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Pakistan-India Relations, Kashmir and External Defense Analysis.

Eastern Front:

"If we do go to war, psychological operations are going to be absolutely a critical, critical part of any campaign that we must get involved in."

General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

"The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State."

Joseph Goebbels - Goebbels was Hitler's Minister of Propaganda

What India is doing to Pakistan is best explained in the above quotes. While the Indian PM continued to call his bluff of peace, even his own team warned him of carrying the game too far or to give too many concessions to Pakistan to appear as the peacemakers.

Singh's comment spurs hopes for peace

By Jawed Naqvi

NEW DELHI, April 17: According to all available accounts, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was asked by a reporter at a media interaction aboard his plane on Sunday to list five things he would like to achieve with Pakistan. His reply was laced with unusual humour. "Well, I think five is too much," Dr Singh chortled on his way back from Kazakhstan. "If I can succeed in normalising relations between India and Pakistan as they should prevail between two normal states, I would consider my job well done."

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/18/singhs-comment-spurs-hopes-for-peace.html>

Singh team cautious on Pakistan visit

By Our Correspondent

NEW DELHI, April 19: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's senior cabinet colleagues and ranking officials are opposed to a bilateral political visit by him to Pakistan and would prefer to mask it as part of cricket diplomacy among other ruses, a local report said on Tuesday. Without naming its sources, The Mail Today said that higher echelons of the government, including senior ministers, do not favour a stand-alone visit by the prime minister to Pakistan...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/20/singh-team-cautious-on-pakistan-visit.html>

Indians just do not want to give any concession to Pakistan under the circumstances when the most corrupt and compromised regime is in Islamabad, actually doing the bidding for the Indian strategic interests.

Last week, we gave the following assessment of the Pak-India relations.

India continues its double faced diplomacy towards Pakistan to pacify rising anger in Pakistan against Indian support to insurgencies, terrorism and the blocking of Pakistani waters. **What is most unfortunate is that it is the Pakistani PM who is acting as Indian information minister and doing the bidding for the enemy state.** Now it is clear that Pakistan and India would go to war on water in not so far future! With summers approaching and water shortage hitting the vital food crops, the temperature on diplomatic and military axis would also rise rapidly. Proxy war between Pakistan and India is now heating up in the entire region with regional countries also becoming the battle ground for Indian total war on Pakistani state. It is incredible that how Indian foreign office, information ministry and their leadership maintain a friendly face towards Pakistan while attacking Pakistan on all economic, diplomatic and military axis in the entire region.

What Pakistan is facing today is best called as information and psychological warfare as the most critical segment of the overall 4th Generation war imposed on the state.

According to modern war doctrines, the weapon systems and platforms for Information Warfare and Psychological Operations are considered to be far more strategically lethal than nuclear assets, air and naval power as well as land and Special Forces. Psy-Ops open an imperceptible attack on the enemy, soften up the target rendering it vulnerable and then spearhead the invasion by other forces till total annihilation of the enemy is accomplished. Even after the cessation of hostilities, Psy-Ops and Information warfare is kept actively engaged with the enemy in order to terminate all military operations.

PsyOps are the most lethal and widespread but least expensive war operations in any theatre of war. Using the most common urban platforms of electronic and print media, cyber world, internet, communication systems and education institutions in a sophisticated and solidly coordinated information war strategy, global perception management can be achieved, consequently defeating and disorienting the enemy often without even firing a shot on ground!

The troops and soldiers engaged in this subtle lethal war are journalists, analysts, diplomats, media tycoons, TV anchors, advertising agencies, religious scholars, fifth columnists and teachers - working in a global urban environment, in air conditioned offices – targeting the entire globe or a particular nation and controlling its mental, emotional and psychological direction towards the grand strategic objectives of the imposed war.

In the rules and operations of Information War and Psy-Ops, a hostile and compromised influential journalist is far deadlier a weapon against the State than a suicide bomber and therefore deserves an even harsher punishment accorded to the latter by the law.

Pakistan is under attack through a vicious and violent 4th generation war, which is designed to break up the country on the Yugoslavia pattern. The war is already in the advanced stages with almost 50,000 Pakistanis killed in the last 10 years in multiple insurgencies, urban warfare and political violence. But the most lethal and sinister aspect of this war remains the Psychological and Information assault against the state and the people – targeting the Islamic ideology, Pakistani identity, National unity, prestige of the armed forces and the need for the strategic assets; subsequently, creating such thought confusion and mental and moral anarchy that the very foundations of the state and its nationhood have been shaken to the core.

