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Summary: The imposition of new sanctions on Iran by the UN Security Council dominated headlines in all newspapers on Thursday morning. All TV networks also reported it as "breaking news." The second round of the U.S.-Pakistan Strategic Dialogue continued to garner major coverage in several newspapers. The U.S. strategic dialogue meeting on Science and Technology, which stressed a need for more innovation and development, received some coverage. "The News," in an exclusive story, reported on the Minister of Science and Technology Azam Swati's refusal to meet with U.S. officials for the strategic dialogue meetings on Science and Technology. [Note: Mr. Swati belongs to Jamiat Ulma-e-Islam-F, a coalition party of the PPP-led government]. "The News" also reprinted an article from the

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"The Hill," a U.S. newspaper, on its website, in the article, the author asked the U.S. "to stand by forces of law in Pakistan" to prevent the country from turning into a failed state. "Dawn," in an article from its Washington-based correspondent, quoted an appeal from Amnesty International that urged the U.S. to "undertake proper monitoring of the impact of drone attacks on the civilian population..." Foreign Minister Qureshi's remarks on the Punjab government's acceptance of potential threats from militants in the region also received extensive coverage. Newspapers reported on President Obama's announcement of a 400 million dollars aid package to the West Bank and Gaza. President Obama stated that the aid package demonstrates the United States' commitment to improving the lives of Palestinians. Reports that Taliban militants shot down a NATO helicopter in southern Afghanistan and killed four American soldiers also was highlighted in several newspapers. A U.S. Embassy press release was published today that said Pakistan Navy doctors visited the USS Mesa Verde to discuss challenges in providing medical care aboard ships at sea and in providing humanitarian and disaster relief assistance during a crisis.

The militant attack on the NATO convoy near Islamabad was heavily discussed in most editorial sections in today's press. In an editorial titled "Convoy attack," "Dawn" wrote: "It is hard not to believe that perhaps the intelligence-gathering process is still too reactive and not proactive enough, with intelligence agencies tending to be several steps behind terrorist cells rather than one step ahead." "The News," in its editorial "Creeping closer," observed that, "There are, within sight of our capital city, groups of armed men who are well-equipped, able to conduct reconnaissance, launch a multi-vehicle assault, outfight any opposition and escape without casualties to themselves." In their editorial "Torching NATO supplies," "Daily Times" further commented that the "audacious attack on a large convoy of trucks carrying NATO supplies on the G T Road has made shockingly clear the ease with which militants can carry out their activities." End Summary.

TOP STORIES

News Story: UN Imposes Toughest-Yet Iran Curbs - "Dawn" (06/10)

"The UN Security Council voted on Wednesday to tighten sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program, targeting in particular the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. The resolution 1929 was adopted by 12 votes to 2, with 1 abstention. Brazil and Turkey voted against the resolution while Lebanon abstained."

News Story: Dialogue Only Solution To Iran Nuclear Program: Pakistan - "Dawn" (06/10)

"Pakistan said that issue related to Iran's nuclear program should

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be resolved through reconciliation and international community should hold dialogue in this regard. While talking to 'DawnNews' on Wednesday, the Foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit said that Iran has the right to pursue a peaceful nuclear program, however, Iran should rectify the concerns shown by the international community."

News Story: 2nd Round Of Pak-U.S. Strategic Dialogue; Initial Talks Held To Identify Areas Of Cooperation - "The News" (06/10)

"Pakistan and the U.S. have kick-started preparatory deliberations for finalizing the agenda for second round of Strategic Dialogue expected to be held by next month in Islamabad as both sides identified areas of solar energy, wind potential and tackling the saline affected land for promoting future cooperation in areas of science and technology. 'We have not so far finalized mega projects for ensuring future cooperation as currently initial meetings are underway between the two sides,' Dr. Kerri Anne Jones, U.S. Assistance Secretary of State for Scientific Affairs said while talking to reporters after holding preparatory meetings with

Pakistani authorities for upcoming round of Strategic Dialogue with Ministry of Science and Technology and Higher Education Commission high-ups in Islamabad on Wednesday."

