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 SUBJECT: PAKISTAN MEDIA REACTION: APRIL 29, 2010

Summary: The Supreme Court's verdict nullifying Prime Minister Gilani's order of promotion for 54 bureaucrats dominated headlines in all newspapers on Thursday morning. State Department Spokesman PJ Crowley's statement welcoming the meeting between Pakistani and Indian Prime Ministers also received extensive coverage. Media reported U.S. confirmation that it hired services of security company "DynCorp" for surveillance of the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Newspapers also carried the New York Times story on the U.S. investigation of allegations that a top Defense Department official violated Pentagon rules by setting up a network of private contractors to gather intelligence in Pakistan and Afghanistan. In an exclusive article from Washington, "Dawn" highlighted the

Carnegie Endowment of International Affairs ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ the U.S.-India nuclear deal prevents the Obama administration from blocking a possible export of two Chinese nuclear power reactors to Pakistan. Reports that five Arabs were killed in North Waziristan during a clash with security forces also received prominent display. Several major dailies recycled a The Guardian's report quoting an unidentified ISI official that Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) chief Hakeemullah Mehsud has survived a U.S. drone strike in January and is alive. In an editorial entitled "Words But No Action," "The Nation" termed President Obama's speech on "the need to better U.S. relations with the Muslim World" as "weak and unconvincing." The editorial maintained that "at a time when the war is killing and maiming people in Afghanistan and Iraq and U.S. drones are butchering the tribal population in FATA, his words of support and the plan to improve relations is merely an eyewash." "Dawn" ran an editorial entitled "Mr. Obama's Determination," stating that "good intentions often make news and do count, especially when they come from the president of the sole superpower. However, history shows that good intentions are often challenged and destroyed." End Summary.

TOP STORIES

News Story: SC Verdict Rocks PM's Bureaucracy - "Dawn" (04/29)
"The Supreme Court struck down on Wednesday Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani's order of promoting 54 bureaucrats to grade 22 and said that the discretion exercised by the Prime Minister was not in consonance with the well-known principles of fair play and good governance."

News Story: U.S. Supports Pak, India Prime Ministerial Meeting -
"Express" (04/29)

"The United States has expressed support for the high level negotiations between Pakistan and India. A statement issued by the State Department said that the recent meeting between the Pakistani and Indian prime ministers is important for the entire region."

News Story: DynCorp Monitoring Pak-Afghan Border: U.S. - "The News"
(04/29)

"U.S. on Wednesday admitted that it has hired services of its security company 'DynCorp' for surveillance of Pak-Afghan border. A formal agreement was also struck with Government of Pakistan in this regard. U.S. state department in its audit report disclosed that 32 million dollar has been utilized for surveillance of Pak-Afghan border and 356 million dollar has been given to Afghanistan so far."

News Story: U.S. To Probe Contractors' Role in Pakistan, Afghanistan

"U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates has opened an inquiry into whether a top Defence Department official violated Pentagon rules by setting up a network of private contractors to gather intelligence in Pakistan and Afghanistan, the New York Times reported on Wednesday."

News Story: U.S. Unlikely To Block Chinese N-Exports To Pakistan -
"Dawn" (04/29)

"U.S.-India nuclear deal prevents the Obama administration from blocking a possible export of two Chinese nuclear power reactors to Pakistan, says a U.S. think-tank, said a report released by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington."

News Story: Five Arabs Killed In N. Waziristan Clash With FC -
"The News" (04/29)

"Situation is rapidly deteriorating in North Waziristan Agency as five foreign nationals, believed to be Arabs, were killed while two paramilitary Frontier Corps (FC) men sustained bullet injuries in a clash at Esha check-point near Miramshah on Wednesday."

News Story: Hakimullah Alive, Says UK Paper - "Dawn" (04/29)

"Taliban leader Hakimullah Mehsud survived an American drone strike in January and is alive and well, a senior official of Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence agency told the Guardian on Wednesday."

News Story: U.S. Trying To Improve Partnership With Muslims -
"Pakistan Observer" (04/29)

"Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the scandal of Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse and the Guantanamo Bay detention camp altogether have tarnished the image of the U.S. and the summit called by President Obama was an endeavor to improve relationship with the Muslim world. These were the observations of the delegates who participated in the U.S. President Barack Obama's summit concluded yesterday at Washington which was attended by around 250 entrepreneurs from countries across the Muslim world. 'This was not simply an exercise in public outreach or public diplomacy,' said Ben Rhodes, one of Obama's top National Security Advisors. 'We believe that this is the beginning of forging kind of very tangible partnerships in a critical area.'"

