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 SUBJECT: PAKISTAN MEDIA REACTION: MAY 15-17, 2010

Summary: The fight against violent extremists in Pakistan remained a dominant theme in the media on Monday morning. All major newspapers carried a New York Times report that a secret network of private spies set up by a U.S. Department of Defense official continues to operate in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Newspapers reported that security forces, backed by fighter jets and helicopter gunships, killed at least 37 militants in Orakzai Agency. In an exclusive article "The News," reported on its front page that the Punjab Police have officially admitted for the first time the presence of Taliban, their network in southern Punjab and fund-raising and recruitment drive in the province. Newspapers carried Defense Minister Mukhtar's statement maintaining that only

terrorists are being killed in U.S. Drone Attacks. UNCLASSIFIED "Dawn," published Bruce Riedel's remarks that U.S. military action and sanctions will not work against Pakistan." Reports and photographs of the release of a Pakistani student detained with suspicious chemical residues at the U.S. Embassy in Chile received wide coverage. Newspapers also reported that Pakistan has refused to renew the visa of a correspondent of Danish daily, Jyllands-Posten, following a row over its publication of blasphemous cartoons. Newspapers over the weekend reported Secretary Clinton's comments that Pakistan is reciprocating U.S. concerns about the threat of terrorism, and Ambassador Holbrooke's call to Foreign Minister Qureshi reaffirming that individual acts will not affect U.S.-Pakistan ties, also received extensive coverage on Saturday. Newspapers also covered a ceremony for 60 professionals from all over the Pakistan who, under a State Department-funded program, have received grants for non-degree certificate programs at various US community colleges. The media also carried the U.S. Embassy's press release rejecting reports that NATO and U.S. military aircraft violated Pakistan's airspace in Shawal area. On Sunday, "Daily Times" reported that a "shocking audiotape of a conversation between Hamid Mir - one of the country's top TV anchors - and a man purportedly linked to the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, has revealed that negative information that Mir passed on to the Taliban could have led to the execution of Khalid Khawaja, the retired Air Force official allegedly killed by a group calling themselves the 'Asian Tigers.'" Sunday editions also reported that 15 people were killed in a drone strike in Khyber Agency.

Drones continued to be the topic of discussion in several editorials on Monday. In its editorial titled "Extension of attacks," "The Nation," noted that "Pakistan needs a reversal of its present policy of compliance with any demands made by the U.S., and use the demonstrated capability of its armed forces to shoot down the drones" while Urdu daily, "Mashriq," in its editorial titled, "Implications of drone attack in Khyber Agency," observed that "the destabilization of this strategic area will also have adverse effects on the U.S. itself because it is the most secured route to provide logistic support to the foreign troops fighting in Afghanistan." End Summary.

TOP STORIES

News Story: Private U.S. Spy Network Still In Pakistan, Afghanistan: Report - "Dawn," "The News" "The Nation," "Pakistan Observer" (05/17)

"Despite official denials, a secret network of private spies set up by a U.S. Defense Department official continues to operate in Afghanistan and Pakistan, The New York Times reported late Saturday. Its reports on Taliban activities, especially in Pakistan, were

submitted almost daily to top U.S. ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ Commanders in the region."

News Story: Blackwater Presence Denied - "The News" (05/17)

"Islamabad Police have categorically contradicted a news item appearing in a section of the press relating to presence of Blackwater in Islamabad. The police said that thorough checking has been carried out and there is no presence of Blackwater."

News Story: 58 Taliban Killed in Orakzai - "Daily Times" (05/17)

"Security forces, backed by fighter jets and helicopter gunships, killed 58 Taliban in Orakzai Agency on Sunday. Sources said five security personnel were also injured in the clash, the sources said, adding that three explosives-laden vehicles were also destroyed in the fighting."

News Story: Military Actions, Sanctions Will Not Work In Pakistan - "Dawn" (05/17)

"The man who devised the current U.S. strategy for the Pak-Afghan region has warned the United States not to take any military action in Pakistan as it would have disastrous consequences. Instead, Bruce Riedel, who headed a special interagency committee that developed President Barack Obama's Af-Pak policy last year, urges the U.S. administration to encourage Pakistan to do more now by providing more weapons and technological aid. 'Our options to do anything against Pakistan are severely limited. Military options are unattractive; this is a country with nuclear weapons and which is determined to defend itself,' he warns."

