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Summary: Wide coverage of a variety statements by U.S. government officials regarding links between Times Square attack suspect, Faisal Shahzad, and militant groups in Pakistan dominated headlines throughout the weekend and on Monday morning. Secretary Clinton's statement warning Pakistan of "severe consequences" if a successful extremist attack in America were traced back to Pakistan was the lead story in all major English and Urdu language newspapers on Sunday, and the subject of several editorials on Monday. In its editorial titled "A Dire Threat," the liberal publication "Daily Times," observed that "though Ms. Clinton tried to water down her 'warning' by praising Pakistan's efforts in the war against terror, the subtext of her statement cannot be ignored. In fact, the threat

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is very serious." The mass-circulated "Dawn," noted that "Ms Clinton's blatant threat is an outright contradiction of the international diplomatic norms." While, "Pakistan Observer," in its article titled, "Is It Clinton's Sudden Rush Of Blood?," opined that "the tone and tenor of Hillary Clinton in her interview with CBS TV sounded like a warning to an adversary rather than a front line partner in the fight against terrorism." Newspapers also carried General Petraeus' statement that "the Times Square bombing suspect is a 'lone wolf' who did not work with others." On Monday morning, all major newspapers led with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's statement that [the U.S.] has "now developed evidence that show the Pakistani Taliban were behind the attack." The media also reported that the U.S. has formally asked Pakistan to probe the Taliban's role in the Times Square incident, and carried Foreign Minister Qureshi's comment that "Faisal Shahzad is a naturalized American citizen" and that the "Government of Pakistan will cooperate with the U.S. and help it in every possible way." In a front page report, "Daily Times" highlighted that the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan has shifted its focus to "targets in the U.S. and other western countries instead of sticking to its home base."

In other stories, reports of a U.S. drone strike that killed six people in North Waziristan and Defense Minister Mukhtar's rejection of American media reports of an extension in drone strikes also received prominent coverage. "Dawn," in an exclusive article, reported that Western missions in Pakistan opposed the GOP's decision to scan diplomatic pouches following complaints that some missions have misused the facilities. Weekend media reports included General McChrystal's visit to Pakistan to provide an update on ISAF's current operations in Afghanistan and consult with Chief of Army Staff General Kayani, and a report that military officers from Pakistan's National Defense University (NDU) completed a week-long study tour to the U.S. U.S. assistance for the rehabilitation of 187 schools in the Peshawar district also received coverage. End Summary.

#### TOP STORIES

News Story: Clinton Warns Pakistan Of 'Severe Consequences' -  
"The News" (05/09)

"Pakistan faces 'very severe consequences' if a terror plot like the failed Times Square bombing was traced to that country, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said in remarks made public on Saturday. However Clinton also acknowledged Pakistan's increased cooperation in the war on terror, but said the United States expected more. 'We've made it very clear that if - heaven-forbid - an attack like this that we can trace back to Pakistan were to have been successful, there would be very severe consequences,' Clinton told CBS's '60 Minutes' program, according to excerpts released by

the TV network."

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News Story: Shahzad A 'Lone Wolf': Petraeus - "Dawn," "The News"  
(05/08)

"A senior U.S. military Commander and a lawmaker said on Friday they believed the man who tried to bomb New York's Times Square was a 'lone wolf.' Gen. David Petraeus told The Associated Press, a U.S. news agency there was no indication that Faisal Shahzad worked with others in concocting the terror attack or the homemade bomb. 'We don't know that this individual did something that escaped in some way our ability to pick up on either his trip to Pakistan or some other case,' said Congressman Silvestre Reyes, Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, when asked at a news conference why U.S. intelligence agencies failed to learn about Faisal's links to the Taliban."