News Story: United States Pledges Support For Science And Technology Sector;U.S. Providing Aid Worth \$10 Million For Science And Technology Projects - "Daily Times" (06/10)

"The U.S. government is committed to providing funds to support the science and technology sector in Pakistan, said U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Dr Kerri Ann Jones. Talking to reporters after attending a joint meeting of Pakistani and U.S. officials, Dr. Jones said that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) would keep supporting the joint Pak-U.S. Science and Technology Cooperative Program. The Ministry of Science and Technology and the Higher Education Commission (HEC) are also partners in the project."

News Story: Setting Up Centers Of Excellence Stressed - "The Post" (06/10)

"The sectoral meeting on Science and Technology of the Pakistan-U.S. Strategic Dialogue has stressed the need for establishing centers of excellence, transfer of technology at the regional levels, sharing and promoting successful S&T models between Pakistan and the U.S. for socio-economic uplift of the people. The meeting was co-chaired by Ministry of Science and Technology Secretary K.B. Rind and Higher Education Commission (HEC) Executive Director. The U.S. side was led by Assistant Secretary of State Dr. Kerri Ann Jones."

News Story: Swati Not Interested in Meeting U.S. Official - "The News" (06/10)

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"Federal Minister for Science and Technology Muhammad Azam Khan Swati is not interested to meet visiting U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Kerry N. Jones who is holding strategic dialogue with Pakistani officials on science and technology. The sources told 'The News' that the Minister had identified five projects to discuss with the visiting U.S. delegation for execution. He deputed Director General of his Ministry to have dialogue with the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State."

News Story: U.S. Must Clarify Rules For Using Drones: Amnesty - "Dawn" (06/10)

"Amnesty International urged the United States on Wednesday to undertake proper monitoring of the impact of drone attacks on the civilian population, and to clarify the chain of command and rules of engagement governing the use of drones in Pakistan. In the same report, the world's leading rights group also urged the Pakistani Taliban and their allied armed groups to publicly acknowledge their obligations to comply fully with international humanitarian law."

News Story: Punjab Waking Up To Militant Threat, Says Qureshi - "Dawn" (06/10)

"The Punjab government is coming out of denial about the threat from militants there, according to Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi. Asked when the government might launch a crackdown on militant groups in Punjab, Qureshi said some lower level militants had been picked up and some eliminated. 'I think some major incidents have taken place in Lahore and woken the Punjab government up,' the Minister said in an interview at the end of a regional summit in Istanbul."

News Story: U.S. Asked To Stand By Forces Of Law In Pakistan - "The News" (06/10)

"The U.S. government has a choice. It can cynically give carte blanche to officials flouting the law in Pakistan, as it did with Musharraf, for a few possible short-term benefits, or, it can stand with the forces of law that are attempting to keep Pakistan from becoming a failed state, says a seasoned U.S. analyst on Pakistan. In an article in the influential newspaper of the US Congress, 'The Hill,' under the title: 'Pakistan: Time for the United States to Choose,' Thomas Houlahan writes that the notion of Pakistan's government disciplining anyone involved is a pipe dream."

News Story: U.S. Unveils \$400 Million Palestinian Aid Package - "Daily Times" (06/10)

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"U.S. President Barack Obama on Wednesday announced a \$400 million aid package for the West Bank and Gaza, saying it demonstrated America's commitment to improving the lives of Palestinians. 'We think it's important for us to reaffirm once again our commitment to improve the day-to-day lives of Palestinians,' Obama said after meeting with Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas at the White House."

News Story: Taliban Shoot Down NATO Copter; 4 U.S. Troops Killed - "Dawn" (06/10)

"Taliban shot down a NATO helicopter and killed four American troops in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, the military said, in the latest bloodshed ahead of a major operation in the militants' heartland. The violence came as Afghanistan's ousted intelligence chief warned in an interview with The Associated Press that President Hamid Karzai's strategy of seeking reconciliation with the Taliban was dangerously flawed."

News Story: U.S.-Pakistan Navy Physicians Exchange Ideas On High Seas - "The News," "Express," "Islam," "Pakistan" (06/10)

"Five doctors of Pakistan Navy completed a week-long visit to the US Mesa Verde to discuss the challenges of providing medical care aboard ships at sea and to prepare for potential humanitarian assistance. They also discussed disaster relief efforts as Cyclone Phet passed through Oman and approached Pakistan's Makran coast, said a press release of the U.S. Embassy issued in Islamabad on Wednesday."

