence in that domain. So, if the civilian state is ever to develop the capacity to deal with security issues, attitudes in the army leadership have to change. ... Without systemic improvement on the civilian side, the army is unlikely to ever voluntarily cede control. The alternative is some kind of state implosion from which a new national order can be crafted. But that is the nightmare scenario that is too awful to contemplate.

"Valid criticism: Abbottabad Commission report", *Dawn*, July 11¹⁶

[The answer to] Pakistan's security conundrum lies in the true principals, the prime minister, the army chief and the DG ISI, sitting down and rethinking the de facto chain of command. Civilian supremacy is not just a theory, it is a necessity. The second step at the outset is for parliament to begin to take on a greater role in intelligence oversight.

¹⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1024135/civil-military-mistrust-national-security>

¹⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1024383/valid-criticism-abbottabad-commission-report>

MUSHARRAF TRIALS

CJ Chaudhry refuses to hear Musharraf bail hearing, *Daily Times*, July 8 and July 15^{17,18}

Chief Justice Ifthikar Chaudhry declined to preside on a hearing to determine whether bail granted to Musharraf should be cancelled. Chaudhry directed the Register Office of the court to direct the hearing to another bench. The Islamabad High Court had earlier given bail to Musharraf as it believed that there was no record to determine Musharraf's role in detaining over 60 judges on November 3, 2007 when he declared a state of emergency in Pakistan. On July 15, Justice NasirulMulk of the Supreme Court refused to preside over the case against Musharraf for the detention of judges, a week after Chief Justice Ifthikar Chaudhry refused to preside over the case.

Islamabad High Court orders case against Musharraf for Lal Masjid, *Dawn*, July 12¹⁹

The Islamabad High Court's Justice NoorulHaqQureshi ordered the registration of a case against Musharraf for his alleged involvement in the Lal Masjid operation of 2007. The order was passed during a hearing of a petition filed by HaroonRasheed, son of a cleric killed in the operation on the mosque.

Musharraf to be produced in court for Bugti murder case, *Dawn*, July 15²⁰

An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Quetta has ordered the arrest of Musharraf, former PM Shaukhat Aziz and former Balochistan governor Owais Ahmed Ghani among others for the murder of Nawab Akber Khan Bugti. The court also asked why Musharraf had not been arrested despite non-bailable warrants issued against him.

Ghazi's son records statement against Musharraf, *The Express Tribune* on July 16²¹

Lal Masjid cleric Abdul Rasheed Ghazi's son HaroonRasheed has submitted an application for an FIR at a police station in Islamabad in which he referred extensively to the Lal Masjid Commission report which implicated Musharraf. He has expressed that he wishes for murder charges against Musharraf. The FIR against Musharraf will be formally registered after legal opinions.

Opinions and Editorials

NasimZehra, "Article 6: handle with care", *The Express Tribune*, July 1²²

(When discussing the Musharraf trials) two differing views come to light; one holds that the government's full concentration is required to resolve the economic and security problems already at hand and the other argues that unless a military ruler is tried in Court for violating the Constitu-

¹⁷ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\09\story_9-7-2013_pg1_5

¹⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1029189/bugti-murder-case-atc-orders-authorities-to-produce-musharraf>

¹⁹ <http://dawn.com/news/1028490/ihc-orders-registration-of-case-against-musharraf-over-lal-masjid-operation>

²⁰ <http://dawn.com/news/1029189/bugti-murder-case-atc-orders-authorities-to-produce-musharraf>

²¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/577456/lal-masjid-operation-rasheed-ghazis-son-records-statement/>

²² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/570526/article-6-handle-with-care/>

tion, the road to future martial law will remain open. The challenge thus is to turn this legally correct move into a wise one – to be pursued not as a score-settling between the military and the PML-N or the military and Pakistan’s political class, but as legal action against an individual who trashed the Constitution. Uncomfortable questions are bound to arise - why not the October 1999 coup when the indemnity argument regarding the October 1999 coup is nullified under the Eighteenth Amendment?

M.A. Niazi, “The moment of trial”, *The Nation*, July 5²³

As this trial will be about the 1999 coup that ousted Sharif as well as the 2007 clash with the judiciary, the PM will not attempt to stop it. Moreover, the lack of opposition to a former COAS going on trial indicates the damage done to the Army by the Musharraf years. Nevertheless, clarification is also needed with regards to how Musharraf carried out the coup as his orders were followed through. It remains to be seen whether any resignations, including those of the service chiefs, will follow Musharraf’s trial. Musharraf will not enjoy external support or intervention ... The outgoing President, Asif Zardari, will be watching developments with great interest. If the government lets Musharraf off, or lets him have an easy ride, Zardari’s chances of escaping trial, for which he has used his presidential immunity will increase. He might find that all the presidency gave him was a five-year pause, not the permanent release he sought.

RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURS

Sharif’s China visit: Focus on economy, energy and investment *The Express Tribune and The Nation* on July 3-5 and [8²⁴²⁵²⁶²⁷²⁸²⁹³⁰³¹³²³³³⁴](https://doi.org/10.24252/262728293031323334)

Apart from a ceremonial meeting with Xi Jinping on the first day of his first state visit, Sharif also met with state-owned companies like the China Investment Corporation sovereign wealth fund, China Development Bank and China Power Investment Corporation in order to secure investment in the economy. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning and Development, said that the volume

²³ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/columns/05-Jul-2013/the-moment-of-trial>

²⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/572376/pm-nawaz-talks-business-on-china-visit/>

²⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/573330/pakistan-china-to-increase-trade-to-20-bn-ahsan-iqbal/>

²⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/573330/pakistan-china-to-increase-trade-to-20-bn-ahsan-iqbal/>

²⁷ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/572801/pak-china-pipeline-project-nawaz-to-offer-china-the-shortest-oil-route/>

²⁸ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/05-Jul-2013/pakistan-china-sign-8-cooperative-agreements-mous>

²⁹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/05-Jul-2013/pakistan-china-sign-8-cooperative-agreements-mous>

³⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/572023/visiting-friends-nawaz-lands-in-china-to-talk-energy-trade/>

³¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/572275/aiming-self-reliance-china-trip-not-to-seek-charity-shahbaz-sharif/>

³² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/570990/taking-charge-china-poised-to-get-control-of-gwadar-port-in-a-month/>

³³ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\08\story_8-7-2013_pg1_1

³⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/571174/power-crisis-pm-to-carry-wish-list-of-projects-to-beijing/>

of trade between the countries would go up from \$12 billion to \$20 billion annually over the next few years. One of the main themes of the visit was the discussion of energy investment in Pakistan, with the two governments looking at hydro-energy (specifically the Neelum-Jhelum and Diamer-Bhasha Hydropower projects), solar energy and coal-based power projects. Sharif and Li Keqiang are likely to hold a second meeting within two months.

The two governments inked 8 cooperative agreements and MoUs on the second day of the visit. The most significant of the lot was related to the construction of the Pakistan-China Economic Corridor that is expected to draw an investment of around \$18 billion. Another MoU was signed to facilitate cooperation between the PML-N and the Communist Party of China. Sharif officially offered the Chinese a pipeline from Gwadar to China to facilitate China's burgeoning oil imports. Officials were quoted as saying that the pipeline could be linked with a planned pipeline between Iran and Gwadar and that this would complement a proposed 400,000 barrel per day Iranian refinery planned in Gwadar. Shahbaz Sharif, governor of Punjab and the Prime Minister's brother, told *The Express Tribune* that 25 agreements would be signed between Beijing and the Punjab government.

Speaking in Guangzhou, Sharif told the press that he would set up a 'China Cell' to supervise all development projects executed with Chinese firms in Pakistan. He also said that the Gwadar-Kashgar economic corridor would be completed at the earliest. He said other major projects were signed during the visit such as a Karachi-Lahore motorway, underground trains for Karachi and a high-speed train between Peshawar and Karachi. He claimed that the visit was successful in securing investment for the power sector in the country.

Sharif was expected to head to China with a wish-list for the energy sector that hinged on attracting Chinese capital into energy infrastructure and production ventures such as a 1,100 MW nuclear power plant to be built in Karachi at a cost of \$9.5 billion and securing a \$440 million loan for the Neelum-Jhelum hydroelectricity project that was withheld by China because of Pakistani Supreme Court intervention. Pakistan and China were also expected to sign an operational agreement for handing over control of Gwadar Port to the latter by July.

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"Another MoU", Dawn, July 29³⁵

The Punjab government's has signed a MoU with China Power International Holdings (CPIH) when it is outside its jurisdiction. While it may have been to show Chief Minister Mian Shahbaz's commitment to the need for more power to end the energy shortage, it raised a number of questions which were also applicable to previous MoUs by the Punjab government, not just those signed in Lahore, but also those signed during his recent visit to China. According to legal experts, the MoUs have no legal value, because the rules of the Pakistan Public Procurement Authority mandate a process of competitive bidding, and thus the company which has signed the original MoU has no advantage.

According to a former Pepco official, none of the MoUs signed in China by President Asif Zardari materialized because of this, despite the raised expectations of the Chinese companies involved. No

³⁵ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Editorials/29-Jul-2013/another-mou>

matter how well-intentioned, the example MianShahbaz is setting is an unhealthy one, of elected officials overstepping their bounds. The location of the plant is in Balochistan, where the PML-N is also in the government, but the coal will presumably come from Thar, which is in Sindh, where the PPP is in office. Thus, CM Shahbaz should have on all accounts sought permission from the Council of Common Interests. The federal government has already been facing criticism for allowing Punjab to dominate too much. This is not only caused by Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif hailing from the province, but because the PML-N won a majority in Parliament on the basis of a sweep of the province.

“A partner or a dependency”, *The Express Tribune*, July 7³⁶:

The Chinese view of Pakistan is evident in the agreements that have been signed in Mr. Sharif’s recent trip: China sees Pakistan primarily as an occasional strategic asset with whom it wishes to cultivate an economic relationship. Pakistan, on the other hand, appears to look upon China as a huge benefactor of financial and technological assistance regardless of Pakistan’s poor choices. The reality may be that like any country, China does what it does for its primary self-interest. In all the agreements signed this past week, for instance, there is no mention of any significant Chinese financial assistance. Pakistan’s China policy appears focused primarily on begging for assistance rather than building an economic partnership. This is an enormous waste of diplomatic energy and the Foreign Office would do well to consider a serious redrafting of their view of our north-eastern neighbour.

AsrarChowhaan, “Revolution- The beginning”, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, July 9³⁷

While returning from China, after his six-day official visit, Nawaz Sharif regarded his visit quite successful....[T]he way China greeted Nawaz Sharif was totally different from how it treated PPP officials over the last five years. Perhaps China was fully aware that PPP was not working for the common people but were pursuing their own selfish interests.