News Story: Pakistani Taliban Behind Bomb Attempt: U.S. - "The News" (05/10)

"The United States is convinced that a Pakistani Taliban group closely allied with al-Qaeda was behind the attempted bombing in New York's Times Square, administration officials said on Sunday. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said the Pakistani government was cooperating in the ongoing investigation of the May 1 incident and the Obama administration will keep the pressure on for their continued help. 'We've now developed evidence that show the Pakistani Taliban was behind the attack,' he said in an interview on ABC television's 'This Week.'"

News Story: 'If Pakistan Doesn't Act, U.S. Will': U.S. Puts Blame On Taliban For NY Bomb Plot - "Dawn" (05/10)

"If Pakistan failed to take appropriate actions against the Taliban, the United States will, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said on Sunday as he and other American officials firmly blamed the Pakistani Taliban for a failed attempt to blow up a bomb in New York's Times Square. 'To the extent that it does not, we will, as Secretary Clinton indicated, take the appropriate steps,' said Mr. Holder when asked to explain her earlier statement. In an interview recorded on Friday, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton warned that if a successful terrorist attack was traced back to Pakistan, the consequences for that country would be 'very severe.' Several senior U.S. officials and lawmakers appeared on television talk shows on Sunday, spelling out how the United States planned to deal with the consequences of last week's failed bombing attempt."

News Story: Pakistani Taliban Behind New York Bomb: White House - "Business Recorder," "The News" (05/10)

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"President Barack Obama's homeland counterterrorism adviser said Sunday that authorities believe the Pakistani Taliban was behind the attempted car bombing at Times Square. White House adviser John Brennan said that while the investigation is ongoing, it appears that accused bomber Faisal Shahzad was working for the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP."

News Story: No Single Country Can Curb Terrorism: Obama "The News" (05/10)

"Stressing the need for collaborative international efforts for a successful fight against terrorism, U.S. President Barack Obama has said no single country can curb the menace entirely on its own. 'We just recently had an attempted terrorist act in New York and it's a signal I think happening in Moscow or they're happening in New York, that countries have to work together to make sure that these terrorists are apprehended, that their networks are destroyed, that their sources of financing dry up,' he told a Russian TV channel in an interview."

News Story: Pakistan To Investigate NY Bomber Links: Malik - "Dawn" (05/09)

"Interior Minister Rehman Malik promised on Saturday to investigate links between the man accused of the failed Times Square bombing on May 1 and militants in Pakistan. Malik said he had received a formal request from U.S. authorities to look into possible links with militants in the tribal areas, Malik told reporters in Islamabad."

News Story: Faisal A U.S. citizen: Qureshi - "The News" (05/10)

"Foreign Minister Mehmood Qureshi said on Sunday Faisal Shahzad, the man involved in failed attack at Times Square, is not a Pakistani but a naturalized American citizen, and the government of Pakistan will cooperate with the United States and help them in whatever way we can, reports Geo News."

News Story: TTP Shifts Focus To Targets In U.S., The West "Daily Times" (05/10)

"The failed bombing in New York's Times Square is a possible signal that the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) have shifted their focus to targets in the U.S. and other Western countries instead of sticking to their home base, according to U.S. counter-terrorism officials."

News Story: Foreigners Among 10 Killed In Drone Strike - "Dawn" (05/10)

"Two missiles fired by a U.S. drone struck a compound in North

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Waziristan Agency on Sunday morning, killing 10 suspected militants and injuring three others. There were foreigners among those killed in the attack on the compound in Enzer Kass village of Datakhel tehsil, 40km west of Miramshah, according to sources."

News Story: Extension Of Drone Strikes 'Mere Speculation': Mukhtar - "Dawn" (05/10)

"Defence Minister Ahmed Mukhtar on Sunday said that reports about the extension of the sphere of drone strikes in Pakistan are mere speculation on part of American newspapers, while speaking to the media in Gujrat."

News Story: Western Missions Oppose Diplomatic Bag Scanning - "Dawn" (05/10)

"The government's decision to get diplomatic bags of foreign missions scanned has sparked a debate over its legality with western diplomats criticizing the move. The scanning of diplomatic bags was recently started on the instructions of Foreign Office after complaints by security agencies that some missions were abusing the facility. According to new procedures, bags being carried by diplomatic couriers are selectively X-rayed. Besides, the embassies are being charged Rs2 kg for the scanning."

