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Summary: Reports that the Cyclone Phet ravaged Sindh coastline, and spared Karachi and its suburbs dominated all newspapers and TV headlines on Monday morning. There were also media reports that a U.S. delegation, led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) David Sedney, will meet key Pakistani military leaders to conduct a four-day exchange on defense planning as a part of the strategic dialogue between the U.S. and Pakistan. "Dawn," in an article from a U.S. media source, cited that the United States plans to increasingly rely on new, manned spy planes to deal with the possible legal ramifications of the indiscriminate use of unmanned drones in the war against militant groups. Electronic and print

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media highlighted Ambassador Holbrooke's remarks that a final political solution in Afghanistan could potentially include a reformed Taliban in the government, but only if certain "red lines" were respected. U.S. National Security Adviser (NSA) James Jones's comments that Pakistan-India talks would "blossom into a full-blown discussion" also received coverage. There were media reports that military officials stormed a suspected militant compound in Orakzai Agency and killed 13 militants, including three commanders. The Sunday editions of all newspapers highlighted the new features of the Federal Budget, which were presented to the National Assembly. "Dawn," in an exclusive report, claimed that the Islamabad Police seized a truck loaded with military-related goods, including ammunition, and arrested two people who claimed the truck load belonged to the U.S. Embassy. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates' remarks in Singapore that the "CIA and the US military are fully accountable to Congress in all their operations" was widely covered. Newspapers on Saturday reprinted a Washington Post's story, which said the U.S. has widened special operations against Al Qaeda around the world. Newspapers and TV networks also reported the accident of a U.S. Embassy vehicle, which resulted in the death of a government worker near the Parliament House in Islamabad on Friday.

The Federal Budget for the next financial year, the Cyclone Phet, the Pakistan-EU Summit, and Pakistan-India relations were discussed in various editorials on Monday. However, "The Nation," in its editorial titled, "Confronting Israel," said, "It is the U.S. that has pampered the Jewish entity into a bully, feeding it with atomic secrets, regular and massive financial assistance and shameless support to its wild acts of brigandage at every international forum." Commenting on the Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan's announcement to lead an aid fleet for the besieged Gaza, the mass-circulated Urdu daily, "Jang," urged, "Muslim countries to rise in support [of the Turkish Prime Minister]." "Such a step on the part of the Muslim states can force Israel and its patron-in-chief, the U.S., to change their policies towards the helpless Palestinians," the editorial concluded. End Summary.

TOP STORIES

News Story: Cyclone Ravages Sindh Coast, Spares Karachi - "Dawn"
(06/07)

"Cyclone Phet roared past Karachi and tore across the coastal belt of Sindh on Sunday evening after about a week-long, 1,100km journey from the central Arabian Sea. After lashing the Makran coast, the cyclone caused torrential rainfall in Karachi, Thatta, Badin, Hyderabad and adjoining areas and Met officials forecast that the rainy spell would continue at intervals till Tuesday."

News Story: U.S. Delegation To Meet Military Leadership Today -

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"A U.S. delegation, led by U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence for Afghanistan and Pakistan David Samuel Sedney, will meet the Pakistani military leadership today (Monday) to carry forward the military chapter of the strategic dialogue between Pakistan and the United States, sources told the 'Daily Times' on Sunday."

News Story: U.S. Plans Manned 'Drones' To Avoid Legal Ramifications - "Dawn" (06/07)

"The United States is increasingly relying on a new, manned spy plane to deal with possible legal ramifications of the indiscriminate use of unmanned drones in the war against militants, the U.S. media reported on Sunday. The media also claimed that U.S. officials were citing Pakistan's tacit approval of the drone attacks to justify their decision to continue the air strikes that have killed hundreds of people in the last two years."

News Story: UN Criticism Not Likely To Stop Drone Strikes Inside

Pakistan - "The News" (06/07)

"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. The U.S. officials insist the CIA program has been an effective tool to take out insurgents along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, particularly those hidden beyond the reach of the military."

News Story: Holbrooke Says, Reformed Taliban Acceptable - "The News," "Dawn," "Daily Times" (06/07)

"Washington accepts that the final political solution in Afghanistan can involve reformed Taliban in the government if certain 'red lines' are respected, U.S. Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan Richard Holbrooke said on Sunday. Holbrooke said the peace Jirga in Kabul, in which the Afghan president was given a mandate to negotiate with the insurgents, was an important step in efforts to 'reach out' to the Taliban and the U.S. supported that effort."