RaufKlasra, “Let’s see which way Nawaz Sharif takes”, *RoznamaDunya*, July 10³⁸

Nawaz Sharif was right that this time China wanted to help us. Nonetheless, China has its own economic interests. China wants to take advantage of the Gwadar port, so that it can trade with the countries in Western Asia.[But to make it possible] the twin issues of terrorism and security will have to be dealt with first. The Chinese delegation reiterated that it was because of terrorism that Pakistan was not progressing. The bureaucracy is another hurdle in the way. Who will make the Chinese understand that the Pakistani bureaucrats have their own constraints and if they do not pose obstacles, they will be picked up by the NAB?The bureaucracy has reached a point where it has decided not to take any decision for fear of reprisal, largely because of the scrutiny of bureaucratic decisions during Musharraf’s time.

³⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/573675/a-partnership-or-a-dependency/>

³⁷ <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/column/o9-july-2013/220717>

³⁸ http://dunya.com.pk/index.php/author/rauf-kalsra/2013-07_10/3549/43514654#.Ud0m9jt8mjM

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

PPP appoints ministers in Sindh despite MQM deadlock, *The Express Tribune*, July 10³⁹⁴⁰

The PPP decided to appoint nine ministers to cabinet posts in the Sindh government in light of the MQM's continuing recalcitrance in joining the ruling coalition. Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah now has a cabinet of 16. Two advisors were inducted along with the nine ministers. The PPP has a simple majority in the state. The PPP had used the cabinet posts, many of which were held by the MQM in the previous government, as a bargaining chip to draw Altaf Hussain's party into the coalition. An anonymous official in the MQM has told *The Express Tribune* on July 7 that 78 percent of voters in a public referendum held on June 20 had voted against joining the PPP in the Sindh provincial government.

London police confirm Altaf Hussain investigations, *The Express Tribune and Dawn*, July 11⁴¹⁴²⁴³

The London Metropolitan Police have confirmed that MQM chief Hussain is being investigated for charges of laundering at least 400,000 pounds and incitement to violence. They told *BBC Urdu* that large amounts of money were seized from his home and office. This comes on the back of an investigation into the death of MQM leader Imran Farooq. *The Express Tribune* learnt that British authorities had found significant evidence against MQM workers in Imran Farooq's murder and the money laundering cases. Officials in the Interior Ministry and National Counter Terrorism Authority told *The Express Tribune* that paramilitary forces have been put on alert in nine cities in Sindh in anticipation of some sort of fallout to the investigation on Altaf Hussain. An Interior Ministry official even suggested that the army might be called in if the situation deteriorates considerably.

Khattak to lead protests against power outages in K-P, *The Express Tribune*, July 14⁴⁴

Chief Minister of K-P Pervez Khattak asked the Federal Ministry for Water and Power to provide K-P its full quota of electricity and expressed annoyance at load-shedding during Ramzan. The PTI announced that they would organise demonstrations with the CM leading the way.

JUI-F and ANP form alliance in K-P for by-elections, *The Express Tribune*, July 19⁴⁵

JamiatUlema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) and Awami National Party (ANP) have entered an alliance for the upcoming by-elections. JUI-F will support ANP on two seats of the National Assembly and on one seat in the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa provincial assembly. The ANP will support JUI-F in three seats in the National Assembly and one in the provincial assembly. Elections are to be held on August 22.

³⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575083/bigger-cabinet-sindh-govt-inducts-nine-more-ministers/>

⁴⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/573504/friends-no-more-mqm-workers-against-coalition-with-ppp/>

⁴¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575578/london-police-say-altaf-hussain-under-investigation-report/>

⁴² <http://dawn.com/news/1028284/mqm-calls-for-end-to-propaganda-against-altaf>

⁴³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575578/london-police-say-altaf-hussain-under-investigation-report/>

⁴⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/576798/pti-to-protest-against-power-outages-in-k-p/>

⁴⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/579104/by-election-support-jui-f-anp-form-alliance-in-khyber-pakhtunkhwa/>

AJK PM faces a no-trust mission, *Daily Times*, July 23 and 25^{46,47}

Six ministers from the cabinet of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister Chaudhry Abdul Majeed resigned on July 22 following the submission of a no-confidence motion against the premier by two assembly members from the PPP – Mohammad Hussain and Majid Khan, following which three advisers tendered their resignations. They proposed the name of Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry, who also belongs to PPP, as alternative leader of the House. On July 25, PPP leader Syed Khurshid Ahmed Shah met with Chaudhry Abdul Majeed in Islamabad and assured the latter of the party's backing in the face of the no trust motion submitted against him in the AJK Legislative Assembly secretariat.

Former British-MP as Governor of Punjab, *The Express Tribune*, July 21⁴⁸

PML-N has offered Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar two positions – Pakistan's High Commissioner to British or Governor of Punjab. Sarwar is a British national and former Labour MP from Glasgow. PML-N sources said that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is keen to see Sarwar as high commissioner to the UK while Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif wants to make him governor of Punjab due to his loyalty and commitment towards the party.

MQM and PTI file defamation suit against each other, *The Express Tribune* on July 23⁴⁹

MQM filed a defamation suit worth Rs. 5 billion against PTI Chairman Imran Khan in the Sindh High Court for Altaf Hussain's alleged character assassination in the wake of PTI leader Zahra Shahid Hussain's murder. Imran had held Hussain responsible for Zahra's murder and accused him of inciting violence through his public broadcasts. MQM said it had sent a legal notice to Imran following his accusations but received no response in return. A few hours after the defamation suit was filed PTI announced that it would file a libel suit of Rs. 10 billion against MQM. However, the final decision will be taken once Imran Khan comes back to Pakistan from London.

Opinions and Editorials

Zahid Hussain, "MQM in its labyrinth", *The Express Tribune*, July 30⁵⁰

The MQM is a party hostage to its own circumstances. With its top leadership living in permanent exile the party is not an independent actor, its political decisions have been shaped by the quandary it faces in operating from a foreign base. An MQM leader, as met by the writer, validated this ... During the five years of the PPP government the MQM left the coalition more than half a dozen times only to be back in the fold a few days later. Senior British diplomats played a pivotal role in getting the MQM to endorse the PPP's move to force Gen Musharraf to step down despite the MQM having revived its political stronghold in Karachi under its alliance with Musharraf's military re-

⁴⁶ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\23\story_23-7-2013_pg1_5

⁴⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1031816/no-trust-motion-khurshid-shah-assures-ajk-premier-of-partys-backing>

⁴⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/579809/coveted-posts-shahbaz-backs-ex-british-mp-as-punjab-governor/>

⁴⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/580760/mqm-to-file-defamation-suit-against-imran-khan-today/>

⁵⁰ <http://dawn.com/news/1032942/mqm-in-its-labyrinth>

gime. The latest development has come at a time when the MQM stands at its most vulnerable point due to the recent raids on the party's London office it is not only outside pressure that influences MQM politics; apparently it is also a deep sense of insecurity that compels the party to remain on the right side of the Pakistani security establishment. Nevertheless, the party's capacity to bring the country's economic and financial jugular to a halt through strong-arm tactics makes the security establishment uneasy, which is why each government has wanted to placate the MQM than have it in opposition.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Saudi Arabia extends amnesty for foreign workers, *Dawn*, July 2⁵¹

Saudi Arabia has extended an amnesty given three months ago to foreign workers for another four months. Workers who do jobs different than that stated on their residence permit risk deportation in an economy that has a 12 percent unemployment rate. *Dawn* reported that this extension would benefit around 30,000 Pakistanis in that country. The tightening of labour laws is part of a Saudi plan to impose quotas on some jobs and reserve others exclusively for Saudis.

Pakistan might close 22 overseas missions soon, *Dawn*, July 5⁵²

Economic constraints have forced PM Sharif to consent to proposals from the Foreign Affairs office to close down 22 embassies and missions. The country has 70 missions globally. This follows the government's decision to reduce all non-developmental expenditure by 30 percent.

May 11 elections free and fair according to EU Observers, *The Express Tribune*, *The Nation* and *Dawn*, July 11⁵³⁵⁴⁵⁵

European Union's Election Observer Mission declared the elections on May 11 more free and fair than previous elections with high levels of competition and strong voter turnouts. It did, however, declare that there was less than adequate transparency in vote counting and the publication of results, which were usually delayed. The Mission noted in that nine percent of the polling stations were poorly managed while 30 percent of the polling stations in Sindh, especially in Karachi, saw irregularities. The Mission made 50 recommendations of which seven will require constitutional changes and 17 changes in legislation if implemented.

The full report can be found here: http://www.eueom.eu/files/dmfile/eu-eom-pakistan-2013-final-report_en.pdf

⁵¹ <http://beta.dawn.com/news/1022259/saudi-arabia-extends-foreign-worker-amnesty>

⁵² <http://dawn.com/news/1022877/govt-considers-closing-missions-in-22-countries>

⁵³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575457/final-report-eu-observers-satisfied-with-may-11-elections/>

⁵⁴ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/11-Jul-2013/eu-mission-finds-vast-poll-breaches-in-sindh>

⁵⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1024290/elections-better-organised-than-in-2008-eu>

JI Chief accuses US of allowing India greater role in Afghanistan, *The Express Tribune*, July 14⁵⁶

Jamaat-e-Islami(JI) chief Munawar Hassan complained that the current government of Pakistan has done nothing to prevent India's growing influence in Afghanistan, a process aided by the United States. He accused PM Sharif of being too soft on India, pointing to his recent overtures to the neighbour, and of "abandoning the Kashmir issue".

Pakistan calls for a stop to arms supply to Syrian rebels, *Dawn*, July 24⁵⁷

Pakistan strongly criticised on July 23 the continued infusion of arms in Syria and asked the Security Council and the big powers to take steps to halt arms supplies to all sides in the country. The foreign office spokesperson observed that the dates for the Geneva Conference had been slipping from June to July and now to September, and even beyond, "because each side wants to demonstrate military superiority before moving to the negotiating table".

Fasih Bokari requests SC to stop appointment of new NAB Chairman; withdraws application after 9 days, *Dawn*, July 15 and July 24^{58,59}

On July 15, former NAB Chairman Fasih Bokari moved the Supreme Court to stop the ongoing process of selection of the new NAB Chairman by challenging his removal from the office by the court. Sardar Latif Khosa of the PPP filed application in the SC. The government is currently in consultation with the opposition over who the new NAB will be. Then, on July 24, the former Chairman withdrew the review petition. The court disposed of the case immediately after and it is expected that the process of the appointment of NAB chairman will be expedited.