News Story: NATO's ISAF Commander Visits Pakistan - "Daily Times," "The News," "Jang," "Nawa-i-Waqt," "Express" (05/08)

"Gen. Stanley McChrystal, NATO's International Security Assistance Force commander, is scheduled to visit Pakistan today (Saturday) to update on the ISAF's current operations in Afghanistan and consult Chief of Army Staff Gen. Ashfaq Kayani."

News Story: Pakistani Military Officers Travel To U.S. On Study Visit - "Express" (05/08)

"Twenty-two military officers from Pakistan's National Defense University traveled to the United States this week for a week-long foreign study tour to encourage increased communication and positive relationships between the U.S. and Pakistani militaries. The exchange program, developed as part of the close cooperation between Pakistan and the United States, focused on the development of U.S. national security policy and on U.S. civil-military relations."

News Story: U.S. Supports School Rehabilitation In Peshawar - "Jang" (05/08)

"U.S. Consul General in Peshawar E. Candace Putnam and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Additional Secretary for Education Qaiser Alam today

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visited the Government Primary School and Cultural University, Peshawar - one of 187 schools in the Peshawar district that the United States Government is rehabilitating to improve the environment for learning. 'We in the United States are enormously impressed by the courage and determination of the people of Peshawar to help young people get the schooling they deserve,' said Ms. Putnam."

#### TERRORISM/MILITARY ISSUES

News Story: Obama Tells Aides Not To Be Distracted On Afghanistan  
"The News" (05/10)

"U.S. President Barack Obama has told key members of his administration not to be 'distracted' by public spats with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, but to focus on shared common goals. A U.S. official signaled on the eve of Karzai's arrival in Washington for a four-day visit, that the United States wanted to overcome the 'ups and downs' of its relationship with him and refocus on the fight against the Taliban."

News Story: Divergent U.S Views do not Bode Well, Islamabad Feels -  
"The News" (05/10)

"There is a clear disconnect between Pentagon and the U.S. State Department as far as investigations into the failed attack in Times Square is concerned, with officials in Islamabad saying that these different approaches do not augur well for the complex situation that already exists. In an interview on Saturday with the Council on Foreign Relations, Gen. David Petraeus, shrugged aside any changes of jeopardizing increasing military to military cooperation between the U.S. and Pakistan, because of the Times Square incident.... On

the other hand in complete contrast, a day later, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, said that the United States has evidence that the Pakistan Taliban were behind the failed attempt to detonate a car bomb in the heart of New York city.... These U.S. officials appear to be playing good cop-bad cop, which is an attempt to put more pressure on Pakistan.... Meanwhile, the sense one gets from the security establishment is that future military operations in North Waziristan would be undertaken not at the behest or any pressure from the U.S., but as and when they are decided by GHQ. This was best put once again by David Petraeus while commenting on future operations in North Waziristan."

News Story: No Relative of NY Bomb Suspect Held, Says Minister -  
"Dawn" (05/10)

"Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain has said that the provincial government has neither arrested nor taken

into protective custody the parents and relatives of Faisal Shehzad, who is accused of New York Time Square bombing plot." UNCLASSIFIED

News Story: 43 Taliban killed in drone strike, army operation -  
"Daily Times" (05/10)

"Security forces and drone strikes killed around 43 Taliban in various areas of the FATA on Sunday. At least 33 Taliban were killed and four injured during clashes with security forces and jet air strikes in Orakzai Agency, official sources said on Sunday."

News Story: Jamaat-i-Islami Holds Rally Against Price Hike, U.S. Influence - "Business Recorder" (05/10)

"Retorting to United States' latest threat of overrunning Pakistan if incident like the Time Square takes place again, chief of Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) Syed Munawar Hassan on Sunday said that millions of faithful would leave no stone unturned in defending their motherland against any aggression. Addressing the participants of a caravan - 'U.S. slavery unacceptable,' the JI chief urged the government and military establishment to review their policies towards U.S."

