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 SUBJECT: PAKISTAN MEDIA REACTION: JUNE 04, 2010

Summary: Coverage of Prime Minister Gilani's remarks that the "'campaign' against democracy will be foiled" dominated headlines in several major newspapers on Friday morning. Media also highlighted reports that the National Assembly and the Senate unanimously condemned the Israeli attack on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, while the National Assembly also passed a resolution against last Friday's "barbaric massacre" of Ahmadis in Lahore. All TV networks reported that prominent journalist Talat Hussain and two other Pakistani travelers have arrived in Islamabad after a brief detention by the Israeli authorities following the aid flotilla incident. Newspapers reported Secretary Clinton's vow to confront doubts over the U.S.-India partnership, saying the two democracies stand at a

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pivotal moment in their relations. UNCLASSIFIED Secretary Robert Blake's statement that "Pakistan is indispensable for U.S. success in Afghanistan," was also covered. "Daily Times" reported that UN criticism (is) not likely to stop CIA drone strikes at terrorists inside Pakistan. The same paper also claimed that the Punjab government has decided to close down all unauthorized NATO terminals over security apprehensions. "Dawn" reported that the U.S. has released \$5 million for Malakand projects, and "The Business Recorder" carried an Embassy press release announcing the graduation of 72 community midwives under a USAID-sponsored program.

The growing militancy in Punjab, the Orakzai victory, aftermath of the flotilla massacre, and resignation of the State Bank Governor were discussed in various editorials on Friday. In its editorial titled, "The dirty war," "The News," argued that, "The wars being waged within and around the country have civilians stirred into the battlefield mix, and are getting dirtier by the month. One of the dirtier is the War of the Drones..." "The Nation," in its article, "Cry against drones," further added, "The U.S., since it became the sole superpower, and especially since 9/11, has operated on the global political scene like a loose cannon, aggressing against sovereign states, sidelining the UN, killing and maiming people, without let or hindrance, incarcerating and torturing them in the most inhuman conditions imaginable." "Daily Times," in its editorial comment "Aftermath of the flotilla massacre," said, "Washington has asked Israel to conduct a fair and impartial investigation into the incident. This is akin to asking the Taliban to conduct an investigation into the recent massacre of the Ahmadis; merely to state this is enough to highlight its absurdity." End Summary.

#### TOP STORIES

News Story: 'Campaign' Against Democracy Will Be Foiled, Says Gilani  
- "Daily Times" (06/04)

"Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani on Thursday criticized the 'campaign' against democracy, saying the system was here to stay and all such conspiracies would be foiled. Addressing the Pakistanis living in Belgium, Gilani said the people of Pakistan had always supported democracy and would continue to do so as they believed that it was the only thing that could provide them relief in the long term."

News Story: Senate Condemns Israeli Raid On Flotilla - "Dawn"  
(06/04)

"The Senate strongly condemned on Thursday the Israeli commando raid on a peaceful flotilla sailing towards Gaza to deliver humanitarian and food supplies. Lawmakers from both the treasury and opposition

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benches demanded that the issue be taken to the International Court of Justice." UNCLASSIFIED

News Story: NA Condemns Killing Of Ahmadis - "Dawn" (06/04)

"It was after an apparent hesitation and a bold initiative by some women that the National Assembly on Thursday unanimously condemned Friday's "barbaric massacre" of Ahmadis in Lahore."

News Story: Talat, Others Return Home - "Business Recorder" (06/04)

"Three Pakistanis including Aaj News' executive director Syed Talat Hussain and producer Raza Mahmood Agha, detained in Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla earlier this week arrived home Thursday. The third Pakistani is an aid worker of an NGO."

News Story: Clinton Urges U.S., India To Tackle Doubts To Build Ties - "Dawn" (06/04)

"The United States and India must overcome any lingering doubts about each other as they forge a broader partnership to fight world problems, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said here Thursday. Opening a day of high-level talks, Clinton echoed Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's November call that the world's 'leading democracies must play a leading role in building a shared destiny for all human kind.'"