TERRORISM/MILITARY ISSUES

News Story: Action Plan Altered - "Dawn" (06/10)

"Parts of a major NATO operation against Taliban in southern Afghanistan have been delayed "two or three months", a senior U.S. General said in an interview on Wednesday. Brig Gen. Ben Hodges, head of U.S. forces in the south, also said some of the 30,000 reinforcements promised by U.S. President Barack Obama 'began arriving in recent weeks, and the majority are destined to Kandahar.'"

News Story: U.K. Vital For Afghan Success: Petraeus - "The News" (06/10)

"The presence of British troops in Afghanistan is vital to the success of international efforts to pacify the country, the chief of U.S. Central Command said on Wednesday. General David Petraeus, who is responsible for overseeing wars in both Afghanistan and Iraq,

praised British efforts in the Iraq campaign in Afghanistan, where Britain has around 9,500 soldiers."

News Story: U.S. Confident Of Gains In Afghanistan This Year: Gates - "The News" (06/10)

"U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates voiced confidence on Wednesday that sufficient progress would be made in the war in Afghanistan to allow Afghan forces to take more authority in parts of the country this winter. Gates predicted 'a very tough summer' of growing violence as U.S. forces push deeper into the southern provinces where the Taliban are strongest, but he said success in Afghanistan depended on far more than securing Kandahar and Helmand alone."

News Story: U.S. Military Trains Afghan Villagers Against Taliban - "The News" (06/10)

"American Special Forces are helping Afghan villages organize their own protection against Taliban, a U.S. Army Chief in southern Afghanistan has told AFP. Brigadier General Ben Hodges, head of operations for U.S. forces in southern Afghanistan, said some Afghan villagers have been provided basic training and cash in areas beset by the Islamist insurgency."

News Story: Attack Unlikely To Impact NATO Supplies: Pentagon - "Dawn" (06/10)

"An insurgent attack that left a large NATO convoy in flames in Pakistan is unlikely to disrupt the supply of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan, the Pentagon said on Wednesday. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman called it a 'vicious attack of some scale' but said it represented only a small fraction of the supplies pouring into

Afghanistan amid a major build-up of U.S. and NATO forces."

News Story: Comprehensive Security Mechanism For NATO Soon: Malik - "The News" (06/10)

"Federal Interior Minister Rehman Malik said after reviewing the existing system, government has decided to develop a comprehensive security mechanism for NATO supplies."

News Story: High-Powered Committee To Probe NATO Trailers Case - "The News" (06/10)

"A special investigation team comprising top brass of Islamabad police has been constituted to find out the criminals involved in torching the trailers of NATO, resulting in the death of seven persons and injuries to four others, a police spokesman said."

News Story: Zardari Urges World To Help Erase War Scars -
"The News" (06/10)

"President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday urged the international community to do more for Pakistan to overcome the scars and wounds of the war against militancy. 'Pakistan has rendered great sacrifices in the war against terrorism and the people of Pakistan have suffered immensely due to this war. Our people need greater understanding and support of the international community,' the president said during a meeting with British Secretary of State for International Development Andrew Mitchell, who called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadar on Wednesday."

News Story: Pakistan Firm On Curbing Militancy, Says Zardari - "The News" (06/10)

"President Asif Ali Zardari Wednesday said that the region was facing common challenges posed by extremism, militancy and terrorism, and the democratic government of Pakistan was committed to curbing the menace of militancy and extremism at any cost. The president was talking with Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang who called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad on Wednesday."

News Story: Operation In NWA Next Priority - "The Post" (06/10)

"Talking to media persons on the sidelines of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence building measures in Asia (CICA) in Istanbul, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said, the Pakistan government's next priority in the fight against Taliban is the volatile tribal region of North Waziristan, and that the security forces were moving towards the troubled region in a 'calculated fashion.' Our next priority is going to be North Waziristan but we have to time our operations in line with our resources."

News Story: 30 Assailants Torched 50 NATO Supply Vehicles - "Dawn" (06/10)

"Following one of the biggest attacks in the country on NATO supplies to Afghanistan, the government suspended on Wednesday a senior police officer and ordered a search operation to nab the attackers believed to be hiding in villages near Tarnol where they had burnt over 50 Mine-Resistant, Ambush Protected (MRAP) trucks of NATO parked in a transit camp, killing seven people and injuring 11 others. Meanwhile, the contractors supplying vehicles and other goods to foreign forces fighting in Afghanistan have suspended their services, especially on the land route from Karachi to Torkham."