News Story: Taliban Are In Punjab Now - Officially - "The News" (05/17)

"Though the provincial government is in a state of denial, the Punjab Police have officially admitted for the first time the movement of the Taliban, their network in district Jhang and southern Punjab and their fund-raising and recruitment drive in the province. The Jhang city police have filed an FIR, the first-ever in the Punjab, which is a severe indictment of the provincial government. The FIR No 320, registered under 11 F/7 Anti-Terrorist Act by the police itself on the basis of their human intelligence, depicts the grim realities of Talibanization in the Punjab."

News Story: Mukhtar Justifies Drone Attacks - "The Nation" (05/17)

"Defence Minister Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar has maintained that only terrorists are being killed in U.S. drone attacks, reported a private TV channel. Talking to reporters in Lahore on Sunday,

Mukhtar said that terrorists were real targets of drone attacks. It seems that the Minister totally forgot the very fact that most of the victims of these attacks are civilians."

News Story: Chile Judge Frees Pakistani Arrested At U.S. Embassy -
"Dawn" (05/17)

"A Pakistani man detained with suspicious chemical residues at the US Embassy in Chile was charged with possessing explosives on Saturday, and then set free pending further investigation. Mohammad Saif Ur Rehman Khan was ordered to stay in Chile and check in with authorities once a week. Defense attorney Gabriel Carrion said the judge declined to charge Khan with associating with terrorists for lack of evidence."

News Story: Danish Journalist Barred After Blasphemous Cartoons -
"The News" (05/17)

"The Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten said on Sunday that Pakistan had refused to renew visa of its correspondent following a row over its publication of blasphemous cartoons. On its website, it said the Pakistani authorities had informed Puk Damsgaard Andersen that his visa will not be renewed, saying they can no longer guarantee his security."

News Story: Pakistan Reciprocating U.S. Concern On Terrorism:
Hillary Clinton - "Daily Times" (05/15)

"Pakistan is reciprocating US concerns over the threat of terrorism, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Thursday. Clinton told a gathering of experts at the U.S. Institute of Peace 'investigation on the Faisal Shehzad case is going well between the two (U.S. and Pakistani) investigative bodies.' 'There is a lot of effort that is being undertaken on the Pakistani side to provide information to our teams over here. And we just believe strongly that there is more that Pakistan must do to face what is now a common enemy,' she said."

News Story: Clinton Praises Pak's Anti-Terror Role - "Pakistan Observer" (05/15)

"In a damage control efforts U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has praised Pakistan's efforts to defeat extremists who threaten the Pakistan and American people and again reaffirmed her country's commitment to build a broader and deeper relationship with Pakistan. Clinton said this during a joint appearance with President Hamid Karzai at the U.S. Institute for Peace on Thursday. Her statement appears to be an attempt to pacify Pakistani people who are enraged for her threatening remarks over CBS TV of severe consequences after the botched Times Square bombing."

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News Story: Hillary Again Warns Pak, Repeats 'Do More' Mantra -
"The Nation" (05/15)

"Even as Pakistan arrested a suspect who reportedly acted as an accomplice of Faisal Shahzad, the man who attempted to bomb Times Square, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton repeated her warning-laden call for Islamabad to do more to check extremists inside its territory. 'We think that there's more that has to be done,' she said on Thursday at an interaction at the U.S. Institute of Peace, a Washington-based think tank, when asked to clarify her remarks about her earlier warning of "severe consequences" if another such attack takes place and is linked to Pakistan."

News Story: Holbrooke phones Qureshi - "The News," "Daily Times"
(05/15)

"U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Ambassador Richard Holbrooke telephoned Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi late on Thursday, a Foreign Office statement said on Friday. Holbrooke briefed The Foreign Minister on Afghan President Hamid Karzai's the recent visit to the U.S."

News Story: 60 Students Receive Grants For Study in U.S. Community Colleges - "The News," "Daily Times" (05/15)

"As many as 60 professionals from all over the Pakistan received grants awarded by United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) under its Community College Initiative (CCI) program that enables professionals to learn the best practices in their field globally. In a ceremony held here on Thursday evening, the grantees were given a dinner by USEFP where they had an opportunity to interact with those alumni, who had already been to U.S. under this program and learnt various useful tips to deal with various issues especially the cultural shock."

