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 SUBJECT: PAKISTAN MEDIA REACTION: APRIL 13, 2010

Summary: Coverage of the Nuclear Security Summit continued to dominate front pages of all newspapers on Tuesday morning. President Obama's remarks that the "U.S. has no sinister designs on Pakistan nuclear program," and that PM Gilani has "increased in his stature" received prominent display. All newspapers highlighted Prime Minister Gilani's assurance that "Pakistan nuclear assets are in fully secure," and that "had Osama Bin Laden hidden in the tribal areas bordering with Afghanistan, he would have been killed in the massive military operation by Pakistan." Likewise media also reported that "Pakistan seeks non-discriminatory access to civilian nuclear technology" and that President Obama has agreed to visit Pakistan in the near future. Several major papers published a NYT

report that Pakistan is gearing to ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ demand ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ of nuclear weapons-grade fuel and blocking talks on a treaty that would halt global production of nuclear material. "The News," observed in its editorial titled, "Nuclear knots," that "America would not have shifted position on a matter as fundamental as nuclear security unless it was satisfied that we were walking the walk and not just talking the talk." Commenting on the footage of a woman being flogged in Swat, "Pakistan Observer," noted that it was "an act engineered by a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) funded by a foreign country," and the "objective was to malign Pakistan, Islam and Taliban and a bid to build up public opinion against Taliban and for creating necessary justification for action against them." On the domestic front, both electronic and print media reported that at least seven people were killed when protesters demonstrating against renaming the NWFP as Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa clashed with police in Abbottabad. End Summary.

#### TOP STORIES

News Story: Meeting With Gilani: Obama Says US Has No Designs On Pak Nukes - "Dawn" (04/13)

"U.S. President Barack Obama has assured Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani that his country has 'no sinister designs' on Pakistan's nuclear program. The assurance, given at a meeting between the two leaders on Sunday, also included a declaration of confidence in Pakistan's capability to defend its nuclear installations."

News Story: Obama Says Gilani Has Raised His Stature - "The News" (04/13)

"Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani got an unexpected and welcome boost on Sunday evening when President Barack Obama showered special praise on him while discussing the constitutional developments in Pakistan, saying: "You have increased in your stature."

News Story: Nuclear Security Summit Pak Nukes Fully Secure, Says PM- "The News" (04/13)

"Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has assured the world that Pakistan's nuclear assets are in fully secure hands as Islamabad has made the security arrangements for its nuclear facilities parallel to none."

News Story: No Clue To Osama, PM Tells U.S. Media- "The News" (04/13)

"PM Yousaf Raza Gilani Monday expressed complete ignorance regarding whereabouts of Al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden. He said that had Osama Bin Laden hidden in the tribal areas bordering with

Afghanistan, he would have been killed in a massive military operation by Pakistan as a large number of terrorists and their leaders were eliminated." UNCLASSIFIED

News Story: Pakistan Pitches For Civil N-Deal At Summit - "Dawn" (04/13)

"Pakistan made use of the nuclear summit on Monday to seek access to civil nuclear technology, saying that denying a deal that the United States has already offered to India would be discriminatory. In a national statement issued at the inauguration of the two-day summit in Washington, Pakistan underlined the country's exponentially growing energy needs to back its demand for civil nuclear technology."

News Story: Obama To Visit Pakistan - "Dawn" (04/13)

"US President Barack Obama has agreed to visit Pakistan in the near future, but his schedule will be finalized later, officials said on Monday."

News Story: Mumbai Attackers To Be Punished, Says Gilani- "Dawn" (04/13)

"US President Barack Obama conveyed India's concerns over the Mumbai terror attacks when he met Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani on Sunday evening, and the Pakistani leader reiterated a pledge that those responsible for the attacks would be brought to justice."

#### TERRORISM/MILITARY ISSUES

News Story: Pakistan Gearing To Expand Nuclear Production: NYT - "Daily Times" (04/13)

"Pakistan is gearing to expand production of nuclear weapon grade fuel and blocking talks on a treaty that would halt global production of a new nuclear material, reported the New York Times on Monday."

News Story: Terrorists Having Nukes Is Obama's Nightmare, Summit To Mull Over Safeguarding Nuclear Assets; Cynic Media Echoes Indian Bogey That Pakistan's N-Weapons Not In Safe Hands- "The News" (04/13)

"The first ever nuclear security summit began here on Monday under the stewardship of US President Barack Obama. He declared the purpose of the summit 'how to safeguard nuclear material, especially the fissile material such as plutonium and highly enriched uranium as well as the more widespread sources of radioactive substances

(that might be used in producing direct bombs falling into the hands of terrorists." UNCLASSIFIED

News Story: Al-Qaeda Bid To Go N-Top Threat: US - "The Nation"  
(04/13)

"US President Barack Obama Sunday warned that nuclear-armed terrorists would pose the single biggest threat to the United States, warning that Al-Qaeda would not hesitate to use a nuclear weapon against the US."

