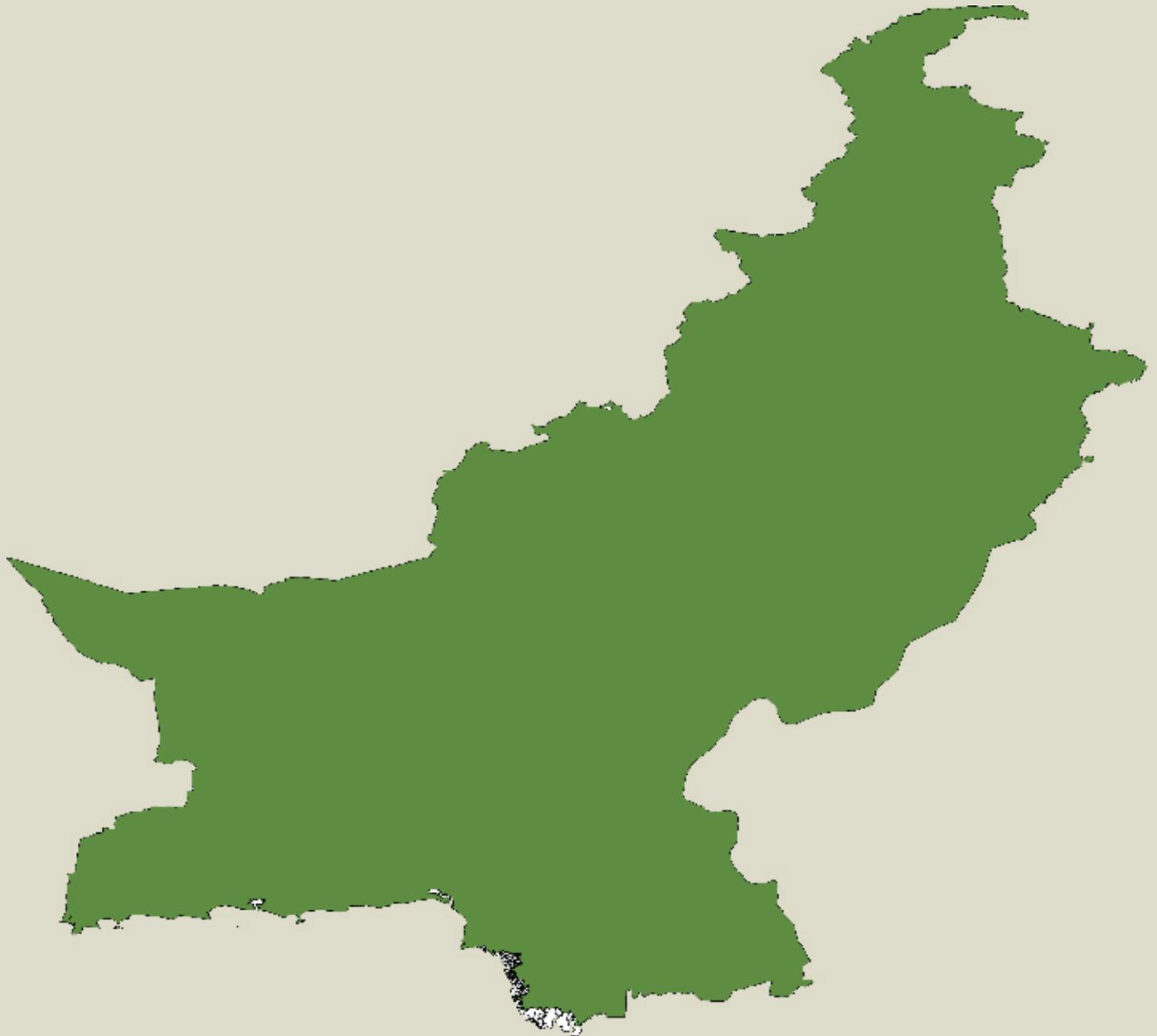


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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB: Asian Development Bank
BLF: Baloch Liberation Front
BSF: Border Security Force
CJCSC: Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee
COAS: Chief of Army Staff
FBR: Federal Board of Revenue
FC: Frontier Constabulary
FIA: Federal Investigative Agency
HVTs: High-Value Targets
ISPR: Inter Service Public Relations
JI: Jamaat-e-Islami
JuD: Jamaat-ud-Dawa
JUI-F: JamiatUlema-e-Islam–Fazl
LeT: Lashkar-e-Taiba
NAB: National Accountability Bureau
Nepra: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority
NP: National Party
NSA: National Security Agency (United States)
PkMAP: PashtoonkhwaMilli Awami Party
PML-N: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz
PML-Q: Pakistan Muslim League-Q
PPO: Pakistan Protection Ordinance
PTI: Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf
SBP: State Bank of Pakistan

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

HAKIMULLAH MEHSUD KILLED

Hakimullah Mehsud killed in drone attack, *Dawn*, November 1¹

Hakimullah Mehsud, chief of the TTP, was killed in a US drone strike in the North Waziristan tribal region on October 31, intelligence officials and the Pakistani Taliban said. Intelligence officials said the Pakistani Taliban supremo was leaving a meeting at a mosque in Dandeh Darpakhel area of North Waziristan when the drone targeted the vehicle he was travelling in. Five militants, including Abdullah Bahar Mehsud and Tariq Mehsud, both key commanders and close aides of Hakimullah, were also killed with two others injured in the drone strike, multiple sources confirmed. Some of the sources said that a cousin and a paternal uncle of Hakimullah were among those killed in the drone strike.

The drone strike occurred just a day before a peace delegation was to leave for the tribal region to hold talks with the Taliban. The delegation had been stopped from proceeding to the tribal region, government officials said. In an attempt to prevent a possible backlash from Taliban militants, security was increased at all sensitive government installations in the provincial capital of Peshawar, including in its Cantonment areas and the localities adjacent to tribal regions.

On November 2, the Afghan Taliban condemned the death and described the killing of Hakimullah as “a big loss” and urged Islamabad to prevent any further US drone strikes.

¹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053410/pakistani-taliban-chief-hakimullah-mehsud-killed-in-drone-attack>,

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053563/us-confirms-hakeemullahs-death>,

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053607/security-high-alert-in-kp-after-ttp-chiefs-killing>,

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053625/afghan-taliban-condemn-hakimullah-mehsuds-killing>

KP to block Nato supplies on November 20 says Imran, Dawn and The Express Tribune, November 3 and 4²

In reaction to the killing of Mehsud, the PTI resolved to cut off Nato supply lines passing through KP. On November 4, the KP Assembly unanimously approved a resolution to block the supply lines. Speaking in the National Assembly, PTI chief Imran Khan said the KP Assembly would block the supply routes on November 20, after Muharram Ashura, if the drone strikes did not cease by then. He said that the US had deliberately sabotaged the process of talks with Taliban by killing Hakimullah.

Nato chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen urged Pakistan on November 4 to keep supply lines open to Nato forces. He said the routes were in Pakistan's interests and contributed to stability in the region. US Secretary of State John Kerry said the US was "sensitive" to Pakistan's concerns.

JUI-F's Fazlur Rehman announced his support for Imran's call to block the supply lines. He called for a new All-Parties' Conference to craft a new national strategy and review the situation after Mehsud's death. JI chief Munawar Hassan said his party was on board with the PTI in blocking supply routes and echoed Fazlur Rehman's call for a new long-term plan to be crafted. He is reported to have called Hakimullah a martyr and urged the Pakistani Taliban to continue talks with the government. He also said the US should be given a "strong reply". The JI passed a resolution condemning the strike and calling for Nato supplies to be halted immediately. MQM Chief Altaf Hussain condemned the JI Chief's martyr statement, saying Mehsud was responsible for the death of tens of thousands of citizens. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari of the PPP also slammed Hassan's martyr comment saying, in a tweet, that someone should do to the JI what Bangladesh did to their JI. ANP leader Sardar Hussain Babak criticised the PTI government, saying calling a session to discuss drones and Nato after the death of Hakimullah was tantamount to showing solidarity with the Taliban. PML-N lawmaker in the KP Assembly Arbab Akbar Hayat said the party would support the PTI resolution since it felt it was an issue of national interest. QWP Chairman Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao strongly condemned continued drone strikes in

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<http://tribune.com.pk/story/626820/blocking-nato-lorries-fazl-backs-imrans-call-with-strings-attached/>,
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1054076/nato-chief-urges-pakistan-to-keep-afghan-transit-lines-open>
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/627000/calling-hakimullah-a-martyr-is-condemnable-altaf-hussain/>,
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/626693/equal-and-opposite-reaction-assembly-to-tackle-issues-of-drone-strikes-nato-supply/>,
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/626406/talks-derailed-qwp-chief-condemns-fridays-drone-strike/>,
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/626390/pakistani-ulema-call-for-shutdown-of-nato-supplies-shutdown-of-drones/>,
<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/04-Nov-2013/us-brushes-aside-charge-drone-strike-scuttled-taliban-talks>

the country and said the attack had further complicated the dialogue process with the TTP.

Members of the *ulema* also condemned the strike and killing; President of 'Wafaq-ul-Madaris Al-Arabia' Maulana Saleemullah Khan; President and Vice President of 'Jaamiyah Darul Uloom' Karachi Mufti Mohammad Rafi Usmani and Mufti Mohammad Taqi Usmani; 'Jaamiyat-ul-Uloom Al-Islamiya' Binori Town Maulana Dr Abdul Razzaq Sikandar; Maulana Qari Mohammad Hafeez Jalandhari and other religious scholars called for the cessation of all cooperation with the US and for the destruction of any drone that violates Pakistani airspace.

The Pakistan army has not commented officially on the drone strike so far.

Ties with US to be reviewed: Interior Minister, Dawn, November 3³

Interior Minister Nisar Ali Khan said that the Cabinet Committee on National Security (CCNS) would meet to review the entire gamut of the US-Pakistan relationship and cooperation at all levels. Earlier, he presided over a meeting attended by Sartaj Aziz, the Prime Minister's Adviser on National Security and Foreign Affairs, and by Tariq Fatemi, the special assistant to the PM on Foreign Affairs, as well as heads of intelligence agencies.

Pakistan Taliban appoint interim leader: spokesman, Dawn, The Express Tribune, and The Daily Times, November 3⁴

Shahidullah Shahid, spokesman of the TTP, said a permanent replacement for Hakimullah Mehsud had not been chosen but Asmatullah Shaheen Bhattani, the head of the supreme shura, had been appointed temporary head of the TTP. On November 2, Khan Syed Mehsud alias Sajna was reported to have been appointed the new TTP chief immediately after the death of Hakimullah Mehsud. Orakzai agency chief Hafiz Saeed, Swat Taliban chief Maulvi Fazalullah, Mohmand Agency chief Omer Khalid Khurasani and Qari Walayat Mehsud (Hakimullah's first cousin) were also seen as contenders for the top spot according to various sources.

³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1053745/ties-with-us-to-be-reviewed-says-nisar>

⁴ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1053844/pakistan-taliban-appoint-interim-leader-spokesman>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013%5C11%5C04%5Cstory_4-11-2013_pg1_2,
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/626173/khan-syed-mehsud-alias-sajna-replaces-hakimullah-mehsud-as-new-ttp-chief/>,
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053612/pakistani-taliban-meeting-chooses-khan-said-sajna-as-new-chief>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013%5C11%5C04%5Cstory_4-11-2013_pg1_2,
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<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053612/pakistani-taliban-meeting-chooses-khan-said-sajna-as-new-chief>

Dawn had earlier reported that Sajna had been officially picked as Hakimullah's successor in a shura where 43 members voted in favour of him and 17 voted against him. The report did say, however, that the appointment of Sajna, who leads the Taliban in South Waziristan, was not confirmed by several splinter groups of the militant organisation. Senior Taliban commander Azam Tariq dismissed media reports that Sajna had been elected as 'speculation', saying that a decision would be made 'in the next few days'. Mullah Fazlullah who is said to be currently based in Afghanistan's Nuristan province, was reported to be holding separate meetings to determine his group's future strategy. Umar Khalid Khurasani is also said to be opposed to Sajna.