News Story: U.S. Says Pakistan Indispensable For Success In Afghanistan - "Dawn" (06/04)

"Pakistan is indispensable for U.S. success in Afghanistan, although India also has a very important role in that country, says a senior State Department official. 'Because we understood we will not be able to succeed without the active support of our friends in Pakistan,' said the official while explaining why President Barack Obama formulated an 'integrated strategy' for dealing with terrorism in the Pak-Afghan region. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Robert Blake, however, noted that the United States had 'strongly welcomed the important role that India has played through its various reconstruction and development projects' in Afghanistan."

News Story: Indo-U.S. Dialogue: Pakistan Taken Into Confidence By U.S.: Foreign Office - "Business Recorder" (06/04)

"Pakistan on Thursday said it was taken into confidence by the United States on Indo-U.S. dialogue. The foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit told the media during the weekly press briefing that Pakistan hopes the U.S.-India relations would be factor of stability

in South Asia."

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News Story: EU, U.S. Chalk Out Joint Anti-Terror Strategy - "Dawn"  
(06/04)

"Europe and the United States on Thursday reached a common strategy in the fight against terror, presented as a message to Islamabad on the eve of an EU-Pakistan summit. 'This declaration is a message to the Muslim world,' said Spanish Interior Minister Alfredo Rubalcaba, whose country chairs the European Union until the end of the month, after outlining a joint statement of intent."

News Story: UN Criticism Not Likely To Stop CIA Drone Strikes -  
"Daily Times" (06/04)

"The U.S. government's covert program using unmanned drones to strike at terrorists inside Pakistan is unlikely to stop or be changed, despite new criticism from a UN human rights expert.... In a 29-page report released on Wednesday, Philip Alston, the independent UN investigator on extra-judicial killings, called on countries to lay out rules and safeguards for carrying out the strikes, publish figures on civilian casualties and prove they have attempted to capture or incapacitate suspects without killing them."

News Story: Punjab Govt. To Close Down NATO Terminals Over Security  
- "Daily Times" (06/04)

"The Punjab government has decided to close down all unauthorized NATO supply terminals in the province over security fears. Official sources reveal the decision has been taken after intelligence agencies warned that terrorists are planning to attack NATO supply terminals in several areas of Punjab, including Attock and Mianwali."

News Story: U.S. Releases \$5m For Malakand Projects - "Dawn"  
(06/04)

"The U.S. government has released the first tranche of \$5 million to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government for reconstruction projects in the Malakand region. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has made this disbursement under a \$36 million Malakand Reconstruction and Recovery Program for which a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the two sides in December last, said a senior official."

News Story: U.S. Celebrates Graduation Of 72 Community Midwives -  
"Business Recorder" (06/04)

"In a ceremony held here on Thursday, the United States celebrated

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the graduation of 72 community midwives who recently completed an 18-month training course to improve medical care for mothers and new-borns in communities throughout the Sindh province. The training is part of the Pakistan Initiative for Mothers and New-borns (PAIMAN), funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID)."

### TERRORISM/MILITARY ISSUES

News Story: Direct Attacks Ebb, IEDs On Rise In Afghan East: U.S. General - "The News" (06/04)

"A degraded Taliban is conducting fewer direct assaults in eastern Afghanistan, turning instead to more roadside bombs and suicide attacks, the U.S. Commander there said on Thursday. 'We realize that Afghanistan and Regional Command East are at a critical moment,' U.S. Army Major General Curtis Scaparrotti said."

News Story: FO Rejects Reports About U.S. Attack Rehearsal - "Dawn" (06/04)

"Pakistan says it does not believe that the United States has rehearsed unilateral strikes on terrorist targets in this country. 'We have not come across anything even indirectly in our official engagements with the U.S. to the effect that it conducted dry exercises for unilateral strikes in Pakistan,' Foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit said on Thursday."