News Story: U.S. Embassy Denies Violation Of Pakistani Airspace By NATO - "The News," "Nawa-i-Waqt," "Aaj-Kal," "Pakistan," "Islam," "Jinnah" (05/15)

"The United States Embassy on Friday termed a news report false that claims that NATO and U.S. military aircraft violated Pakistan's airspace, crossing into the Dambar Miami and Mangroti areas of Shawal Tehsil on May 13. 'The report is entirely false. No NATO or U.S. aircraft flew over the area,' the U.S. Embassy statement said."

News Story: U.S. Drone Strikes Kill 15 In Khyber - "The News"
(05/16)

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"In the first U.S. drone strike in Khyber Agency at least 15 people, including 13 suspected militants and two civilians, were killed as the American spy planes attacked targets in the Ragha area in Tirah Valley in Landikotal Tehsil, tribal sources said on Saturday."

News Story: Hamid Mir's Terrifying Indiscretions - "Daily Times" (05/16)

"A shocking audiotape of a conversation between Hamid Mir - one of the country's top TV anchors - and a man purportedly linked to the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, has revealed that negative information that Mir passed on to the Taliban could have led to the execution of Khalid Khawaja, the retired Air Force official allegedly killed by a group calling themselves the 'Asian Tigers.' The tape - which has Mir divulging dirt on Khawaja, ostensibly to someone who is going to cross examine him - was first posted by the Let Us Build Pakistan blog, and picked up by other online publications, including Caf Pyala. It is still unclear who made the tape, with online speculation suggesting that it could be the militants themselves, or even intelligence agencies who released the recording. Whatever the source may be, it is clear that one of the voices on the tape is Mir's, a fact corroborated by his allusions to events such as his sacking from the daily Ausaf. In the tape, the person on the other end asks Mir for information on Khalid Khawaja. The content of the conversation suggests that this call was made before Khawaja's execution earlier this month. Mir goes on to detail what he knows about Khawaja's background, linking him to the CIA, an international network of Qadianis and an American named Mansur Ejaz, who, Mir claims, even offered to solve the Kashmir issue."

News Story: Grand Plot Against Media - "The News" (05/17)

"Some elements in the federal government have hatched a grand conspiracy to malign and blackmail the Pakistani media and top of the list is the Jang Group of Newspapers and Geo TV. This grand conspiracy was noticed last Friday when a federal minister made allegations in the National Assembly and said that they have not paid huge amounts of sales tax. Most of the figures presented in the National Assembly were not correct. The same afternoon, a top government minister told this scribe that 'enough is enough' and now they can teach a lesson to Jang Group any time. He claimed that it was only President Asif Ali Zardari who never allowed any 'action' against you people otherwise the action would have started long ago. The minister was angry with Ansar Abbasi and Dr. Shahid Masood. He claimed that the government had collected a lot of material against these two. Another minister told this scribe the same evening that President Zardari had given a green signal to launch a campaign against some journalists of the Jang Group, including Shaheen Sehbai, Ansar Abbasi, Dr. Shahid Masood, Kamran Khan, Hamid Mir and

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some others. He said that Dr. Shahid might be implicated in some forgery case."

TERRORISM/MILITARY ISSUES

News Story: Drone Attacks Fuel Militancy, Says Survey Report - The News" (05/16)

"An overwhelming majority of people in the troubled Swat Valley believe the U.S. drone attacks in the tribal areas and loss of innocent persons in these strikes had caused anger among the people and contributed to the spread of militancy, said a survey conducted on causes of militancy in Swat. The survey was released the day the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) widened its covert operations in tribal areas of Pakistan by firing missiles in Khyber Agency for the first time."

News Story: Kandahar Operation To Be 'Slow, Rising Tide': McChrystal - "Pakistan Observer" (05/17)

"The top U.S. military commander in Afghanistan says this summer's planned operation to rid Kandahar of the Taliban will not put the city's population unduly at risk. In Washington to accompany the visit of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, General Stanley McChrystal told reporters that clearing the Taliban from Kandahar is central to winning the war in Afghanistan, Radio Free Europe reported."

News Story: Afghan War Is War On Islam: UK PM Advisor - "The Nation" (05/17)

"The former head of the British armed forces who recently retired and appointed as a defence advisor to Prime Minister David Cameron on Sunday confirmed that the war in Afghanistan is a war on Islam, while speaking on the BBC Radio 4 program."