Aafia Siddiqui repatriation possible through engagement with treaties says task force; US denies discussions on issue, *The Express Tribune* and *Dawn*, July 22 and 25^{60,61}

The task force on the repatriation of Dr Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani national convicted and jailed in the United States on terrorism charges, has recommended that she be brought back to Pakistan through conventions on the transfer of sentenced persons. For making her repatriation possible, Pakistani authorities would have to sign either of the two treaties allowing such an exchange, the task force formed by interior minister has recommended to the government. The treaties are Council of Europe Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons and Inter-American Convention on Serving Criminal Sentences Abroad. "The government has agreed to sign both treaties for which the prime minister's approval is awaited," said an interior ministry official. The US embassy in Islamabad later denied reports of a prisoner swap deal with Pakistan involving Dr Aafia Siddiqui. Meghan Gregonis, a spokesman for the US embassy said the countries were not negotiating a bilateral prisoner exchange agreement.

⁵⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/576722/indian-menace-ji-chief-lashes-out-at-prime-minister/>

⁵⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1031523/pakistan-wants-arms-supply-to-syrian-sides-stopped>

⁵⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1029049/fasih-wants-process-of-nab-chief-appointment-stopped>

⁵⁹ <http://dawn.com/news/1031520/former-chairman-of-nab-withdraws-petition>

⁶⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/580129/task-force-proposals-dr-aafia-siddiqui-can-be-repatriated-says-official/>

⁶¹ <http://dawn.com/news/1031640/us-denies-reports-of-aafia-afriidi-prisoner-swap-agreement>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

FISCAL ISSUES

FBR falls short of revenue target by Rs. 461 billion, *The Express Tribune*, July 1⁶²

The shortfall pushed the budget deficit to 9 percent of GDP. The FBR collected Rs. 1.92 trillion, Rs.461 billion short of its original target of Rs.2,381 trillion and Rs.87 billion short of the revised target of Rs.2,007 trillion. The revenue collected is less than the IMF's prediction of Rs. 1.97 trillion. The IMF has already called the revenue target for 2013-14 of Rs. 2.475 billion unrealistic, an opinion reinforced by this fiscal's revenue collection. The FBR asked banks to pay Rs.11 billion of advance taxes last week in a bid to end with numbers closer to the revised revenue target of Rs.2,007 trillion.

Major decreases in Pakistan Railways tariffs, *The Daily Times*, July 11 and July 28^{63,64}

Federal Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique has announced a reduction of 33 percent in the rail prices. He said that Pakistan Railways had decided to secure profits by expansion of sales, which are hopefully spurred by making travel less expensive. On July 28, the minister announced up to 57 percent reduction in fares of different trains at specific sections. He said that the decrease in fares would be implemented on all trains except the Karakoram Express.

Monetary expansion of 17 percent driven by fiscal deficit, *Dawn*, July 12⁶⁵

The government borrowed around Rs.1.6 trillion in order to support budget expenditure in the recently completed fiscal year. The borrowing was to address the fiscal deficit of 8.8 percent for the previous financial year. The aggressive monetary expansion might accelerate growth while also accelerating inflation the current fiscal year. The previous government had justified borrowing as revenues were stagnant and there was an absence of foreign inflows.

Treasury bills auction generates Rs. 240.325 billion, No takers for 20-year bonds, *Dawn*, July 23⁶⁶

The government fetched Rs. 240.325 billion from an auction of Treasury bills of different tenures held on July 10. The weighted average yield of three-month T-bills was 8.8872 per cent, followed by 8.9444 per cent for six-month T-bills, and 8.9566 per cent for 12-month T-bills. Meanwhile, an auction of Pakistan Investment Bonds (PIBs) for three, five, 10 and 20-year maturities was held on July 17, with coupon rates of 11.25 per cent, 11.50 per cent, 12 per cent and 13 per cent, respectively. Three-year PIBs fetched Rs.7.163 billion at a cut-off yield of 10.4366 per cent, five-year PIBs Rs. 6.01bn at 10.9018 per cent, and 10-year PIBs Rs .4.767bn at 11.6517 per cent. *No bids were received for 20-year PIBs.*

Sindh year-on-year tax revenue declines, *Dawn*, July 23⁶⁷

Sindh suffered a loss of Rs. 1.76 billion in tax revenue in the fiscal year 2012-13 due to bad law and

⁶² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/570726/staggering-failure-fbr-misses-revenue-target-by-rs461-billion/>

⁶³ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\12\story_12-7-2013_pg7_1

⁶⁴ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\28\story_28-7-2013_pg7_6

⁶⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1028373/record-monetary-expansion-of-17pc>

⁶⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1030894/bank-borrowing-declines>

⁶⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1030491/sindhs-tax-revenue-declines>

order situation and non-realisation of bank guarantees furnished against the infrastructure cess according to the Excise and Taxation department of the state.

TRADE

Target of £3 billion for Pakistan-UK bilateral trade, *Daily Times*, July 1⁶⁸

The Prime Ministers of Pakistan and UK announced that they aimed at increasing bilateral trade to 3 billion pounds, up from the previous target of 2.5 billion pounds. Orion Energy, a British company, also inked a deal with Pakistan Petroleum Ltd. to convert Pakistani natural gas into electricity.

Gold imports spike, *Dawn* on July 26⁶⁹

Country's gold imports in terms of quantity and value jumped by 106 and 102 per cent in 2012-2013 as compared to imports during 2011-2012, according to figures released by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. Exports of jewellery hit \$1.2bn during 2012-2013 as compared to \$916 million in the same period last fiscal year, showing a jump of 28.5pc. Hanif Chand of Karachi Saraf and Jewellers Group said that the increase in gold import means jewellery exporters are actually bringing more gold in for jewellery export.

ENERGY

Petrol, Diesel and CNG prices increased, *Dawn*, July 1⁷⁰

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) announced an increase in the price of petrol by Rs. 2 per litre and the price of high speed diesel by Rs. 2.16. The petroleum ministry has increased the General Sales Tax on CNG by 9 percent; it now stands at 24 percent.

Pakistan cement sales grow, near record levels, *The Express Tribune*, July 4⁷¹

Sales of cement for 2012-13 hit a near record high of a shade over 25 million tons, 4.59 percent higher than last year's sales of 23.95 million tons. The total sales were higher in 2009, primarily fuelled by exports which were much less in 2012-13.

Four energy projects of 3,511 MW approved, *The Express Tribune*, July 5⁷²

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecne) has approved the Karachi Coastal Power Plants (I and II), each with a capacity of 1,100 MW each. They also approved the Nandipur Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCPP), with a capacity of 425-525 MW, and the Pakistan Remote Sensing Satellite Project to be located in Sindh and Punjab. These are moves to reverse the country's energy mix, which is overly reliant on fossil fuels. The dependency on fossil fuels has increased to 75 percent.

⁶⁸ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\01\story_1-7-2013_pg7_1

⁶⁹ <http://dawn.com/news/1031916/gold-imports-jump>

⁷⁰ <http://beta.dawn.com/news/1021880/prices-of-petrol-and-cng-increased>

⁷¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/572142/domestic-cement-sales-hit-record-highs/>

⁷² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/572631/setting-the-game-plan-govt-okays-power-projects-totalling-3511mw/>

Sharif orders probe into Nandipur project cost escalation, *Dawn*, July 15⁷³

The PM has directed the Secretary of the Planning Division of the government to submit a report regarding the escalation of the cost of the Nandipur power project from \$329 million to \$574 million. The PPP had blamed the cost increase on a difference in rupee-dollar parity. The project was delayed as the PPP refused to give a sovereign guarantee for the project. Punjab CM Shahbaz Sharif met with officials of the Chinese company that is building the plant, Dong Feng, during his recent visit to China and urged them to resume work at the earliest.

K-P power shortages blamed on terror strikes, *The Express Tribune*, July 16⁷⁴

Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Muhammad Asif has said that terrorist attacks on K-P's damaged grid system allowed for only 1,700 MW of power to be transferred to the state rather than the 2,400 it needs. He said that the bill for repairing the grid would come up to Rs.11 billion. He said transformers would be supplied to the state on an emergency basis.

Qatar LNG Import Qatar termed mega-scam by PTI, *Daily Times*, July 19⁷⁵

A meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet (ECC) approved import of 500 mmmcfed liquefied natural gas from Qatar. To avoid the lengthy procedure of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), the ECC has decided to approach the Law Ministry to seek relaxation in import-related rules from PPRA. The LNG import is to be handled through public sector, and the private sector's participation would not be allowed initially.

In a detailed critique on July 23, the PTI challenged the move, saying it would cost the national exchequer Rs. 18 billion every year for 20 years as the price of gas in the deal was higher than the market price. Terming the LNG import deal a mega scam, PTI's information secretary Dr Shireen Mazari alleged that the ministry of petroleum and natural resources had managed to benefit a particular business group. "The LNG will be procured from Conoco Phillips (CP), and not from Qatar on a government-to-government basis, as is being falsely claimed. The so-called government-to-government deal with Qatar will be through the CP, a private US energy company. So why lie to the nation that the deal is with the state of Qatar," questioned Dr Mazari.

Additional Rs. 138 billion circular debt cleared, *Dawn*, July 23⁷⁷

The government completed a non-cash transaction of Rs. 138 billion through book adjustments to clear energy sector's circular debt. "A sanction order of Rs. 138 billion has been issued. In total, Rs. 480 billion circular debt, including Rs. 342 billion payments made last month, stands cleared," said Finance Ministry's adviser and spokesman Rana Assad Amin. The circular debt stood at Rs. 503

⁷³ <http://dawn.com/news/1029011/pm-orders-nandipur-project-cost-probe>

⁷⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/577561/electricity-complaints-asif-links-k-p-power-woes-to-terror-hits/>

⁷⁵ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\19\story_19-7-2013_pg1_7

⁷⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1031220/pti-finds-fault-with-deal-for-lng-import-from-qatar>

⁷⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1031180/govt-clears-480bn-circular-debt>

billion on May 31. A sum of Rs. 23 billion related to cases filed by independent power producers (IPPs) in the Supreme Court is now outstanding.

Details of the adjustment can be seen here: http://www.finance.gov.pk/press/circular_debt.pdf

Provinces oppose SC proposal for power distribution, *Dawn*, July 23⁷⁸

Three provinces have opposed the Supreme Court's suggestion of supplying electricity in bulk directly to the provinces in accordance with their requirements and deducting the cost at source from the National Finance Commission (NFC) award allocations. The proposal meant that the provincial governments would collect the dues for power supply. A three-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, had taken suo moto notice of load shedding. In response to the court's directive, Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa submitted replies through their advocates general, opposing the proposal. Balochistan did not submit its reply. The court had asked Attorney General Muneer A. Malik to seek instructions from the federal and provincial governments on the feasibility of the plan.