Even more shocking is the fact that despite facing an existential threat from this axis of war, Pakistani government, Information management organizations and even the armed forces have completely ignored to build defenses or to launch any counter attack to defend this exposed flank. Pakistan is practically defenseless on this axis and hostile psy-ops forces have almost overrun the entire nation and the country without any resistance, even finding willing collaborators within the state organs to facilitate the decimation of national morale and character.

Pakistan is losing the war on this critical axis – and by default would lose the ongoing war on ground as well, despite the heroic sacrifices of its armed forces if this exposed flank is not protected.

Losing the psy-ops means losing the war despite winning the ground battles in the process! Pakistan may be winning the battles against the insurgents and the terrorists, but the state and the armed forces as well as the patriots are losing the war on the fronts that matter the most.

Currently information warfare is being applied in order to inculcate those values, beliefs, and codes of behavior in the Pakistani youth that are designed by the western propagandists. This growing tactical media tool is targeting the Pakistani society in a way where it can first be disintegrated and then integrated into an institutional structure driven by the new world order of the West.

“In this environment, the old adage that ‘A lie can be halfway around the world before the truth has its boots on’ becomes doubly true with today’s technologies...the longer it takes to put a strategic communication framework into place, the more we can be certain that the vacuum will be filled by the enemy”-

Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, remarks delivered at Harold Pratt House, New York, N.Y., Feb. 17, 2006.

What Rumsfeld’s words are particularly true in Pakistan’s case where the vacuum had been filled by none other than our staunch adversary and our own media like the Jang group which is too keen to give this space to our enemies.

“Amman Ki Asha”, a carefully crafted sugar coated concept for solidifying the perpetual cultural onslaught by the Indian media, in complete contradiction to the core ideology of Pakistan. One thing which most of our so-called neo liberals in the media had been hiding from the general public is the hypocrisy of these fake aman ki asha initiators; an astonishing fact about Amman Ki Asha which surfaced last year when the slogan “LOVE PAKISTAN” was objected to by the Indian establishment and the observation was conveyed to Times of

India in this regard. This incident has actually exposed the latent objective behind this conspiracy.

Page 15 of The Times of India, 8th January 2010, shown below, describes the mentality of Indians. This survey was conducted by TOI after the project initiated. Majority of Indian masses think of Pakistan as a source of evil and the Indian media back home did not compromise on its commitment towards Indian land.



Statistics speak volumes – Aman ki Asha reflected through Indian minds

Pakistan armed forces are only focusing on the military aspect of the war imposed on the nation and the state while the media and information war as well as the economic war imposed on the country is totally ignored. While fighting a ruthless insurgency on the western border, Pakistan is forced to rely more and more on the strategic weapons as Indian force projection and penetration capabilities increase rapidly on Pakistan's eastern borders. Pakistan forces are spread thin, are involved in a war for the last 10 years and now face a

very hostile and aggressive Indian threat on the East. Pakistan's response could only be to go nuclear in case of a real threat and the preparations for such an eventuality are on big time.

N-capable ballistic missile tested

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD, April 19: Pakistan successfully carried out on Tuesday the first test flight of a nuclear-capable and short-range ballistic missile, which is believed to have been developed in response to India's military doctrine called "Cold Start". The short-range and surface-to-surface ballistic missile, Hatf IX (Nasr), has a range of 60km...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/20/n-capable-ballistic-missile-tested.html>

India launches three satellites on single rocket

BANGALORE, April 20: India launched a rocket carrying three satellites into orbit on Wednesday in its latest effort to gain a share of the global commercial space market. The main satellite in the launch from the Sriharikota space centre in Andhra Pradesh was the remote-sensing Resourcesat-2, which will study the effect of human life on the Earth's natural resources...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/21/india-launches-three-satellites-on-single-rocket.html>

For the militaries of the two countries, the so called peace initiative or "Aman Ki asha" mean nothing but a propaganda ploy by the Indian side to gain time to prepare. In reality, that's exactly what this so called peace initiative actually is – a deception and psy-ops to gain time to prepare for the final war!