News Story: U.S. Wars in Iraq, Afghanistan And Palestinians' Plight Radicalized Shahzad - "The Nation" (05/17)

"The U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the plight of Palestinians and the publication of blasphemous caricatures in Denmark contributed to Faisal Shahzad's radicalization, a New York Times' investigative report said Sunday."

News Story: 10 Hostages Escape Captivity: Militants Free 40 Kidnapped Passengers - "Dawn" (05/17)

"After talks with tribal elders, militants freed on Sunday 40 of at least 60 people they had kidnapped on Saturday. Another 10 hostages managed to escape from the captors. Another 10 were still in custody of the militants. They are reported to have been shifted to some

place in central Kurram and the militants had rejected the Jirga's appeal to release them."

News Story: 7 Militants Surrender, Four Arrested In Swat - "Dawn"
(05/17)

"Seven militants associated with banned Tanzim Nifaz Shariat-i-Muhammadi including the deputy chief of the organization, Zareef Khan, surrendered to security forces while four other suspects were arrested in Swat district."

News Story: Taliban Take Exception To Audiotape - "The News"
(05/17)

"The Taliban Media Centre issued a press release on behalf of Asian Tigers on Sunday commenting on the audiotape issued by, what it alleged, was some secret agency of Pakistan. Following is the text of the press release: 'We actively condemn the reliability of this tape since there was no conversation like that between us and Mr. Hamid Mir.'"

News Story: Govt. Plans Commission For Criminal Case Review -
"Dawn" (05/17)

"The government intends to introduce the British model of criminal case review commission (CCRC) in the country to review 'possible miscarriages' of justice in criminal courts, including the hanging of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1979. The basic objective of the formation of the CCRC in the United Kingdom was to review and refer appropriate cases to appeal courts, and in the opinion of knowledgeable sources here the review of the Bhutto case is one of the main reasons behind introducing the concept."

News Story: Qazi Terms Hillary Remarks As Attack On Pak Sovereignty - "Pakistan Observer" (05/16)

"Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) former Amir Qazi Hussein Ahmad said that the U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton were an attack on the sovereignty of Pakistan adding the nation was an audacious nation and the youth should ply their role in awakening the nation. This he said while addressing the convention of youth wing held in Gujranwala by Shabab-e-Milli on Saturday."

News Story: 'Inept' U.S. Cannot Resolve Afghan Problem, Says Saudi Prince - Dawn" (05/16)

"An 'inept' United States cannot fix Afghanistan's problems and should simply focus on "chasing the terrorists" there, former Saudi Intelligence Chief Prince Turki Al Faisal said on Saturday. The

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ex-Saudi Ambassador to the United States challenged Washington to produce results in just-started Palestinian-Israel peace talks, and accused U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton of undermining efforts to establish a Middle East nuclear-free zone."

News Story: Peace Body Vows To Foil U.S. Plans of Action in N Waziristan - "Daily Times" (05/16)

"Tribal people will 'foil American plans and anti-Islam forces' designs' to trigger a military operation in North Waziristan where peace prevails, members of a peace committee declared on Saturday. 'America and anti-Islam forces are looking for lame excuses to start a military operation here. We, the residents of North Waziristan, will not let it happen,' Maulvi Gul Ramzan, Maulvi Sahar Gul and other members of the peace committee told a press conference."

News Story: Militants Kidnap 60 in Kurram Tribal Region - "Dawn" (05/16)

"Suspected militants dressed as policemen kidnapped about 60 people in troubled northwestern Pakistan near the Afghan border on Saturday, government and police officials said."

POLITICAL ISSUES

News Story: Musharraf Must Also Be Tried As NRO Architect - "The News" (05/17)

"Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said on Sunday that the architect of the National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO), Pervez Musharraf, should also face accountability, while talking to a delegation of the Lahore Press Club office-bearers, who met him at the Prime Minister House."

News Story: Kayani's Term Not Being Extended, Nor Does He Want It - "The News" (05/17)

"Defence Minister Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar on Sunday said the government was neither granting extension to Chief of Army Staff General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani nor had the General sought it."