Gas reserves found in Sindh, *The Express Tribune*, July 23⁷⁹

Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) announced on July 22 the discovery of condensate and gas reserves in Sanghar District of Sindh, just a month after finding petroleum reserves in the same area in another well. According to initial test results, 27.8 million standard cubic feet per day (mmscfd) of gas and 337 barrels per day of condensate were found in a well in Gambat South block.

National Energy Policy 2013-18: Power shortages to end by 2017, *Dawn*, July 23 and *The Express Tribune*, July 24^{80,81,82}

(Note that the third link listed gives the most comprehensive overview of the policy)

The government has formulated the National Energy Policy 2013-18, which was presented to the Council of Common Interests. Under the policy, power sector subsidy will be phased out by 2018 and 'load-shedding' will be ended by 2017. It aims at generating surplus electricity in 2018, privatising government-owned power plants and a few power distributing companies (Discos), bringing the double digit cost of power generation to a single digit, restructuring the water and power ministry, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra), Oil and gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), adjustment of outstanding dues owed by public and private organisations through federal adjusters and formation of regional transmission and power trading system. The government intends to phase out subsidies within three years and pass on the economic cost of power generation to consumers.

⁷⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1031190/provinces-oppose-bulk-power-purchase>

⁷⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/580454/pakistan-petroleum-makes-another-discovery-in-sindh/>

⁸⁰ <http://dawn.com/news/1031193/loadshedding-to-end-by-17>

⁸¹ <http://dawn.com/news/1031365/cci-meeting-ends-inconclusively>

⁸² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/581245/draft-laid-before-cci-provinces-seek-time-to-examine-energy-policy/>

The plan was presented at a meeting of the Council of Common Interests (CCI) chaired by Sharif on June 24. The meeting was attended by all members of the council including the provincial chief ministers. The group discussed implementation of the new energy policy, gas theft and recovery issues, and punishment for those stealing electricity. The Chief Ministers asked for time to analyse the policy. The prime minister directed that a committee be formed, comprising the four provincial chief secretaries and one nominee of each province, to submit their report within a week.

Nepra increases electricity tariffs by around 24 paisa per unit, *Dawn*, July 24⁸³

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has increased the tariff of National Transmission Despatch Company (NTDC) by Rs. 12.71 per kilowatt/month and also approved 8 paisa per unit hike under the variable charges with immediate effect. The decision issued by the regulatory body will likely result in a rise in electricity tariff of approximately 24 paisa per unit for both domestic and commercial consumers across the board in total.

Dispute over ADB's advisory fee for TAPI pipeline; Afghanistan signs sales and purchase agreement, *The Express Tribune*, July 24⁸⁴

The countries participating in the Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India (TAPI) gas pipeline and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) are locked in a row over fee for hiring the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as a transaction adviser to raise funds for the project, the cost of which may cross \$10 billion against previous estimates of \$7.5 billion because of the delay in initiating work according to the ADB. The four countries negotiated a deal for hiring the ADB as transaction adviser for a reduced fee of \$50 million. Afghanistan has also signed a gas sales and purchase agreement to become part of the TAPI gas pipeline. Earlier, it had backed out of the project, saying it was only interested in a transit fee.

Import of generators declines by six percent, *Dawn* on July 24⁸⁵

Imports of power generating machines fell by six per cent in 2012-2013 despite the fact that the country remained in the grip of intense power crisis. The fall has been linked to the fact that the generators' prices had risen by at least 20 per cent in the last one year due to depreciation of rupee against the US dollar and increase in GST by one per cent.

Opinions and Editorials

"Privatisation cometh", *The Express Tribune*, July 18⁸⁶

Having hinted at privatisation for months now, the Nawaz Administration's announcement that the list of state-owned enterprises to be privatised will include all government-owned power companies as well as the Pakistan State Oil and Pakistan Steel Mills, is likely to be welcomed by investors and businesses, both within the country and outside it. The government's footprint in the en-

⁸³ <http://dawn.com/news/1031369/nepra-decision-electricity-tariff-likely-to-go-up-by-24paisaunit>

⁸⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/581006/tapi-pipeline-project-participants-adb-fail-to-agree-on-advisory-fee/>

⁸⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1031179/generator-import-declines>

⁸⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/578719/privatisation-cometh/>

ergy sector is far too big and has prevented it from effectively acting in its capacity as a regulator. This would reduce the deficit to just one third of its current levels The government will likely get billions of dollars for the companies it sells off. If used wisely, that money can substantially reduce the national debt, or finance major infrastructure projects.

Khurram Husain, "Power policy gaps", *Dawn*, July 25⁸⁷

While the policy is indeed comprehensive, it puts a lot of emphasis on repairing the Pakistan Electric Power Company's cash flows through enhanced and aggressive bill recoveries. However, the only problem with a 'let's get tough on the defaulters' approach is that the distribution companies are not particularly effective in serving people with a viable bill in the first place. The flip side of getting tough on defaulters is getting tough on the collector to be responsible in generating bills in the first place. Little in the policy tells us more about how this will happen since the power bureaucracy is notorious for its imperviousness to outside pressure.

IMF LOAN

IMF and Pakistan agree on \$5.3 billion bailout package, *Dawn* on July 4⁸⁸

Head of the IMF delegation to Pakistan Jaffrey Franks said that the program was 'Pakistan designed'. Pakistani reserves of around \$6.2 billion are shrinking at \$500 million a month. The loan costs a floating interest rate of 3 percent.

FBR plugs leaks before IMF approval meeting, *The Nation*, July 24⁸⁹

Pakistan has started prior actions for obtaining approval of IMF's executive board on \$5.3 billion bailout package before September 4, as the Federal Board of Revenue started issuing notices to non-taxpayers. A further increase in power tariffs is on the card as well. According to the agreement, Pakistan will need to take prior actions including issuing tax notices to 25,000 potential tax dodgers, hiking discount rates by 1 to 1.5 percent and increasing power tariffs.

Opinions and Editorials

Pervez Tahir, "How not to negotiate with the IMF", *The Express Tribune*, July 4⁹⁰

Finance Minister Dar has presented a budget with a deficit of 6.3 per cent when the IMF will not accept a fiscal deficit target beyond four to 4.5 per cent. A more reasonable projection could have been fixed around five per cent anyway if the government had not increased the Public Sector Development Programme by 50 per cent to accommodate its politically motivated programmes; had not surrendered to the bureaucracy's demand to increase salaries and pensions by 10 per cent; and had eliminated tax exemptions on its own. Moreover, instead of finalising its own energy plan first, the IMF was allowed to dictate the end of power subsidies within a tight time frame. The worst

⁸⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1031800/power-policy-gaps>

⁸⁸ <http://beta.dawn.com/news/1022800/pakistan-asks-imf-for-53-billion-bailout-package>

⁸⁹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/business/24-Jul-2013/govt-starts-implementation-of-imf-demands-for-bailout>

⁹⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/572503/how-not-to-negotiate-with-the-imf/>

aspect of the entire predicament was the finance minister’s announcement on the floor of parliament that Pakistan needed the new IMF loan just to repay the earlier loan from the same institution. Hence, by implication, the intent was not reform but access to ready cash.

“Agreement with IMF”, *The Nation*, July 6⁹¹

The inconvenient truth of the matter is that the IMF has itself created the need for the loan, with previous package repayments creating the foreign exchange crisis that has driven the country to the brink of default. Regardless, this has not stopped it from laying down harsh conditionalities for the new package, which was reflected in the rigours of the recent budget. It is noteworthy that the conditionalities do not include a tax on agricultural income, which is the biggest of all exemptions and is fiercely protected by members on both Treasury and Opposition benches.

REMITTANCES

\$13.9 billion in remittances in 2012-13, *The Express Tribune*, July 11⁹²

Numbers from the State Bank of Pakistan show record remittances in 2012-13 at \$13.920 billion, a 5.56 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. Saudi Arabia retains its position at the top of the list, followed by the UAE.

Country	Remittances in 2012-13	Remittances in 2011-12
Saudi Arabia	\$4.105 billion	\$3.687 billion
UAE	\$2.750 billion	\$2.849 billion
USA	\$2.186 billion	\$2.334 billion
UK	\$1.946 billion	\$1.521 billion
GCC	\$1.608 billion	\$1.495 billion
EU	\$357.37 million	\$364.79 million

INVESTMENT

Turkey to invest \$1 billion over 3 years, *The Express Tribune*, July 16⁹³

Founder of the Pak-Turk Business Council Turgat Bayan has informed Pakistani Board of Investment Chairman Mohammad Zubair that Turkey will invest \$1 billion in *the communication, textile and automotive sectors* over the next three years as well as *a TV channel, hydel and alternate sources of electricity and the education sector*.

⁹¹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Editorials/06-Jul-2013/agreement-with-imf>

⁹² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575135/overseas-workers-send-home-13-9b-in-2012-13/>

⁹³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/577334/helping-hand-turkey-to-invest-1-billion-in-pakistan-over-3-years/>

Pak-US Bilateral Investment negotiations to resume; Civilian nuclear technology not discussed, *The Express Tribune, Dawn and The Nation, July 16-17*⁹⁴⁹⁵⁹⁶

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar met with visiting President of Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) Elizabeth Littlefield and senior US Embassy officials in Islamabad to discuss restart stalled negotiations on the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT). He refused to give any timeline for a future agreement on the BIT. The two countries agreed to enhance cooperation in energy sector with special focus on development of bio-gas and wind energy to help Pakistan overcome the power crisis. Dar added that both countries had agreed in principle to continue dialogue on Civil Nuclear Technology cooperation but this was flatly denied by State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell.

Board of Investment to be revamped; focus on SMEs, *Dawn July 23*⁹⁷

Finance Minister Dar has indicated that the government will revamp Board of Investment (BoI) with an objective of making it a 'one window-one stop operation' for investors. In a meeting with USAID Director Gregory C. Gottlieb in Islamabad on Friday, the finance minister said that the government also plans to revitalise the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (Smeda) and reconnect it with the private sector so that they can benefit from the institution for setting up small and medium term businesses.

TRADE

Wheat deal with Iran to be completed in weeks, *Dawn, July 17*⁹⁸

A finance ministry spokesman has said Pakistan will finalise a long-delayed deal to export \$9 million worth of wheat to Iran within weeks. Pakistan is negotiating to send 100,000 tonnes of wheat in partial payment for electricity supplies from Iran. Pakistan owes Iran \$53 million for the imports but its cash-strapped state power company has no means to pay.