Western Theatre:

The strained relations between ISI and CIA are now on boiling levels. The frustration and rage within the US armed forces and the administration is breathtaking but they are hugely frustrated by the fact that there is nothing they can do to Pakistan.

Mullen launches diatribe against ISI

By Baqir Sajjad Syed

ISLAMABAD, April 20: The US Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman, Admiral Michael Mullen, was in a mood to name and shame on Wednesday. Without mincing his words, he made it clear that ISI's continued links with the Haqqani network were at the core of Pakistan's problematic relations with the United States....

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/21/mullen-launches-diatribe-against-isi.html>

Last week, we gave the following assessment of the real crisis now brewing between Pakistan and US.

“The ISI-CIA relations continue to take direct hits this week also. While the ISI and Pakistan army are more confident and firm in their stance, the American administration, army and the CIA are downplaying the crisis but giving conflicting and confused signals in the process. US know that relations have now hit rock bottom and can snap anytime. Pakistan is now asking CIA to drastically cut its operations in Pakistan else Pakistan would respond by cutting off cooperation in Afghan war. This is the most severe threat for the US and there is genuine panic in the US government. **Pakistan army chief and the DG ISI are themselves leading this counter attack to clip the wings of CIA.** But despite arrogance by CIA, US military and the administration also realize that they cannot push Pakistan beyond a certain red line. If Pakistan cuts the NATO supplies, that would be the end of their Afghan adventure. Also, US need Pakistan to initiate talks with the Afghan Taliban to cut out some sort of peace agreement which may reduce coalition casualties in Afghanistan. Despite the frictions, the US administration is also giving signals that they will cooperate with Pakistan over drones. US is in no position to resist Pakistan’s demands if Pakistan’s political and military leadership are on the same grid. Right now, while the Pakistan army is taking a firm view of the attacks, the PPP regime continues to give tacit approval”

Their most vital lifeline of NATO supplies pass through the country and now even the civil society and political parties are backing the Pakistan army to go harsh on the Americans! This has aggravated the crisis for US and has eased the pressure from the Pakistan army as now pressure is also being generated from the political parties against the US and NATO supplies.

Sit-in to continue till victory, says Imran

By Ashfaq Yusufzai

PESHAWAR, April 23: The campaign to get the US to stop carrying out drone attacks in tribal areas would continue till its “logical conclusion”, Imran Khan, chief of the Pakistan Tehrik-i-Insaf (PTI), said here on Saturday. Speaking to thousands of supporters during a sit-in at Hayatabad township, from where many of the vehicles carrying supplies for foreign forces in Afghanistan pass, Mr Khan said: “Pakistanis are not animals but human beings. That’s why they should be protected against aggression.”...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/24/sit-in-to-continue-till-victory-says-imran.html>

Pakistan is now tightening the grip on CIA in the region. The blockade of NATO supplies is the most potent threat which continues to bring US back for more talks. The relationship is now hitting rock bottom though neither side want it to be broken irrevocably. Pakistan want a greater role in Afghan affairs, eliminate terrorism in tribal areas and want Indian influence to be eliminated from Afghanistan. Till the time US is in Afghanistan, Pakistan will have to remain engaged with the CIA but the terms of engagements can be renegotiated and made more favorable for Pakistan. For the last 10 years, Pakistan was the “most bullied US ally”, in the words of Pakistan army chief. Now, it is payback time for Pakistan.

US army chief of staff meets Kayani

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD, April 22: US Army Chief of Staff Gen Martin Dempsey on Friday met Chief of Army Staff Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani as Pakistan and US militaries continued their engagement for resolving differences that have not only hurt military-to-military ties, but also bogged down the overall strategic relationship. Gen Dempsey visited Islamabad a day after a visit by Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/23/us-army-chief-of-staff-meets-kayani.html>

US, Pakistan engage in a difficult effort to redefine ties

By Anwar Iqbal

WASHINGTON, April 21: US and Pakistani diplomats spent Thursday trying to redefine a relationship that threatens to spin out of control if not handled properly. Statements by both

US and Pakistani military chiefs since Wednesday, weighed heavily on the talks in Washington that aim at setting the agenda for next month's strategic dialogue. As he left