News Story: JI Leaders Vow To Expedite 'Go America Go' Campaign -  
"The News," "The Nation" (05/10)

"The three-day Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) congregation concluded here on Sunday with the pledge to expedite the 'Go America Go' campaign and mobilize the masses against the U.S. presence in Afghanistan. The JI gathering stressed upon the government to stop military operation in Kala Dhaka and Dir Upper and stop the killing of innocent countrymen just to please the U.S."

News Story: Troops Seize Taliban Bastion In Dabori - "Dawn" (05/10)

"In what is being described here as a major success in the military operation in the Orakzai region, security forces took control of the Taliban headquarters of Dabori on Sunday. According to sources, troops seized the small town after fierce clashes with insurgents and launched a mopping up operation in the area. The town served as a base of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan in the region."

News Story: Premature to Link NY Incident to Waziristan: Malik -  
"The News" (05/09)

"Minister for Interior Rehman Malik on Saturday said it was premature to link the New York incident to Waziristan. He said only Pakistani agencies will investigate the matter and no foreign team would be allowed to come to Pakistan for this purpose. The Minister

was talking to media persons at his residence after his return from China." UNCLASSIFIED

News Story: U.S. Eyes Pak Help - "The News," "Daily Times" (05/08)

"The United States is prepared to provide more assistance to Pakistan, if Pakistan wants it, in the wake of last week's attempted car bombing in New York, Defence Secretary Robert Gates said on Friday. But Gates appeared to play down the chances of an expanded crackdown by Pakistan because of the strain its security forces are already under battling militants in tribal areas bordering Afghanistan."

News Story: U.S. Acts With Balance in NY Case - "The News" (05/08)

"Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said the United States had acted in a balanced manner in Faisal Shahzad case, and Pakistan would extend cooperation to the U.S. Talking to the media at Lahore Airport here Friday, Qureshi said it was premature to make any statement until investigation was complete, but stated that the government had agreed to work with the U.S."

#### POLITICAL ISSUES

News Story: Pakistan Rejects U.S. Demand for 175 Visas for Military Personnel" - "Ausaf" (05/10)

"The United States has demanded Pakistan to raise the limit of visas for Americans up to 850. As many as 395 visas are required for diplomats and U.S. auditors, and 175 others for American soldiers to be stationed in Pakistan. As per agreement, Pakistan is bound to issue 220 diplomatic visas to U.S. nationals. According to source, besides diplomats, Islamabad has issued 220 visas to the U.S. auditors but has refused to do so for American military personnel and has sought explanation for this request from Washington. The U.S. wanted to deploys these soldiers at its Embassy and Consulates in Pakistan. However, Islamabad has refused to entertain this demand."

News Story: Hamesh May Be Extradited Soon "The News" (05/10)

"With the PML-N, the U.S. Embassy and the media building pressure, the Foreign and Interior Secretaries have decided to bypass the reluctant Law Ministry and agreed on Saturday to convey the required assurances to the U.S. to extradite the Bank of Punjab fugitive President Hamesh Khan from Virginia in the US.... The FO sources said that the required assurances would be formally conveyed to the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad either by Sunday evening or tomorrow



(Monday) to ensure that Hamesh Khan was extradited to Pakistan, much ahead of the U.S. deadline." UNCLASSIFIED

News Story: U.S. Embassy Says Hamesh To Be Released On 14th - "The News" (05/09)

"The U.S. Embassy in Pakistan has also warned that Hamesh Khan would possibly be released on May 14 by the American authorities if Islamabad fails in time to convey to Washington its assurance for fair handling of the former President of the Bank of Punjab after his extradition to Pakistan. U.S Embassy spokesman Richard Snelsire told 'The News' on Saturday that by May 13, Washington must receive Islamabad's assurance in order to secure the extradition of Hamesh Khan."