News Story: 40 Militants, Two Soldiers Killed In Mohmand - "The News" (06/10)

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"Forty militants and two soldiers were killed in clashes in various areas in Mohmand Agency on Wednesday, official and tribal sources said. The sources said several insurgents and 10 soldiers also sustained injuries when the militants attacked two check-posts of security forces in Shonkari in Baizai Tehsil and Gorapari in Safi subdivision near the Pak-Afghan border. Spokesman for the banned Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, Mohmand chapter, Ikramullah, while talking to reporters on phone from an undisclosed location claimed that they had also kidnapped several soldiers during the attack on two checkpoints."

News Story: 19 Killed In Orakzai Fighting - "Dawn" (06/10)

"Nineteen militants were killed and five injured in fierce clashes in Orakzai Agency on Wednesday. Seven security personnel also suffered injuries, according to official sources."

News Story: Pakistan Ranked Fifth Most Unstable Country - "Dawn" (06/10)

"Pakistan is the world's fifth most unstable country, better only than Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan and Sudan in that order, says the U.S. State Department. The department's Global Peace Index (GPI), released on Wednesday, reports that Pakistan's overall score deteriorated steadily for the second successive year and it slid three places into the bottom five."

News Story: Attack On Ahmedis Conspiracy To Repeal Laws Against Them - "Dawn" (06/10)

"A gathering of the leaders of 13 religious and political parties in Lahore claimed that the attack on Ahmedis on May 28 was part of a conspiracy to repeal the laws against them, 'BBC Urdu' reported."

POLITICAL ISSUES

News Story: Extraneous Factors Not To Hurt Sino-Pak Ties: Gilani - "The News" (06/10)

"Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has said Pakistan would never allow any extraneous factors to affect the vital relationship between Islamabad and Beijing. During one-on-one meeting with Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang prior to bilateral talks at the PM House on Wednesday, the prime minister thanked China for its steadfast support and solidarity."

News Story: Judiciary's Right To Review Can't Be Restricted: CJ - "The News" (06/10)

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"The Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, on Wednesday said that Parliament's powers to make constitutional amendments and the judiciary's right to review them could not be restricted, the Chief Justice observed during the hearing in petitions challenging provisions of the 18th Amendment."

ECONOMY/ENVIRONMENT

News Story: U.S. Revising Bilateral Investment Treaty - "The News" (06/10)

"In a major development, the United States has initiated a process to revise the model of bilateral investment treaty (BIT) with Pakistan after the two sides failed to agree on the earlier draft, a top official said on Wednesday. Talking to 'The News,' Board of Investment Chairman Salim Mandviwala said that the United States officials have started revising the draft of the treaty after Pakistan expressed reservations on it. After receiving the revised draft the Pakistan government would analyze it before taking any final decision."

News Story: Pak Economic Experts In A Fix Over VAT Imposition - "The News" (06/10)

"While the government has deferred the imposition of the 92-year-old Value Added Tax (VAT) regime till October 1, 2010, international donors like the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are not ready to budge an inch from their key demand that this levy should be enforced at the earliest in Pakistan, sources told 'The News.'"

News Story: JI Terms Budget U.S.-Friendly - "Dawn" (06/10)

"Jamaat-i-Islami chief Syed Munawar Hasan has described the federal budget 2010-11 as 'the U.S., IMF and World Bank friendly budget,' saying that the budget could not redress the miseries of poverty-stricken people of the country, while speaking at a press conference in Karachi on Wednesday."

MISCELLANEOUS

News Story: Obama To Discuss Gaza's Plight With Abbas: Official - "Dawn" (06/10)

"U.S. President Barack Obama will discuss specific projects to improve the plight of the people of Gaza Wednesday as he welcomes

Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas to the White House, officials said."

News Story: U.S. Concerned At Turkey's Shift: Gates - "Dawn"

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"The United States is concerned at a breakdown in Turkey's relations with Israel and fears Europe's rebuff of Ankara's EU aspirations is pushing the pivotal country "eastward," Defence Secretary Robert Gates said on Wednesday."