News Story: U.S. Hopes Pak-India Talks To Cover All Issues - "The Nation" (06/07)

"The U.S. has hoped the Pak-India talks would 'blossom into a full-blown discussion' to resolve issues like Kashmir and offered to be a handy and helpful 'interlocutor' if the two sides desired so. 'I think that is a legitimate concern,' U.S. National Security Adviser James Jones told Press Trust of India (PTI), when asked about Indian concerns over terrorism."

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News Story: First Commando Raid In Orakzai Leaves 13 Militants Dead
- "Dawn" (06/07)

"Military commandos stormed a suspected militant compound in Sera Mela area of Orakzai Agency on Saturday night and killed 13 militants, including their three leaders, sources said. It was the first commando action in the area where officials have claimed to have killed more than 1,800 militants over the past four months."

News Story: Federal Budget With Outlay Of Rs3.259 Trln Presented -
"The Nation" (06/06)

"The government has unveiled the federal budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 of more than Rs 685 billion deficit, report said on Saturday. Federal Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs Senator Dr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh presented the budget before the National Assembly. Total volume of the budget is Rs 3259 billion, 10.7 percent more than the current year, while expected revenue collection has been estimated at Rs 2574 billion."

News Story: Truck With Goods For 'U.S. Embassy' Seized - "Dawn"
(06/06)

"Police here on Saturday seized a truck loaded with military-related goods, including ammunition, and arrested two people who claimed that the consignment belonged to the U.S. Embassy. The arrested men, Lal Badshah and Noshad Pashtoon, told police they were coming from Peshawar, where a contractor Tariq had hired them for transporting the goods to Islamabad. They said the goods were loaded on the truck in a house in Peshawars University Town by four Americans."

News Story: U.S. Congress Fully Informed Of CIA Activities - "The News" (06/06)

"Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Saturday suggested U.S. lawmakers are kept fully informed about CIA operations abroad, including widely reported drone bombing raids on militants in Pakistan. Asked about CIA accountability in conducting air strikes in Pakistan, Gates avoided openly acknowledging the raids, saying he could not 'get into discussion of any kind of operations.' But Gates, a former director of the spy agency, insisted the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. military was fully accountable to Congress in all its operations."

News Story: U.S. Widens Special Operations Against Al Qaeda - "Daily Times" "The Nation" (06/05)

"The Obama administration has significantly expanded the deployment of US military Special Operations (SO) forces around the world

against al Qaeda and other groups, ~~the Washington Post~~ reported on Friday."

News Story: U.S. Diplomat's Vehicle Kills Govt. Employee - "Daily Times," "The Nation" (06/05)

"A government employee was killed in a road accident on Friday when a U.S. diplomat's vehicle hit him in the jurisdiction of Secretariat police station. Muhammad Yameen, 50, a peon in the Cabinet Division, was on his way to the office when a speedy vehicle IDM 6613 hit him on the Constitutional Avenue. Yameen, received critical injuries, however, the driver of U.S. diplomat Mr. Mike, serving as Narcotics Officer at the U.S. Embassy, brought him to Polyclinic Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. When contacted, Spokesman for U.S. Embassy Richard Snelsire said it was a tragic incident. He said when the accident took place Mike took the injured to hospital on humanitarian grounds. 'We are cooperating with the local police investigators. We could not say anything as the investigation is under process,' he said."

TERRORISM/MILITARY ISSUES

News Story: U.S. Seeks To Shore Up Afghan Supply Chain - "Daily Times," "The Nation" (06/07)

"The U.S. sought to shore up a link in its supply chain to Afghanistan on Sunday, sending Defence Secretary Robert Gates to Azerbaijan, a transit point that has complained about not getting enough attention. The Pentagon wants to make sure there are not any problems that could slow President Barack Obama's 30,000-troop surge."