#### OTHER STORIES

News Story: No CDA Approval: U.S. Embassy \$1 Billion Multipurpose Command Complex Near Completion - "Business Recorder" (05/10)

"The multipurpose military and intelligence command complex of the United States Embassy in diplomatic enclave is near completion. The complex is being constructed at a cost of one billion dollars, without any approval from CDA, and would become one of the largest U.S. embassies/military and intelligence command outposts in the world, sources told Business Recorder on Saturday.... The upcoming fortress-like embassy is meant to accommodate close to 1,000 additional personnel expected to be stationed in Islamabad as part of the U.S. administration's decision to increase its staff in Pakistan, sources said, adding that the new staffers would augment the 750-strong American contingent already based in Pakistan, against a sanctioned strength of 350."

News Story: U.S.-Brokered Mideast Talks Begin - "Dawn" (05/10)

"Palestinians declared on Sunday the start of indirect talks with Israel mediated by the United States, which warned both sides not to undermine its peace efforts. 'I can officially declare today that the proximity talks have begun,' senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told reporters after Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas met U.S. Middle East envoy George Mitchell in Ramallah."

#### EDITORIALS/OPINIONS

Editorial: A Dire Threat, an editorial in the Lahore-based Liberal

English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (05/10)

"U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has threatened that if a future terror attack against the U.S. is traced back to Pakistan,

there will be 'severe consequences. UNCLASSIFIED statement, given in an interview to CBS, comes on the heels of the failed bombing attempt in Times Square. The accused, Faisal Shahzad, is a naturalized American citizen of Pakistani origin. 'I think that there was a double game going on in the previous years, where we got a lot of lip-service but very little produced,' was how Ms. Clinton described the previous regime's double-faced stance on taking out the militants. She appreciated the incumbent government's cooperation and commitment but said that the U.S. 'wants and expects more.' Though Ms. Clinton tried to water down her 'warning' by praising Pakistan's efforts in the war against terror, the subtext of her statement cannot be ignored. In fact, the threat is very serious.... Reading between the lines, it can be safely asserted that Ms. Clinton wants us to go after the Haqqani network. In case we fail to do that, the U.S. has a number of options. It can bomb North Waziristan itself, intensify the drone attacks, bring boots on the ground, or declare war against Pakistan in the worst-case scenario. We cannot afford any of these options given how heavily dependent we are on American aid, both economic and military. Thus it is time for us to let go of our reluctant posture on North Waziristan and take some concrete action before the U.S. does something sinister."

Editorial: U.S. Threat Resemble India's Attitude Towards Pakistan, But Why?, an editorial in the leading mass circulation populist, often sensational Urdu daily "Jang" (cir. 300,000) (05/10)

"With the advent of the Obama administration in the corridors of power in Washington, it had become a pep talk that the U.S. would embark upon a policy of understanding the political, social, and cultural background which spurs the menace of terrorism in this region, and would try to address these causes with the active cooperation of Pakistan instead of, exclusively, relying upon the use of brutal military force. It seemed that both countries were going to establish a new and better partnership, which would not only remove their mutual misunderstandings, but would also help thwart the recurrence of such misapprehensions in future. But the latest threat from Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, has changed the entire scenario. It seemed that following the Indian footsteps, which it had adopted in case of the Mumbai terrorist attacks, the U.S. has traced the abortive New York bomb plot back to Pakistan without conducting proper investigation. This unusual resemblance in the American and Indian attitudes towards Pakistan is not only surprising, but is also meaningful and worrisome. Ms Clinton's blatant threat is an outright contradiction of the international diplomatic norms, therefore the Pakistan government should protest against it forcefully because her statement will not only deepen the existing mistrust between the two countries, but will also give a serious blow to their strategic relations. No doubt, Washington is in possession of several options to arm-twist Islamabad, but it

should not adopt an attitude which can depart from a key and responsible ally." UNCLASSIFIED