News Story: No Development Without Women: Hillary - "Dawn" (04/29)

"U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told Muslim entrepreneurs

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on Wednesday that they could not achieve a sustainable economic standing or build durable democracies unless women were at the table as equal partners. 'What we're doing is trying to pry open those doors of opportunity for more people to walk through - more people in Muslim majority countries and more women, specifically,' she said. Earlier, she announced a series of initiatives designed to boost U.S. relations with entrepreneurs in countries with large Muslim populations."

TERRORISM/MILITARY ISSUES

News Story: Osama Wants To Use N-Arms, Says Former Guard - "Dawn" (04/29)

"Al Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden has sought and wanted to use nuclear arms, former bodyguard Nasser al-Bahri said in an interview with an Arab daily published on Wednesday. 'Sheikh Osama used to dream of possessing nuclear weapons, and I am sure that if he were to get his hands on a nuclear weapon, he would not have hesitated to use it,' the Yemeni guard told the London-based Al-Quds Al-Arabi."

News Story: South Asia Must Join Hands Against Extremism: Gilani - "Daily Times" (04/29)

"Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani on Wednesday urged SAARC member countries to join hands to fight the forces of extremism and intolerance. Addressing the 16th SAARC Summit in the Bhutanese capital, Gilani told the participants 'we need to forge a common front, based on tolerance, on respect for human dignity and universal values.'"

News Story: Pakistan, Afghanistan Make South Asia Terror Capital - "Daily Times" (04/29)

"Increasing terror attacks in Pakistan and Afghanistan triggered a spike in the number of civilians killed or wounded in the region last year and pushed South Asia past the Middle East as the top terror region in the world, according to new figures compiled by a U.S. intelligence agency."

News Story: Elimination of Terrorists to Take Three Years: CM - "Dawn" (04/29)

"Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Amir Haidar Khan Hoti said his government is determined to continue efforts to eliminate the menace of terrorism."

News Story: Top Taliban Leader Among Six Set Free By Pakistan - "Daily Times" (04/29)

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"When Pakistani security forces, aided by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) captured the Taliban's second-in-command, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, in February. His arrest was followed quickly by the nabbing of some 10 or more Taliban leaders, though their detention was never officially announced. But the biggest catch among these most recent detainees - Abdul Qayum Zakir - has been released, according to an article published in Newsweek magazine.... Reliable Taliban sources told Newsweek that at least six of those captured leaders were quietly released, Zakir among them."

News Story: 4 Policemen Killed In Peshawar Car Bomb Attack -
"Dawn" (04/29)

"Four policemen were killed in what a police officer called a suicide attack near a police check-post in Pir Bala on the outskirts of Peshawar early on Wednesday morning. Eight policemen and six civilians were injured. The powerful blast destroyed the post and damaged a nearby mosque, 10 houses and 12 shops. An armored personnel carrier parked outside the post was blown up. Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan claimed responsibility of the attack and its spokesman Azam Tariq told the 'Dawn' correspondent in Tank on telephone that the blast was a revenge for military operations."

News Story: U.S. Condemns Suicide Attack in Peshawar - "Islam"
(04/29)

"The U.S. Embassy in Pakistan condemned the suicide attack today that killed security personnel and injured civilians at a police check post on the outskirts of Peshawar. We extend our condolences to the victims' families and friends, and to the Pakistani people."

News Story: Ex-MI Chief Washes Hands Of Hosing - "Dawn" (04/29)

"Maj-Gen Nadeem Ijaz, a former director-general of the Military Intelligence, has rejected as baseless insinuations that he had ordered the hosing down of the site of Benazir Bhutto's assassination on Dec 27, 2007. According to sources, the ex-MI Chief submitted on Wednesday a detailed statement, along with some documents, to the three-member committee investigating the washing down of the crime scene."

POLITICAL ISSUES

News Story: Gilani And Singh Hold Formal Meeting Today - "Dawn"
(04/29)

"Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani and his Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh met here informally on Wednesday after a lunch hosted by Prime Minister of Bhutan Jigme Y. Thinley for all heads of SAARC delegations. The two leaders, who are scheduled to have a formal

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meeting on Thursday (Today) on the ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ 16th SAARC Summit, walked together in the SAARC village for some time and exchanged views."