PLANNING

New five-year plan likely in December, *The Express Tribune, July 20*⁹⁹

Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal said the government was working on a five-year plan (2013-18) to put the country on fast track of economic development, which would be finalized in December this year. Iqbal said seven important themes were being targeted in the five-year development plan. The themes were energy for all, value addition in productive sector, developing modern infrastructure, initiating institutional and governance reforms for high performance, building social capital, making private sector the driver of growth, and building new pillars for self-reliance and high sustainable growth.

⁹⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/578004/pakistan-us-to-resume-investment-treaty-talks/>

⁹⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1029436/pakistan-us-to-enhance-cooperation-in-energy-sector>

⁹⁶ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/international/17-Jul-2013/no-discussion-on-civil-nuclear-technology-with-pakistan-us>

⁹⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1030490/govt-plans-to-revamp-board-of-investment>

⁹⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1029724/pakistan-says-iran-wheat-deal-to-be-finalised-within-weeks>

⁹⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/579764/planning-ministry-outlines-five-year-plan/>

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Car sales drop 24 percent in 2012-13, *The Express Tribune*, July 11¹⁰⁰

Sales of locally assembled cars dropped by 24 percent to 135,310 units in the 2012-13 fiscal year. Major car manufacturers such as Pak Suzuki Motor Company and Indus Motor Company posted huge decreases in car sales; both companies saw sales decline over 30 percent compared to the previous fiscal. A government rule that banned the import of used cars older than three years (from an earlier upper limit of five years) implemented in December 2012 led to a 30-40 percent drop in imports of used cars and a concurrent spike in the sale of new cars in the second half of the fiscal year. Topline Securities suggested in a report that car sales rose by 35 percent after the December 2012 ruling.

¹⁰⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575110/despite-robust-demand-in-second-half-car-sales-fall-24-in-fy13/>

SECURITY SITUATION

TERRORISM

ISI compound targeted in Sukkur, *Dawn*, July 25¹⁰¹¹⁰²

A series of blasts rocked the southern town of Sukkur as militants rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into a compound of the ISI, security officials said. Nine people were killed, including five attackers and four agency officials. Police said the attackers detonated two bombs — one outside a police building and a car bomb outside the ISI office in the town. The dead include five attackers and four police and intelligence officials.

Opinions and Editorials

“Will they ever learn? Sukkur attack”, *Dawn*, July 26¹⁰³

The attack on the ISI office was seemingly inevitable considering the publicity surrounding militant cells linked to extremist groups being broken up in recent weeks. The problem of security being fatally compromised in Ramzan around the time the daily fast is broken has still not been addressed as even the Marriott bombing in 2008 demonstrated. The ISI’s lead role in not just the intelligence side of counterterrorism but also at the operational end needs to be rethought. Tracking down militants is an intelligence agency’s job; taking out militants and physically dismantling militant organisations is a job for law-enforcement agencies. An overarching role for the ISI in counterterrorism is boomeranging on the organisation itself.

TTP creates cell for Syria conflict, *The Express Tribune*, July 14¹⁰⁴¹⁰⁵

The TTP says it has set up a cell in Syria to “keep a watch on the ongoing jihad”, share information regarding the conflict with Pakistani militants, assess the needs of ‘jihad’ and offer help in joint operations. The information comes from Muhammed Amin, the coordinator of the cell. He talked to *BBC Urdu* about the development. *Dawn* reported that the move was to “cement ties with al Qaeda’s central leadership”. It quoted a senior commander of the TTP telling *Reuters* that they would soon issue videos of their operations in Syria.

Working group on TTP talks, after APC, *The Express Tribune*, July 15¹⁰⁶

An unnamed official told *The Express Tribune* that a working group for talks with the TTP might be formed after the upcoming APC on the country’s security situation. An unnamed military official was also quoted as saying the security establishment was not opposed to the situation.

¹⁰¹ <http://dawn.com/news/1031613/suicide-bombers-target-isi-compound-in-sukkur>

¹⁰² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/581778/death-toll-rises-to-9-after-sukkur-isi-attack/>

¹⁰³ <http://dawn.com/news/1031967/will-they-ever-learn-sukkur-attack>

¹⁰⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/576690/pakistan-taliban-set-up-jihad-cell-in-syria/>

¹⁰⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1028982/pakistan-taliban-set-up-camps-in-syria-join-anti-assad-war>

¹⁰⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/577083/ending-militant-violence-govt-ponders-working-group-for-taliban-talks/>

Opinions and Editorials

Shaukat Qadir, "How to negotiate with Taliban", *The Friday Times*, Vol. 25:4¹⁰⁷

The state should take an unchanging negotiating stance with the TTP. It is essential that the state should be in a position to pose a tangible threat to and/or extract a price from the Taliban. Towards this end, the state must be prepared to carry out the threat swiftly and forcefully, and the state intelligence and security forces must be fully geared up to meet the Taliban's retaliation to the state's punitive action.

"New fears: TTP in Syria", *Dawn*, July 15¹⁰⁸

The Arab nexus, including links to Al Qaeda, has always been apparent in the arc of the TTP's relatively short history. Unlike, say, the Afghan Taliban who by and large have hewed to a purely domestic agenda, i.e. ridding Afghanistan of foreign 'invaders', the TTP's overall agenda has leaned more towards the concept of a global jihad. If the TTP is confident enough to be sending fighters abroad, it could mean the network believes it has enough resources locally to successfully fend off the Pakistani state which is an enormously worrying possibility.

"Security sense", *The Express Tribune*, July 15¹⁰⁹:

The PML-N government had always favoured negotiations with the Taliban as the best way to end the militant scourge yet talks with groups who violate law & question the writ of state should only be carried out from a position of strength. The need to exercise caution emerges from the fact that whenever talks have failed in the past, it has given the Taliban time to regroup and reorganize.

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA

TTP kill seven Frontier Constabulary personnel near Peshawar, *Dawn* and *The Express Tribune*, July 3¹¹⁰¹¹¹¹¹²

The TTP killed seven Frontier Constabulary personnel, injured seven and kidnapped two security personnel in a confrontation at the Kishan Ganga check post in the Frontier Region near Peshawar. It is reported that over 50 militants attacked the check post. Ehsanullah Ehsan, spokesperson for the TTP had claimed responsibility for the midnight attack. In a search operation carried out after the TTP attack on July 4, security forces have said that they have killed two key militant commanders from the TTP.

¹⁰⁷ <http://www.thefridaytimes.com/beta3/tft/article.php?issue=20130726&page=2>

¹⁰⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1029169/new-fears-ttp-in-syria>

¹⁰⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/577213/security-sense/>

¹¹⁰ <http://dawn.com/news/1022313/at-least-six-fc-persons-killed-in-a-militant-attack-in-peshawar>

¹¹¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/571813/militants-kill-6-in-attack-on-checkpoint-near-peshawar-officials/>

¹¹² <http://beta.dawn.com/news/1022789/key-taliban-commanders-killed-in-peshawar-operation-security-officials>

Over 6,000 displaced families return to homes in Kurram, *Dawn*, July 1¹¹³

The FATA Disaster Management Authority is managing the movement of over 10,000 families to their homes in the Parachamkani area of Kurram agency, of which 6000 have been rehabilitated. The area was declared a conflict zone last month due to the insurgency in the region.

New TTP faction emerges to avenge drone strikes, *Daily Times*, July 8¹¹⁴

A new outfit calling themselves the *Ansarul Mujahideen* has claimed that their primary purpose is to retaliate against drone strikes. The spokesperson for the new group, Abu Baseer, warned the English media against supporting the strikes and claimed responsibility for a recent attack on a security check post.

FATA parliamentarians urge government to secure area before US withdrawal, *The Express Tribune*, July 11¹¹⁵¹¹⁶

Unnamed sources told *The Express Tribune* that FATA parliamentarians urged PM Sharif to take “firm measures to secure the area” ahead of the 2014 US troop withdrawal as they feared a deteriorating security situation after the pull-out. The PM was meeting with MNAs at the PMO.

Strike in Quetta to protest killing of Hazaras, *Daily Times* on July 17¹¹⁷

A complete shutter-down strike was observed in parts of Quetta against the killing of four Hazara men on July 15. Hazara political leaders, including the Hazara Democratic Party, have accused the state institutions of direct involvement in the killing of their community’s members.

BALUCHISTAN

Death squads sponsored by neighbours and foreign powers in Balochistan: Akhtar Mengal, *The Express Tribune*, July 8¹¹⁸¹¹⁹

In an interview with *The Express Tribune* Baloch nationalist Sardar Akhtar Mengal has allegedly ‘admitted’ to the presence of “death squads sponsored by Pakistan’s neighbours and foreign powers”. He said that his decision to join politics and contest the May 11 elections made him a target for both the insurgents, who have denounced parliamentary politics, and the government who grouped him with the insurgents. On July 12, Mengal met Sharif in Islamabad to discuss the security situation in the state.

¹¹³ <http://beta.dawn.com/news/1021985/over-6000-kurram-families-return-home>

¹¹⁴ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\08\story_8-7-2013_pg7_12

¹¹⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575456/tackling-terrorism-door-to-dialogue-should-remain-open-says-pm/>

¹¹⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1024292/nawaz-meets-fata-mnas-discusses-steps-for-peace/?commentPage=1&storyPage=2>

¹¹⁷ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\17\story_17-7-2013_pg1_4

¹¹⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/573937/mengal-admits-foreign-involvement-in-balochistan/>

¹¹⁹ <http://dawn.com/news/1028489/pm-nawaz-akhtar-mengal-discuss-balochistan-situation>

Power pylons targeted; 17 districts lose electricity, *Daily Times*, July 19¹²⁰

Seventeen districts of Balochistan plunged into darkness when unidentified people blew up four power pylons in BibiNani area of Mach district of Bolan.

Arms recovered and militants arrested by FC, *Dawn* on July 21¹²²

The Frontier Corps (FC) arrested twelve suspected militants from the MurghaKibzai area of Balochistan on July 21, seizing a large quantity of arms and ammunition in the process. They said three foreigners were also among the twelve suspected militants arrested. The Frontier Corps also claimed to have foiled a major terror bid and seized a huge quantity of arms and explosives and have arrested twenty eight suspects in two raids in and near Quetta.

SINDH**1,728 killed in Karachi till June in 2013; highest number of killings in June, *The Express Tribune*, July 16¹²³**

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) has released its half yearly report on the security situation in Karachi, noting that June was the worst month thus far with 313 people killed and 1,728 killed in total. It also noted the highest number of political killings in any month so far happened in June, with 50 individuals killed. These numbers conflict with Rangers Director General RizwanAkthar's claim in the SC that targeted killings had reduced in the last few months. A total of 1174 political workers were killed, of which 104 belonged to the MQM. The report noted that a total of 41 individuals had been killed in the Lyari gang war.