News Story: Two Soldiers Killed In Orakzai Attack - "Dawn"  
(04/13)

"Two security personnel were killed and nine others injured when militants attacked check posts in Shireen Darra area of Orakzai Agency on Sunday night. Six militants were killed and 20 others injured when troops fired back."

News Story: 38 Militants, 2 Security Men Killed In Orakzai - "The Nation" (04/13)

"Thirty-eight militants were killed and two personnel of the security forces were martyred during armed clashes that erupted between the militants and security forces in Orakzai Agency while another four militants were arrested in Rahimabad and Mingora, Swat on Monday."

News Story: US Drone Strike Kills Five In NW- "The Nation" (04/13)

"A US drone fired two missiles into a Taliban compound in North Waziristan tribal area near the Afghan border late Monday, killing at least five militants, security officials said. The compound, located in mountainous Boya village about 20km west of North Waziristan region's main town of Miranshah, belonged to a militant commander."

News Story: NYC Terror Probe Nabs 4th Suspect In Pakistan - "Daily Times" (04/13)

"A fourth suspect in a disrupted plot to bomb New York City subways has been arrested in Pakistan, law enforcement officials said on Monday."

News Story: Two Injured In Attack On NATO Container - "Daily Times"  
(04/13)

"Two men were injured in a bomb attack on a Nato container at the National Highway near Mangochar tehsil in Kalat district on Monday."

News Story: Seven Killed In Abbottabad Violence - "Dawn" (04/13)

"At least seven people were killed and over 200 others injured when protesters demonstrating against renaming the NWFP as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa clashed with police here on Monday."

News Story: Punjab Refuses To Honor Remission Given By President - "Dawn" (04/13)

"The PML-N-led government in Punjab has refused to implement the remission in prisoners' terms announced by President Asif Ali Zardari to celebrate the passage of the 18th Constitution Amendment Bill in the National Assembly, saying it was "premature" and that the remission was designed with one particular prisoner in mind."

#### ECONOMY/ENVIRONMENT

News Story: VAT From Next Fiscal Year, Pak Assures IMF - "The Nation" (04/13)

"Pakistan has, once again, assured the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that it was all set to replace General Sales Tax with Value Added Tax from the start of new fiscal year, sources informed The Nation. According to the sources, the visiting delegation of IMF has shown serious reservations over the, so far, progress of Government regarding the VAT. Besides imposition of the VAT, the IMF has also expressed dissatisfaction over not enhancing the power tariffs. The IMF also asked the Government to reduce the fiscal deficit."

News Story: Lack Of Funds Hampers Projects For IDPs: UN - "Dawn" (04/13)

"The United Nations said on Monday that humanitarian aid for 200,000 people affected by military offensives against Al Qaeda-linked militants might cease because of scarce funds."

#### EDITORIALS/OPINIONS

Editorial: Nuclear Knots , an editorial in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (04/13)

". . . . America would not have shifted position on a matter as fundamental as nuclear security unless it was satisfied that we were walking the walk and not just talking the talk. American diplomats, post to the recent bilateral strategic talks, commented that for the first time they felt that Pakistan was 'playing it straight' - which is something of a backhanded compliment but welcome nonetheless. There are still legitimate concerns about the determination of

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groups like Lashkar-i-Taiba to obtain a license and if we are to foster the emerging sense of alliance then we have to demonstrate that those concerns are being addressed effectively by ourselves. All clubs have a membership fee. The civilian nuclear club that we wish membership of charges a fee we can afford, but will we, in the end, choose to pay it."

Editorial: Need To Curb NGOs Mafia , an editorial in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (04/13)

"Prominent intellectuals and analysts have demanded of the Chief Justice of Pakistan to take suo motu notice of the report that the video featuring flogging of a woman in Swat allegedly by Taliban before operation in the area was an act engineered by a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) funded by a foreign country. The objective was to malign Pakistan, Islam and Taliban and a bid to build up public opinion against Taliban for creating necessary justification for action against them."

Editorial: Khyber Air Strikes, an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (04/13)

"Saturday's bombings in Khyber Agency have shocked the nation and an official apology is in order, not just from the civilian administration but also the armed forces. It is clear from eyewitness accounts that the 60 or so people killed in aerial bombardments in Sra Vela were innocent tribesmen with no links to the militancy wracking the tribal belt. . . . There are several 'conservative' and outright extremist players in the political arena who have much in common with the Taliban and want to see an end to

the military operation. Civilian casualties in the battle arena give them more vitriol with which to embellish claims that this is America's war, not Pakistan's. They must be denied the chance to add fuel to the fire."

Opinion: Gaps In Obama's Afghan Strategy , an oped by Dr Maleeha Lodhi in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (04/13)

". . . . US-led mission is still gambling on military gains aimed at strengthening Washington's bargaining position in the face of lengthening odds but a shortening time frame. If there is a disconnect between military action and political strategy and different elements of the US approach are not aligned in terms of timeframe, resources and capacity, it is hard to see how the stated objectives can be achieved. American officials continue to believe that once the military offensive changes the reality on the ground,

this will bring a weakened Taliban ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ table. Talks with the insurgents for a political solution will therefore have to wait for this to happen. . . ."