News Story: Mid-Term Budget Policy to Focus on War on Terror - "Daily Times" (06/04)

"The medium-term budget policy for 2010-13 aims at meeting the demands of the war on terror, law and order, security-related expenditures, healthcare for the poor and to address agriculture-based losses incurred in war-inflicted areas."

News Story: Qaeda Threatens To Kidnap Saudi Royals - "Daily Times" (06/04)

"Al Qaeda has threatened to kidnap Saudi princes and ministers in order to secure the release of a female al Qaeda operative arrested by Saudi forces, al Arabiya television reported on Thursday. In an audiotape played on al Arabiya, an al Qaeda regional commander threatened 'major operations' against the kingdom following the arrest of Haylah Al Qassir."

News Story: Top Al Qaeda Leader Killed In Drone Strike - "Dawn" (06/04)

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"Al-Fajr Media Centre, run by a Jihad group, announced on Wednesday that top Al Qaeda operative Osama bin Ali bin Abdullah bin Damjan Al-Dawsari had been killed in a drone attack in Nezaï Narray near Angoor Adda in South Waziristan."

News Story: NYC Car Bomb Suspect Agrees To Delay In Case - "Dawn"  
(06/04)

"Times Square car bomb suspect Faisal Shahzad has agreed to let the government delay seeking an indictment against him while it continues discussions with his lawyer, reports AP."

News Story: 'TTP Man' Killed, Three Others Held In Botched Bank Robbery - "Dawn" (06/04)

"A bank robbery was foiled, a robber was killed and three others - all suspected to be members of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan - were arrested on Thursday when a citizen informed police about their suspicious presence in the bank branch, officials said. The four members of the TTP had targeted the bank to generate funds for the proscribed outfit, they added."

News Story: Afghan Elders Back Peace Moves With Taliban -  
"Business Recorder" (06/04)

"Afghan tribal leaders and other notables agreed at a peace meeting on Thursday that an opening had to be made to Taliban insurgents because neither foreign forces nor the Afghan army had been able to ensure security, the deputy head of the conference said."

News Story: Ahmadis Seek U.S. Help - "Dawn" (06/04)

"Naseem Mahdi, the missionary-in-charge of the U.S. Ahmadi community, pleaded on Thursday for international pressure on Pakistan, warning that extremists were bent on wiping out the community. He called upon the U.S. government to take every measure in its power to have all levels of government in Pakistan eliminate the laws and ordinances that had become the tools to facilitate and institutionalize the persecution of Ahmadis and had been used against other minorities."

News Story: Afghan Forces Fire Shells Inside Pak Area - "The Nation" (06/04)

"The Afghan border security force fired heavy artillery shells inside Pakistani areas in the jurisdiction of Tehsil Landi Kotal, Thursday. According to the official report, five shells hit near the Psthoki village but denied any causality. The shelling created panic among the masses of the area and they quit their routine business and hurriedly took refuge in safe places."

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News Story: 5 Missiles Fired From Afghanistan Land in Pakistani Territory - "Mashriq" (04/06)

"As many as 5 missiles fired from Afghanistan landed in Pakistani territory along the Pak-Afghan border on Thursday and caused panic and harassment among the local residents. However no casualties were reported. As reports, the missiles were fired by the Afghan National Army stationed in the Nangarhar province and landed in the Zakhakhel area of Landikotal in Khyber Agency which damaged several buildings."

News Story: Possibility Of Terrorism In Lahore Today; 20,000 Policemen Deployed; 148 Arrested In Late Night Search Operation" - "Pakistan" (06/04)

"Today, Friday, has been termed as an important day in view of a possible terrorist threat in Lahore. IG Police has instructed SSP Operations to put the Friday security plan into action. More than 20,000 policemen have been deployed around the city today, while the IG Police has also provided 1500 bulletproof jackets and helmets to the police."