PoliticalParty	Deaths
MQM	104
PPP	12
ANP	9
Jamaat-e-Islami	8
PML-Functional	1
PML-Nawaz	4
PML-Quaid	2
MQM-Haqiqi	4
ASWJ	4
JSQM	1
PTI	2

¹²⁰ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\19\story_19-7-2013_pg7_5

¹²¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/580177/energy-woes-over-half-of-balochistan-still-in-the-dark/>

¹²² <http://dawn.com/news/1030808/miscreants-set-ablaze-oil-tankers-in-balochistan>

¹²³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/577360/june-was-citys-deadliest-month-with-313-killings-hrcp/>

LeJ operative admits to planting bomb to kill SHC Judge, *Dawn* and *The Express Tribune*, July 17 and July 25¹²⁴¹²⁵

Police in Karachi said that Bashir Leghari, suspected to be the mastermind of a bombing which killed nine people and injured senior Sindh High Court (SHC) judge Justice Maqbool Baqar, died due to injuries sustained in a gun battle with police¹²⁶. The suspect is said to belong to the 'Asifchotu group' of the Lashkar-i-Jhangvi. Justice Baqar, a member of the Shia community, was said to be on the hit-list of religious militants, including the Lashkar-i-Jhangvi and Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). On July 25, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) "death squad" Chief Masoom Billah admitted to planning the bomb.

AFGHAN SECURITY SITUATION

Kayani and Sharif discuss Afghan security situation, *The Express Tribune*, July 2 and July 24¹²⁷¹²⁸¹²⁹

Sharif and Kayani have said that Pakistan will continue supporting efforts for a peaceful end to conflict in Afghanistan despite the reluctance of President Hamid Karzai's administration to mend frayed relations with Islamabad. The meeting came two days after the prime minister's foreign policy adviser *Sartaj Aziz* toured Kabul in a move designed to mend fences with an increasingly sceptical neighbour. Aziz formally invited Karzai to visit Islamabad. The Afghan leader "in principle accepted the invitation" but set some preconditions for his trip. Karzai's office said he could tour Pakistan only when "serious and effective struggle against terrorism and the peace process are on top of the agenda".

Tensions between the countries grew earlier in the month when claims surfaced that NSA Sartaj Aziz proposed a power-sharing formula between the government and the Taliban in a meeting with Afghan envoy Umer Daudzai. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry denied these claims and rejected President Karzai's claim that Pakistan has been showing interest in such an arrangement in the recent past. Aziz's alleged proposal involved federalism with some parts being given to the Taliban. "We believe this federalism is a means for the Pakistanis to achieve what they could not achieve through their proxy (the Taliban) on the battlefield," said Afghan Deputy Foreign Minister Ershad Ahmadi.

Opinions and Editorials

Moeed Yusuf, "Pakistan's influence", *Dawn*, July 1¹³⁰

The Pakistani security establishment will not turn actively against the Taliban — both for fear of reprisals and because they envision the Taliban having considerable hold over the Afghan areas

¹²⁴ <http://dawn.com/news/1029651/mastermind-of-bomb-attack-on-shc-judge-arrested-police>

¹²⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/581303/lej-death-squad-chief-admits-to-planning-attack-on-justice-baqar/>

¹²⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1029752/prime-suspect-held-for-attack-on-justice-baqar-dies>

¹²⁷ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/581247/kayani-nawaz-discuss-impasse-in-kabul-ties/>

¹²⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/571172/talibans-power-sharing-deal-pakistan-rubbishes-afghan-charges/>

¹²⁹ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\02\story_2-7-2013_pg1_6

¹³⁰ <http://beta.dawn.com/news/1021899/pakistans-influence>

bordering Pakistan post-2014. Any hint that Pakistan will be willing to back the Taliban.....would embolden the insurgents and remove any compulsion for them to reconcile with the US, Kabul or other Afghan opponents.

“Wrong approach: Pak-Afghan acrimony”, *The Dawn*, July 3¹³¹

In truth, there are *very few good options* when it comes to stabilising a country with virtually no history of stability or a central government and where the commitment of the international community to engineering long-term stability is certainly suspect. But within that framework of uncertainty, there are at least two things that Pakistan could do. *First, the army leadership and the Foreign Office must stop trying to sideline Karzai* what is supposed to be an Afghan-led reconciliation process as it is counterproductive. *Second, Pakistani policy towards Afghanistan* and the articulation of that policy *needs to reflect a humility that assuages old fears* of this country’s true intentions.

CYBER SECURITY

Action plan for cyber security presented, *Daily Times*, July 9¹³²

The Senate Standing Committee on Defence presented an action plan called for recognizing the cyber security threat as one of the major security threats along with terrorism and military aggression and for establishing a National Computer Emergency Response Team (PKCERT).

NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY

Meet proposed to evolve common security policy, *The Express Tribune*, July 5¹³³

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Khan has said that all stakeholders will meet in the near future to formulate a security policy for the country. He has said that there will be two kinds of policy, *an operational policy* to deal with daily terrorist activities and *a strategic policy* to deal with the problem over the long term and on a larger scale. He said Pakistani Chief of Army Staff Kayani, along with heads of all law enforcement agencies and the Chief Ministers of the provinces, would attend the meeting.

Sharif visits ISI headquarters, *The Express Tribune*, *The Daily Times* and *The Nation*, July 10 and 12¹³⁴¹³⁵¹³⁶

PM Sharif was accompanied by Security Adviser Sartaj Aziz, Punjab Chief Minister Shahabaz Sharif and Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Khan to an over five hour meeting with the ISI DG Zaheerul Islam in the presence of Army Chief of Staff Kayani. Sources told *the Daily Times* that a

¹³¹ <http://beta.dawn.com/news/1022337/wrong-approach-pak-afghan-acrimony>

¹³² http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\09\story_9-7-2013_pg7_12

¹³³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/572777/national-security-policy-govt-to-invite-all-stakeholders-says-nisar/>

¹³⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575532/security-policy-nawaz-sharif-visits-isi-headquarters/>

¹³⁵ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\12\story_12-7-2013_pg1_1

¹³⁶ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/12-Jul-2013/-political-opposition-choking-anti-terror-ops>

number of issues such as bombings in Quetta, Karachi and Peshawar, the leak of the Abbottabad Commission report and the NATO withdrawal were discussed. *The Nation* reports that “surgical cleansing” of non-state elements supporting terrorism was discussed and agreed upon. The ISI DG presented an overview of ISI operations to the PM.

Imran, Khattak call for closed door meeting with security apparatus before APC, *Dawn*, July 19 and 26¹³⁷¹³⁸¹³⁹

Pakistan Tehrik-i-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan urged the government to hold a closed-door meeting between himself, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and the Army Chief Ashfaq Pervez Kayani prior to holding an Parties Conference (APC) to formulate a counter-terrorism policy. He said it should precede a public forum such as the APC. He said it was imperative to get facts on the table regarding the government and military’s understanding with the US on war on terror and drone attacks and the position of the intelligence organisations on sectarian terrorism. K-P CM Khattak mirrored this sentiment a few days later on July 26 calling for a meeting between ISI, Military Intelligence, Interior Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governor, four chief ministers and other relevant civil and military officials before the APC.

Establishment against talking to TTP: JuI-F, *Daily Times*, July 20¹⁴⁰

At a press conference the JUI-F chief Fazlur Rahman said it seemed that the establishment was not in favour of talks with the militants, despite the fact that all political forces wanted to resolve the issue of militancy through dialogue. “Even the PPP, ANP, MQM and the Q-League (Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid), which were allied parties in the last democratic set-up, showed their support at the all-parties conference (APC) convened by the JUI-F for holding talks with militants,” Fazl said. He said it was obvious that when all the political forces were in favour of holding talks – and still the process could not be initiated – the establishment did not want such a dialogue.

Government given deadline on disappearances case, *The Express Tribune*, July 24¹⁴¹

The Supreme Court sought on July 23 a comprehensive policy from the federal government suggesting measures against enforced disappearances. The government is required to formulate the policy in 10 days and inform the court about steps to be taken to recover missing persons and discourage the disturbing trend of individuals picked up allegedly by intelligence agencies.

Opinions and Editorials

“Attacks on the state”, *The Express Tribune*, July 1¹⁴²

Three trends are clear from the acts of violence recently perpetrated: the TTP, its allies and al Qaeda have accelerated their attack on the Pakistani state and society even when political parties that won

¹³⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1030008/imran-calls-for-closed-door-meeting-with-kayani>

¹³⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1032006/instead-of-apc-kp-wants-talks-with-army>

¹³⁹ <http://dawn.com/news/1032006/instead-of-apc-kp-wants-talks-with-army>

¹⁴⁰ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\20\story_20-7-2013_pg7_20

¹⁴¹ <http://dawn.com/news/1031448/court-seeks-policy-to-end-enforced-disappearances>

¹⁴² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/570525/attacks-on-the-state/>

the recent election have been stating that they are ready to talk to them. Second, the operations of the LeJ – largely based in Punjab – continue unabated, thereby giving much impetus to the TTP's agenda. Finally, the civilian governments lack coordination and are yet to assume the real charge of security as stipulated by the Pakistani Constitution.....Civil-military imbalance will not go away soon so pragmatism demands that the new government finds a way of working with the military within the legal ambit instead of moving towards institutional conflict that may sabotage the prospect of a much-needed consensus.

“Old perceptions die hard”, *The Nation*, July 7¹⁴³

The Prime Minister's Special Adviser's on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz's statement that the army has signalled the government's independence to formulate policies without the former's interference hints that GHQ is still one of the centres of power whose prior consent is invariably a passport to any government of the day. The idea still suggests that democratic dispensation is still at the beck and call of the army.

DRONE ATTACKS

Civilian drone deaths at an all-time low, *The Express Tribune*, July 2¹⁴⁴

A report by The Bureau of Investigative Journalism of City University London has stated that civilian drone deaths are at their lowest since early 2008; four people die per attack now, a third of the casualty rate of the first six months of 2010. The Obama Administration has carried out 318 of the 370 drone strikes carried out since 2004.

Pakistan complicit in US drone strikes, could bring peace in Afghanistan in weeks if serious: Afghan Army Chief, *The Express Tribune*, July 3¹⁴⁵

Afghan Army Chief General Sher Mohammad Karimi told the BBC that Pakistan government was complicit in US drone strikes on its territory and that Pakistan had given lists of terrorists it wanted eliminated to the US. He justified this by pointing out that drones are never used against Haqqani or Afghan Taliban. He said that Pakistan could end security issues in Afghanistan in weeks if it wanted as “the Taliban are under their control”.