Editorials/Op-eds

Editorial: Convoy Attack, an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/10)

"The attack on the NATO convoy outside Islamabad on Tuesday night ought to have set alarm bells ringing. The incident is not a one-off.... As usual questions about intelligence-gathering and security have to be asked. NATO convoys have long been a target of militants and Islamabad is supposed to be the highest of high-security zones. How, then, was such an attack possible on the outskirts of Islamabad? Nobody expects a zero rate of failure; some attacks are inevitable. But such a brazen attack?... It is hard not to believe that perhaps the intelligence-gathering process is still too reactive and not proactive enough, with intelligence agencies tending to be several steps behind terrorist cells rather than one step ahead.... However, attacks in or near the capital are psychologically more damaging and are precisely the reason the terrorists will continue to try and target it. They must not be allowed to succeed."

Editorial: Creeping Closer, an editorial in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/10)

"The significance of this raid so close to the federal capital goes far beyond the symbolic. There are, within sight of our capital city, groups of armed men who are well-equipped, able to conduct reconnaissance, launch a multi-vehicle assault, outfight any opposition and escape without casualties to themselves. They interdicted GT Road for as long as it took to clear away the debris, and if they can do this less than ten miles from the city centre, then it is not much of a stretch of the imagination to see them doing it in the city centre if they so choose.... The Tarnol raid was not a wake-up call it was a final warning."

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

"After months of relative calm in and around the capital, Tuesday

night's audacious attack on a large ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ UNCLASSIFIED carrying NATO supplies on the G.T. Road has made shockingly clear the ease with which militants can carry out their activities.... It must be noted that the security given to this convoy was negligible with an almost complete absence at Tarnol where the trucks were parked. It begs to be asked how such a vital means of sustenance for NATO forces could be left to fend for itself in such a hostile region. What is even more surprising is that U.S. and NATO forces have not been more insistent on more adequate security measures.... However, Pakistan continues to remain a major artery for NATO supplies. Now that the terrorist pattern has become clear, authorities here, in collaboration with U.S. and NATO security forces, will have to tighten security at all main stops, entrance and exit points for these convoys."

Editorial: NATO's Direct Threat, an editorial in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (06/10)

"Since 9/11 successive governments of Pakistan have ignored and often directly sacrificed the lives of their citizens simply to further U.S. and NATO interests - drones being one major example. Even the moving of our forces from the eastern front, where India continues to pose a threat, to the Pak-Afghan border was under pressure from the U.S. It is time this trend was reversed and an immediate step must be an end to access for NATO supplies."

Editorial: Blazing of 30 NATO Containers: Time To Ponder Upon, an editorial in the leading mass circulation populist, often sensational Urdu daily "Jang" (cir. 300,000) (06/10)

"The fuel and other goods for the NATO forces in Afghanistan are supplied through Pakistan under an agreement. However, the Pakistani masses have certain reservations on this agreement. They know that the fuel is provided to the NATO forces at subsidized rates as compared to that are being sold to the Pakistan consumers. This duplicity is not in our national interest. Nevertheless, as per agreement Pakistan is being paid for providing the transit route for these supplies, and we think that the federal and the Khyber-Pukhtoonkhwa governments must devise a strategy for the safe transportation of these items, otherwise such incidents may deprive Pakistan of the money it receives from the foreign countries fighting in Afghanistan."

Editorial: Attack On NATO Containers Near Islamabad: Give Up The Role Of Being America's Frontline Ally, an editorial in the second-largest, nationalist Urdu daily "Nawa-i-Waqt" (cir. 150,000) (06/10)

"These attacks would be difficult to stop without a change in the

U.S. policy on Pakistan and Afghanistan. "But NATO forces from Afghan soil. These attacks have also become a threat for our national security.... These containers are also destroying our roads.... In view of the latest attack the government should close this NATO military supply route.... It would be better if the government halts the military operation altogether by shunning the role of America's frontline ally."

Editorial: Attack On Containers Is Government Failure, an editorial in the Lahore-based populist center right Urdu daily "Khabrain" (cir. 50,000) (06/10)

"This incident in the vicinity of Islamabad is the government's failure vis-`-vis maintenance of law and order.... Few days ago some containers were caught in Karachi while transporting liquor. Since Pakistan government is not authorized to search the containers no one knows as to what stuff is being carried in them.... The Interior Minister gave a strange statement when he said that NATO supply route's security in Pakistan is not the responsibility of Government of Pakistan. He also said that NATO containers depot in Sangjani was not in 'our' knowledge. What right he has to hold the office he is holding if he is so unaware of his surroundings?"