Opinion:Drone Strikes: A Violation Of Law , an op-ed by Aaleem Gardezi in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (04/13)

". . . The US persists in its policy of drone strikes in Pakistan. The concept of 'precision bombing' has its own merits as disseminated by the US that unfortunately cannot cover its actions under the said notion because of clear reports of indiscriminate deaths of countless civilians, including women and children. Encroaching upon another state's territorial sovereignty to target militants and killing innumerable civilians would certainly not amount to low collateral damage."

Opinion:What Does This Cajolement Aims At, an op-ed by Nazir Naji in the leading mass circulation populist, often sensational Urdu daily "Jang" (cir. 300,000) (04/13)

"The extraordinary protocol being accorded to Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani and his entourage in the U.S. implies that Washington is going to play a very dangerous trick on Islamabad. In the past, a similar affection showered upon the Presidents Anwar Sadat, Zia-ul-Haq and Pervez Musharraf, at the lawns of Camp David, proved catastrophic for their respective nations. Besides seeking Pakistan's help in Afghanistan, the U.S. has also eyeing our nuclear assets. I am sure that a voluminous file or presentation sugarcoated with irresistible offers will be awaiting Mr. Gilani aimed at exerting immense pressure on him so that he could not help but yield to American demands."

Editorial: U.S. Threat Of Using Nuclear Weapons; We Should Not Neglect Our Defense, an editorial in the second-largest, nationalist Urdu daily "Nawa-i-Waqt" (cir. 150,000) (04/13)

"America's satisfaction that our nuclear weapons are in safe hands on one hand and its apprehension of the nuclear weapons going into the hands of extremists on the other is creating doubts about American designs.... If an incident like 9/11 takes place in the United States what guarantee do we have that America would not target us on that pretext and would not turn us into another Iraq."

Editorial: U.S. Threat And Global Peace, an editorial in the liberal Urdu daily "Express" (circ.25, 000) (04/13)

"The U.S. announcement last week not to produce any more nuclear weapons, followed by an announcement along with Russia to reduce

one-third of its nuclear stockpile were ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ encouraging and positive for global peace. But the latest statement from U.S. officials that the U.S. would use nuclear weapons in case of a chemical attack has caused great concern because it is understood that any such adventure by the U.S. would not be limited in its impact, but create a threat for world peace."

Editorial: Washington Conference: Important Opportunity For Pakistan To Secure A Dignified Place, an editorial in the Lahore-based Urdu daily "Waqt" (cir. 5,000) (04/13)

"The need is for Pakistan to prove to the U.S. and other countries during this conference that it has played a vital role for world peace by taking effective measures to eliminate terrorism. ... It is

important to remind the U.S. that Pakistan is demanding civil nuclear technology to end the imbalance of power in the region and to end discrimination [against Pakistan]. It is hoped that forty countries of the world will agree on an agenda that can save humanity from nuclear weapons."

Editorial: U.S. Should Work For Peace In The World, an editorial in the Lahore-based center-right populist Urdu daily "Khabrain" (cir. 50,000) (04/13)

"Contrary to the global hopes [pinned on the nuclear summit] the U.S. Secretary of State's threat prior to the summit that the U.S. will not hesitate from using nuclear weapons in case of a chemical attack has created an atmosphere of gloom... The basic purpose of the nuclear Security Conference should not only be to stop nuclear proliferation, it should work at how to cleanse the world of nuclear weapons. If the U.S. wants to lead the world, it should work for global peace, especially in those regions where rival countries are confronting each other."

Editorial: Pak-U.S. Relations And Global Peace, an editorial in the Lahore-based independent Urdu daily "Din" (cir. 5,000) (04/13)

"Although it is important for Pakistan to improve strategic relations with the U.S., it is obvious that this is primarily America's requirement and priority. Hence Pakistani officials should strive to get U.S. investors interested to strengthen Pakistan's social sector, end the energy crisis and strengthen the economy."

Editorial: Time To Develop Our Own Resources, an editorial in the leading mass circulation populist, often sensational Urdu daily "Jang" (cir. 300,000) (04/13)

"Pakistan is facing innumerable problems, both internal and external. Apart from the inhuman activities of terrorists, the



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sky-rocketing prices of basic commodities and the acute energy crisis have turned the cost of living into the cost of survival for the masses. It is a good omen that the U.S. has realized our needs and has offered to extend a helping hand. But our leadership needs to understand that no country in the world can guarantee the security and economic prosperity of Pakistan. We think that the time has come for us to fully utilize our own resources with an aim to attain the goal of self-reliance, which is the only panacea to cure all the ills Pakistan is suffering from."

(All circulation figures are based on estimation)

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