News Story: No Exit From Kabul Till Peace Prevails - "The Nation" (06/07)

"Pakistan has warned the European Union and its military arm NATO of revival of terrorism in the region if they leave the terror-crippled Afghanistan without establishing durable peace and stability. Well-placed diplomatic sources informed 'The Nation' that Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani had been successful in securing guarantees from the NATO leadership that Western military alliance would not follow the U.S. footprints in setting deadline for exit of its security forces from Afghanistan until and unless they finished their task there."

News Story: EU, NATO Delegations To Visit Pakistan in July - "The News" (06/07)

"Two high power delegations from European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will separately visit to

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Pakistan next month to enhance cooperation with Islamabad in various spheres to increase the capacity of their host country to meet economic and military challenges in the wake of its actions against extremism and terrorism."

News Story: Two Opposing Approaches To Tackle Taliban Problem -
"Daily Times" (06/07)

"Pakistan and Afghanistan decide on two opposing approaches to tackle the Taliban problem. Kabul has echoed with calls for talks with Taliban at the end of a three-day Jirga while Islamabad is echoing with demands of military action in North Waziristan - the last bastion of the Pakistani Taliban and foreign al Qaeda."

News Story: U.S. Allows India To Grill Mumbai Suspect - "Dawn"
(06/07)

"The United States has finally given India access to a U.S. national accused of planning the Mumbai terror attacks two years ago, a senior White House official said on Saturday. David Coleman Headley, 49, whose father was a Pakistani, has confessed to his role in the Mumbai attack. The United States was earlier reluctant to allow Indian officials to interrogate him because Headley is a U.S. citizen. But U.S. National Security Adviser James Jones told reporters on Saturday that the Obama administration had accepted an Indian request to allow their officials to interrogate Headley."

News Story: Afghans Can Defeat Israel, Liberate Palestine: Hekmatyar
- "The News" (06/07)

"Condemning the Israeli aggression against the people who tried to take humanitarian assistance for Palestinians besieged in Gaza by the tyrannical Jewish state, Hizb-e-Islami Afghanistan chief

Gulbadin Hekmatyar said on Saturday that if only Afghan youth are facilitated to fight the Israelis, the Palestine would be liberated as well as the American base in the region would also be removed forever, he said while talking to 'The News' on telephone from an undisclosed location in Afghanistan."

News Story: Five NATO Troops Killed - "Dawn" (06/07)

"Five NATO soldiers were killed on Sunday in Afghanistan, the military alliance said in a statement, in a day of violence which left another six dead and 26 wounded. The soldiers, members of NATO's U.S.-led International Security Assistance Force, were killed in two attacks and a crash."

News Story: Rival Groups Clash In Khyber Agency; 50 Killed -
"Dawn" (06/07)

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"Fifty people were reportedly killed as a result of ongoing clashes between two tribal groups in the Khyber agency."

News Story: Two Suspects Held From NY Airport - "Daily Times"
(06/07)

"Two men who had talked about attacking Americans and sought to fight alongside terrorists in Somalia were arrested at New York's Kennedy Airport as they tried to leave the U.S. and join the al Qaeda-affiliated jihadists, authorities said."

News Story: Swat Elders Want Military Courts To Try Militants -
"Dawn" (06/07)

"The elders of Nikpekhel area have demanded of the authorities to set up military courts to conduct trial of the arrested militants in Swat valley. Addressing a joint press conference, after holding a peace Jirga, in Mingora on Sunday, the elders urged the government to release the innocent people arrested during the military operation in the valley."

News Story: Bulletproof Jackets And Helmets Deal Dubious - "The News" (06/07)

"The issue of non-transparency in the procurement of vital anti-terrorism equipment in the Khyber Pukhtunkhwa Province (KPP), already declared as the most corrupt by Transparency International (TI), has taken a serious turn after one of the private companies involved has approached the Supreme Court to seek cancellation of the allegedly dubious deal of thousands of bulletproof jackets and ballistic proof helmets."

News Story: Afghan, Pakistani Ministers To Meet In Turkey - "Dawn"
(06/06)

"The foreign ministers of Afghanistan and Pakistan will meet in Istanbul next week for talks aimed at bringing the troubled neighbors closer, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said Saturday. Zalmi Rassoul of Afghanistan and Shah Mehmood Qureshi of Pakistan will meet with their Turkish counterpart Ahmet Davutoglu Monday ahead of an conference on confidence-building measures in Asia, a ministry statement said."