Editorial: Extremists' Audacity, Attack On Islamabad NATO Depot, an editorial in Lahore-based populist Urdu daily "Waqt" (cir. 10,000) (06/10)

"This is evident that the back of the terrorists present in Pakistan could not be broken. These daredevil terrorists did not face any resistance from law en forcers. This grave incident could have been checked had there been proper security arrangements in place."

Editorial: Why U.S. Can't Read Writing On The Wall?, an editorial in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (06/10)

"On Tuesday when a convoy of 30 NATO containers, meant for supplying fuel and other logistic support for troops in Afghanistan was attacked by a group of people despite all the security provided by Pakistan Government. The Qackers suddenly emerged in the outskirts of the Capital and after a lightning attack in which five persons were killed, they disappeared under the cover of dark. The extremists get themselves mixed with the civilian population and launch the attacks at their targets whenever they see an opportunity. This is a proof of rising anti-U.S. sentiments in Afghanistan and Pakistan as people blame Washington for the sufferings they are presently undergoing."

Editorial: Preparations For Drone Strikes In Southern Punjab, an editorial in the Lahore-based independent Urdu daily "Din" (cir.

"According to a report in daily "Din" America has begun a secret campaign to pave the way for drone attacks in southern Punjab. Surveys are being carried out and religious seminaries are being monitored.... Under America's National Rural Support Program, land has been purchased near major Madarassas in southern Punjab. This land is owned by local people working for them [Americans] and is ostensibly meant for a school and hospital. But in actual fact, the

personnel of American NGOs are collecting data on the seminaries, preparing people for drone strikes and campaigning for a separate province in southern Punjab. The intelligence agencies learnt of this [development] when information started to be gathered in preparation for an operation.... The government and its allies should demonstrate solidarity so that the nation could face the coming difficulties with unity."

Editorial: And Now U.S. Demands Operation in Southern Punjab, an editorial in the Karachi-based, pro-Taliban Jihadi Urdu daily "Islam" (cir. 15,000) (06/10)

"The U.S. demand for a military operation in southern Punjab is the latest manifestation of the 'Do More' mantra which Washington has had adopted ever since the launching of the war against terrorism. Now, such demands have become a potential threat to the security and the economy of Pakistan. Under these circumstances, the government should not give in to any pressure from the U.S. and the local secular segments of the Pakistani society, otherwise the relentless 'Do More' mantra of Americans may cause irreparable damage to the integrity of our country."

Editorial: Terrorism: Indian Point Of View And The U.S. Stance, an editorial in the center-right Urdu daily "Pakistan" (cir. 10,000) (06/10)

"U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Robert Blake has said that stable Pakistan is in the interest of both America and India.... He further said that India is unhappy on U.S. military assistance to Pakistan.... On need for action against terrorists the U.S. official supported Indian point of view by saying that Pakistan should speed up action against Lashkar Taiba and other Jihadi organizations.... Currently, America and India are engaged in strategic dialogue and it seems that America has begun presenting Indian standpoint as American stance.... India should start composite dialogue with Pakistan with Kashmir and water issues on the agenda. Dialogue merely on terrorism might not be good enough for the confidence building between the two countries.... America should pay attention to this aspect as increasing pressure on Pakistan would not bring about U.S. desired results."

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Editorial: A Welcome Accord, an editorial in the Lahore-based liberal English daily "The Post" (cir. 5,000) (06/10)

"Pakistan, Afghanistan and Turkey have reiterated their resolve to fight terrorism which is a crime against humanity. They have agreed on various steps to decisively counter the lethal nexus of terrorism, extremism and narcotics.... Another significant point of the meeting was that it underlined the need for enhanced regional cooperation and a comprehensive regional approach towards common challenges.... To ensure that the Ankara meeting really plays a dynamic role and achieve the stated objective there should be real time intelligence-sharing and cooperation among law-enforcement agencies of the three countries."