Pakistan and US had understanding on drones: former ISI chief, *The Express Tribune*, July 9¹⁴⁶

The main points of the Abbottabad leak have been described in the “Political developments” section of this Digest.

A leaked copy of the Abbottabad Commission report has quoted former Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Ahmed Shuja Pasha as saying Pakistan had reached an understanding with the United

¹⁴³ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Editorials/07-Jul-2013/old-perceptions-die-hard>

¹⁴⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/571348/civilian-deaths-in-pakistan-drone-attacks-at-all-time-low-report/>

¹⁴⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/571800/pakistan-complicit-in-us-drone-strikes-afghan-army-chief/>

¹⁴⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/574505/leaked-report-reveals-pakistan-us-understanding-on-drones/>

States on drone strikes targeting militants and that the attacks had their utility. “The DG (director general) said there were no written agreements. There was a political understanding (on US drone attacks),” the report said. “Admittedly the drone attacks had their utility, but they represented a breach of national sovereignty. They were legal according to American law but illegal according to international law,” the report quoted the ISI chief as saying. He also confirmed that Shamsi air base, in southwestern Pakistan, had been used for US drone strikes on Pakistan.

Foreign Ministry asks PM to drop plans of seeking drone technology from US, *The Express Tribune*, July 22¹⁴⁷

The foreign ministry has asked Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to drop his plan to ask Washington for the transfer of drone technology from his list of options citing ‘legal implications’. The government was planning to formally request the US for drone technology during the upcoming visit of US Secretary of State John Kerry as part of efforts to end the impasse over the controversial programme.

¹⁴⁷ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/580200/ending-the-unmanned-war-pm-asked-to-drop-plans-to-see-us-drone-tech/>

RELATIONS WITH INDIA

PMs of India and Pakistan likely to meet in September, *The Express Tribune*, July 2¹⁴⁸¹⁴⁹

The National Security Adviser of Pakistan Sartaj Aziz announced that the leaders of the two countries might meet in September after meeting Indian External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid at the ASEAN summit in Brunei. The meeting will likely take place on the side-lines of the UN General Assembly meeting.

Did India stage attack on Indian Parliament and 26/11? India asked to explain, *Daily Times, The Nation and The Express Tribune* on July 15, 17 and 19¹⁵⁰¹⁵¹¹⁵²

The Daily Times reported that the former under-secretary of the Indian Home Ministry RVS Mani has said that Satish Verma, a member of CBI-SIT probe team for the Ishrat Jahan encounter case, told him that both the 26/11 Mumbai attacks and the 2001 Parliament attacks “were set up ‘with the objective of strengthening the counter-terror legislation’” (quote from report). Foreign Office Spokesperson Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry has asked the Indian government to explain its position on the statements. Chaudhry confirmed on July 18 that Pakistan’s High Commissioner in New Delhi contacted the Indian government over the startling disclosure. The issue was also raised by Foreign Secretary Jalil Abbas Jilani during a meeting with newly-appointed Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan.

Backdoor diplomacy with India revived: Sharif, *The Express Tribune*, July 18¹⁵³

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has said that has already revived backdoor diplomacy with India during a meeting with British Foreign Secretary William Hague in Islamabad.

Hafiz Saeed opposes “back door” diplomacy, *Dawn*, July 23¹⁵⁴

JamaatudDawa chief Hafiz Saeed has opposed back door diplomacy, composite dialogue sans Kashmir and electricity trade between Pakistan and India and added that US wanted to pressurise Pakistan by engaging India in Afghanistan to give it a greater role.

Opinions and Editorials

“Pursuing conflicting goals”, *The Nation*, July 1¹⁵⁵

Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif’s eagerness to go the extra mile in befriending India should be viewed against the backdrop of his efforts to resuscitate the country’s moribund economy. How-

¹⁴⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/571296/nawaz-manmohan-likely-to-meet-in-september/>

¹⁴⁹ <http://dawn.com/news/1022238/sharif-singh-likely-to-meet-in-september>

¹⁵⁰ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\15\story_15-7-2013_pg1_5

¹⁵¹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/17-Jul-2013/india-should-explain-position-on-mumbai-parliament-attacks>

¹⁵² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/579035/govt-seeks-delhi-input-on-staged-attacks/>

¹⁵³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/578600/we-have-revived-backdoor-diplomacy-with-india-nawaz-sharif/>

¹⁵⁴ <http://dawn.com/news/1031107/negotiations-should-not-be-at-the-cost-of-national-honour-saeed>

¹⁵⁵ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Editorials/01-Jul-2013/pursuing-conflicting-goals>

ever, the rub lies in the antagonistic attitude of New Delhi and its adamant refusal to settle the Kashmir dispute, an issue of existential importance to Pakistan. Thus, giving India an economic handle, like assistance in producing electricity would be suicidal. Unless New Delhi shows a willingness to secure a just resolution of Kashmir and conduct its relations with Islamabad on the basis of sovereign equality, the leadership has to adopt a cautious approach.

Khalid Saleem, “Pakistan-India: More of the same”, *The Express Tribune*, July 3¹⁵⁶

The latest overture from India, after the new dispensation in Islamabad, does little to promote good relations between the two countries. Quoting Mr Salman Khurshid, India’s Minister for External Affairs, “India wants the new government in Islamabad to move forward on some confidence-building measures before dialogue resumes”. This caveat adds a new nuance to an already nuance-ridden ambiance. Prior to the elections, Pakistan had appeared to have fallen into step with the Indians in considering the confidence-and security-building measures (CBMs) as the end in itself, rather than the means to problem-settlement. Not surprisingly, people are looking to the new government for a fresh and refreshing approach to the country’s foreign relations. *Cosmetic measures are prone to be overtaken by the law of diminishing returns. The “composite peace process” can sustain itself only if it starts showing tangible results.* The upsurge of public sentiment in favour of peace can subside just as suddenly.

“A step forward: Ties with India”, *Dawn*, July 8¹⁵⁷

While Mr Sharif has political capital to spend after his strong showing in the recent general election, his Indian counterpart, Mr Singh, has no such luxury. Hobbled by various crises and scandals at home and seemingly on the ropes against their BJP rivals, the Congress-led government in India has little room to manoeuvre ahead of next year’s elections. Second, in the post-Mumbai era, the Indian government will still want some kind of gesture from Pakistan. How much progress will be possible in that fraught environment is the question at the moment and real diplomacy and statesmanship will be needed to overcome the tension. (...) Prime Minister Singh has declined repeated invitations to visit Pakistan in recent years; a visit that would have gone a long way in improving at least the optics of the relationship. India should also seek to establish a dialogue process that factors in the possibility of a change in government in India next.

“Indian dam-building”, *The Nation*, July 25¹⁵⁸

India’s building of the Paakal Dal Dam on the Chenab, a hydroelectric project to be completed in 4 years, post its announcement of being five times bigger than the Baglihar Dam has attracted no objection from the Pakistani Indus Water Commissioner, even though it represents another violation of the Indus Waters Basin Treaty. India has lined up the finances for the project, which it will begin next month and build on a fast track, from international finance institutions. This is probably

¹⁵⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/571989/pakistan-india-more-of-the-same/>

¹⁵⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1023656/a-step-forward-ties-with-india>

¹⁵⁸ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Editorials/25-Jul-2013/indian-dam-building>

the flip side of the decision by the World Bank not to ask for an Indian NOC before providing Pakistan aid for the Bhasha-Diamer Dam, as disclosed by federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar while speaking to journalists on Tuesday (July 23). The fact remains that the problem of water theft by India will only be solved by a solution to the Kashmir problem. It has been predicted often enough that the next wars will be over water.

“Neighbours talking seriously”, *The Nation*, July 28¹⁵⁹

The Pakistani proposed resumption of the composite dialogue with secretary-level talks on the Wullar Barrage issue and on the Sir Creek maritime boundary issue is a significant event. The dates are for next month and September, respectively. If the composite dialogue is being reinitiated at Pakistan’s request, it must defeat the perception among its own populace, that it will be beholden to an Indian agenda. The emotionally laden issue of Kashmir, which will be conspicuous by absence in the composite dialogue.....The development must not be entirely rubbished, as it has brought to the table the subject of the Wullar Barrage, which is geographically located deep inside Indian Held Kashmir. Indian control of Kashmir is inspired by the added motivation to keep a check on Pakistan’s water supplies. The solution of the Kashmir issue is the one way that Pakistan can justifiably halt its yearly defence budget increases. *The fact that India and Pakistan even with the best of relations, will continue to be wary neighbours, is a reality. But the stance on Kashmir is a matter of principle.*

Khalid Wasim Hassan, “The Myth of Peace”, *Dawn*, July 9¹⁶⁰

Though unable to suppress the (Kashmiri) movement through its coercive apparatus, the Indian state has been able to manipulate the discourse to discredit the movement. The discourse of ‘peace’ is one such tool. The basis for this statist argument about ‘peace’ is three-fold — decline in the levels of ‘militancy’ and ‘violence’ in the Valley, participation of people in the electoral process and their engagement in recreational activity and ‘empowerment’ projects. The division of the resistance movement into violent and non-violent phases is not translated into support for either. The decrease in direct participation in the armed resistance is not synonymous with the end of the movement. As far as participation in elections is concerned, the population in the Valley has discovered that it can pursue its short-term economic objectives by taking part in the official, state-sponsored electoral process while continuing to express its long-term demands for *azadi* outside the institutional political framework. This dynamic is a strategic compartmentalisation by the Kashmiri people of their short-term interests concerning daily issues of management and governance, and is different from their long-term goal of self-determination. Cultural, sports and recreational activities are sponsored and given priority over other burning issues like human rights, de-militarisation, fake encounters and disappearances.....From the perspective of the common people, there is no peace without justice.