News Story: Orakzai Strikes Kill 25 Militants - "Dawn" (06/06)

"At least 25 militants were killed and 18 others received injuries during air strikes and clashes with security forces in different areas of Orakzai Agency on Saturday, officials said."

News Story: Pakistan Biggest Victim Of Terror UNCLASSIFIED - "The News,"
"The Nation" (06/05)

"The United States has voiced confidence in Pakistan's continued success against terrorists as a senior diplomat noted Islamabad's critical role for peace and security in the region. 'They have taken important steps in Swat, in South Waziristan, and I think that they will continue to make progress in that area as their military forces can be mobilized to address this threat,' Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Robert Blake said."

News Story: 700 'Terrorists' Belonging To South Punjab Arrested:
Malik - "Daily Times" (06/05)

"Federal Minister for Interior Rehman Malik has said that the policy against the banned religious organizations has been forwarded to the Punjab government and the security forces have held as many as 700 terrorists belonging to southern Punjab, a private TV channel reported on Friday. Talking to journalists outside the Parliament House in Islamabad, he said that the law enforcement agencies throughout the country have been told to crack down on the banned militant groups and the government was ready to combat with the terrorists."

ECONOMY/ENVIRONMENT

News Story: Kerry-Lugar Funds Appear In Budget - "The News"
(06/06)

"Pakistan reaps the fruits of the Kerry-Lugar Act (KLA), once widely condemned by a number of political parties, this fiscal year as a grant of Rs51.9 billion has been shown in the new federal budget for 2010-11. Under the KLA, Pakistan will get a total of \$7.5 billion non-military assistance in the next five years till 2014, receiving \$1.5 billion annually."

News Story: Iran To Approve Pakistan Gas Pipeline Deal This Week -
"The News" (06/07)

"Iran hopes to finalize a deal this week for a much-delayed pipeline to export natural gas to Pakistan by 2015, an energy official said on Sunday, said Hojjatollah Qanimifard, Deputy Director in charge of investment at the National Iranian Oil Company."

News Story: IMF To Be Apprised Of VAT Delay Causes - "Dawn"
(06/07)

"Finance Minister Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh said on Sunday that the government would inform the International Monetary Fund (IMF) about

what he called 'new dynamics' which had led to a three-month delay in introducing the value added tax (VAT). At a post-budget press conference, he said negotiations with the IMF would continue in the overall context of the economic reforms program."

News Story: Thousands Evacuated From Two Islands Near Karachi - "Dawn" (06/07)

"Thousands of people were evacuated from Baba and Bhit, two small fishing islands near the Karachi port, even though Cyclone Phet appeared to be weakening gradually on Saturday."

MISCELLANEOUS

News Story: Vicious U.S. Agenda In Garb Of Training, Aid - "The Nation" (06/07)

"The U.S. Marines saga has hit the national media again but not for good reasons. The 'myth' of covert operations of the Office of Defence Representative to Pakistan (ODR-P) seems to materialize just a few days after 'The Nation' took up this issue. A colleague reporter's investigations have revealed that Gostovo Ritschi, the prime suspect involved in the transportation of ammunition-laden vehicle which was apprehended from the jurisdiction of Margalla Police Station, Islamabad, on Saturday last, is a U.S. military official who was trading heavy weaponry without taking due approval from any competent authority. The U.S. Embassy's Spokesperson, as usual, has expressed ignorance about the issue.... In the same statement, the U.S. Embassy had refuted 'The Nation's' findings that the ODR-P Marines were involved in covert activities, saying that the 'small contingent' of U.S. military personnel was actually providing training to Pakistan's security forces. After the Saturday's incident, there is left no room to even speculate about the motives of the ODR-P's personnel or U.S. Marines here, as the incident itself is a stark confirmation of the vicious U.S. agenda in the garb of training programs and humanitarian aid. All this 'fishy' affair that previously was somehow covert, is now clearly making mockery of Pakistan's sovereignty."