Editorial: Shunned by Friends, an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/10)

"The current wave of international anger over Israel's attack on a peace armada has two distinct features. One, the U.S., whose diplomacy is always at Israel's service, had no choice but to take note of the extent of the world community's mood over the May 31 crime and refrain from vetoing the Security Council resolution condemning the attack. Two, on Tuesday, Turkey was the spirit behind Israel's unanimous condemnation by the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia summit in Istanbul. Turkey, a NATO member, has been Israel's only friend in the region.... This time, however, Benjamin Netanyahu's government failed to get Washington on its side. The Likud government should try to fathom why some of Israel's recognized friends have found it impossible to defend its criminal assault on the Gaza peace flotilla"

Opinion: The Courage To Speak, an op-ed by Kamila Hyat in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/10)

"The Punjab government must rise above the petty gamesmanship seen recently and lead the effort to tackle extremism. Denial that militancy exists in the province is quite obviously absurd. It is important, however, that this not be turned into an issue of pride."

Opinion: Fighting Terror, an op-ed by Amjad Ayub Mirza in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/10)

"In order to combat the widespread sectarian terrorism that has destroyed the social fabric of our society, a long-term and

carefully planned strategy is the ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~. This war against sectarian terrorists cannot be won by applying the means and resources of the state alone. The first positive step in combating the Taliban-style terrorism is to organize the innocent civilian population into neighborhood defense committees. Unless the citizens are armed with the courage and the will to become part of a wider network of the anti-Taliban militia, sectarian violence cannot effectively be fought."

Opinion: Small Matter Of National Sovereignty!, an op-ed by Khalid Saleem in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (06/10)

"There was a time year or so ago when the U.S. Ambassador Anne W. Patterson was summoned to the Foreign Office where she was reportedly informed that the continuing U.S. Drone attacks inside Pakistani territory "which are a violation of Pakistan's sovereignty" should be stopped forthwith. This exercise in diplomacy was carried out after the unanimous resolution of the Senate of Pakistan that had called, inter alia, for the summoning of the U.S. Ambassador. The spokesman of the Foreign Office had termed it as a "strong protest", whatever that connotes.... Understandably, there was no mention of the reaction of the US Ambassador to this demarche. One could only presume that she received it with a poker face and undertook to convey it to Washington.... Innocent Pakistanis' may talk about their violated sovereignty till they are blue in the face, but the U.S. 'cooperation' would continue unabated. The United States' position - that continues unchanged to this day - is clear. Pakistan has the right to protest and the U.S. has the right to go on doing whatever it deems fit across the frontier, since it is committed to protect the Pakistanis from themselves. And make no mistake about it; what the U.S. wants U.S. gets! The question that presents itself begging for an answer is: whatever happened to our reservations regarding violation of our national sovereignty?... It may be argued, with justification, that some of the chickens are already coming home to roost! Should our armchair liberals not pause and ponder? Meanwhile the circus goes on as always. Pardon, did anyone mention national sovereignty?"

Opinion: Lessons From The Taliban, an op-ed by Zafar Hilaly in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/10)

"The only thing that appealed to the Swatis about the Taliban was their ability to dispense justice quickly, even crudely. Such was the desperation of the people of Swat with the system. The law of the land, as it presently stands, as much as the quality of those who apply it, is abysmal."

Opinion: Reforms in FATA, an op-ed by Mahmood Shah in the

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Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn"
(cir. 55,000) (06/10)

"There is a dire need for changes in the system of governance in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) but given a highly conservative society, they cannot be achieved in any radical manner.... While there is consensus on the need for a change in the system, we lack the ingenuity and determination for it. Additionally, there is strong opposition by vested-interest mafias. Law and order cannot be separated from a comprehensive reform agenda that must be implemented gradually, say over five years or so.... Reforms in FATA are long overdue but they cannot be brought about in a radical manner. Additionally, there is strong opposition by vested-interest mafias. Law and order cannot be separated from a comprehensive reform agenda that must be implemented gradually."

Opinion: Recognizing The UN, an op-ed by I.A. Rehman in the
Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn"
(cir. 55,000) (06/10)

"The government must realize that adherence to international human rights treaties demands enabling all citizens to enjoy their basic rights. Quite a few rights are not covered by Pakistan's statutes; these gaps should be filled at the earliest. In many areas laws and procedures need refinement and elaboration. This and the obligation to file periodic reports on compliance with treaty provisions demand the creation of a mechanism for overseeing implementation, reporting and studying the feasibility of a continuous review by a domestic authority."

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