¹⁵⁹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/Editorials/28-Jul-2013/neighbours-talking-seriously>

¹⁶⁰ <http://dawn.com/news/1023791/the-myth-of-peace/?commentPage=1&storyPage=1>

STATISTICS

BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Balochistan				
Nasirabad ¹⁶¹	1/7/2013	Armed men open indiscriminate fire on three sleeping labourers	3	0
Khuzdar ¹⁶²	1/7/2013	Armed men on a motorbike open fire on a passenger bus from Karachi to Quetta	3	N/A
Khuzdar ¹⁶³	4/07/2013	Gunmen attack Nato tanker	3	-
Chaman ^{164,165}	5/7/2013	Blast on Afghan-Pakistan border, Afghan security officers killed, Afghan frontier border commander killed	6	19
Nasirabad ¹⁶⁶	15/7/2013	Unidentified body found, killed by unidentified gunmen	1	-
Quetta ¹⁶⁷	16/7/2013	Four Hazaras among a total of six gunned down in targeted killing	6	-
Killa Abdullah ¹⁶⁸	17/7/2013	Levies personnel and suspected dacoit killed in search operation	2	-
Naseerabad ¹⁶⁹	17/7/2013	Two suspected robbers and a Levies personnel killed	5	-
Mastung ¹⁷⁰	21/07/2013	Armed men set fire to two oil tankers	-	-
Quetta, Chaman, Dera Bugti ¹⁷¹	23/07/2013	Militants fire on cab in Quetta killing two Hazaras, two killed in blast in Chaman, three bodies found in Dera Bugti	7	-
Quetta ¹⁷²	23/07/2013	Two Hazaras killed by gunmen	2	-

¹⁶¹ <http://beta.dawn.com/news/1022019/three-labourers-killed-in-nasirabad-ambush>

¹⁶² <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/01-Jul-2013/3-die-in-khuzdar-bus-attack>

¹⁶³ <http://beta.dawn.com/news/1022798/gunmen-torch-nato-container-in-khuzdar-kill-three>

¹⁶⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/572858/suicide-blast-near-pakistan-afghanistan-border-kills-4/>

¹⁶⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1023000/suicide-bomber-kills-six-at-pak-afghan-border>

¹⁶⁶ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\15\story_15-7-2013_pg7_3

¹⁶⁷ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/16-Jul-2013/4-hazaras-among-6-killed-in-quetta>

¹⁶⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1029701/five-including-two-security-personnel-killed-in-balochistan>

¹⁶⁹ <http://dawn.com/news/1029701/five-including-two-security-personnel-killed-in-balochistan>

¹⁷⁰ <http://dawn.com/news/1030808/miscreants-set-ablaze-oil-tankers-in-balochistan>

¹⁷¹ <http://dawn.com/news/1031097/seven-killed-in-balochistan-violence>

¹⁷² http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013%5C07%5C23%5Cstory_23-7-2013_pg1_4

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Quetta ¹⁷³	24/07/2013	Nato tanker torched	-	-
Quetta	24/07/2013	Separate shootings	2	1
Khuzdar ¹⁷⁴	26/07/2013	PML-N leader shot dead	1	-
Gwadar ¹⁷⁵	28/07/2013	Unidentified gunmen kill seven Pakistan Coast Guards personnel killed and injure as many	7	7
FATA				
North Waziristan ¹⁷⁶	1/7/2013	Security convoy attacked with IED, killing four security officials	4	16
North Waziristan ¹⁷⁷	1/47/2013	Operation by air force kills suspected militants. Attacks believed to between Orakzai and Khyber	10	12
Bara ¹⁷⁸	19/7/2013	IED targeted at patrolling Frontier Corps personnel	2	-
Bara ¹⁷⁹	20/7/2013	Six suspected militants killed in security operation.	6	5
Bara ¹⁸⁰¹⁸¹	26/07/2013	20 suspected militants' bodies found, allegedly killed during Pakistani army strike last week. HRCF voices concern	20	-
Parachinar ¹⁸²¹⁸³	27/07/2013	Two suicide attacks within a minute of each other outside imambargahs in a crowded market place	57	206
Punjab				
Lahore ¹⁸⁴	7/7/2013	Bomb with ball bearings in ground floor of building, in old Anarkali area which is popular on weekends	3	37
Rawalpindi ¹⁸⁵	17/7/2013	Gun battle between rival groups	2	3

¹⁷³ <http://dawn.com/news/1031367/militants-torch-nato-container-in-balochistan>

¹⁷⁴ <http://dawn.com/news/1032017/pml-n-leader-gunned-down-in-khuzdar>

¹⁷⁵ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\28\story_28-7-2013_pg1_2

¹⁷⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/570699/north-waziristan-four-soldiers-killed-in-miramshah-blast/>

¹⁷⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1028984/at-least-ten-suspected-militants-killed-as-pakistan-air-force-strikes-hide-outs>

¹⁷⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1030213/blast-kills-two-fc-personnel-in-khyber-agency>

¹⁷⁹ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\20\story_20-7-2013_pg7_9

¹⁸⁰ <http://dawn.com/news/1031883/bodies-of-20-suspected-militants-found-in-bara>

¹⁸¹ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\27\story_27-7-2013_pg7_12

¹⁸² http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\27\story_27-7-2013_pg1_4

¹⁸³ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\28\story_28-7-2013_pg7_1

¹⁸⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/573379/seven-people-injured-in-lahore-explosion/>

¹⁸⁵ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editors-picks/17-Jul-2013/2-die-3-injured-over-old-enmity>

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa				
Peshawar ¹⁸⁶	1/7/2013	Firing on security checkpoint on Peshawar ring road killing two security officials	2	0
Kohat, K-P ¹⁸⁷	11/9/2013	Explosion targeting a mosque in a rural area	2	7
Peshawar ¹⁸⁸	18/7/2013	Magnetic IED attached to a bus and bomb found at house near Peshawar air force base detected before explosion	-	-
Tank ¹⁸⁹¹⁹⁰	18/7/2013	Four members of peace committees killed in separate incidents, militant shot dead by peace committee volunteer	1	-
Kohat ¹⁹¹	23/07/2013	A grenade attack kills two women and a child	-	3
Swat ¹⁹²	24/07/2013	Peace committee member killed	1	-
Peshawar ¹⁹³	25/07/2013	Deputy Commandant (DC) of Frontier Reserve Police (FRP) injured by gunmen	1	1
Peshawar ¹⁹⁴	26/07/2013	Mortar shell explodes	1	5
Hangu ¹⁹⁵	28/07/2013	Terrorists killed in clash with security forces	6	4
Sindh				
Karachi ¹⁹⁶	1/7/2013	Individuals killed in separate incidents	4	0
Karachi ¹⁹⁷	8/9/2013	Separate incidents of violence	4	0
Karachi ¹⁹⁸¹⁹⁹	9/9/2013	Separate incidents of violence. Five MQM members, one Sunni Tehreek leader and a	14	4

¹⁸⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1022020/two-policemen-killed-in-peshawar-attack>

¹⁸⁷ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\12\story_12-7-2013_pg1_2

¹⁸⁸ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\18\story_18-7-2013_pg1_5

¹⁸⁹ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\18\story_18-7-2013_pg7_9

¹⁹⁰ <http://dawn.com/news/1029899/militant-peace-volunteers-killed-in-fata-tank>

¹⁹¹ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013%5C07%5C23%5Cstory_23-7-2013_pg7_3

¹⁹² http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\24\story_24-7-2013_pg7_7

¹⁹³ <http://dawn.com/news/1031810/senior-frontier-reserve-police-official-injured-in-peshawar-attack>

¹⁹⁴ <http://dawn.com/news/1032036/one-child-killed-five-injured-as-mortar-shell-explodes-in-peshawar>

¹⁹⁵ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\28\story_28-7-2013_pg7_3

¹⁹⁶ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-107472-Karachi:-Four-in-violent-incidents,-two-in-police-encounter-killed-today>

¹⁹⁷ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\08\story_8-7-2013_pg7_9

¹⁹⁸ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\09\story_9-7-2013_pg1_1

¹⁹⁹ <http://dawn.com/news/1023703/violence-persists-in-karachi-as-14-killed>

Karachi, Sindh ²⁰⁰²⁰¹²⁰²	10/9/2013	Explosives planted under car of President Zardari's Chief Security Officer Bilal Sheikh. Sheikh killed along with other security officials. This was the fourth attempt on his life.	4	7 (six police officers and one FIA official)
Karachi ²⁰³	15/7/2013	Two Rangers injured in firing near a police station	-	1
Gulistan-i -Jauhar	17/7/2013	Rangers kill taxi driver in misunderstanding. Two year old son in car. SC takes notice.	1	-
Karachi ²⁰⁶	18/7/2013	Unidentified gunmen kill Imam of a Jamia Masjid	1	-
Karachi ²⁰⁷²⁰⁸	19/7/2013	Two policemen killed, three others in separate incidents of violence, body discovered	6	-
Karachi ²⁰⁹	21/7/2013	Alleged members of LeJ killed due to mishandling of explosives	3	-
Karachi ²¹⁰	24/07/2013	Two people shot and two found dead	4	-
Sukkur ²¹¹	25/07/2013	Series of explosions and shootings, one targeting ISI office	9	-
Karachi ²¹²	26/07/2013	Bomb at Jamia Binoria seminary diffused. A note on the bomb indicated that it was planted by the TTP.	-	-
Karachi ²¹³	27/07/2013	Separate incidents of violence, one killed from MQM	8	3

²⁰⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575103/blast-in-jamshed-quarter-karachi/>

²⁰¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1024197/president-zardaris-security-officer-two-others-killed-in-karachi-bombing>

²⁰² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/575453/deadly-attack-presidents-security-chief-killed-in-blast/>

²⁰³ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-109400-Karachi:-Two-rangers-personnel-hurt-in-firing-incident>

²⁰⁴ <http://dawn.com/news/1029537/rangers-kill-taxi-driver-in-gulistan-i-jauhar>

²⁰⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/579042/reckless-shooting-sc-takes-notice-of-taxi-drivers-killing/>

²⁰⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/578622/imam-gunned-down-in-karachi/>

²⁰⁷ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\19\story_19-7-2013_pg7_9

²⁰⁸ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editors-picks/19-Jul-2013/two-cops-among-6-perish-in-karachi-violence>

²⁰⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/580042/premature-detonations-alleged-members-of-lej-killed-due-to-manhandling-of-explosives/>

²¹⁰ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\24\story_24-7-2013_pg7_20

²¹¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/581778/death-toll-rises-to-9-after-sukkur-isi-attack/>

²¹² <http://dawn.com/news/1031849/bds-defuse-bomb-recovered-from-karachis-jamia-binoria-seminary>

²¹³ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\07\27\story_27-7-2013_pg7_11

DRONE STRIKES			
Place	Date	Description	Casualties
SiraiDarpKhel, North Waziristan ²¹⁴²¹⁵	3/7/2013	Compound thought to belong to Haqqanis targeted. Two killed suspected to belong to Punjabi Taliban and two to Al Qaeda.	17
Mir Ali, North Waziristan	14/7/2013	Drones target two men presumed to be militants, individuals suspected to be of Turkmen/ Arab origin.	2

²¹⁴ <http://dawn.com/news/1022310/us-drone-targets-haqqani-network-in-n-waziristan-kills-17>

²¹⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1022504/fo-condemns-north-waziristan-drone-attack>