Editorial: Is It Clinton's Sudden Rush Of Blood?, an editorial in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (05/10)

"U.S. Secretary of State has delivered a threat of severe consequences if a successful extremist attack in America was traced back to Pakistan. The tone and tenor of Hillary Clinton in her interview with CBS TV sounded like a warning to an adversary rather than a front line partner in the fight against terrorism.... After the Times Square incident, General McChrystal also met the Army Chief General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and the New York Times said on Saturday that he also requested for operation in North Waziristan. In this back ground one has to analyze the Times Square failed attempt and Clinton's warning. The new pressure from Washington is a sharp turnaround from the relatively polite encouragement adopted by the Obama administration in recent months.... In our view, we get excited if routine diplomatic statements come from Washington while the fact is that U.S. has a long drawn agenda and interests. The threat of Hillary Clinton and demands by other American officials for action against militants in South Punjab and North Waziristan are pointers to the emerging scenario in this region."

Editorial: Hillary's Bluster, an editorial in the Peshawar-based, independent regional daily "The Frontier Post" (cir. 7,000) (05/10)

"Hillary must understand that this unfortunate nation has had enough of the skullduggery and dishonesty of America. That should be enough of it. And no tangible gain would occur to her and her folks if she and her clan keep building upon it. The roots of terrorism in America clearly lie inside the country, not outside. Cutting out those roots will harbringer all peace and security to the American people. Hurling threats to outsiders while keeping those roots un-tackled will keep the American lives insecure. She must think over it."

Editorial: Hillary Clinton's Statement Is A Challenge For Our Sovereignty; Consider U.S. An Enemy And Give A Befitting Response, an editorial in the second-largest, nationalist Urdu daily "Nawa-i-Waqt" (cir. 150,000) (05/10)

"Secretary of State Hillary Clinton statement is a direct threat and mere perfunctory reaction to it will not be enough. Our government and military leaderships should now tell America plainly that we are not an easy target.... After Hillary Clinton's statement we don't see any difference in America and India in terms of animosity.... How Pakistan could be implicated if some Faisal Shahzad is involved

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in a failed Times Square incident when a certified American citizen.... American military commander General Stanley McChrystal had demanded immediate military operation in North Waziristan during his meeting with Pakistan Army Chief Pervez Kayani. The Times Square incident is, thus, a ploy to increase Pressure on Pakistan to do more."

Editorial: Hillary Clinton: What Is This Manner Of Talking?, an editorial in the center-right Urdu daily "Pakistan" (cir. 10,000) (05/10)

"We regret to state that America's eloquent lady has adopted a mannerism which does not get along with her persona. Provision of resource to wage a war against extremists and rebels is not an easy job. Maoism movement in India has wreaked havoc in India and despite having plenty of resources India could not force them to surrender. Expecting from Pakistan what is beyond its control and what could push it into a crisis situation is not appropriate. Realism demands that Pakistan be given enough financial resources to combat economic and energy crisis so that it could fight single mindedly against perpetrators of terrorism."

Editorial: Hillary Clinton's Threat, an editorial in the liberal Urdu daily "Express" (cir. 25,000) (05/10)

"It will only be known after the investigation whether Faisal Shehzad acted on his own or whether other people were involved in this attempt. However, the kind of statements coming from the U.S. administration are extremely worrisome.... Hillary Clinton's latest remarks are exactly like those that come from Indian leaders. Strong notice must be taken of the Secretary's latest statement, and the U.S. government must be asked to explain why was there a need for such a strong statement. We must make it clear to the U.S. that cooperation will continue only if the U.S. recognizes Pakistan's sacrifices. This refrain of 'do more' should now come to an end"

Editorial: Secretary Clinton's Threat, an editorial in the popular rightist Urdu-language daily "Ausaf" (cir. 10,000) (05/10)

"The abortive terror plot at the Times Square shows that the U.S. and India have accelerated the pace of hatching conspiracies to create more difficulties for Pakistan. But more worrisome is the criminal silence of our government, and its subservient attitude towards Washington. We think that it is high time for our rulers to understand the hidden objectives of such incidents and tell the U.S. clearly that Pakistan is no more ready to make its masses the fuel of the war against terrorism."