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/22/us-pakistan-engage-in-a-difficult-effort-to-redefine-ties.html>

Ties can't be allowed to unravel: Mullen

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SALERNO (Afghanistan): US and Pakistani leaders agree they cannot afford to let security ties unravel, the top US military officer said on Tuesday, even as he acknowledged persistent strains including alleged Pakistani links to militants staging attacks in Afghanistan. Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, made the comments before a trip to Islamabad as he visited US bases in Afghanistan that are grappling with violence by militants...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/20/ties-cant-be-allowed-to-unravel-mullen.html>

Challenges remain in US-Pak ties: Mullen

ISLAMABAD, April 21: Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen's visit to Islamabad may have eased some of the tensions, but clearly many of the contentious issues, including differences over the Haqqani network and drone attacks, persist. Significant challenges remained in the relationship and he and Pakistani Army Chief General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani brought those up in their meeting, Admiral Mullen said after the meeting. Ahead of his dinner meeting with Gen Kayani, the US admiral accused the ISI of retaining links with the Haqqani network, thus setting a tough tone for the dialogue...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/22/challenges-remain-in-us-pak-ties-mullen.html>

The major issues of contention between Pakistan and US are drones, Pakistan's role inside Afghanistan and eliminating Indian sponsored terrorism which is causing havoc in Pakistan.

US is now forced to respond and acknowledge Pakistan's demands. These are major developments and Pakistan is now forcefully displacing Indians in Afghanistan. There is obviously be panic in Delhi!

Pakistan urges US to review drone policy

By Anwar Iqbal

WASHINGTON, April 22: The United States needed to review its drone policy as attacks by these unmanned aircraft had become counter-productive, Foreign Secretary Salman Bashir said on Friday. Mr Bashir made this observation at a joint briefing with US Special Representative Mark Grossman who declined to comment on the issue when reminded that a new drone attack had killed 26 people in Pakistan...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/23/pakistan-urges-us-to-review-drone-policy.html>

US to give Pakistan 85 mini-drones

ISLAMABAD: The United States will provide Pakistan with 85 small 'Raven' drone aircraft, a US military official said on Thursday, a key step to meeting Islamabad's calls for access to the US drone technology. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, declined to disclose the cost or model of the non-lethal, short-range aircraft, which are manufactured by the US-based AeroVironment Inc.—Reuters...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/22/us-to-give-pakistan-85-mini-drones.html>

Pak-Afghan water talks under way

ISLAMABAD, April 19: The United States is facilitating initial talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan on a bilateral water treaty as part of its efforts for Afghanistan-Pakistan-US cooperation on water, informed sources told Dawn on Tuesday. The US-led international organisations are currently engaged in Afghanistan under a **'donor-funded Afghan Rebuild Programme'** in the assessment of the current situation and the strategy development for short- and long-term water sector projects and rehabilitation of irrigation system in the war-ravaged country....

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/20/pak-afghan-water-talks-under-way.html>

Within Afghanistan, Taliban are gaining ground rapidly and more and more daring attacks on NATO and even on Iranians are being witnessed. France's visiting defense minister was the target and this shows how precarious the security situation has become. **This is where role of Pakistan becomes vital for US/NATO as well as for Iran also as Taliban would only listen to Turkey and Pakistan if there has to be any political settlement.**

Gunman kills two at Afghan defence HQ

KABUL, April 18: A gunman in Afghan army uniform opened fire inside Kabul's defence ministry on Monday, killing two soldiers and wounding seven in an audacious strike at the heart of government claimed by the Taliban. The attack, which Taliban militants said targeted France's visiting Defence Minister Gerard Longuet, was the third against Afghan security targets by uniformed militants in four days and one of the worst security breaches in years.....
<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/19/gunman-kills-two-at-afghan-defence-hq.html>

12 Iranian engineers kidnapped in Afghanistan

TEHRAN, April 18: Armed men kidnapped 12 Iranian engineers building a road in western Afghanistan, said Iranian and Afghan officials on Monday. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said the Iranian engineers were working for a construction company in the western Farah province and the incident was under investigation by Iranian and Afghan authorities.....
<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/19/12-iranian-engineers-kidnapped-in-afghanistan.html>

The whole Middle East is in turmoil and not just the Arab societies but also frictions are rising between Arabs and Persians as they were in the Iran-Iraq wars. This is a generous axis building which would have serious and long term security, economic and political repercussions for Pakistan also.