News Story: My Partners Are Present In City And Can Carry Out More Attacks, Reveals Detained Terrorist" - "Pakistan" (06/04)

"Arrested terrorists have made important revelations during interrogation and said that their partners are present in the city and can carry out more attack.... According to the police, in view of these revelations, security has been intensified for important facilities and persons."

### POLITICAL ISSUES

News Story: India Urged To Reduce Military Presence In Kashmir - "Dawn" (06/04)

"India should reduce its massive military presence in occupied Kashmir, boost its economy, and give more powers to elected officials to improve the lives of people in the troubled Himalayan region, an international security think tank said on Thursday. 'Replacing military-led counter-insurgency with accountable policing and reviving an economy devastated by violence and conflict, would instill greater confidence among Kashmiris,' the International Crisis Group said in a report titled 'Steps Towards Peace: Putting Kashmiris First.'"

News Story: PCNS Prepares Proposals For Pak-India Talks - "Dawn" (06/04)

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"The Parliamentary Committee on National Security (PCNS) finalized on Thursday its recommendations for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the upcoming India-Pakistan dialogue. The committee advised the government to hold meaningful dialogues on the issues of Kashmir and water."

News Story: India Hopeful Of 'Building Bridges' With Pakistan -  
"Dawn" (06/04)

"Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna on Thursday expressed hope his July 15 visit to Pakistan will eliminate the trust deficit between the two countries. In an interview with an Indian news channel in Washington on the sidelines of the U.S.-India strategic dialogue, Krishna said, we are trying to build bridges with Pakistan."

#### ECONOMY/ENVIRONMENT

News Story: EU Ignoring Pak Efforts In War On Terror: Gilani - "The News" (06/04)

"Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has stated that Pakistan's competitiveness has been adversely impacted because of its frontline state role in the war against terrorism, and it is regrettable that, while its competitors in the region are enjoying better preferential trading concessions from the EU, Pakistan's request for restoration of space in bilateral trade is still awaited. The prime minister was talking to the President of European Parliament (Poland's ex-PM) Jerzy Buzek and chairmen of various committees of the EU Parliament here in Brussels on Thursday."

News Story: India Violating Indus Water Treaty: FO - "Dawn" (06/04)

"India is committing severe violation of the Indus water treaty, stated the Foreign Office Spokesman, Abdul Basit in a weekly briefing on Thursday."

News Story: Formalities of Pak-Iran Gas Pipeline Completed: Qamar -  
"Daily Times" (06/04)

"The formalities of the Pak-Iran gas pipeline have been completed and physical work on the project would start after a survey on the pipeline is completed, Petroleum and Natural Resources Minister Syed Naveed Qamar Shah said on Thursday."

News Story: 60,000 Evacuated In Sindh As Cyclone Phet Looms -  
"Daily Times" (06/04)



"Authorities in Sindh have said they had evacuated around 60,000 people from coastal villages, as Cyclone Phet closes in on the country's shoreline, Munir Memon, a senior official with the provincial relief commission said."

News Story: Cyclone Phet Losing Intensity - "Dawn" (06/04)

"The intensity of tropical cyclone Phet is expected to subside when it hits the country's coastal areas on Sunday, according to the Met office, the Metrological department's Chief, Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Chaudhry, told 'Dawn' on Thursday."

#### MISCELLANEOUS

News Story: U.S. Wants New Gaza Approach From Israel - "The Nation" (06/04)

"The Obama administration believes Israel's blockade of Gaza is untenable and wants to see a new approach that would allow more supplies into the impoverished Palestinian area while guaranteeing Israel's security, The New York Times reported Thursday."