Editorial: U.S. Secretary Of State's Threatening Tone, an editorial in the independent Urdu daily "Din" (cir. 5000) (05/10)

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"Pakistan should not waste any more time realizing the dangers lurking behind the Time Square bomb conspiracy. Instead of wasting time in issuing perfunctory statements or waiting for American requests, Pakistan should devise a workable strategy based on national interests and priorities."

Editorial: U.S. Pressure, an editorial in the Karachi-based

center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000)  
(05/10)

"Gen. Petraeus, the head of the U.S. military in this region, spoke to the Council of Foreign Relations after returning from a trip to Pakistan and struck a far more conciliatory tone. When asked if the timing of the Shahzad plot would adversely impact military-to-military cooperation between the U.S. and Pakistan, Gen. Petraeus replied: 'The attempted New York attack in Times Square, if anything, may strengthen the relationship. In fact, the Pakistani intelligence services, or its police, quite quickly carried out some operations related to this.' So is this a case of the good-cop, bad-cop routine once again being rolled out to get Pakistan to 'do more' in the fight against militancy? If so, it is a bad idea. The Pakistani state is unlikely to respond to threats or inducements on this count. Assistance in relation to the Shahzad case is, both sides appear to agree, being extended by Pakistan. There appears to be some friction, but disagreements are very likely in the course of such investigations. Everything is not a conspiracy; the American side, after all, almost let Shahzad fly out of America. However, the Times Square plot must not be used as a stick to beat Pakistan with. It is the common enemy - the militants - that need to be fought."

Editorial: It Is Violation Of Pakistan's Airspace, an editorial in the Peshawar-based Urdu-language daily "Mashriq" (cir. 55,000)  
(05/10)

"The flights of NATO helicopters over the areas of Landi Kotal have become a routine for the last few months. Despite the fact that we have rendered huge sacrifices in the war against terrorism, the U.S. and its allies do not trust Pakistan. On the contrary, by conducting such incursions into our airspace, they are making fun of the Pakistan government in the eyes of its own people. We think that such aerial inroads into our airspace are creating serious problems for Pakistan hence they must be stopped forthwith."

Opinion: When Slaves Get Mature In Expression of Their Subservient Nature," an op-ed by Irfan Siddiqui in the leading mass circulation populist, often sensational Urdu daily "Jang" (cir. 300,000)  
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"In a fire-spewing mood, U.S. Secretary Hillary Clinton, has threatened that Islamabad will have to face severe consequences if a successful extremist attack in America were traced back to Pakistan. The unfolding drama behind the Faisal Shehzad's story is giving rise to many questions. The conspiracy of the 9/11 attacks has completely ruined at least three countries - Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan - where the cold-blooded killing of innocent people continues unabated. Yet despite all this death and destruction, the U.S. has failed to produce any concrete, explicit, and irrefutable evidence, before the world which could expose the real culprits of this incident. Clinton's latest threat amply reveals the fragility of the so-called Pak-U.S. friendship. Even if Faisal Shehzad's possible affiliation with North Waziristan is established, who can say that the Times Square incident was not a conspiracy hatched by the anti-Pakistan agencies operating in the region?"

Opinion: Faisal Shahzad's Radicalization, an op-ed by Yasser Latif Hamdani in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (05/10)

"What, however, is out of line is Secretary Clinton's warning of "severe consequences" for Pakistan if something like the Times Square attempt succeeds. Clearly, if the Times Square attempt had succeeded, the roots of it lie closer to the American heartland than in Waziristan, which may or may not have served as logistical support. Waziristan no doubt needs to be dismantled but the extremist ideology that inspired the Times Square attempt is germane to American Muslim organizations operating on American campuses. Instead of threatening Pakistan, perhaps the US administration should take a long hard look at Islamic organizations, centers and mosques operating right under its nose."