Interior Minister laments end of talks, *The Express Tribune* and *Dawn*, November 2 and 4⁵

Briefing members of parliament on the status of talks with the TTP, Interior Minister Nisar Ali Khan said the prospect of dialogue with the militants was "unfortunately" no longer possible.

He also thanked the Army which "went the extra mile" to protect the dialogue, despite the grave security situation that was developing. He also said evidence had been gathered for the QissaKhawani attack, the Peshawar church attack and the killing of Major General Sanaullah Niazi, adding that the timing of these acts of terrorism was suspect. Earlier he was quoted as saying "brick by brick in the last seven weeks we tried to evolve a process by which we could bring peace to Pakistan and what have you (the US) done?" and "You have scuttled it on the eve, 18 hours before a formal delegation of respected ulema was to fly to Miranshah and hand over this formal invitation."

Federal Information Minister Pervez Rashid told reporters in Islamabad on November 2 that the government wanted to press ahead with its plan to negotiate with the TTP and did not want to let "the peace talks die". Referring to Imran Khan's threat, he said blocking Nato supplies would not halt drone strikes as it had been done after the Salala border incident and drone strikes had continued unabated.

At a meeting with heads of parliamentary parties on October 29, before Hakimullah's death, Interior Minister Nisar Khan had said talks would start

⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/627003/peace-talks-with-the-ttp-over-chaudhry-nisar-laments/>,
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053620/pakistan-will-not-let-us-drone-strike-kill-peace-talks-rashid>,
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053255/talks-with-taliban-under-way-pm>,
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053390/pakistani-taliban-say-no-contact-yet-over-peace-talks>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\11\04\story_4-11-2013_pg1_1

in a “structured and formal” manner. The MQM, the PTI, the PML-Q, the PPP and the JUI-F had attended the meeting. On October 31, PM Sharif had said dialogue with the Taliban had begun. On November 1, the Pakistani Taliban had said that they had had no contact with the government, saying the government was making announcements purely through the media.

Karzai criticises timing of Hakimullah Mehsud's killing, *The Express Tribune*, November 4⁶

A statement released by the office of Afghan President Hamid Karzai said he told a visiting US Congressional delegation that the drone strike “took place at an unsuitable time” but he hoped the peace process would not be harmed as a result.

TALKS WITH TTP (Stories published prior to Hakimullah Mehsud's death)

Punjabi Taliban ready for talks, *The Express Tribune*, October 1⁷

Punjabi Taliban commander Asmatullah Muavia said his group was willing to hold unconditional talks with the government, adding that they would present a clear stance on the proposed dialogue within the next three days.

Top Deobandi clerics appeal for talks, *The Express Tribune*, October 3⁸

Clerics from Wafaqul Madaris, a conglomerate of mainly Deobandi madrassas, appealed to the government and the TTP to engage in dialogue to avoid further bloodshed. They said they were willing to mediate the talks. The TTP welcomed the appeal and said if the government announced a ceasefire, the group would follow suit.

ASWJ, JUI-S ask government to initiate talks, *Dawn*, October 6⁹

Leaders at a rally organised by the Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat (ASWJ) on October 4 in Islamabad urged the government to immediately initiate talks with the Taliban. Maulana Samiul Haq, chief of the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Sami (JUI-S), and other speakers accused the government of playing into the hands of foreign powers and said it had failed in getting drone attacks stopped.

Stop drone strikes and we will call a truce: Hakimullah Mehsud, *The Express Tribune*, October 10¹⁰

TTP chief Hakimullah Mehsud told the *BBC* in an interview that he was open to serious talks and that drone strikes must be stopped for there to be any

⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/626885/karzai-criticises-timing-of-ttp-leaders-killing/>

⁷ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/611773/dissent-within-punjabi-taliban-ready-for-talks/>

⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/612847/deadly-militancy-top-deobandi-clerics-willing-to-mediate-peace/>

⁹ <http://dawn.com/news/1047610/aswj-jui-s-ask-govt-to-initiate-talks-with-taliban>

¹⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/616054/stop-drone-strikes-and-we-will-call-a-truce-taliban/>

credible ceasefire. He said the government had not taken steps to approach the organisation and that they did not seem serious about talks.

Opinions and Editorials

Soft on the enemy, Zahid Hussain, *Dawn*, October 22¹¹

With no will to fight, the Sharif administration has already conceded too much ground to the Taliban with extremely dangerous consequences for national security, and *it may not be easy to retrieve the situation*. The latest escalation in violence, including the killing of a senior Khyber Pakhtunkhwa minister, makes the intention of the militants even clearer — talks but only on their terms. [...] The threat cannot wither away by romancing the enemy.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY BUREAU

Qamar Zaman new NAB Chief, *Dawn* and *The Daily Times*, October 9 and 11¹²

PM Sharif and Opposition leader Khursheed Shah have settled on Chaudhry Qamar Zaman to fill the NAB's Chairman post after months of back and forth. The decision was rejected by the PTI, the JI and the PML-Q.

NAB calls for opening of corruption references against Sharif family, *Dawn*, October 9¹³

On October 8, the NAB called for the Sharif brothers and their family to face proceedings for corruption references yet again as they filed an application for re-opening the references in an Accountability Court in Rawalpindi. In October 2011, the Lahore High Court had restrained the court from proceeding.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

PPP reshuffle on the cards, *The Express Tribune*, September 30¹⁴

Sources have said Bilawal Bhutto will launch himself in active politics while Asif Ali Zardari will assume the role of patron-in-chief. This is a ceremonial portfolio that circumvents a law preventing holders of constitutional offices from taking part in politics for two years after vacating the office. The party is also planning reorganization at the grassroots level.

¹¹<http://dawn.com/news/1050923/soft-on-the-enemy>

¹²<http://dawn.com/news/1048301/consensus-developed-on-nab-chairman>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\11\story_11-10-2013_pg7_2,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\11\story_11-10-2013_pg7_5

¹³ <http://dawn.com/news/1048456/nab-pleads-for-reopening-references-against-sharifs>

¹⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/611296/reshuffle-ppp-to-bring-about-organisational-changes/>

PM Nawaz approves Balochistan cabinet expansion, *The Express Tribune*, October 10¹⁵

After a delay of more than four months, PM Sharif has approved the expansion of the Balochistan cabinet. The cabinet has only had three members since June 19. The cabinet will comprise six ministers from the PML-N and three ministers each from the NP and the PkMAP.

Hafiz NaeemurRehman new Jamaat-e-Islami Karachi chief, *The Express Tribune*, October 12¹⁶

JI chief Syed MunawarHasan appointed Hafiz NaeemurRehman as the new Karachi chief for a three-year term on October 11, following intra-party polls on October 5.

AmeerBux Bhutto made adviser to PM, *Dawn*, October 14¹⁷

According to a notification, AmeerBux Bhutto, son of PML-N leader Mumtaz Bhutto, was made adviser to PM Sharif. He will have the status of a federal minister.

Balochistan gets 11 new ministers, *Dawn*, October 15¹⁸

Eleven new ministers of Balochistan government took oath of their offices on October 14, bringing the strength of the provincial cabinet to 14. The full list of ministers and their portfolios are given in the link to this story.

PPP to invite MQM to join Sindh government, *The News International*, October 25¹⁹

The PPP is expected to extend an invitation to the MQM to join the Sindh government. Senior leaders of the MQM gathered in Dubai to hold consultations are meeting with PPP co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari, former Interior Minister Rehman Malik and FaryalTalpur.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Jalil Abbas Jilani made ambassador to US, *The Express Tribune*, October 10²⁰

The government has appointed current Foreign Secretary Jalil Abbas Jilani as Pakistan's Ambassador to the US. The post has been vacant since Sherry Rehman resigned as Pakistan's envoy to Washington after the May 11 parliamentary elections.

¹⁵<http://tribune.com.pk/story/616113/pm-nawaz-approves-balochistan-cabinet-expansion/>

¹⁶<http://tribune.com.pk/story/616717/hafiz-naeemur-rehman-new-jamaat-e-islami-karachi-chief/>

¹⁷<http://dawn.com/news/1049572/mumtaz-bhuttos-son-made-adviser-to-pm>

¹⁸<http://dawn.com/news/1049843/balochistan-gets-11-new-ministers>

¹⁹<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-123820-PPP-to-invite-MQM-to-join-Sindh-government->

²⁰<http://tribune.com.pk/story/616061/ambassador-to-us-jalil-abbas-jilani-gets-coveted-job/>

Musharraf granted bail in Bugti murder case, rearrested for Lal Masjid case
*The Daily Times, Dawn and The News International, October 10*²¹

Hours after the Supreme Court granted bail to Pervez Musharraf over the death Baloch nationalist Nawab Bugti, police said they had put him under two week judicial remand for the Lal Masjid case under orders from a court in Islamabad. He filed a bail plea for the Lal Masjid case as well on October 12. Musharraf has been granted bail in three major cases against him, including one relating to the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

Five NAB references reopened against Zardari, Dawn and The News International, October 11²²

Taking *suomotu* notice, an Islamabad accountability court reopened five NAB references against former president Asif Ali Zardari and has summoned a response from him within two weeks.

Musharraf denies ordering Lal Masjid operation, Dawn, October 15²³

Musharraf has again denied having ordered the Lal Masjid operation, saying it was carried out on a directive of the capital administration at that time. He was being interrogated by members of a Joint Investigation Team (JIT).

'NAB to pursue cases against Sharif, Zardari', to take up 230 other pending cases, Dawn, October 18²⁴

Recently appointed NAB Chairman Chaudhry Qamar Zaman has decided to reopen and pursue major corruption cases, including those against Prime Minister Sharif, former president Asif Ali Zardari and other prominent politicians. On October 14, the NAB set up a special committee to take up more than 230 cases pending for the past three years.

FIA launches probe into Nov 2007 emergency, Dawn, October 19²⁵

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has launched an investigation into the November 3, 2007 emergency imposed by former president Musharraf, DG FIA Saud Mirza said on October 19. On October 12, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said he had asked the FIA to fast-track the high

²¹ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\10\story_10-10-2013_pg1_2,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\11\story_11-10-2013_pg1_4,
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-122033-Rasheed-Ghazi-murder:-Court-grants-14-day-judicial-remand-of-Musharraf>,

<http://dawn.com/news/1049207/lal-masjid-clerics-murder-case-musharraf-files-bail-plea>

²² <http://dawn.com/news/1048986/five-nab-references-reopened-against-zardari>,

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-122049-NAB-references-reopened-against-Zardari>

²³ <http://dawn.com/news/1049804/musharraf-denies-he-ordered-operation>

²⁴ <http://dawn.com/news/1049541/nab-to-pursue-cases-against-sharif-zardari>,

<http://dawn.com/news/1049802/nab-sets-up-committee-to-take-up-over-230-pending-cases>

²⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1050371/fia-launches-probe-into-nov-2007-emergency>

treason case against Musharraf and to take the matter to a logical conclusion within six weeks.

ECONOMIC ISSUES

FISCAL ISSUES

Rs26billion shortfall in revenue collection, *Dawn*, October 1²⁶

Data shows a revenue collection shortfall of Rs. 26 billion for September. Revenue collection stood at Rs203billion against a target of Rs229billion. Revenue collection witnessed a growth of around 17percent, well short of the growth target of 27percent per month. To achieve the annual target of Rs2475billion, the FBR will now have to record collection growth of 32percent in the remaining months.

US releases \$322million through CSF, *Dawn*, October 15²⁷

The US has agreed to release \$322 million to Pakistan from the Coalition Support Fund (CSF). The Ministry of Finance confirmed receipt of the amount by the SBP. Also, the US Overseas Private Investment Corporation has agreed to increase its investment support for Pakistan from half a billion to \$1.5 billion. The World Bank has committed \$700 million to Dasu hydropower project, and also pledged \$1 billion from its international development assistance funds. A World Bank delegation will soon visit Pakistan for talks on the Dasu project. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar made these announcements after his four day visit to Washington.