Foreign military advisers head for Libyan rebel bastion

MISRATA (Libya), April 20: France and Italy joined Britain on Wednesday in sending military advisers to insurgent-held eastern Libya, as Tripoli warned that foreign boots on the ground would prolong the conflict. Rebel leaders in Misrata desperately pleaded for foreign soldiers to help them battle Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi's forces, who have been pounding the city for more than six weeks in fighting a doctor said had claimed at least 1,000 lives....
<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/21/foreign-military-advisers-head-for-libyan-rebel-bastion.html>

Syrian forces fire on funerals; 12 killed

DAMASCUS, April 23: Syrian forces killed at least 12 people on Saturday when they fired on mourners calling for the end of President Bashar Al-Assad's rule at mass funerals of pro-democracy protesters shot a day earlier. Independent human rights organisation Sawasiah said security forces killed at least 12 people during protesters' funerals in Damascus and surrounding areas and near Izra'a....
<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/24/syrian-forces-fire-on-funerals-12-killed.html>

Pakistan as the strategic bridging force :

Pakistan holds a unique strategic, military, political and ideological place among Muslim world and is the only nuclear power in the entire Muslim world having cordial relations with every Muslim country, irrespective of ethnic and sectarian demography, giving it a distinctive political stature. History of Pakistani armed forces fighting in Arab-Israel wars in 1967 and 1973 is yet another unique honor for Pakistan among the Muslim states. On sectarian level, Pakistan is not a monolithic state like Iran or Saudi Arabia rather its sectarian demography contains a sizeable Shia population among the majority Sunni. This Shia populace is well integrated with Pakistani society and is playing a vital role in progress and development.



Friends or Foes?

Due to these attributes Pakistan can play the role of a mediator between the Arab world and Iran. The clash between Iranians and Saudis would be detrimental for Pakistan's interests. Pakistan needs a strong government in Islamabad to quickly move in the region to salvage the situation else the repercussions on Pakistan's own security and economic scene would be catastrophic.

Political / Economic Axis:

The Zardari regime knows that it is collapsing and is now in a panic mode to find fresh partners even willing to sleep with the enemies at all costs. The shifting sands of the Pakistan politics are trying to salvage this parliament and the government by buying and bullying all those who are available for sale or compromise. This is the most bizarre scenario where all parties are now bickering and jockeying to grab the maximum while the nation continues to slide into the bottomless pit.



Zardari asks Shujaat to woo JUI-F, MQM

By Zulqernain Tahir

LAHORE, April 20: President Asif Ali Zardari has asked PML-Q chief Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain to persuade the JUI-F and MQM to rejoin the federal government. "PPP's own efforts to woo the JUI-F and MQM have failed and the party leadership believes that Shujaat Hussain has good relations with Maulana Fazlur Rahman and he can also act as a 'guarantor' between the PPP and the MQM," a presidential aide told this reporter....

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/21/zardari-asks-shujaat-to-woo-jui-f-mqm.html>

Talks under way with various parties, says Gilani

By Khawar Ghuman

ISLAMABAD, April 19: Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has admitted that his government is in contact with the JUI-F, MQM and PML-Q to persuade them to join the ruling coalition. Talking to newsmen before a book-launching ceremony at the National Library here on Tuesday, he said: "Politics keeps on changing with every moment and nothing can be ruled out for the time being."..

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/20/talks-under-way-with-various-parties-says-gilani-2.html>

PML-Q sets terms to join federal government

By Zulqernain Tahir

LAHORE, April, 18: The Pakistan Muslim League-Q is reported have decided in principle to join the federal government, but it has asked the PPP leadership to also take the MQM and JUI-F on board and form a "national reconciliation government" for the sake of security and prosperity of the country. According to sources, PML-Q president Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain has conveyed to President Asif Ali Zardari his party's "conditions" for joining the government....