News Story: Chinese Military Slow To Forge Ties With U.S.: Gates - "Daily Times" (06/04)

"U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates expressed disappointment Thursday at China's decision to call off his planned visit, saying the country's military was reluctant to engage in dialogue with the United States. Suggesting a rift between Chinese civilian and military leaders on the issue, Gates said it was his 'opinion that the PLA (People's Liberation Army) is significantly less interested in developing this relationship than the political leadership of the country.'"

News Story: Punjab University Vice Chancellor Reviews U.S.-Aided Degree Program - "Business Recorder" (06/04)

"Vice-Chancellor Punjab University, Professor Dr Mujahid Kamran, accompanied by the Dean Faculty of Education Professor Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Iqbal, participated in a video conference meeting to review the latest progress on the implementation of US-aided project for the new four year BEd (Hons) degree program. Director Pre-STEP University Office, Nancy George conducted the video conference."

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 EDITORIALS/OP-EDS  
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Editorial: The Dirty War, an editorial in the populist, often

"The wars being waged within and around the country have civilians stirred into the battlefield mix, and are getting dirtier by the month. One of the dirtier is the War of the Drones.... The use of drones as target-killers should be subject to the same rules and safeguards as any other form of warfare.... Drones are more likely to breach the rules of war than soldiers fighting on the ground, who are able to opt for non-lethal ways of achieving their objective; and if they kill civilians in the process there is at least a chance that they will be held accountable for doing so. War-fighting is changing and battlefield robots like drones are going to be used increasingly to maximize strike values and minimize aggressor's casualties. The great danger is that remote war-fighting becomes a video-game for those commanding the weapons, and in video games nobody ever really dies; they just get re-booted. This abdication of accountability may indeed be criminal, in which case the rules of war need reframing and at the very least we need to be seeing credible figures for civilian casualties, not the fudged and half-hearted concoction we are fed currently."

Editorial: Cry Against Drones, an editorial in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (06/04)

"The UN official's call for an end to drone attacks by the U.S. in Pakistan's tribal region and Afghanistan has not come too soon.... Literally, thousands have been blown to smithereens, or simply buried under the rubble, for the only fault that they happened to be living there at the time of the tragedy and, most likely, been born there. Among these ill-starred, unknowing human beings, only a smattering included wanted militants.... The U.S., since it became the sole superpower, and especially since 9/11, has operated on the global political scene like a loose cannon, aggressing against sovereign states, sidelining the UN, killing and maiming people, without let or hindrance, incarcerating and torturing them in the most inhuman conditions imaginable. It has ignored pleas to rein in its power and conduct itself as a civilized state. Let us hope Mr. Alston's call to play by the rules pays."

Editorial: Drone Attacks Are A License To Kill, an editorial in an editorial in the second-largest, nationalist Urdu daily "Nawa-i-Waqt" (cir. 150,000) (06/04)

"UN special representative on extrajudicial killing Phillip Anniston has demanded an immediate halt to drone attacks on suspected terrorists and said that sending orders for killing while sitting far away from the battlefield demonstrates a sick mindset. [He added] that drone strikes in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Israel and Chechnya are a violation of international regulations.... It is cruel and

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unfortunate if these drone strikes are happening with the Pakistan government's compliance.... Killing women and children in their homes cannot be justified even if the CIA is conducting these strikes with Pakistan government's consultation. In fact while CIA, Russia and Israel should be tried for war crimes for violating international regulations, those who allow these strikes should also be brought to justice."

Editorial: Aftermath Of The Flotilla Massacre, an editorial in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/04)

"Muted admonishments from the international community and western media-backed Israeli propaganda might just see the flotilla fiasco drown in the murky waters of double standards and silent complicity.... Washington has asked Israel to conduct a fair and impartial investigation into the incident. This is akin to asking the Taliban to conduct an investigation into the recent massacre of the Ahmedis; merely to state this is enough to highlight its absurdity.... It is time the entire world wakes up and takes stock of the atrocities Israel has been inflicting on the Palestinians, especially since the 2007 Gaza war. To seal off a population of 1.5 million and bombard them with artillery fire and aerial attacks and subject them to a consistent lack of necessities like food and water is an act of sheer barbarism. Gaza is one big concentration camp and the Israelis have ironically taken on the mirror image of their erstwhile Nazi oppressors. The flotilla attack must be recognized as

a war crime and stringent measures must be taken to punish the perpetrator and prevent such an occurrence in future."