ECONOMY/ENVIRONMENT

News Story: IMF Releases \$1.13bn, Waives Two Conditions - "Dawn" (05/16)

"The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released \$1.13 billion of loan to Pakistan on Saturday to help overcome its economic vulnerabilities and create room for urgent security outlays. The fund also accepted the government's request for waiver of certain

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News Story: Budget 2010-11; Pakistan Faces Uphill Task In Achieving Targets; Economic Team Leaves For Doha - "The News" (05/17)

"Pakistan's economic team left Islamabad on Sunday morning for Qatar's capital Doha for holding crucial pre-budget talks with the International Monetary Fund in which the Fund will ask Pakistan to curtail its fiscal deficit to ensure its debt sustainability, it is learned. A senior official in the IMF told 'The News' on Sunday that Pakistan and the IMF had agreed to further cut down the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) to Rs240 billion instead of Rs250 billion in outgoing fiscal year, reducing losses of public sector enterprises and putting overhauling them into performance criteria as well as enforcing VAT from July 1, 2010."

News Story: World Bank Withdraws Support To Thar Coal Project - "The News" (05/17)

"The World Bank has withdrawn its strong support for Thar coal project which, according to the Sindh government, is a discriminatory act, official sources told 'Business Recorder.' 'Major reasons for the World Bank's withdrawal from the project is lack of emphasis on Thar coal resources in our national energy policy and our failure to highlight these reserves as critical for our national security,' sources stated."

EDITORIALS/OPINIONS

Editorial: Extension Of Attacks, an editorial in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (05/17)

"The United States, far from responding to Pakistani complaints against drone attacks by eliminating them, has extended them to Khyber Agency, where the first such attack killed no less than five people, and injured as many as 15. It has been claimed that they were foreigners, but the track record of American drone attacks shows that a lot of civilians get killed.... Pakistan needs a reversal of its present policy of compliance with any demands made by the U.S., and use the demonstrated capability of its armed forces to shoot down the drones. The harm being caused to the federation by these attacks is too much to be met with the present nonchalance. If to prevent further loss of Pakistani lives means an end to the friendly ties with the U.S., it would be a small price to pay. The impression must also be avoided that Pakistan is somehow for sale, and values market access more than citizens' lives."

Editorial: Implications of Drone Attack In Khyber Agency, an editorial in the Peshawar-based Urdu-language daily "Mashriq" (cir. 55,000) (05/17)

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"The U.S. has expanded the range of its drone attacks up to Khyber Agency which is considered as the gateway for Pakistan to reach out to Afghanistan and the central Asian republics. The destabilization of this strategic area will also have adverse effects on the U.S. itself because it is the most secure route to provide logistic support to the foreign troops fighting in Afghanistan."

Editorial: The Rising Militancy, an editorial in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (05/17)

"In spite of operations of all sorts and many initiatives the fact remains that militancy is on the rise and militants are roaming and acting freely all around. The latest incident of kidnapping of 64 persons in Hangu must be an eye opener for those who are claiming that the militants are on the run.... There is large scale deployment of army, para military forces and police in all the agencies and adjoining settled districts of the NWFP. Despite that level of security if the militants are indulging in kidnappings and killings at will, it is something very alarming which must be looked into. We are of the firm opinion that there is dire need to check the rising militancy in tribal agencies and adjoining districts otherwise the country would be witnessing the repeat of situation in Swat, Malakand and Buner."

Editorial: War On Terror: Strengthening Pakistan Is Important, an editorial in the Lahore-based center-right populist Urdu daily "Khabrain" (cir. 50,000) (05/17)

"According to the New York Times, on average, Pakistan faces an annual loss of \$7 billion [in the war on terror]. It is to the Pakistan government's credit that it is countering this scourge of terrorism to date; otherwise when it comes to financial losses, even the U.S. President starts to shiver and starts talking about withdrawing his troops. As the Prime Minister has said, the international community must honor the promises made to Pakistan. What has happened until now has been just lip service. It is now the international community's turn to do more. The international community must help Pakistan wholeheartedly if it wants to win the war on terror."

Editorial: Getting Rid of U.S. Is In Nation's Interest," an editorial in the popular rightist Urdu-language daily "Ausaf" (cir. 10,000) (05/17)

"Prime Minister Gilani's statement that Pakistan has rendered countless sacrifices in the war against terrorism and now it is the international community needs to do more, deserves to be appreciated. But will the U.S. leave Pakistan so easily? We think that to achieve this goal we will have to take some very hard

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decisions which may temporarily cause some hardships for us. But in the end of the day Pakistan will emerge as a sovereign and independent country. We think that time has come for rulers to formulate policies to put an end the American interference in our domestic affairs."