Rs39billion shortfall in revenue collection, *Dawn*, November 1²⁸

Provisional figures compiled by the FBR showed a collection of Rs636billion in July-October as against the target of Rs675billion projected for the same period, reflecting a shortfall of Rs39billion. The IMF has already projected that annual FBR collection would be near Rs2380billion as against a target of Rs2475billion, a shortfall of Rs95 billion. The SBP projected a revenue collection of Rs2367 billion for 2013-14.

²⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1046536/rs26bn-shortfall-in-revenue-collection>

²⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1049798/us-agrees-to-release-322m-from-csf>,
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/619298/pakistan-gets-322-million-in-csf-dues/>

²⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1053281/rs39bn-shortfall-in-revenue-collection>

TRADE

Imports of oil, foodstuffs fall, textile, clothing exports rise, Dawn, October 23²⁹

Oil and eatables import bill witnessed a decline by over three percent in the first quarter of the current fiscal year over last year, data of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics said on October 22. Pakistan's export of textile and clothing products witnessed a growth of 9.99 percent in the same period.

ENERGY

Electricity price hikes in November, The News International and Dawn, October 1, 4, 11 and 13³⁰

Nepra notified the revised electrify tariff without any major changes on October 11. The SC had earlier ruled against a government decision to implement a massive increase in tariffs. The Ministry of Water and Power issued a notification announcing the revised tariff of electricity would be effective November onwards.

Prices with subsidies: Consumption of 51-100 units, Nepra has recommended Rs. 11/unit, government fixed price at Rs. 5.79/unit. Difference through subsidy.

Consumption of 101-200 units, Nepra has recommended Rs. 14/unit, government fixed price at Rs. 8.11/unit. Difference through subsidy.

Consumption of 201-300 units, tariff is Rs 12.9/unit.

Consumption of 301-700 units, tariff is Rs. 16/unit.

Consumption of 700 and above, tariff is Rs. 18/unit.

The government has estimated that the total power subsidy for 2013-14 will be Rs. 168 billion.

Under pressure from the Supreme Court, the government withdrew a notification spelling out the latest power tariff increases. The SC took notice of the issue on October 1, a day after the government issued a notification of increase in prices. The increase in power tariffs would have impacted domestic consumers with those using 200 to 300 units facing a 72.6 percent increase in

²⁹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1051162/imports-of-oil-foodstuffs-fall>,
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1051161/textile-clothing-exports-rise>

³⁰<http://tribune.com.pk/story/611797/spiralling-tariffs-electric-shock-for-domestic-consumers/>,
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/613459/government-withdraws-power-tariff-increase-notification/>,
<http://dawn.com/news/1047411/power-tariff-hike-notification-withdrawn-ag-tells-sc>,
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-122077-NEPRA-notifies-revised-power-tariff-with-no-big-change>,
<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/business/11-Oct-2013/nepra-restores-power-tariff-notification-withdrawn-by-govt>, <http://dawn.com/news/1049126/electricity-tariff-hike-from-nov>

rates. Consumers using 201 to 300 units per month and 301 to 700 units of electricity would have faced a 30 percent increase in the power.

Under the austerity plan, the federal government has agreed to phase out subsidies in the power sector. To achieve this target, a four-phase plan had been tailored to reduce subsidies from about 1.8 percent of GDP to 0.3 to 0.4 percent of GDP within the next three years. This was to be compounded by a 4.2 percent hike in oil prices.

China offers 3,200MW electricity to Pakistan, *The Nation*, October 25³¹

Addressing Chinese investors in Xinjiang on October 24, Punjab CM Shahbaz Sharif has said the Chinese government had offered Pakistan supply of 3200MW of electricity.

US to invest \$1 billion in energy sector: Sartaj, *The Nation*, October 25³²

Advisor to the PM on Foreign Affairs and National Security Sartaj Aziz said the United States has assured investment of \$1 billion in the energy sector to overcome the crisis, apart from assistance in defence and trade sectors.

Pakistan gas pipeline project to be dropped: Iranian oil minister, *Dawn* and *The Daily Times*, October 30³³

Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said “the contract for supplying gas to Pakistan is likely to be annulled”. He did not give any further details. He was speaking to reporters on the side-lines of a gas forum in Tehran on October 30.

This follows a report by the Islamabad-based Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) which said the pipeline would lead to an economic disaster in Pakistan as the gas sold would likely be several times more expensive than domestic gas currently used. Early in October, Pakistani Petroleum and Natural Resources Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi asked Iran to lend \$2 billion for the construction of Pakistan’s side of the IP gas pipeline project. On October 31, Abbasi said there was “absolutely no chance (of abandoning) the pipeline project because we need it”.

³¹<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/25-Oct-2013/china-offers-3-200mw-electricity-to-pakistan>

³² <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/25-Oct-2013/us-to-invest-1-billion-in-energy-sector-sartaj>

³³<http://www.dawn.com/news/1052939/iran-likely-to-drop-pakistan-gas-pipeline-project-oil-minister>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\09\story_9-10-2013_pg1_2
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053184/pakistan-insists-troubled-iran-pipeline-still-possible>,
<http://dawn.com/news/1049108/iran-urged-to-build-pakistan-side-of-gas-pipeline>

On October 14, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar asked Iranian Finance Minister Ali Tayyebnia at a meeting in Washington to “look into the possibility of constructing the Iran-Pakistan pipeline on Pakistani side as well” because international sanctions were preventing Pakistan from raising finances on its own, said a statement issued by the Pakistan Embassy in Washington. This is because international finance organisations are shying away from funding the project because of sanctions.

On October 9, it was reported that Pakistan had asked Iran for \$2 billion in financing to build its side of the I-P gas pipeline according to Petroleum Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said. Abbasi said the US had not discussed the pipeline with the government “at any level” so far. He said completion was possible if Pakistan could come up with the resources.

INVESTMENT

FDI rises by 85 percent; forex reserves at \$9.2 billion, Dawn, October 23³⁴

FDI increased by \$106 million, or 85 percent in the first quarter of the current fiscal year-on-year, the SBP said. FDI rose to \$230 million in July-September FY14 compared to \$124 million in the same quarter of FY13. The overall country's reserves were \$9.2 billion. Since dollars held by the commercial banks could not be used by the government, the market considers only reserves held by the SBP, which fell from \$9.7 billion in October FY12 to just \$4 billion this October.

Opinions and Editorials

Bad for business, The Express Tribune, October 21³⁵

It is rare to find occasions where foreign investors more accurately diagnose what ails the country than domestic investors, *but the current decline in global portfolio investment inflows in the stock market may be just one of those few occasions where those sitting outside the country appear to have a clearer view than those inside it.* [...] Simply put, the Nawaz Administration needs to realise that dithering on cracking down on militancy is bad for business. *For a party that bills itself as pro-business, that poses a significant political risk as well.*

Opaque Plans: Privatisation List, Dawn, October 25³⁶

THE Privatisation Commission is reported to have drawn up a final, longer list of state-owned enterprises that the government plans to sell to ‘get out of the business of being in business’. The new list has 68 SOEs that will be

³⁴ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1051139/fdi-rises-by-85pc>

³⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/620451/bad-for-business/>

³⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1051371/opaque-plans-privatisation-list>

disinvested to halt the draining of financial resources of some Rs500bn a year. While the government has prepared the list of businesses and functions it wants to give to private investors to own and operate, it is yet to spell out a strategy for implementing its privatisation agenda. [...]The reluctance of businessmen to invest because of deteriorating security conditions and growing energy shortages in the country are going to be more of a challenge for the people entrusted with the privatisation of SOEs than the problems facing the enterprises on the block.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Government backs selloff plan, 31 public entities cited, *The Express Tribune*, October 4³⁷

The government approved a sell-off of 26 percent or more shares of 31 state-owned entities - including Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) - to fulfill a key condition of the IMF's \$6.7 billion bailout.

Italy to provide Rs 5.7 billion loan to Pakistan, *The Nation*, October 6³⁸

Italy said it would donate Rs. 5.7 billion for poverty eradication and education development in Pakistan. The announcement was made in a meeting between the Italian Ambassador to Pakistan and Finance Minister Dar.

IMF cuts Pakistan growth forecast for 2013, 2014, *Dawn*, October 9³⁹

The IMF, in its bi-annual World Economic Outlook report, lowered its growth forecast for Pakistan and the global economy and warned the outlook could get bleaker if the US political standoff over finances drags on. The Pakistani economy is expected grow 2.3 per cent year-over-year in 2013 and 3.6 per cent in 2014, the IMF said, revising July estimates down by 0.7 and 0.1 percentage points per year respectively.

ADB approves \$430million loan for social safety scheme, *Dawn*, October 23⁴⁰

The ADB approved a \$430 million loan to expand and strengthen the Benazir Income Support Programme.

SBP injects Rs. 74 billion, *Dawn*, October 27⁴¹

The SBP injected Rs. 74 billion into the banking system on October 22 through open market operations. The central bank injected the amount for three days at 9.2 percent rate of return. Earlier, Rs61 billion was injected by the SBP on October 11. The government's overall borrowing from scheduled banks is still

³⁷<http://tribune.com.pk/story/613390/imfs-condition-govt-backs-selloff-plan-31-public-entities-cited/>

³⁸<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/islamabad/06-Oct-2013/italy-to-provide-rs-5-7-bln-loan-to-pakistan>

³⁹<http://tribune.com.pk/story/615207/imf-cuts-pakistan-growth-forecast-for-2013-2014/>

⁴⁰<http://www.dawn.com/news/1051229/adb-approves-430m-loan-for-social-safety-plan>

⁴¹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1051154/sbp-injects-rs74bn>

negative since it has been retiring debt this quarter and borrowing from the SBP. The net borrowing of the government from scheduled banks is Rs199billion.

Pakistan's ranking down in report on doing business, *Dawn*, October 30⁴²

The World Bank's 'Doing Business 2014' report ranked Pakistan 110th in a list of 189 countries for ease of doing business due to a lack of reforms to encourage the businesses. It was previously in 107th position. It was ranked 105th for ease of starting a business.

Pakistan Steel receives Rs700million, *Dawn*, October 20 and 31⁴³

Pakistan Steel received Rs700 million from the government on October 30. The amount will help disburse salaries for August, pay utility expenses and procure raw materials.

On October 20, it was reported that Pakistan Steel Mills was currently at eight to nine percent capacity, owing to a shortage of raw materials. PSM's operators hope to obtain 5,000 tonnes of imported coal, which would push up its production capacity to 10 to 12 percent. This comes after a Rs. 1.5 billion government bailout approved last month.

SBP profit falls by Rs27billion, *Dawn*, October 31⁴⁴

The SBP on October 30 issued financial results which showed that profit fell by Rs27 billion to Rs233.7billion in FY13. SBP's profit in the preceding year was Rs260.8billion. The central bank's interest income was higher than last year while losses in exchange gain led to a decrease in profits.

Opinions and Editorials

Predictable situation: Depleting reserves, *Dawn*, October 25⁴⁵

The new SBP external account data shows that foreign exchange stocks *fell most rapidly by \$1.076 bn to \$4.086 bn in 38 days up to Oct 14 on large debt repayments, the growing trade gap and private and official capital inflows drying up – in spite of substantial growth in workers' remittances*. Even the IMF's help failed to shore up reserves as was being projected earlier, *because disbursements under the new loan have fallen shy of previous debt repayments*. So if the rupee has depreciated by 7.6pc against the dollar since July, it is no surprise. Neither should mounting concerns about further weakening of the exchange rate, which are pushing the wealthy to convert their cash into dollars to keep in

⁴² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1052752/pakistans-ranking-down-in-report-on-doing-business>

⁴³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1052991/pakistan-steel-receives-rs700m>,
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1050738/no-revival-plan-for-pakistan-steel-mills-in-sight>

⁴⁴ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1052998/sbp-profit-falls-by-rs27bn>

⁴⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1051861/predictable-situation-depleting-reserves>

foreign currency accounts in domestic banks or smuggle abroad, surprise us. [...]The durable solution to our economic troubles, including the balance-of-payment position, *lies in long-term tough financial, structural and governance reforms.*

SECURITY SITUATION

TERRORISM

Afghan Taliban bankrolling TTP, *The Express Tribune*, October 7⁴⁶

TTP spokesman ShahidullahShahid has said the Afghan Taliban are bankrolling their Pakistani counterparts and providing them sanctuary in Afghanistan. He also said they were currently providing sanctuary to TTP commander Mullah Fazlullah in Kunar province.