ECONOMY/ENVIRONMENT

News Story: China To Build Two Nuclear Reactors In Pakistan: report - "Business Recorder" (04/29)

"China has agreed to build two new civilian nuclear reactors in Pakistan, a report said on Thursday. Chinese companies will build at least two new 650MW reactors at Chashma in Punjab province, the Financial Times said."

EDITORIALS/OPINIONS

Editorial: Words But No Action, an editorial in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (04/29)

"President Obama's speech on the need to better U.S. relations with the Muslim World is weak and unconvincing.... At a time when the war is killing and maiming people in Afghanistan and Iraq and US drones are butchering the tribal population in FATA, his words of support and the plan to improve relations is merely an eyewash. When the U.S. campaign of persecution against Muslims is in full swing, how could he say that he is making the change? Muslims from around the world are dismayed at his failure to heal the West-Islam rift.... In reality, however, it was just another President stepping into his predecessor's shoes and in fact nothing more than a docile puppet controlled by powerful forces who hold sway over U.S. foreign policy and establishment like the American Israel public Affairs Committee and other such sinister lobbies.... What is needed is a fundamental change in U.S. foreign policy."

Editorial: Mr. Obama's 'Determination', an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (04/29)

"Good intentions often make news and do count, especially when they come from the President of the sole superpower. However, history shows that good intentions are often challenged and destroyed. This has been Palestine's diplomatic history. On Monday, while talking to Muslim entrepreneurs in Washington President Barack Obama said America would never waver in its determination to ensure 'a two-state solution' to the Arab-Israeli conflict.... Will Israel go along with Mr. Obama's 'determination' to never waver on this issue and finally see peace in the holy land? Obviously not.... American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) has a big say in America's Middle East policy, the U.S. President's good intentions

notwithstanding. When AIPAC says no ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ Congress and America find it difficult to say yes."

Editorial: Obama's Vow To End Mistrust With The Muslim World, an editorial in the second-largest, nationalist Urdu daily "Nawa-i-Waqt" (cir. 150,000) (04/29)

"American President Barack Obama that there is much in common between America and the Muslim communities around the world, still both of them lack trust and America will have to take action to end this mistrust.... He said so while addressing a two-day meeting of over 50 Muslim countries leaders, traders, investors and scholars in Washington.... The mistrust cannot go away by exchanging trade delegations; for that anti-Muslim, crusading American policies will have to be ended."

Indian Diplomat's Arrest - "Dawn" (04/29)

"The highly publicized arrest of Madhuri Gupta suggests that India is in no mood to change its policy towards Pakistan. In the world of diplomacy, it is unthinkable that a spying case could be revealed by a government if it is interested in improving ties with another country. So going forward, Pakistan should continue to do what it has been doing lately and emphasize that it would like to restart the dialogue with India but without preconditions. It isn't ideal, but it's the best that can be done in the circumstances."

Editorial: The Need For Indo Pak Talks And Congress' Attitude, an editorial in the liberal Urdu daily "Express" (circ. 25,000) (04/29)

"Foreign Minister Shah Mehmud Qureshi is a hundred percent right when he says that secretary-level talks will not be helpful, and that talks at the senior leadership level should be resumed so that they can produce a positive outcome. He is also right when he says that India should look beyond the Mumbai attacks. For this to happen, the Congress party should bring about a positive change in its thought and attitude; and if PM Singh wants to move ahead with a dialogue, his party should not hold him back."

Opinion: Counterinsurgency Operations, an op-ed by Ikram Sehgal in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (04/29)

"Counterterrorism efforts can never be successful without non-violent initiatives viz. (1) dispensing of equitable justice (2) maintaining absolute credibility (3) providing sound education and (4) curbing religious militancy. Preceding all this must be an immediate and adequate relief to those affected by the fighting. For some time the people will believe what you want them to hear, the backlash will come when they find out the truth. The militants will

exploit this lack of credibility. ~~It is for those~~ UNCLASSIFIED
those who have chosen the path of militancy. The political compulsions of the elected representatives force them to (a) deny acknowledging the obvious (b) shift all the blame for terrorism on the warped ideology of its perpetrators instead of coping with the root causes and (3) passing on the buck on circumstantial evidence.... India is interfering in Pakistan's internal stability while defaming Pakistan as a 'terrorist sponsor' state on each and every world forum, from every platform imaginable. While Pakistan should certainly do more to stop the Taliban from FATA from going across the Durand Line, the U.S. must decide what is good or bad for the region and reciprocally stop Indian activity on our western borders, particularly Balochistan."

(All circulation figures are based on estimation)
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