Editorial: ... And Now A Drone Attack On Khyber Agency, an editorial in the Karachi-based, pro-Taliban Jihadi Urdu daily "Islam" (cir. 15,000) (05/17)

"After Waziristan, a drone attack in Khyber Agency shows that the U.S. has expanded range of its brutalities in Pakistan. On the other hand, our rulers have even given up their lukewarm verbal protest over this American highhandedness. Does it mean that these attacks are being carried out with complicity of the Pakistan government?"

Editorial: Shocking Revelations, an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (05/17)

"Apart from Mir's conspiracy theories about Khawaja being an agent of the CIA, India and Israel, the most horrifying aspect was to hear Mir spewing venom against the Ahmedis in the audiotape. He alleged that Khawaja was a "Qadiyani agent" and said, "I personally believe that Qadiyanis are worse than the kuffar (infidels)". The Ahmedis are already a persecuted community in Pakistan and such views by a prominent journalist would put them in further danger. There is already a lot of intolerance because of the extremist mindset that prevails in our society. When such a prominent television commentator and anchor makes such comments, his journalistic ethics must be questioned. These days many anchors and journalists are challenging the credibility of the government, but one must now interrogate their own credibility. It is hoped that the media group Hamid Mir works for would, in its wisdom, distance itself from Mir. Not only has Mir acted in a criminal manner, he has violated all professional ethics as well. Mir must be taken to task so that the people of Pakistan are not misled by his ilk in the future."

Editorial: IMF And Pakistan's Economic Vulnerability, an editorial in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (05/17)

"International Monetary Fund (IMF) released \$ 1.13 billion of loan to Pakistan on Saturday to help overcome its economic vulnerabilities and to meet its urgent security needs. The IMF Board gave the approval after accepting Pakistan's request to waive off certain conditions in the ongoing arrangement.... However we feel that the IMF has indirectly said that the country has not been able to meet its most urgent needs on its own and is thus moving towards

a failed economy. There appears to ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ to put the economy on the growth path.... We need to plug the holes and ensure judicious utilization of the resources in areas where they have direct impact on the masses and stimulate the economy."

Editorial: Insatiable Demand, an editorial in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (05/16)

"The familiar 'do more' demand, which, for obvious reasons, is anathema to Pakistanis, was once again on the lips of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton when she interacted with the audience at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington on Thursday.... Islamabad should make a strong demarche with Washington about Clinton's threat, without mincing words. Currently, the U.S. wants Pakistan to extend its military campaign to North Waziristan. The gaping holes in the American investigation of Faisal Shahzad would not, thus, rule out the assumption that the attempt at Times Square was a stage-managed affair, just to give the U.S. a handle on Pakistan."

Editorial: There Should Be No Role Of Pakistan In Kandahar Battle, an editorial in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (05/16)

"Americans are in occupation of Afghanistan and their increased military activity follows surge in troops, aimed at pushing the long war towards a direction that provides them face saving to withdraw. Pakistan, as a responsible member of the international community, has been cooperating in the war against terror for the sake of regional and global peace. Intelligence cooperation notwithstanding, we would stress that it should not involve itself in any operation inside Afghanistan because of ramifications and repercussions of such a move.... We believe that American plan to involve Pakistan in Kandahar operation, which like Marja is likely to take heavy civilian toll, is aimed at complicating things for Pakistan especially after withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan. It is also because of the impending operation that they want Pakistan Army to open another front in North Waziristan so that Americans could have a smooth sailing in Kandahar."

Editorial: Talk About Terror Related Losses As Well, an editorial in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (05/15)

"while we are extending assurances of more cooperation to the United States, it is all the more important that we also talk about the colossal losses that the country is suffering because of its involvement in the U.S.-imposed war on terror. Pakistan is virtually at the brink of economic collapse as the Government has not only virtually halted all developmental activities but is finding it extremely difficult to pay salaries to its employees.... Under these

circumstances, we should take up the ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ issue in earnest with the United States and other members of the world community urging them to do more to help Pakistan extricate itself from the messy situation."