Kayani endorses peace overtures, force only as last resort, *The Express Tribune* and *Dawn*, October 13⁴⁷

At the Pakistan Military Academy on October 12, COAS Kayani threw his weight behind the proposed peace talks with the TTP but cautioned that the process should be undertaken strictly within the parameters of the constitution. He also said force would only be used as last resort.

Govt 'delaying' dialogue with Taliban: JI, *Dawn*, October 14⁴⁸

JI chief Munawar Hassan said the government was showing negligence by not pursuing talks with the TTP, deploring the lack of progress in talks with the umbrella outfit. He also accused India of interference in Balochistan.

Use of force not to solve any issue: Sami, *Dawn*, October 19⁴⁹

JamiatUlema-i-Islam (Sami) chief MaulanaSamiulHaq has criticised the federal government for not starting serious dialogue with the Taliban, saying the government had missed several opportunities to initiate talks with them.He called the policies of present government a continuation of the previous government's policies.

Peace talks need of the hour: Asfandiyar, *Dawn*, October 19⁵⁰

ANP leader AsfandiyarWali Khan expressed doubts over whether the government was engaging with militants at all as they had rejected the existence of any such process. Wali Khan said the government should

⁴⁶<http://tribune.com.pk/story/614557/foreign-support-afghan-taliban-bankrolling-our-fighters-says-ttp/>

⁴⁷<http://tribune.com.pk/story/617372/tackling-terrorism-kayani-endorses-peace-overtures/>,
<http://dawn.com/news/1049195/force-to-be-used-as-last-resort-says-kayani>

⁴⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1049615/govt-delaying-dialogue-with-taliban-ji>

⁴⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1050312/use-of-force-not-to-solve-any-issue-sami>

⁵⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1050322/peace-talks-need-of-the-hour-asfandiyar>

urgently start the dialogue process with Taliban to rid masses of militancy forever.

Punjabi Taliban ready to hold 'serious' peace talks, *The Daily Times*, October 21⁵¹

Punjabi Taliban and Junood-e-Hafsa chief Asmatullah Muavia said talks with the government were possible if the government reviewed its foreign policy "which revolves around the US" and abolished all laws against Islam. He also demanded the government set up a committee of religious scholars to implement Sharia in the country.

US indicates support for TTP talks, *The Nation*, October 25⁵²

An official is reported to have said the US had indicated their support for PM Sharif's plans to start talks with the TTP in a background briefing. The US official said, "It is his decision. We are not trying to steer him in one direction or another. We certainly have no objections that there is a strong domestic consensus in at least trying a negotiated approach."

Nawaz seeks consensual vote for anti-terror law, *The Express Tribune* and *The Daily Times*, October 11 and 27⁵³

The PM has written a letter to all political parties seeking broad based political backing for the Pakistan Protection Ordinance (PPO) 2013 to be made into law. Mamnoon Hussain approved the ordinance on October 19. The PPP has said it opposes the ordinance and sees it as against the people's fundamental rights.

The ordinance drastically broadens the powers of the police and the armed forces in the prevention of the commission of scheduled offences, giving them the right to act against individuals "likely to commit a scheduled offence". This includes the right to search premises without warrants and take possession of any property. It also states that all offences will be considered non-bailable.

⁵¹http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\21\story_21-10-2013_pg1_3,
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/620267/peace-dialogue-ttp-punjab-agree-to-talk-to-authentic-religious-scholars/>

⁵²<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/25-Oct-2013/nawaz-wins-us-backing-to-start-taliban-talks>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\25\story_25-10-2013_pg1_3

⁵³<http://tribune.com.pk/story/623114/pakistan-protection-ordinance-2013-nawaz-seeks-consensual-vote-for-anti-terror-law/>,
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-209311-Text-of-ordinance>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\27\story_27-10-2013_pg1_1,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\11\story_11-10-2013_pg1_2

PM Sharif had earlier said the proposed law would put an end to the lacunae in existing laws that “go in favour of the accused”, such as when the accused get released on bail or weak cases are presented due to a lack of evidence.

The full text of the ordinance can be seen here:

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-209311-Text-of-ordinance>

Police arrest 18 over Nanga Parbat massacre, Dawn, November 4⁵⁴

Police in Gilgit-Baltistan said on October 31 that they had arrested 18 suspects for the killing of 10 foreign climbers in the Himalayas in June, but warned that others remained at large. It is now believed the TTP group that carried out the killings initially intended to kidnap the victims.

Opinions and Editorials

Ominous signs: Interview with Mehsud, Dawn, October 11⁵⁵

[...] Hakeemullah Mehsud, emir of the TTP, who told the BBC that one of the principal reasons he and his fellow militants fight is because they regard the configuration of the Pakistani state to be un-Islamic. Consider the implications of that claim. The TTP is not fighting a government or an institution or a political party or a group of people; *the TTP is fighting the idea of Pakistan itself. Overthrow the system, reject democracy, scrap the Constitution and replace it all with an austere version of Islam that is alien to most Pakistanis* and is based on what the Taliban say is or isn't true Islam.

Master manipulator, The Nation, October 11⁵⁶

[...] But the government does not wish to find Hakimullah Mehsud and deal with him – despite having the capacity to. *The fear that the blowback would be focused on Punjab is what is holding Mr Sharif back from doing what he knows must be done.*

Strengthening the state, The Express Tribune, October 21⁵⁷

The declaration on October 20, by the federal government of all peace-disrupting elements as ‘enemies’ of the state, and the promulgation of *the Pakistan Protection Ordinance, 2013, signed by President Mamnoon Hussain on prime ministerial advice, is good news.* The new law adds to those that already exist, including the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 introduced less than two weeks ago, and empowers civilian and military security forces to act against any elements pursuing terror or fear by treating them as foes.

⁵⁴ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1053186/police-arrest-18-over-nanga-parbat-massacre>

⁵⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1048955/ominous-signs-interview-with-mehsud>

⁵⁶ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editorials/11-Oct-2013/master-manipulator>

⁵⁷ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/620450/strengthening-the-state/>

Even more lethal: Taliban's new bombs, *Dawn*, October 23⁵⁸

But as a report in this newspaper yesterday has indicated, the technology of Taliban bombs is evolving and militants are finding new ways to ensure injured survivors of attacks suffer an array of complications — this by introducing potent new chemicals and substances in the explosives mixture. *Potassium, nitrogen, phosphorous, magnesium and other toxins are all being tried out to make human survivors suffer long-term damage and maximum pain.* [...]As noted by officials, many of the chemicals used in bombs are harvested from commonly available fertilisers. Has there been any attempt to track sales at the wholesale level and monitor retail markets? Have fertiliser-producing companies and fertiliser-selling stores been contacted and asked to report suspicious activities or customers? Perhaps there isn't even a need to ask those questions; the answer is almost surely no. Therein lies yet another tragedy in the ongoing fight against militancy: while the militants are evolving, the state is often static and clueless.

Swallowed by the Taliban, Ayesha Ijaz Khan, *The Express Tribune*, October 22⁵⁹

[...]As for Imran Khan, he has seriously misled the youth of Pakistan. Blaming everything on the US and drones, he preaches that we are a proud nation, which has been reduced to being a beggar by corrupt politicians. Simple solutions, devoid of historical accuracy, are appealing, of course, but have little to do with reality. [...] In the case of the PML-N, perhaps it is myopia that leads to the belief that for as long as Punjab is spared, why should it care about the rest of Pakistan (unforgivable as that attitude may be)? But what is the PTI's excuse?

BALUCHISTAN

Army forces its way into Mashky-Gajjar, distributes aid; army denies report, *Dawn*, October 16⁶⁰

Dawn reported army troops entering the restive town of Mashky-Gajjar to take control and conduct earthquake relief operations on October 14 and 15. The army allegedly rounded up 500 locals, to release them a day later. Sources claimed army officials said they were there to stay for "the next five years" and help the locals "in their time of need". *Dawn* confirmed that aid to Awaran district was being blocked in the days prior to the operation. There were reports of an exchange of fire between army forces and the Baloch

⁵⁸<http://dawn.com/news/1051091/even-more-lethal-talibans-new-bombs>

⁵⁹<http://tribune.com.pk/story/620453/swallowed-by-the-taliban/>

⁶⁰<http://dawn.com/news/1049951/army-forces-its-way-into-mashky-gajjar-distributes-aid>,
<http://dawn.com/news/1050598/no-military-operation-in-awaran-mashkay-dg-ispr>

Liberation Front (BLF). The Frontier Constabulary (FC) reportedly set up 12 new checkpoints around Mashky-Gajjar after the operation.

On October 21, in a press statement, DGISPR Major General Asim Saleem Bajwa said that forces deployed in Awaran district and its Mashky area were only carrying out relief operations and that there was no military operation.

A recent militant attack at a relief convoy left 12 soldiers injured, while another roadside IED killed six soldiers earlier this month.

CM Baloch offers talks to militants, *The Nation*, October 21⁶¹

In a media briefing after a meeting with Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP) chief Mehmood Khan Achakzai, CM Abdul Malik Baloch reiterated his offer to talk to Baloch separatists and militant religious groups.

Provincial Cabinet forms committee for APC, *The Express Tribune*, October 25⁶²

The provincial cabinet of Balochistan formed a Cabinet Committee to hold an All Parties Conference on the law and order situation in the Province.

Opinions and Editorials

Getting Aid to the Baloch, *The Daily Times*, October 11⁶³

On September 24, 2013, a devastating earthquake, measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale, struck Balochistan with full force. [...] It seems someone just does not want the aid agencies, be they international or even local, to wander about and discover some harsh truths about Balochistan. Suspicion naturally falls on the paramilitary wing of the army, the Frontier Corps (FC), which has been accused of being a brute force in the province. *Baloch leaders are quick to voice that the FC and security forces are using relief operations as a cover for their nefarious designs, i.e. fresh military operations.*

Practical steps: HRCP on Balochistan, *Dawn*, October 15⁶⁴

THE Human Rights Commission of Pakistan has called for talks with insurgents in Balochistan, listing in a report the steps necessary to improve affairs in the province. [...] Just as the insurgents have been reminded to give up their violent ways and give dialogue a chance, a significant demand has been made in pressing for the right of the chief minister to oversee the work

⁶¹<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editors-picks/21-Oct-2013/malik-offers-talks-to-militants>

⁶²<http://tribune.com.pk/story/622332/law-and-order-provincial-cabinet-forms-committee-for-apc/>

⁶³http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\11\story_11-10-2013_pg3_1

⁶⁴<http://dawn.com/news/1049851/practical-steps-hrcp-on-balochistan>

of the Frontier Corps. HRCP wants powers for the “chief minister to write the annual confidential report on the chief of FC Balochistan” and to head “all security agencies tasked with maintaining law and order in the province”.

HRCP report on Balochistan, *The Daily Times*, October 15

[...]One of the claims carried in the report, quoted from outside sources not connected to the HRCP, *hints at how there is suspicion that sectarian militants are beginning to coordinate and work with Baloch nationalist insurgents*. The HRCP has said it cannot verify this accusation, which requires investigation. The claim seems far-fetched and illogical on the face of it, given the gulf between the nationalists’ and terrorists’ worldview. The sectarian militants wish to cause harm and destruction based on warped perceptions of religion while the insurgents are fighting for Baloch rights.