 Editorials/Op-eds

Editorial: Confronting Israel, an editorial in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (06/07)

"The truth is that the first step on the way to ensuring Israeli security is for the Americans to change their way of looking at the Middle Eastern scenario. It is the U.S. that has pampered the Jewish

entity into a bully, feeding it with regular and massive financial assistance and shameless support to its wild acts of brigandage at every international forum. But for the Americans to alter this course, they have first to comprehend the unavoidable fallout for their strategic interests if they were to continue pursuing their present policies. The intense hatred that these policies have generated among Muslims of the world would ultimately cost it dearly. Obama's speech at Cairo early last year notwithstanding, there has been little change in the U.S. attitude that could have initiated the process of winning back the Muslims. It is up to them now to forge a united front and resist its aggressive designs against them to get out of this apparent cul-de-sac."

Editorial: Another Israeli Atrocity Against Besieged Palestinians of Gaza Strip, an editorial in the leading mass circulation populist, often national Urdu daily "Jang" (cir. 300,000) (06/07)

"The lukewarm reaction from the international community, especially the UN and the United States, over the capture of a Gaza-bound Irish aid flotilla, has once again demonstrated the double standards in the face of grave sufferings of the Palestinians. Now when the Turkish Prime Minister has announced to lead an aid fleet for the besieged Gazans, we urge the Muslim countries to rise in his support. Such a step on the part of the Muslim states can force Israel and its patron-in-chief, the U.S., to change their policies towards the helpless Palestinian people."

Editorial: Turkish PM's Bold Stance, an editorial in an editorial in the second-largest, nationalist Urdu daily "Nawa-i-Waqt" (cir. 150,000) (06/07)

"According to a Lebanese newspaper, the Turkish PM has announced taking aid for besieged Palestinians himself. The Turkish President has informed the U.S. of this decision to go to Gaza; the Turkish Navy will be there to provide security to him.... At this occasion, all Muslim countries should contribute some troops to the Turkish Navy as a symbolic gesture to show that Tayyip Erdogan is representing all Muslim nations. This would send a message to Israel and the U.S. that the Muslims are united."

Editorial: Afghan Peace Jirga, an editorial in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/07)

"Mr. Karzai has called on his 'angry brothers' (read the Taliban) to come forth and accept the olive branch being extended to them. He has ordered a review of all cases involving Taliban suspects being held "without legally binding evidence of conviction" in Afghan jails. But if truth be told, the political show of strength at the Jirga was a grand failure. The West needs to rethink its Afghan

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policy and instead of leaving it in UNCLASSIFIED concerted efforts are called for in order to attain a credible 'exit strategy.' "

Editorial: A Softer Line, an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/07)

"The call for dialogue was coupled with the familiar mantra for Pakistan to do more to tackle terror. Particular Indian concerns - supported by the U.S. - include progress in the trial of the 2008 Mumbai attacks' suspects and action against Pakistan-based militant outfits that might target India.... There is no doubt that Pakistan needs to take action against terror outfits active on its territory. But considering the amorphous and unpredictable nature of the enemy, the peace process must continue even if efforts are made to sabotage it. India should realize that peace with Pakistan is in its interest.... The regional geo-political situation may well take strange twists and turns in the intervening period. It is hoped that the desire for peace and dialogue is just as strong when Mr. Krishna lands in Islamabad."

Editorial: U.S. Strategy To Make India A Permanent Member Of The Security Council, an editorial note in an editorial in the second-largest, nationalist Urdu daily "Nawa-i-Waqt" (cir. 150,000) (06/05)

"U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has said that the U.S. is considering making India a permanent member of the UN Security

Council.... On the other hand, President Obama set aside protocol and arrived unscheduled at the reception in the Indian Foreign Minister's honor.... Political observers are concerned at this show of affection for the Indian FM by Hillary and Obama keeping in view that no such display was visible during Pakistan FM Qureshi's visit to Washington. Neither at that time, nor while announcing his visit to India did Obama say that he would also visit Pakistan.... It has become imperative to form an Islamic bloc to counter the satanic triumvirate of Israel-U.S.-India; Indian-American madness can also be countered by giving China a superpower status."

Editorial: A Damp Squib, an editorial in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/07)

"The second Pakistan-EU Summit has turned out to be a disappointment. Hopes had been high that we might come away from the summit with more than another bag of words, but it was not to be. The EU, whilst on the one hand praising the sacrifices we have made in fighting terrorism, was unable to deliver on a

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never-clearly-defined commitment to UNCLASSIFIED tariff-free entry to the Euro-zone under the so-called 'GSP-Plus' scheme.... All in all - long on words, short on deeds. It is high time some of those that loudly proclaim their support for us put their money where their mouth was."