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/19/pmlq-sets-terms-to-join-federal-government.html>

Budget, Senate polls trigger realignment

By Amir Wasim

ISLAMABAD: A numbers game to get through the forthcoming federal budget and next year's Senate elections is behind an increase in contacts between the ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Pakistan Muslim League-Q, background interviews with a number of politicians from the two parties reveal. Another factor that has forced the PPP leadership to look towards the PML-Q, according to PPP sources, is the 'unreliability' of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) which "is going to unreasonable lengths only for political gains in Sindh"...
<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/20/budget-senate-polls-trigger-realignment.html>

Last week, we had given the following assessment of the meltdown which is now going to get even messier as the budget looms around the corner and the national kitty is almost empty to the point of bankruptcy.

“The collapse of all administrative and financial segments continued with impunity while the rulers remained busy in ruthless and shameless corruption – succumbing to diktats of IMF and the World Bank. All social indicators are now going in red. The government knows that it has failed and the system is going down rapidly but the crisis is further exploited by the rulers to seek more donations, loans, funds and aid to siphon off to off shore accounts while the citizens continue to be crushed under back breaking taxes, power cuts, energy shortfall and law and order anarchy. The confusion and failure in the government is breathtaking. With no corrective procedures being taken, the street anarchy is rapidly simmering and can explode anytime on smallest of trigger. **Meanwhile, the self created and self inflicted energy and power crisis reach a meltdown stage crippling the national economy, industry and trade. SC however, warns the army not to interfere in the “democratic process”!** There is absolutely no sign of any improvement anywhere in the government”

IMF is now going for the kill, sensing the vulnerability of the regime and the massive corruption which stains its hands. The harshest terms are being forced even to the limits of blackmail which have collapsed the entire national economic fabric with war like crisis of power, energy, fuel and even water with staggering taxes imposed on multiple levels on the already crushed masses. On the surface, IMF seems “concerned” but in reality, they continue to squeeze ruthlessly.

IMF concerned over rising inflation, deficit

By Khaleeq Kiani

ISLAMABAD, April 17: The International Monetary Fund is reported to have expressed concern over rising inflation in Pakistan and growing uncertainties over keeping fiscal deficit within a 5.5 per cent target set by the government last month. A senior government official told Dawn on Sunday that the IMF had conveyed its concern to the government over the twin risks through its resident mission in Islamabad and then followed it up with the Pakistan’s economic team during the IMF-World Bank spring meetings in Washington where Finance Minister Abdul Hafeez Shaikh discussed the possibilities of a fresh funding programme...
<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/18/imf-concerned-over-rising-inflation-deficit.html>

Pak team returning without money

By Anwar Iqbal

WASHINGTON, April 18: The Pakistani delegation to the International Monetary Fund-World Bank spring meetings is returning home without any understanding on the release of the final instalment of an \$11.3 billion loan package. Pakistan has already received more than \$7 billion in five instalments. The 6th tranche, however, remains suspended since May 2010 because of the country’s inability to meet performance benchmarks attached to the standby arrangement....

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/19/pak-team-returning-without-money.html>

Power shortfall increases to over 5,000MW

By Ahmad Fraz Khan

LAHORE, April 22: The electricity shortfall shot up by 50 per cent of the demand on Friday, keeping half of the country without power and forcing Pepco to carry out up to 16 hours of loadshedding. According to the Pakistan Electric Power Company, it faces a shortfall of 5,010MW, with the demand at 14,475MW. Pepco officials said that a reduction in supply of furnace oil and gas, shortage of funds to buy oil and reduced water releases from two major dams were the main factors leading to this "disastrous situation"...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/23/power-shortfall-increases-to-over-5000mw.html>

Three major refineries stop supply of oil to PSO

By Khaleeq Kiani

ISLAMABAD, April 20: With the circular debt issue still unresolved, three major refineries have stopped oil supplies to Pakistan State Oil and two others have threatened to do the same if their dues are not cleared. The PSO sent on Wednesday an "SOS" to the prime minister's adviser on petroleum and ministers for finance and water and power for immediate payment of Rs60 billion to avert a shortage of petroleum products in the country....