Editorial: Orakzai Victory, an editorial in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/04)

"Newspapers reported that the army has declared victory in Orakzai Agency, creating an impression that the area has been freed of militants for good. Nothing could be further from the truth.... The main thrust of the Orakzai offensive may be over, but that can lull one into false complacency.... Experience shows that when the pressure mounts, the militants melt away, as survival of a guerrilla is his victory, but re-emerge when they find the military in a holding mode.... The civil administration and other security forces, such as the paramilitary and the police, must take over in the wake of the main operation so that the military is freed to conduct mopping up and make sure there is no resurgence or regrouping of the militants."

Editorial: Indian Role in Afghanistan, an editorial in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (06/04)

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"He (William J. Burns) categorically stated that the United States would not ask India to reduce its high profile role in Afghanistan and instead claimed that Indian role is key to future success in Afghanistan. This should leave no doubt that after its exit from Afghanistan the United States has plans to assign some significant role to India and it is quite obvious that it would amount to presence of a continued threat to the security and interests of Pakistan.... Let it be known to the United States that there can't be sustainable peace and stability in Afghanistan without safeguarding of legitimate strategic interests of Pakistan. The United States has every right to foster its ties with India but this should not be at the cost of Pakistan. Why the United States should assume the status of spokesman for India by referring time and again to so-called activities of 'Lashkar-e-Tayyaba'? The United States must strike a balance in its dealings with Pakistan and India and must not look Pakistan through Indian prism."

Editorial: Another Battle, an editorial in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/04)

"As if we do not see enough confrontation in a country where ethnic, sectarian and other kinds of conflict have become the norm, we now see the opening up of new hostilities. The interior minister has joined the Punjab governor in directing attention towards terrorist outfits based in southern Punjab and urging action against these groups.... Today, madressahs run by hard-line organizations exist alongside centers where moderate traditions continue to be espoused. Most people continue to hold on to these; some favor violence. The Punjab government needs to emphasize this and ensure there is no confusion over this."

Editorial: Punjabi Taliban, an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/04)

"This, though, is not the time for political intrigue, and the leadership of both parties must act forcefully and promptly to quell rumor, speculation and tit-for-tat comments. There ought to be only one focus at the moment: dealing with the very real and the very serious problem of militancy in Punjab. Centre, province and the security forces will all need to work in concert if the threat is to be defeated but that cannot happen if the political parties are squabbling. Both sides need to act with a greater sense of responsibility and urgency. On its part, the PPP needs to stop public comments by its ministers that could rile the PML-N. Interior Minister Rehman Malik's job is to ensure the internal security of Pakistan, which obviously includes Punjab. He, and others, need to focus on policy, not politics. On its part, the PML-N needs to shed

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its quasi-denial mode and get on with the fighting the real threat: the militants."

Editorial: Lahore High Court Directs Pakistan Government To Raise Derogatory Sketches Issue At UN Forum, an editorial in the leading mass circulation populist, often sensational Urdu daily "Jang" (cir. 300,000) (04/06)

"It seems that the real motive behind the repeated publication of blasphemous material by the western media is to provoke the Muslims, so that they resort to violent protest which can later be used as a ploy to launch a military aggression against the Muslim countries in the name of the war against terrorism. In this context, the order of the Lahore High Court (LHC) in which it has directed the Pakistan government to raise the derogatory sketches issue at the UN forum by June 15, represents the collective voice of the Muslim world and the government should act upon it without any delay."

