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Summary

1. (C) Public reaction to a May 14 missile strike in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas' (FATA) Bajaur agency has all but fizzled out. The attack, which reportedly killed 14

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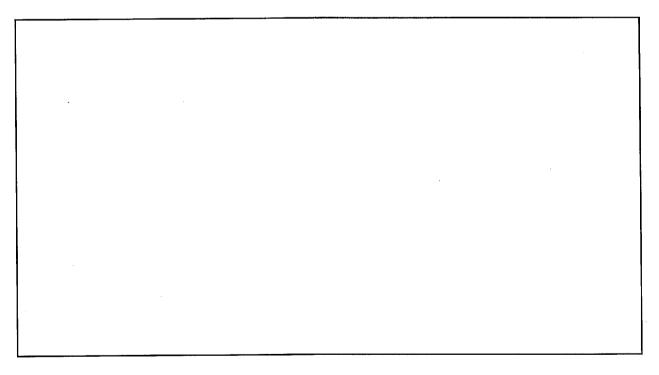
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"Will Not Derail Peace Talks"

6. (U) The attack in Damadola coincided with reports that the GOP is moving ahead with peace talks in South Waziristan and Swat (Ref. B). Reports of troop withdrawals and prisoner exchanges in South Waziristan shared front-page coverage with the attack in Damadola (more on South Waziristan peace deal in septel). While opposition leaders such as Qazi Hussain Ahmad have publicly stated that the attack was an attempt by the United States to "derail" peace talks, NWFP Chief Minister Haider Hoti announced on May 17 that such attacks "could not

budge the provincial government from its stance to negotiate peace in the troubled regions of the province and its adjacent tribal belt."



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