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/21/three-major-refineries-stop-supply-of-oil-to-psy.html>

CNG stations to close for 36 hours

By A Reporter

KARACHI, April 21: All CNG stations in Karachi and other parts of Sindh will close for 36 hours from Friday midnight till Sunday noon. This was mutually agreed at a meeting between SSGC's top management and elected representatives of several CNG associations at the SSGC's Head Office on Thursday...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/22/cng-stations-to-close-for-36-hours.html>

Punjab's request for water release rejected

By Khaleeq Kiani

ISLAMABAD, April 22: Amid a serious water shortage and electricity shortfall exceeding 5,000MW, the Indus River System Authority (Irsa) rejected on Friday a request from Punjab for releasing water into the controversial Greater Thal Canal, but allowed additional discharges from Tarbela dam to improve power generation. Irsa sources told Dawn that the Punjab government had sought a release of 2,000 cusecs of water to operationalise the first phase of the Greater Thal Canal (GTC) completed recently at an estimated cost of about Rs9 billion. Irsa rejected the request in view of the water shortage and said the canal was meant mainly for the flood season and its formal opening could be considered only when water situation improved...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/23/punjab-request-for-water-release-rejected.html>

This is the 4th Generation war imposed on Pakistan with “Yugoslavia” doctrine in full force being deployed on ground. Now the collapse at all levels is leading towards the designed disintegration of the state with almost all parties now gunning for more provinces to be carved out of the state, each one bickering and fighting with the other for resources, water, money and energy. There are strong talks of more provinces within Punjab, another province of Hazara and then of Gilgit and Baltistan. MQM even demanding Karachi to be made a separate province. The infighting on ethnic, linguistic and sub-nationalist lines is now staring in the eyes.

The last phase of the Yugoslavia plan is now in motion while the Supreme Court and the Army still continue to weigh their options!

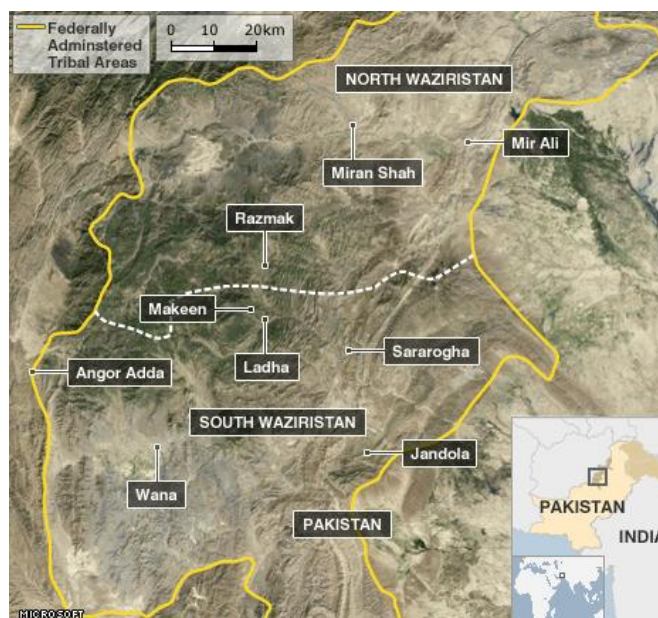
Hashmi wants Sharifs’ apology, calls for up to 16 provinces

By Raja Asghar

ISLAMABAD, April 21: Senior PML-N figure Javed Hashmi seemed mutinous in the National Assembly on Thursday, though differently from when he was once charged in a court, as he asked party leader Nawaz Sharif to apologise for accepting a Saudi exile for a pardoned conviction. He proposed splitting up the country’s four provinces in up to 16 for good administration. And in a speech that could rattle his colleagues in the country’s main opposition party, the ailing politician also offered a rare tribute to President Asif Ali Zardari’s political shrewdness, a day after they were seen up in arms against him in the house, saying one needed a doctorate to comprehend the moves of the man who also leads the ruling PPP...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/22/hashmi-wants-sharifs-apology-calls-for-up-to-16-provinces.html>

Now we move on to internal security issues.



The war is still fierce and bloody in the tribal areas despite major gains by the army. Forces are facing stiff resistance and also giving major casualties. The militants continue to enter from Afghanistan and wage their terror campaign against the forces and the state of Pakistan.

Terrorists' back broken, says Kayani

ISLAMABAD, April 23: Chief of the Army Staff Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani said on Saturday that his forces had broken the back of militants in the country. In a televised address to the cadets at the Pakistan Military Academy in Kakul, Gen Kayani praised the role of his soldiers in fighting extremists and said the nation would soon prevail over the menace of terrorism....