Opinion: The Attempted Times Square Bombing, an op-ed by Dr. Syed Mansoor Hussain in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (05/10)

"As far as Pakistanis living in Pakistan are concerned, the Faisal Shahzad situation will increase the demands by the U.S. for Pakistan to do more. The Pakistani establishment will seemingly comply albeit after much protestation. The usual suspects will insist that

it is all a conspiracy to destroy Pakistan, as if we needed any outside help to do that!"

Opinion: Dangerous Ideologues, an op-ed by Maajid Nawaz in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (05/10)

"The latest terror escapade in New York's Times Square, involving Pakistani-American Faisal Shahzad, once again corrects a major

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misconception in the popular view surrounding the roots of globalised Islamist extremism. It also reveals a worrying gap, indeed a gaping hole, in both U.S. and Pakistani policy related to this area. Contrary to popular mythology prevalent both here and in the West, Islamist extremism doesn't merely arise as a result of poor academic education, lack of opportunity, poor social mobility or poverty. Admittedly, such factors may contribute somewhat to this phenomenon, but wealth, social status and social mobility form no cast-iron guarantee against the process of radicalization - just as they failed in my own history of 13 years inside an extremist organisation.... The gaping hole that this observation leaves in terms of policy is that both in Pakistan and in the U.S., there is no counter-extremism strategy to speak of. A counter-terrorism strategy does exist, but before somebody resorts to violence and thus becomes a terrorist they have to adopt an extremist mindset. At present there is no policy in place to challenge and refute such a mindset on a societal level."

Opinion: New Strategy Against Terrorism, an op-ed by Saleem Safi in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (05/10)

"The U.S. is hungry for the blood of Osama bin Laden and Mullah Umar, while Pakistan struggles to get rid of Hakeemullah Mehsud. But alive, they may prove a blessing in disguise as the U.S. and Pakistan will need them for talks at an appropriate moment. In Afghanistan, the political solution of the conflict would necessitate talks with bin Laden and Mullah Umar. If Baitullah Mehsud was alive, Pakistan would have needed him for the same purpose.... The Americans, who got a bloody nose in Afghanistan, may soon leave the country without any remorse. But after packing up, the U.S. will face no consequence in the near future. In that scenario, Al-Qaeda, the Taliban and their affiliates will train their guns on Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, which will then have to fight their own citizens. To avoid this eventuality, the two countries need to bolster mutual consultations on the issue. They also needed to chalk out a reconciliation plan with the Taliban and Al-Qaeda by following in the footsteps of Libya. But the questions are: Why Saudi Arabia and Pakistan cannot reconcile with Al-Qaeda and the Taliban, respectively?"

Opinion: The Calculus Of War, an op-ed by Khalid Aziz in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (05/10)

"Calculus is a mathematical measurement technique that calculates minute changes occurring in a trend. Military planners spend an enormous time working out the details of an operation. However, they get so involved in their own construction of events that they normally fail to answer three fundamental questions about any

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operation. Firstly, what are the likely consequences that may arise? Secondly, what will be the exit timeline and strategy for the operation? Thirdly, where does the proposed operation fit into a 'clear hold and build' strategy? The last mentioned is the main reason for the operation in the first place.... One message comes out quite clearly: don't deploy the military unless that is the last option because even if you succeed in breaking the back of the militants belonging to the class of 2010, what about the others that come after them? We must be prepared to take steps to address the drivers of conflict on a long-term basis and on top of the list should be improvement in governance.... The lessons are very clear. Military operations must be short with the possible unintended consequences weighted. Secondly, the operation must have a clear exit strategy based on hold and build elements that are budgeted before an operation begins. Otherwise we will continue to remain in constant warfare."

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