The clarity deficit, *The Express Tribune*, October 23⁶⁵

Of particular concern to the HRCP is that the expressed desire by the government to talk with terrorists at whatever cost is ultimately counterproductive, and that so long as the terms under which talks take place remain hidden from the public gaze, *then the wider population has every justification for its concern that its rights are being negotiated away and that the writ of the state is further eroded*. [...]Lawlessness cannot be fought with lawlessness, and there is a real risk that agencies of all types are now being empowered in ways that are open to abuse and lack transparency and accountability.

Dear Mr Prime Minister, Sanaullah Baloch, *The News International*, October 28⁶⁶

[...] It’s a heart-wrenching fact that since your takeover as prime minister around 90 barbarically tortured corpses of Baloch youth have been dumped in different parts of Balochistan and Karachi. Beginning from the All-Parties Conference held in London on July 7-8 in 2007, and as a leading opposition figure before the May elections, you made countless commitments condemning atrocities against the Baloch and demanded fair and just rights for them. The London APC’s resolution said that “today Balochistan bleeds under the heels of an army operation, where gunship helicopters are used for silencing dissenting political voices.” *In reality, the current situation in the province is far worse than what it was in 2007. Balochistan’s sufferings have increased manifold.*[...]The multi-step process must focus on issues such as cessation of hostilities, implementation of agreed CBMs, talks and agreements on political, economic and security aspect of the crisis. And most importantly,

⁶⁵<http://tribune.com.pk/story/620925/the-clarity-deficit/>

⁶⁶<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-210663-Dear-Mr-Prime-Minister>

avoiding a complete sale out of the Balochistan coast, coal, copper-gold, gas and natural wealth until the conflict is fully resolved.

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA

KP law minister among eight killed in DI Khan suicide attack, *Dawn*, October 16⁶⁷

At least eight people, including KP law minister Israrullah Gandapur, were killed when a suicide bomber exploded outside his residence in Dera Ismail Khan. Around 30 were injured.

KP cabinet wants immediate halt of drones, office for Taliban, *Dawn*, October 18⁶⁸

Following an emergency session after the assassination of provincial law minister Israrullah Gandapur, the KP cabinet reconvened to demand an immediate halt to drone strikes and to let the Taliban open an office. They also called for an end to killings by the Taliban.

Thousands move out of Miranshah, *Dawn*, November 3⁶⁹

Following 'instructions' issued by Hafiz Gul Bahadur's group, a large number of families left Miranshah, the administrative headquarters of North Waziristan, for settled areas of KP on November 2, as the administration announced a curfew that would be imposed on November 3. On November 1, Expressing anger over the alleged shelling of residential areas by security forces, the Shura Mujahideen North Waziristan of Hafiz Gul Bahadur asked residents of Miranshah and nearby villages to move to safe areas within a week.

Opinions and Editorials

Ostrich approach: Minister's killing, *Dawn*, October 19⁷⁰

THERE is a depressing familiarity to the chain of events in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: the provincial PTI government talks up talks; the militants go about their business, killing and maiming, frequently targeting the PTI itself; the government responds by pressing yet more urgently for talks. This time round, after the suicide attack that killed KP Law Minister Israrullah Gandapur on Wednesday, the provincial government has tried a different tack: a special cabinet session on Thursday approved the creation of a special anti-terrorism force for the province. Part of a raft of 'getting tough'

⁶⁷<http://dawn.com/news/1050106/kp-law-minister-among-eight-killed-in-di-khan-suicide-attack>

⁶⁸<http://tribune.com.pk/story/619283/giving-in-k-p-cabinet-wants-immediate-halt-of-drones-office-for-taliban/>

⁶⁹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053736/thousands-move-out-of-miramshah>

⁷⁰<http://www.dawn.com/news/1050203/ostrich-approach-ministers-killing>

measures announced by the KP cabinet, a special anti-terrorism force can seem from afar as a serious measure taken at last by the PTI against terrorism. *But the view from the ground in the province suggests a different reality. The province already has a rapid reaction force and an anti-terror squad and to simply sanction a new force to be drawn from various existing forces is unlikely to meaningfully address KP's terrorism problem. [...]*Of course, the problem is that the PTI leadership continues to miscast the origins of militancy here, *seeing the threat as essentially rooted in external factors instead of a long-running and pernicious domestic process.* Until that changes, until the PTI accepts that dialogue alone will never truly roll back militancy.

SINDH

Al Qaeda leader held in Karachi, Dawn, October 29⁷¹

Police claim to have arrested AdilAzeem Sheikh, a senior member of Al Qaeda, who was allegedly supplying explosives for terrorist activities in Karachi. He is thought to be the 'right hand' of TalatHussain, the 'supervisor' of Al Qaeda's Sindh and Balochistan chapter.

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban to keep away from Baradar, The Express Tribune, October 4⁷²

A source told *Reuters* that Taliban leaders would not meet their former commander Mullah Baradar as they believe he is still not a free man and is escorted by intelligence officials. He was moved to Karachi immediately after his release and is now thought to be in Peshawar.

US to keep making CSF payments, Dawn, October 5⁷³

The US will continue to reimburse the cost incurred by Pakistan in support of the war on terror through the Coalition Support Fund (CSF). Commander of the US Central Command (US Centcom) General Lloyd Austin said that the CSF would act as a tool to keep the bilateral relationship on "solid footing".

⁷¹ <http://dawn.com/news/1051917/al-qaeda-leader-held-in-karachi>

⁷² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/613300/taliban-to-keep-away-from-baradar/>,

<http://dawn.com/news/1047206/taliban-commanders-refuse-to-meet-mullah-baradar-in-peshawar>

⁷³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1047547/us-to-keep-making-csf-payments>

Pakistani Taliban 'No.2' captured in Afghanistan, *Dawn, The Express Tribune, The News International and The Washington Post, October 11*⁷⁴

Latif Mehsud, believed to be number two to TTP chief Hakimullah Mehsud, was captured by American forces in Afghanistan a week ago according to American sources, Afghan officials and the Pakistani Taliban. A piece in *The Washington Post* claims he was "snatched" from Afghan intelligence operatives, who had been negotiating for a meeting for a now mooted prisoner-swap with Latif for months, and taken to Bagram.

Latif, formerly Hakimullah Mehsud's driver and bodyguard was known to have been promoted to the position of deputy *ameer* in September this year, replacing Khan Said. He is also said to be the commander of the TTP in Miranshah.

US-Afghan deal edges closer despite snag, *Dawn, October 14*⁷⁵

Marathon talks in Kabul between Afghan President Hamid Karzai and US Secretary of State John Kerry did not resolve the issue of US troop immunity in Afghanistan, but led to "basic agreement" being reached on all of the key issues. Between 5000 and 10000 troops will be stationed in Afghanistan after the drawdown. Afghan Taliban Chief Mullah Omar said such a pact would have "serious consequences" for the two sides.

Mullah Omar rejects Afghan-US pact, upcoming elections, *The Express Tribune, October 13*⁷⁶

Muhammad Omar on October 13 rejected the proposed US-Afghan security pact and said Afghans would not accept it. Omar's statement came a day after President Karzai and US Secretary of State Kerry agreed on some parts of a Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA). He lambasted the validity of the country's Loya Jirgas and said limited US bases would ensure the jihad continued with more momentum. He also rejected the upcoming elections.

⁷⁴<http://dawn.com/news/1048994/pakistani-taliban-no2-captured-in-afghanistan>,
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-204475-TTP-headed-for-major-split-as-Mehsud-promotes-his-driver>,
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/afghan-officials-accuse-us-of-snatching-pakistani-taliban-leader-from-their-custody/2013/10/10/df93bdf6-31e9-11e3-89ae-16e186e117d8_story.html,
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/616941/striking-revelations-hakimullah-mehsuds-top-aide-in-us-custody/>

⁷⁵<http://dawn.com/news/1049578/us-afghan-deal-edges-closer-despite-snap>,
<http://dawn.com/news/1049651/mullah-omar-warns-against-us-afghan-pact>

⁷⁶<http://tribune.com.pk/story/617551/mullah-omar-rejects-afghan-us-pact-upcoming-elections/>

Karzai to release all Pakistani prisoners: Fazl, *The Express Tribune, The Nation* and *Dawn*, October 18⁷⁷

JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman said Afghan president Hamid Karzai had assured him of the release of all Pakistani prisoners in Afghan jails. He was returning from a trip to Kabul where the two sides released a joint statement calling for cooperation on terrorism. The meeting was not received well by the Afghan Taliban, who called it a deliberate ploy to weaken them. In response, Rehman said the Taliban and the JUI-F were in complete accord on removing foreign troops from Afghanistan. The Afghan Taliban have criticised Fazlur for the visit to Kabul.

Karzai to ask Pakistan about Baradar's whereabouts, *The Daily Times*, October 27⁷⁸

Afghanistan will demand an explanation from Pakistan on the whereabouts of Mullah Baradar when the leaders of both countries meet next week, an Afghan official said on October 26. Pakistani sources say he is still kept in a safe house and is closely watched by his Pakistani handlers. Afghanistan believes his prolonged stay in Pakistan may have marred his reputation among fighters.

Afghan peace team to visit Taliban commander in Pakistan, *Dawn*, October 30⁷⁹

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said in a statement that a deal had been reached after talks on October 20 in London with PM Sharif which would allow a team of the Afghan High Peace Council to travel to Pakistan to meet with Mullah Baradar. It is unclear, however, if Baradar had agreed to meet the delegation.

Nawaz, Karzai, Cameron reaffirm commitment for Afghan peace, *Dawn*, October 30⁸⁰

PM Sharif, President Karzai and British PM Cameron on October 29 reaffirmed their continuing commitment for the Afghan peace process at a trilateral meeting held at 10 Downing Street which discussed economic cooperation and the Afghan-led peace process.

⁷⁷<http://dawn.com/news/1049699/karzai-to-release-all-pakistani-prisoners-says-fazl>,
<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/06-Oct-2013/fazl-to-help-karzai-push-afghan-peace-process>

⁷⁸ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\27\story_27-10-2013_pg1_4

⁷⁹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1052909/afghan-peace-team-to-visit-taliban-commander-in-pakistan>,
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053054/govt-agrees-to-let-afghan-team-meet-baradar>

⁸⁰<http://www.dawn.com/news/1052704/nawaz-karzai-cameron-reaffirm-commitment-for-afghan-peace>

PHC Chief Justice questions Baradar release, *Dawn*, November 1⁸¹

Peshawar High Court Chief Justice Dost Mohammad Khan questioned on October 31 the release of Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar and said the Federal Government had no powers to set a prisoner free without an approval by the court concerned.

Opinions and Editorials

Brothers in arms, Babar Sattar, *Dawn*, October 14⁸²

Pakistan's Afghan policy is changed we are told. We no longer want Taliban rule across Afghanistan, like in the 1990s. We now want a pluralist government in Afghanistan that represents all ethnic groups, led by the Pakhtuns and with the Taliban as a dominant subset of the Pakhtun segment. Does this plan sound anymore realistic than the one we have for the TTP: we'll tell them nicely that we hate the Americans and the drones and love the Sharia and then we will live happily ever after? [...] *The Afghan Taliban will do to Pakistan, in relation to the TTP, what Pakistan does to the US, in relation to the Afghan Taliban: support the TTP (not-so) secretly as a negotiating tool and safeguard against Pakistan and claim Fata as a strategic backwater in the internecine Afghan war that will commence post-US withdrawal. And what will Taliban success in Afghanistan do to the TTP? It will embolden it, provide it secure sanctuaries, strengthen it and encourage it to claim Pakistan just as the Taliban claim Afghanistan.*

RELATIONS WITH THE US

US seeks resumed security assistance to Pakistan, Kerry meets Sharif, *The Nation*, October 21⁸³

The US State Department has asked Congress to resume more than \$300 million in blocked security assistance to Pakistan, officials said on October 20 during a visit by Prime Minister Sharif. In the first major meeting on his October 20-23 trip to Washington, PM Sharif met with Secretary of State John Kerry to talk about counterterrorism cooperation, energy, trade and investment and regional security issues.