Editorial: Interrogating Shahzad, an editorial in the country's premier business newspaper, "Business Recorder" (cir. 25,000) (05/15)

"With investigation still going on, pro-Israel Senator Joseph Lieberman, who chairs the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, introduced a bill which will allow authorities to revoke the citizenship of a terror suspect. Senator John McCain (R) and Senator Chuck Schumer (D) said they would support the proposed legislation.... The episode indicates several lapses in the U.S. security system. A perception should not be created that Washington is leaning on Pakistan to hide its own weaknesses. There is a need on the part of the U.S. to find answers to the questions that continue to perturb people's minds in Pakistan. Any evidence that proves Shahzad had received training in any part of Pakistan should be made public. Meanwhile members of the U.S. administration and legislators would do well to abstain from statements that can only harm relations between the two countries."

Opinion: American Arrogance, an op-ed by Javed Hussain in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (05/17)

"Hillary Clinton's outburst is reminiscent of the arrogant 'stone age' call after 9/11.... What 'serious consequences' is she threatening with? Choking the country economically, drone attacks across the country, invasion of Fata, seizure of nuclear storage sites by special operations forces or an air blitz against these sites and allied facilities, perhaps even carrying out the 'stone age' threat? Instead of living in mortal fear, the Americans should shed the paranoia that has gripped them and the arrogance that

characterizes their conduct with weaker states, and show some grace, serenity of mind and understanding and receptiveness to Pakistan's concerns and constraints. Their uncalled for outbursts against a 'partner' would only serve to alienate the Pakistani people even more."

Opinion: The Clinton Statement, an op-ed by Shahzad Chaudhry in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (05/17)

"Threatening Pakistan with unbearable consequences of actions that would take shape in the coming days, the lady resorted to unacceptable crudity.... Clinton may have many reasons for her

frustrations but that can never include a lack of commitment, paid for in blood.... Hillary Clinton's worldview is incongruent with that of the Pakistanis and is in need of serious repair. Perhaps it is her job to act the bad cop and perhaps she arrogates too much to herself.... Hillary Clinton has done no service to herself, her nation, or to the Pak-U.S. relationship in uttering the nonsensical. This has been the most damaging single act, defeating by miles Faisal Shahzad's misadventure. The Pakistani state must urgently engage the U.S. on the implications of such provocative pronouncements. The earlier Hillary Clinton repairs the damage, the better it is for our joint cause of fighting the menace of terrorism. Or else, the other side and all their kin shall have the last laugh."

Opinion: When Heart Becomes The Brain, an op-ed by Ali Sukhanver in the Lahore-based liberal English daily "The Post" (cir. 5,000) (05/17)

"The U.S. has ever been employing all possible tools in its attempt to overpower and overwhelm the Pakistani society; sometimes with the help of caring words and sometimes with its enchanting smile, and most of the time with the use of force but still it has earned nothing but a deep-rooted hatred and disliking on the part of the people of Pakistan. Whenever the U.S. high-ups talk of Pakistan, there is always a tone full of complaint and criticism. It seems that Pakistan has never come up to the expectations of the U.S. The tale of Pak-U.S. relationship seems nothing but an endless series of blames and allegations. The recently highlighted story of the American terrorist Faisal Shehzad is also a chapter from this book of accusations.... If the CIA continues planning and plotting such childish blame and threat games against Pakistan as that of the Faisal Shehzad incident, the result would not be very much pleasing for the U.S. It is a very cruel practice of the western world that every Pakistani is being labeled as a terrorist. Without any distinction and discrimination from Dr. Aafia Siddiqi to Faisal Shehzad; anyone having any link with Pakistan is treated as a terrorist. It is a frequently asked question in Pakistan; why all roads lead to Pakistan when the western world begins a journey against terrorism. This attitude of the west very naturally generates a feeling of annoyance leading to hatred against the West in the people of Pakistan.... The West, particularly the U.S., must review this degrading approach towards Pakistan."

Opinion: The Perils Of Pakistan, an op-ed by Dr. S.M. Rahman in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (05/17)

"The usurpers of power through military means have had the compulsion to lean towards U.S., so that they could perpetuate their illegal hold over the country. The transfer from the military to

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civilian rule hardly made any difference in satisfying people-centered aspirations in conducting the affairs of the state, as someone has rightly remarked that our foreign policy originates in Delhi and ends up in Washington. Not that the people wished to cut off all ties with the U.S., but they are against total dependence on any power. The global realities demand that our ties with China are further strengthened and cordial relations are built with Iran and Afghanistan. We must do everything to improve Afghans' economic conditions."

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