Editorial: UN Report, an editorial in the Lahore-based center-right populist Urdu daily "Khabrain" (cir. 50,000) (06/04)

"The UN report criticizes U.S. role and says America cannot be given a license to kill. The U.S. intelligence agency CIA is not an army, but an illegal force and does not have the right to kill. This report can be termed quite courageous but the real issue is that the UN does not have a [military] force to ensure the implementation of its resolutions. The same report has reviewed Israel's violations of human rights and condemned them. The need is for the UN to get its reports and resolutions implemented also."

Opinion: Rationality Wanted, an op-ed by Gulmina Bilal Ahmad in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/04)

"Rationality has become a rare commodity whereas emotional statements, decisions and reactions have become the norm. This could be the only reason behind the provincial categorization of the Taliban. The Pakhtuns are quick to point fingers at the Punjabi Taliban, whereas the Punjab government furiously denies their presence. It is a matter of record that 726 of the 1,764 members of banned organizations like the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi and Jaish-e-Mohammad belong to south Punjab. South Punjab also has about 44 percent of the country's religious seminaries. However, this is not about Punjab or Sindh. This is about the country and the fact that, at various levels, intolerance and extremist mindsets create havoc for the country at large."

Opinion: Pak-India War in Afghanistan, an op-ed by Saleem Safi in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News"

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"All other international and regional players have had to leave the scene to quit the game, but India and Pakistan have had no pause since 1947. Because of Afghanistan's refusal to recognize Pakistan from day one due to the Durand Line issue and India's attempts to exploit this animosity, the proxy war has not come to an end. As against its treatment of other states in its immediate neighborhood, India has been more generous to Afghanistan. Not for love of Afghans but because of its ambitions to use Afghanistan for settling scores with Pakistan. In response, the Pakistani establishment always looked at Afghanistan in the context of the country's animosity with India."

Opinion: Israel's Challenge To The World, an op-ed by Kuldeep Nayar in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/04)

"Yet Tel Aviv's attitude should not come as a surprise because it has clearly told the world that it will treat the Palestinians and their woes in its own way.... America is the only nation which can put pressure on Israel. But every U.S. President assesses how much he can do without annoying the powerful Jewish lobby in America.... The attack on the flotilla indicates how power has become the arbiter in the world.... The entire international community has to sit up and take note. Israel cannot get away with it as it has so far by reducing the people of Palestine to a commodity that Tel Aviv can use in the manner it likes. Israel is not the face of the Jews who are generally known as a peace-loving community. It should not be allowed to blacken their faces."

Opinion: Side-Effect - Flotilla, an op-ed by Harris Khalique in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/04)

"The American government continues with its policy on the Palestinian-Israeli issue, and the coyness of the President of the United States and the audacity on the part of the mainstream U.S. media comparable only to that of Netanyahu confirm that the Israeli government will smoothly get away with another crime against humanity. One is sure that a UN Security Council resolution to condemn the act, if any at all, will be vetoed by the U.S. as usual. This is what you call persistence."

Opinion: Israeli Piracy & U.S. Callousness, an op-ed by Ghaznavi in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (06/04)

"Israel has committed piracy on high seas, in complete disregard of

international maritime laws as well UNCLASSIFIED  
considerations.... Unfortunately, the UN once again failed as a  
neutral world body and watchdog for the free world. Israel faced  
heavy criticism in an emergency session of the United Nations  
Security Council in response to its deadly attack on the aid  
flotilla trying to breach the Gaza blockade, but attempts to issue a  
formal statement stalled after the United States rejected the strong  
condemnation sought by Turkey.... Unfortunately, it is the U.S.  
administration, which is a prisoner of its own conscience. If it  
pushes this gross act of Israeli piracy under the carpet too, that  
day is not far when Israel will dictate U.S. foreign and defence  
policy too. It already controls U.S. media and its finances thus its  
hold on the U.S. jugular will be complete."

(All circulation figures are based on estimation)

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