⁸¹dawn.com/news/1053270/phc-chief-justice-questions-release-of-baradar

⁸²<http://dawn.com/news/1049616/brothers-in-arms>

⁸³<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/21-Oct-2013/us-seeks-resumed-security-assistance-to-pakistan-official>, <http://tribune.com.pk/story/620313/nawaz-meets-kerry-emphasizes-need-for-bilateral-relations/>

Strikes not mentioned in Washington joint statement; reports on US-Pak drone programme collusion, *The Express Tribune*, October 25⁸⁴

Drone strikes, despite being 'a major irritant' in US-Pakistan relations, did not make an appearance in the joint statement issued by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and US President Barack Obama. Meanwhile, *The Washington Post* published a news report on Pakistan's collusion in the drone programme. Foreign ministry spokesman Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry said the anti-drone stance of PM Sharif's government was clear and past agreements no longer applied.

This secret agreement on drones between the two countries is something that has found frequent mention in Pakistani media, but was thrown into the international spotlight with *The Washington Post* report, which can be read here: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/top-pakistani-leaders-secretly-backed-cia-drone-campaign-secret-documents-show/2013/10/23/15e6b0d8-3beb-11e3-b6a9-da62c264f40e_story.html

Opinions and Editorials

Important questions: Talks with the US, *Dawn*, October 21⁸⁵

The stage is set this week for what is shaping up to be, by historical standards, a low-key meeting between a Pakistani prime minister and an American president. [...] a White House statement ahead of Prime Minister Sharif's visit has given priority to economic issues rather than the more contested security ones. So all is well, then? The truth, as ever, is a fair bit more complicated than that. [...] Yet, that does not mean Pakistan does not have important questions of its own to ask. Is the White House any clearer about how to nudge the reconciliation process in Afghanistan forward? *How will the highly disruptive and damaging cross-border movement — from both sides — along the Durand Line be managed as foreign forces pull out next year and then managed beyond that in 2014? On both sides then, the security-related questions that will likely be discussed aren't just tough but also have no good answers.* On the bright side, at least both sides are again talking to one another and not at each other.

Disconnected from reality, *The Nation*, October 23⁸⁶

A survey carried out by Gilani Research Foundation reported that *up to 59% Pakistanis firmly believe in the idea that the United States of America had executed the 9/11 attacks itself. In the same survey, 20 per cent believed it was Al Qaeda while,*

⁸⁴<http://tribune.com.pk/story/622172/strikes-not-mentioned-in-joint-statement/>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\25\story_25-10-2013_pg1_6,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\25\story_25-10-2013_pg1_7

⁸⁵<http://dawn.com/news/1050770/important-questions-talks-with-the-us>

⁸⁶<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editorials/23-Oct-2013/disconnected-from-reality>

surprisingly, 14 per cent believed it was Israel. The national representative sample consisted of men and women from all four provinces making it a sizably large survey that provided a glimpse into the national mindset toward the attacks that occurred 12 years ago. However, the result indicates how disconnected citizens are from reality and how paranoid as a people we have become.

Redefining Pakistan-US relations, *The Daily Times*, October 23⁸⁷

Though PM Nawaz Sharif has on the top of his agenda the immediate cessation of drone attacks in Pakistan, to the US it is the withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan in 2014 that tops the list of discussions the two countries will undertake during this visit. [...] *Drones, being their strategic warfare asset, came handy and will be used until we realize the gravity of the situation and take the right course.*

No more illusions: Pakistan-US ties, *Dawn*, October 25⁸⁸

To the credit of both the White House and the Pakistani prime ministerial delegation, the emphasis on trade, the economy and uplift of the social sector rang genuine – this was not just an attempt to talk a good talk in public, while keeping the tough, more acrimonious talk for meetings away from the cameras and microphones.[...] Perhaps the raw reality of the Pakistan-US relationship is that while the two countries continue to cooperate because they need each other, *neither has any illusions anymore that the two sides can be close friends.*

The Pakistan-United States romance, Yaqoob Khan Bangash, *The Express Tribune*, October 21⁸⁹

Our lopsided relationship with the US is more a result of our actions than of the US need to interfere in our affairs. The US is a world power and as we also know, it only interferes in Pakistan when it is in its own interests. However, we even lament when it leaves us alone and are hurt when it interferes — perhaps, it is unrequited love indeed.

Nawaz Sharif's US Visit and the Future of Pakistan, HurSaqlain, *Daily Ausaf*, October 24⁹⁰

[...] our nation will get nothing out of these visits. But our leaders should have taken care of our honour and prestige. In the past, US presidents used to visit us but now they persuade our leaders to meet them in America. We don't have any expectations from our rulers except to change the international

⁸⁷http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\23\story_23-10-2013_pg3_1

⁸⁸<http://www.dawn.com/news/1051596/no-more-illusions-pakistan-us-ties>

⁸⁹<http://tribune.com.pk/story/620433/the-pakistan-united-states-romance/>

⁹⁰www.ausaf.pk/up-content/uploads/2013-10-24/p15_05.jpg

perception about us. The world now looks at us as a colony of the US. If they are not able to do anything, this perception will continue.

Russia wants to have Good Relations with Pakistan, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, October 25⁹¹

Russian president Vladimir Putin has said that he wants his country to improve both political and economic relationships with Pakistan and that it was ready to cooperate with Pakistan in its war on terror. [...] After the death of Qaid-e-Azam Ali Mohammad Jinnah, policy makers accorded great importance to the relationship with Russia. Then prime minister Liaquat Ali Khan was supposed to visit Russia but at the last minute preferred the US over Russia. Russian rulers took it as an insult and showed disdain towards Pakistan for long time. They supported India's aggression towards Pakistan over the years. Now one finds India's foreign policy more inclined towards the US. That is why Russia has now started giving importance to its relationship with Pakistan. India is successfully maintaining a balance in its relations with both the US and Russia. But we still continue with our inclination towards the US. Now Pakistani rulers have the opportunity to correct the mistakes of the 1950s. While we maintain our relationship with the US, we should also work towards developing a very good relationship with Russia, as we have had with China all these years.

DRONE ATTACKS

US drone strike kills three in North Waziristan, *The Express Tribune*, September 30⁹²

A US drone strike targeting a militant compound in Boya area on September 30 killed three militants in North Waziristan. This was less than 24 hours after a drone strike in DargahMandi area in which at least three suspected militants were killed. Boya is believed to be stronghold of the Hafiz GulBahadur group and both foreign and local militants. Bahadur, a local warlord, is allied with the Afghan Taliban fighting US-led troops across the border.

Drone strikes will end soon, Obama assures Nawaz, *The Express Tribune*, October 25⁹³

While any mention of the drone issue was conspicuously missing in their joint statement, US President Barack Obama has privately assured Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif that the controversial programme will end soon, according to a

⁹¹ www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/25-Oct-2013/251254

⁹² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/611378/us-drone-strike-kills-three-in-north-waziristan/>

⁹³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/622245/behind-the-scenes-drone-strikes-will-end-soon-obama-assures-nawaz/>,

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-123743-US-understands-Pakistan-viewpoint-on-drone-attacks:-Sartaj-Aziz->

senior Pakistani official. The official, who was accompanying the PM on his visit to Washington said Washington was considering ending the drone campaign once the “few remaining targets” had been eliminated from Pakistan’s tribal belt. According to the official, Obama told Sharif that the CIA had already eliminated most of the HVTs from the region. Although a timeline for ceasing the strikes was not presented, Islamabad expects the unilateral strikes will end in a matter of months. Another source, meanwhile, said the Obama administration informed the new government that the drone programme would not continue beyond 2014. *The Express Tribune* also learnt that the US may temporarily suspend drone strikes in the tribal areas in an effort to allow the government to conduct peace talks with the Taliban. Earlier, Sartaj Aziz had also hinted at a possible end to drone attacks.

‘Shooting down drones possible but imprudent’: Rana Tanvir, Dawn, October 29⁹⁴

Federal Defence Production Minister Rana Tanvir Hussain said it would not be prudent to shoot down drones though the country has the capability to do so. He also said PM Sharif had talked to US President Obama on the drone issue and the results of the talks would be visible shortly.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

India, US trying to hamper Pakistan quake relief: Hafiz Saeed, Dawn, October 14⁹⁵

JuD chief Hafiz Mohammad Saeed accused the US and India of trying to hamper efforts to help victims of Pakistan's earthquake a day after the two countries agreed to step up cooperation and prevent financing of extremist groups such as the LeT and JuD.

PM chairs high-level meeting on national security, Dawn, October 15⁹⁶

The PM chaired a high-level security meeting on October 15 attended by Interior Minister Khan, Adviser on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz, Special Assistant to Prime Minister Tariq Fatemi, COAS Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and DG (ISI) Lt. Gen. Zaheerul Islam. Sources said the PM’s trip to the US and dialogue with the Pakistani Taliban were discussed.

⁹⁴ <http://dawn.com/news/1051969/shooting-down-drones-possible-but-imprudent>

⁹⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1049719/india-us-trying-to-hamper-pakistan-quake-relief-hafiz-saeed>

⁹⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1049912/pm-chairs-high-level-meeting-on-national-security>

NSA deeply involved in US drone strikes: report, Dawn, October 17⁹⁷

A Washington Post report based on the revelations of Edward Snowden has revealed that the NSA provides signals intelligence for the drone strike programme believed to be under the CIA.

Two Pakistanis killed by Iranian firing in Chaghai, The Daily Times, October 27⁹⁸

At least two Pakistani nationals were killed and three others wounded when Iranian security forces opened fire in the Chaghai district, bordering Iran, on October 26. Chaghai administration sources said the incident took place in the buffer zone near the Washab area adjacent to the border. They said the Iranian authorities had told Pakistani officials that the killed had entered their territory illegally and drugs were recovered from them.

COAS to visit China, The Nation, October 27⁹⁹

COAS Kayani will visit China on October 28 for a three day visit to discuss ways and means for enhancing cooperation with the neighbouring military. He has been invited by his Chinese counterpart.

RELATIONS WITH INDIA

New York encounter: Nawaz, Singh agree to lower Kashmir tensions, The Express Tribune, September 30¹⁰⁰

PM Nawaz Sharif and Indian PM Manmohan Singh pledged to find ways to restore calm on their disputed border in Kashmir as an initial step towards reconciliation. NSA Shivshankar Menon said Sharif also promised “there would be action” on punishing extremists over the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.

Interior Minister rejects Indian Foreign Minister’s allegations against Pakistan Army, Dawn, September 30¹⁰¹

Interior Minister Nisar Ali Khan rejected allegations levelled by the Indian External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid against the Pakistan Army, that it was hindering the peace process between the two countries. In a statement issued through the Press Information Department, he termed the remarks made by Indian Minister for External Affairs Salman Khurshid “unnecessary

⁹⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1050115/nsa-deeply-involved-in-us-drone-strikes-report>

⁹⁸ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\27\story_27-10-2013_pg1_6,
<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/27-Oct-2013/iran-guards-shoot-dead-2-pakistanis>

⁹⁹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/27-Oct-2013/coas-to-visit-china-from-tomorrow>

¹⁰⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/611298/new-york-encounter-nawaz-singh-agree-to-lower-kashmir-tensions-front-page/>

¹⁰¹ <http://dawn.com/news/1046420/nisar-rejects-indian-allegations-against-pakistan-army>

and against diplomatic norms". Khurshid had said, "We've been told that all the government agencies are on the same page (...) if they were, the things that are happening would not be happening".

Revival of talks not in sight: India, *The Express Tribune*, October 1¹⁰²

India is not likely to resume the stalled peace dialogue with Pakistan anytime soon despite the recent talks between the two countries in New York, officials said. "The Indian Prime Minister turned down his suggestion arguing that atmosphere was not right at this stage to resume the dialogue process," an official said while requesting anonymity.

Talks with India must continue: Sharif, *Dawn*, October 1¹⁰³

After his meeting with Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh, PM Sharif reiterated that dialogue was the only way forward for the two countries. He called the meeting "productive" with Kashmir, Sir Creek and Balochistan finding their way into the discussion.