Opinion: Pak-U.S. Relations!, an op-ed by Khalid Iqbal in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (06/07)

"The recently circulated 'National Security Strategy' document by the White House indeed radiates good omens for Pakistan, and there are prospects of long-term constructive engagement between the two countries. However, almost simultaneously The Washington Post has carried a story that the U.S. military is studying options for a 'unilateral strike' in Pakistan in the event that a successful attack on American soil is traced to Pakistan's tribal areas. Presumably, the story was a deliberate leak by the U.S. administration to pressurize Pakistan into taking an immediate military action in North Waziristan. One is not sure whether this media gambit would achieve the desired result in the context of North Waziristan, but certainly it torpedoed a chance for earning public goodwill, which a good National Security Strategy could have accrued to the U.S.... Being a bigger country the onus of bringing maturity to the bilateral relations rests mainly with America."

Opinion: Punjab: The New FATA, an op-ed by Ali K. Chishti in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/07)

"The Punjabi Taliban over the years of fighting as 'our' state proxies in Afghanistan and Kashmir have changed sides and now maintain close ties with the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and regularly travel to the tribal belt for training and business. The traffic of course is two-way, since the Punjabi Taliban provide safe havens in south Punjab to top Taliban and al Qaeda militants. But it seems that the Punjab government that is trying to play 'Gandhi' is deaf, dumb and blind and is in a serious mode of denial.... It is high time the Punjab government realized that the Punjabi Taliban are a reality that cannot be wished away. Forget media reports and listen to the Punjab Police who itself believe that militants operating under the Taliban umbrella are growing in strength. The provincial authorities can no longer dodge this issue and deny the obvious. If they do, many are prompted to ask where their sympathies lie. The PPP's criticism of the Punjab government may be perceived as an issue of political rivalry, but in actual reality it is a matter of survival."

Opinion: Again, What Punjabi Taliban?, an op-ed by Ahmed Quraishi in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News"

"For the Americans and Indians, Punjabi Taliban is euphemism for Kashmiri groups. The United States is not suffering in Afghanistan because of militants based in Punjab. India is. And as with everything else, the United States is using the Afghan war to give an indirect strategic favor to India.... So the target this time is Pakistan's support for pro-Kashmir groups. This perfectly syncs with how our American friends have recently been coming up with outlandishly bizarre theories about the 'global ambition and reach' of Kashmiri groups such as Lashkar-e-Tayyeba, which is a localized group at best and a result of Indian atrocities in Kashmir. Instead of helping India and Pakistan resolve Kashmir, our American allies are opportunistically browbeating us into starting a war in Punjab in the name of Punjabi Taliban."

Opinion: A Fight We Must Win, an op-Qy Dr. Syed Mansoor Hussain in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/07)

"Politics in Pakistan is a mess - the liberals, the secularists and the mainstream Muslims are all lost. They talk of individual rights but none have mustered the requisite courage to confront head on the cancer of religious extremism that is threatening the very existence of our country. Religiously motivated terrorism is obviously the greatest threat but it has its roots in the extremism that has slowly crept up and is now difficult to get rid of.... It seems that even the most unjust laws, if based on religion, not only are allowed to exist but seem immune to change."

Opinion: Save The World From Zionism, an op-ed by Aijaz Zaka Syed in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/07)

"From the shock-and-awe attack on the USS Liberty, a battleship belonging to its own ally, friend and protector that killed scores of U.S. marines, to this assault on the Gaza relief flotilla killing 19 peace activists, most of them from another ally and friend, Turkey, Israel routinely kills at will and casually annihilates everyone and everything in its way.... The question is how long will this go on? When is enough, enough for Israel's protectors and the international community? How long can a tiny state with the population less than that of New York hold the entire world hostage?... If the international community does not act now, it will pay a huge price - perhaps even higher than it paid in the last two Great Wars. It's time to save the world from Israel and save the Zionist state from its own destructive self. The terror on high seas has understandably outraged the world. This Qtrage of the global conscience must be channeled to confront the Zionist regime and end

the seven decades of suffering of Palestinian people." UNCLASSIFIED.

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