Evidence of Indian interference in Balochistan shared: Jilani, *The Express Tribune*, October 6¹⁰⁴

On October 6, Pakistani Foreign Secretary Jalil Abbas Jilani said evidence of Indian interference in Balochistan had been shared with 'relevant forums'. Jilani also said Pakistan was more worried than India about terrorism in response to statements made by Indian President Pranab Mukherjee about Pakistan harbouring and aiding terrorists.

India ends Keran operation, *Dawn*, October 9¹⁰⁵

Lt. Gen. Sanjiv Chachra has said he has ordered an end to a search operation in Kashmir in which at least eight infiltrators were killed. Lt. Gen. Chachra said the markings on the weapons were evidence the dead were insurgents from the Pakistani side of the LoC.

Indian military accusations unfortunate, provocative: Kayani, *Dawn*, October 11¹⁰⁶

Reacting to recent statement by the Indian military leadership accusing the Pakistani army of supporting terrorism, COAS Kayani termed the allegations as "unfortunate, unfounded and provocative." Speaking to a group of military

¹⁰² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/611775/india-pakistan-peace-revival-of-talks-not-in-sight/>

¹⁰³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1046615/talks-with-india-must-continue-says-sharif>

¹⁰⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/614205/blame-game-pakistan-reacts-sharply-to-indian-media-onslaught/>

¹⁰⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1048467/india-ends-kashmir-operation>

¹⁰⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1048999/indian-military-accusations-unfortunate-provocative-kayani>,
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-122078-COAS-Kayani-says-Pakistan-concerned-over-LoC-violations>,

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/617005/loc-skirmishes-provocative-indian-charges-anger-kayani/>

officers at GHQ, Rawalpindi, Kayani said Pakistan was also concerned about the continued Indian violations of the LoC. "Pakistan Army is exercising restraint but the same should in no way be used as a pretext for levelling such baseless allegations that vitiate prospects of regional peace," he said.

Pakistan says Indian shelling kills one in Kashmir, *Dawn*, October 11¹⁰⁷

Pakistani officials have said Indian troops fired mortars across the disputed border in Nakyal Sector on October 11, killing a child and wounding three other people.

Peace diplomacy to be pursued with India, *The Express Tribune*, October 12¹⁰⁸

PM Sharif instructed the incoming Foreign Secretary, Abdul Basit, to aggressively pursue efforts to improve ties with India and Afghanistan. Basit, who was named Foreign Secretary this week, met the Prime Minister to discuss major foreign policy issues. An official familiar with the meeting told *The Express Tribune* that Nawaz directed Basit to pursue 'peace diplomacy' with India to ensure that the stalled peace process resumes soon.

US-India plan to prevent funding of LeT, JuD, *Dawn*, October 14¹⁰⁹

Talks between the heads of the US and Indian economies in Washington saw the two countries agreeing on stepped up cooperation on preventing the financing of extremist groups, including LeT, JuD and the Haqqani network.

Rangers' official killed by Indian firing near Sialkot, *Dawn*, October 17¹¹⁰

A Pakistani military official said a member of the Rangers was killed "due to unprovoked firing by Indian Border Security Forces" near the eastern city of Sialkot.

India should talk to 'saner' elements in Pakistan: Menon, *Dawn*, October 17¹¹¹

NSA Shivshankar Menon advocated holding dialogue with 'saner' elements in Pakistan, rejecting opposition from within the country which urged the government not to engage in dialogue with Islamabad until there was an end to all terror attacks.

¹⁰⁷<http://dawn.com/news/1048988/pakistan-says-indian-shelling-kills-one-in-kashmir>,
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/616669/loc-violation-indian-shelling-kills-one-in-nakyal-sector/>

¹⁰⁸<http://tribune.com.pk/story/617018/foreign-policy-in-dealing-with-india-pm-insists-on-peace-diplomacy/>

¹⁰⁹<http://dawn.com/news/1049577/us-india-plan-to-prevent-funding-of-let-jud>

¹¹⁰<http://dawn.com/news/1050131/rangers-official-killed-by-indian-firing-near-sialkot>

¹¹¹<http://dawn.com/news/1050113/india-should-talk-to-saner-elements-in-pakistan-menon>

Indian firing in Chaprar sector leaves one dead, *The Express Tribune*, October 18¹¹²

One person was killed when Indian forces allegedly opened fire in the Chaprar sector near Lahore on October 18. Ilyas and Karam check posts were allegedly attacked by the BSF causing Pakistani Rangers deployed at the posts to retaliate.

Indian firing kills two in Sialkot, *Dawn*, October 19¹¹³

Two people, among them a Ranger, were killed and two others injured in firing by the Border Security Force from across the Sialkot Working Boundary on October 17 and 19, sources said.

Pakistan says civilian killed by Indian firing near Sialkot, *Dawn*, October 19¹¹⁴

A Pakistani military official said a civilian was killed and two others injured by “unprovoked firing of heavy weapons including mortars by Indian Border Security Forces” near the city of Sialkot in Punjab province.

India rejects US mediation on Kashmir, *Dawn*, October 20¹¹⁵

India rejected on October 20 Prime Minister Sharif’s suggestion for US mediation in the Kashmir dispute and Foreign Minister Salman Khurshid said it would be a waste of time to question Delhi’s claim over the troubled region.

Eight civilians injured in Indian firing on Sialkot villages, *The Express Tribune*, October 22¹¹⁶

Reporting ceasefire violations, (Pakistani) military sources disclosed that the latest incident took place in Harpal, Dhamala and Jangloravillages in Sialkot sector, and represented a rare but gradual spread of cross-border firing from the LoC to the Working Boundary. The unprovoked firing was said to be carried out by the BSF.

India accuses Pakistani troops of attacking LoC posts; one killed, *Dawn*, October 23¹¹⁷

India accused Pakistani troops of firing guns and mortars on at least 50 Indian border posts overnight in disputed Kashmir, calling it the most serious ceasefire violation between the neighbours in a decade. The attacks began on the night of October 27 in southern Kashmir after India's Home Minister visited

¹¹² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/619183/indian-forces-shell-chaprar-sector/>

¹¹³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1050255/indian-firing-kills-two-in-sialkot>

¹¹⁴ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1050359/pakistan-says-civilian-killed-by-indian-firing-near-sialkot>

¹¹⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1050752/india-rejects-us-mediation-on-kashmir>

¹¹⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/620702/eight-civilians-injured-in-indian-firing-on-sialkot-villages/>

¹¹⁷ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1051281/india-accuses-pakistani-troops-of-attacking-loc-posts-one-killed>

the region to review security, the BSF spokesman said. Indian troops returned fire, but one guard was killed and six were injured by a shell fired at the Arnia post in the Jammu region, he said.

Shelling by Indian troops injures woman, *Dawn*, October 23¹¹⁸

A woman was injured in shelling from across the LOC in AJK on October 22. The alleged incident took place in the Nakial sector.

India accuses Pakistan of fresh border firing, *BBC News*, October 23¹¹⁹

India has accused Pakistani troops of firing at more than 50 locations along the disputed border in Kashmir. A paramilitary soldier was killed and three others were injured in firing, officials said.

We don't see any harm if third party intervenes over Kashmir issue: PM, *The Nation*, October 24¹²⁰

PM Sharif has said the United States should play a role in the settlement of the Kashmir dispute. Addressing a news conference in London on October 24, he said although India is against third party intervention, Pakistan does not see any harm in it for the resolution of this longstanding dispute.

Pakistan accuses India of firing, shelling across LoC, *The Express Tribune*, October 25¹²¹

Pakistan accused the Indian army of violating the LoC in Charwah, Bajwat and other sectors in the Sialkot region injuring three people.

Indian troops open fire in Wagha and Hot Springs sector, *The Nation*, October 27¹²²

The Nation reported that the BSF had fired upon Pakistani Rangers in the Wagha sector. It also said Indian forces had resorted to "unprovoked firing" on October 26 in the Hot Springs sector.

Indian army claims officer killed in fresh firing on LoC, *The Express Tribune*, October 28¹²³

The Indian army said one of its soldiers was killed when Pakistani troops allegedly fired across the LoC in the early hours of October 28. The Indian

¹¹⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1051149/shelling-by-indian-troops-injures-woman>

¹¹⁹ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-24633989#TWEET932040>

¹²⁰ <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/24-Oct-2013/we-don-t-see-any-harm-if-third-party-interven-es-over-kashmir-issue-pm>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\25\story_25-10-2013_pg1_1

¹²¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/622293/loc-violation-indian-firing-injures-three-in-sialkot/>,
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-123756-3-injured-as-Indian-forces-open-fire-at-working-boundary->

¹²² <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/editors-picks/27-Oct-2013/indian-troops-open-fire-at-wagha-border>

¹²³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/623614/indian-army-claims-officer-killed-in-fresh-firing-on-loc/>

army has claimed that it did not fire back and lodged a protest over a hotline with the Pakistan army.

Union Jihad Council holds rally against Indian “brutalities” in IHK, *The Daily Times*, October 28¹²⁴

October 27 was observed as “black day” to “reject India’s illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir and demand right to self-determination”. The rally was set up by the United Jihad Council (UJC), which consists of 16 Islamic groups, militant outfits and political parties, and was attended by jihadi groups including Hizbul Mujahidin and Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT). A crowd of around 3,000 people gathered in Muzaffarabad, said an AFP reporter at the scene.

One civilian injured in Indian shelling, *The Daily Times*, October 29¹²⁵

A local was critically injured as a result of unprovoked shelling by Indian troops from across the Line of Control in Nikayal sector of Kotli District.

Pakistan urges India to resume composite dialogue, *Dawn*, October 31¹²⁶

Foreign Office Spokesperson Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry in his weekly briefing said, “Pakistan wants resolution of Kashmir dispute through dialogue.” “Pakistan believes that third-party mediation can also be productive in this regard,” he added referring to PM Sharif’s plea to the US to play its role as a mediator. He also said Sartaj Aziz would visit India on November 10 to attend the Asia-Europe summit in New Delhi.

Opinions and Editorials

Diplomacy, not aggression, *The News International*, October 26¹²⁷

It is unclear to what degree hawks, most notably in India, are playing up things as that country moves towards a general election. But, at all costs, we need peace to win. [...] *The LoC is impossible to defend from all infiltration and so if blame has to be apportioned for any unauthorised movement across the border, it needs to be shared equally.* India, as the prime instigator of the war of words, needs to realise that the cause of peace is not helped by belligerence. [...] *Singh must ratchet down the tension and rely on diplomacy, not aggression.*

Water woes: Inequitable sharing, *Dawn*, October 28¹²⁸

THE Indus Waters Treaty [...] does not define the use of groundwater by either India or Pakistan. It does not tackle the effects of climate change on water availability

¹²⁴ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\28\story_28-10-2013_pg1_1

¹²⁵ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\28\story_28-10-2013_pg1_2

¹²⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1053190/pakistan-urges-india-to-resume-composite-dialogue>

¹²⁷ www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-8-210269-Diplomacy-not-aggression

¹²⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1052325/water-woes-inequitable-sharing>

in the Indus basin and it ignores water pollution. All these issues affect the lower riparian, Pakistan, and its farmers. Excessive pumping of groundwater, for example, on the Indian side of Punjab can push the water table down on the Pakistani side. Additionally, India's planned construction of scores of large and small hydropower projects on what are Pakistan's rivers in the Indus basin and its inability to share timely technical data and information with Islamabad have spawned concerns, lately voiced by water and power minister Khwaja Asif. Despite the IWT's resilience over the years, *a more progressive interpretation of the treaty should now be considered.* [...] Although a partial solution can be found through restructuring the 1991 water-sharing accord, the revival of the telemetry system is important to document the flow and use of water.

It's the economy, stupid, M. Ziauddin, *The Express Tribune*, October 15¹²⁹

In the case of MFN, we are not giving any concession to India; we are simply reciprocating a step that New Delhi has already taken by offering Pakistan the MFN status. But every time an official move appears to be in the offing in this respect, Hafiz Saeed, the head of the Jamatud Daawa, brings his hordes on the street protesting the move. *What Hafiz Saeed and his sponsors refuse to see in their twisted wisdom is that increased trade with our more developed neighbour would bring down considerably our dependence on foreign dole (which compromises greatly our sovereignty) as our import bill would go down drastically,* at least in the case of intermediaries and raw materials, which at present we are importing paying prohibitive freight costs from far off euro, dollar and sterling markets. [...] *Even the army leadership has said that it is on the same page with the PM on his declared India policy.*

Why Nawaz Sharif needs to seize the peace initiative, Mohammad Waseem, *The Express Tribune*, October 15¹³⁰

The deliverables on the two sides were by no means easy. The Indian demand for Pakistan to deliver on the issue of terrorism concerning Mumbai and the LeT-JD leader was not going to be met anyway. *Pakistan is simply too deeply engaged in the issue of safeguarding its interests in post-Nato Afghanistan to take a clear position on the non-state actors. The country is hopelessly divided on the issue of launching an operation against the Taliban and proto-Taliban groups, despite a recent nod in favour of negotiations with them from parliament.*

The Indian demand enjoys a priori endorsement from the world capitals. This demand has had periodical reverberations through the media for a decade. In this context, Indian diplomacy is underscored by the legitimacy of the war against terror that has put Pakistan in the dock.

¹²⁹<http://tribune.com.pk/story/618604/its-the-economy-stupid/>

¹³⁰<http://tribune.com.pk/story/618726/why-nawaz-sharif-needs-to-seize-the-peace-initiative/>

Indian allegations will sabotage dialogue, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, October 8¹³¹

Pakistan's High Commissioner to India Mr Salman Bashir termed India's allegations of terrorist incursions from Pakistan in Kashmir as baseless. He has rightly stated that India should refrain from making allegations against Pakistan. Pakistan wants good relations with India. We want to resolve every issue through dialogue. However, suspension of talks has become a habit with India. [...] How can Kashmiris who have been targets of Indian soldiers accept India's claim of Kashmir as an integral part? *Instead of making allegations against Pakistan, India should leave Kashmiris to themselves.*

Does responsibility ends with sharing of terrorist related evidences?, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, October 7¹³²

Pakistan has handed over strong evidence of Indian involvement in Baluchistan to India. Was that the only responsibility of the government? Will now India stop interfering in Balochistan and will peace return to Pakistan? People with courage do not maintain silence on these issues. They tell you that such gestures only make your enemy stronger. *The war which we are fighting began with the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon. Had America remained silent on these attacks, the terrorists would have hunted America more. Now they are hiding to save themselves.*

Indeed issues are resolved through dialogues. *But it does not mean we should wait for a thousand years.* We have been talking and talking for the last 65 years about different issues while the enemy continues to claim Kashmir as an integral part of its territory. Our leaders should look for some other option to resolve the issue of Kashmir, for it is our jugular vein, and they should not maintain silence on the interference of this enemy in Baluchistan.

India's Aggression on Line of Control, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, October 22¹³³

Pakistani analysts are seeing Indian aggression on the border as an election stunt. The extremist elements in Indian political parties have become more vicious prior to Indian elections. *BJP is the hub of extremists.* During elections, each political party tries to be more anti-Pakistan than the other. Kashmiri separatist leader Sayed Ali Shah Gelani has stated that Indian firing along the LoC is a political gimmick. He has also said that the Congress is making plans to invade Azad Kashmir so that it can stop Modi from becoming prime minister. *The statement of Gilani needs to be taken seriously.* How long should we tolerate India's aggression? President Mamnoon has said that if LoC firing is not stopped, we will retaliate with full force. Army Chief has also said the

¹³¹www.nawaiwaqt.com/pk/editorials/08-Oct-2013/247124

¹³²<http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/07-Oct-2013/246649>

¹³³<http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/22-Oct-2013/250291>

same. It is the right time to give them a strong reply. Anyway Pakistan army is ready to perform its duty any time.

Blame Game: Indian Offensive, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, October 22¹³⁴

Why is India raising the issue of LoC time and again? The main reason behind this is that India is trying to persuade the world that the US is leaving Afghanistan and the Mujahideens who are fighting in Afghanistan will turn their guns towards Kashmir. [...] When did India not interfere in Pakistan? India's involvement in Balochistan first came up at Sharam al Sheikh and now again in New York. The former army chief of India has accepted that the Indian army had orchestrated terrorist activities inside Pakistan and had distributed money to Kashmiri politicians for that. After this revelation, how can India claim to be innocent? Unfortunately we don't take this issue seriously. To counter this offensive blame game, our government, in collaboration with civil society, must start its own offensive through media so that we can keep India under check and world can be made aware about the actual reality.

STATISTICS

BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Balochistan				
Awaran ¹³⁵	3/10/2013	Blast targeting soldiers involved in quake relief efforts. Baloch Liberation Front (BLF) claims responsibility for the attack. Two army soldiers killed.	2	3
Chaman ¹³⁶	3/10/2013	Suicide attack on Pak-Afghan Friendship Gate (Bab-e-Dosti)	6	15
Khuzdar ¹³⁷	6/10/2013	Jamhoori Watan Party (JWP) leader Daad Ali Bugti killed by gunmen	1	0
Mand, near I-P border ¹³⁸	6/10/2013	Five bodies with gunshot wounds recovered	5	-
Quetta ¹³⁹	9/10/2013	Hand grenade lobbed at	0	9

¹³⁴ <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/columns/22-Oct-2013/250424>

¹³⁵ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\03\story_3-10-2013_pg1_2

¹³⁶ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013%5C10%5C03%5Cstory_3-10-2013_pg1_3

¹³⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1047866/jwp-local-leader-shot-in-khuzdar>

¹³⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1047866/jwp-local-leader-shot-in-khuzdar>

		police station		
Quetta ¹⁴⁰	9/10/2013	Bicycle bomb outside police station	6	35
Quetta ¹⁴¹	15/10/2013	Grenade attack on convoy of the Balochistan Constabulary. Lashkar-i-Balochistan claimed responsibility	0	11
Naseerabad ¹⁴²	21/10/2013	Bomb explodes on train	7	16
Quetta ¹⁴³	30/10/2013	Blast takes place on a crowded street	4	18
FATA				
Bajaur ¹⁴⁴	1/10/2013	Roadside blast	0	1
South Waziristan ¹⁴⁵	4/10/2013	Gunmen kidnap journalist	0	0
Wana, South Waziristan ¹⁴⁶	11/10/2013	Car bomb driven into military convoy. Responsibility claimed by Ansarul Mujahideen	2	2
South Waziristan ¹⁴⁷	20/10/2013	IED kills 5 soldiers. Soon after the blast, security forces resorted to intense shelling in the Shamkai area and conducted a search operation.	5	0
North Waziristan ¹⁴⁸	27/10/2013	Roadside bomb kills soldier and injures other soldiers	1	3
Miranshah ¹⁴⁹	1/11/2013	Militants launch rockets at security forces	-	-
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa				

¹³⁹<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/09-Oct-2013/11-hurt-in-grenade-attack>

¹⁴⁰<http://dawn.com/news/1048791/blast-kills-six-injures-35-in-quetta>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\11\story_11-10-2013_pg1_1

¹⁴¹<http://dawn.com/news/1049911/grenade-attack-in-quetta-injures-11>,
<http://dawn.com/news/1049956/five-security-men-among-16-injured-in-grenade-attacks>

¹⁴² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1050795/jaffar-express-struck-by-explosion-seven-killed>

¹⁴³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1053061/four-killed-in-quetta-bomb-attack>

¹⁴⁴ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1046656/security-man-hurt-in-bajaur-blast>

¹⁴⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/613474/journalist-kidnapped-in-north-waziristan/>

¹⁴⁶ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/616721/car-suicide-bomb-kills-two-soldiers-in-south-waziristan/>,
<http://tribune.com.pk/story/617338/act-of-revenge-ansarul-mujahideen-claims-responsibility-for-wana-blast/>

¹⁴⁷ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1052901/bomb-kills-five-soldiers-in-south-waziristan>,
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1053064/blast-in-south-waziristan-leaves-five-soldiers-dead>

¹⁴⁸ <http://dawn.com/news/1052218/bomb-kills-soldier-wounds-three-in-miramshah>,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\28\story_28-10-2013_pg1_5

¹⁴⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1053381/rocket-attack-at-security-forces-camp-in-miramshah>

Hangu ¹⁵⁰	03/10/2013	Suicide bomber ran vehicle full of explosives into headquarters of former TTP Mullah Nabi Hanafi group. TTP spokesman Shahidullah Shahid claimed responsibility for the attack. It is unknown if Mullah Nabi Hanafi was injured or killed.	15-17	Approx. 20
Peshawar ¹⁵¹	4/10/2013	Roadside explosion	1	1
Bannu ¹⁵²	6/10/2013	Roadside IED targeting security convoy, three soldiers killed. Ansarul Mujahideen claims responsibility.	3	8
Peshawar ¹⁵³	7/10/2013	Explosion near medical facility on Peshawar's outskirts	2	13
Bannu ¹⁵⁴	7/10/2013	IED explosion	3	7
Dera Ismail Khan ¹⁵⁵	19/10/2013	Suicide bomb kills KP law minister and others	8	30
Punjab				
Lahore ¹⁵⁶	10/10/2013	Explosion in Anarkali market	1	At least 12
Sahiwal ¹⁵⁷	14/10/2013	Army man and brother killed in bomb blast	2	1
Sindh				
Karachi ¹⁵⁸	13/10/2013	Blast believed to be related to an extortion case	1	3
Karachi ¹⁵⁹	14/10/2013	IED attack on maternity clinic	1	6

¹⁵⁰<http://tribune.com.pk/story/612912/15-killed-several-injured-in-hangu-suicide-attack/>,
<http://dawn.com/news/1047173/taliban-attack-kills-17-near-hangu>, <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-120898-TTP-claims-responsibility-of-attack-on-Mullah-Nabi-Hanafi-headquarters>,
<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/04-Oct-2013/17-dead-in-ttp-attack-on-rival>

¹⁵¹ <http://dawn.com/news/1047401/blast-in-peshawar-kills-policeman-another-two-injured>

¹⁵² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/614280/roadside-blast-kills-3-officers-near-bannu-miranshah-road>,
<http://dawn.com/news/1047864/three-killed-eight-injured-in-bannu-convoy-attack>,
<http://dawn.com/news/1047869/ttp-planning-attacks-in-peshawar-over-the-next-24-hours>

¹⁵³ <http://dawn.com/news/1048055/blast-on-peshawars-outskirts-kills-two>,
<http://dawn.com/news/1048055/blast-on-peshawars-outskirts-kills-two>

¹⁵⁴ http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\07\story_7-10-2013_pg1_4

¹⁵⁵ <http://dawn.com/news/1050106/kp-law-minister-among-eight-killed-in-di-khan-suicide-attack>

¹⁵⁶ <http://dawn.com/news/1048755/explosion-in-lahore-kills-one-injures-12>

¹⁵⁷ <http://dawn.com/news/1049576/army-man-brother-killed-in-blast>

¹⁵⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/617639/karachi-blast-leaves-one-dead-five-injured/>,

<http://dawn.com/news/1049470/grenade-attack-leaves-one-dead-five-injured>

¹⁵⁹ <http://dawn.com/news/1049600/woman-dies-in-ied-attack-on-karachi-clinic>

DRONE STRIKES

Place	Date	Description	Casualties
Boya, North Waziristan ¹⁶⁰	30/09/2013	Drone strike on a compound in an area believed to be a stronghold of Hafiz GulBahadur.	3
Miranshah bazaar, North Waziristan ¹⁶¹	31/10/2013	Three suspected militants killed. Three people believed to be injured according to sources. The attack was condemned by the Foreign Office.	3

¹⁶⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/611378/us-drone-strike-kills-three-in-north-waziristan/>

¹⁶¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1052945/us-drone-strike-in-north-waziristan-leaves-three-dead>