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/24/terrorists-back-broken-says-kayani.html>

'Mohmand's Suran area cleared of militants'

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD, April 21: The army has claimed to have cleared the Suran sector in Mohmand Agency of militants and initiated the consolidation phase of 'Operation Brekhna' even as skirmishes continued. "Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani visited Mohmand Agency today. His visit coincides with successful beginning of phase-2 of...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/22/mohmands-suram-area-cleared-of-militants.html>

Dir post attack left 16 personnel dead

TIMERGARA, April 22: The bodies of 16 security personnel killed on Thursday in an assault by militants from across the Afghan border were sent to their native towns for burial on Friday. Some 20 attackers were also killed in the clash, security officials said. According to security officials, 11 personnel of Dir Scouts, three of police force and two of Dir Levies were killed in the pre-dawn attack by a group of militants from Kunar across the Durand Line on a hilltop post in Kharkai area of Maskini...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/23/dir-post-attack-left-16-personnel-dead.html>

18 suspected militants, 7 civilians killed in drone attack

By Pazir Gul

MIRAMSHAH, April 22: Seven civilians and 18 suspected militants were killed in a drone attack in Spinwam area of North Waziristan on Friday. According to local people, four children and three women were among...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/23/18-suspected-militants-7-civilians-killed-in-drone-attack.html>

Suicide attack kills Lashkar chief

By Anwarullah Khan

KHAR, April 23: Five people, among them a lashkar head, were killed and eight others injured when a suspected suicide bomber attacked their convoy in Salarzai area of Bajaur Agency on Saturday. The injured included four security personnel....

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/24/suicide-attack-kills-lashkar-chief.html>

In Baluchistan, army is trying hard to win hearts and minds of the local youth, adopting a soft reconciliatory policy which is giving dividends. But the army cannot run the Baluchistan government and is handicapped due to a corrupt and incompetent provincial regime which supports the separatists, just as we have in NWFP and Karachi.

Kayani announces army's withdrawal from Sui

Dawn Report

GWADAR / SUI, April 18: Chief of the Army Staff Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani announced on Monday transition of security responsibilities of the restive town of Sui in Dera Bugti district to Balochistan's Frontier Corps over the next two months. He said the army battalion posted in Sui would return to the Quetta cantonment and once the troops got out of the town there would be no more army presence in the province outside cantonments....

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/19/kayani-announces-armys-withdrawal-from-sui.html>

Doctors threaten to quit jobs

QUETTA, April 20: The Pakistan Medical Association (Balochistan chapter) has warned that doctors working in government hospitals will resign if they are not provided proper security. A PMA meeting on Wednesday condemned the kidnapping and killing of Dr Mumtaz Haider and said that doctors could not work in an environment of insecurity....

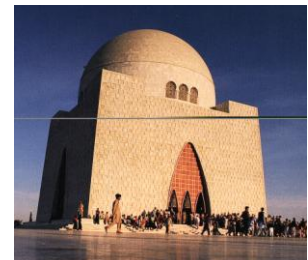
<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/21/balochistan-doctors-threaten-to-quit-jobs.html>

Local

3.1 Karachi and Sindh

Analysis:

Karachi remains seriously in trouble this week also and the threat level remain at 3.



15 dead in Karachi gambling den blast

By Imran Ayub

KARACHI, April 21: At least 15 people were killed and more than 30 injured in a bomb blast in a gambling den in a densely-populated area of the city on Thursday, officials and witnesses said. The blast, which took place between 9:15 and 9:30pm, targeted people at the entrance of the multi-storey Brich Club (popularly known as rummy club) in Ghaas Mandi, near the city's oldest neighbourhoods of Lyari and Kharadar...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/22/15-dead-in-karachi-gambling-den-blast.html>

Eight gunned down in Karachi

By Imran Ayub KARACHI, April 13: At least eight people, five political activists among them, were gunned down in different areas of Karachi on Wednesday as target killings remerged in full fury, prompting fresh fears among people that the scourge is beyond the control of political and security administrations in the province. There was no word from key officials in the provincial set-up about government efforts to put an end to the bloodshed as death toll swelled to 15 in three days of violence. However, police officials claimed that efforts were being made to stop the menace from spreading to so far unaffected parts of the city...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/14/eight-gunned-down-in-karachi.html>

Jamaat activist among 8 dead in Karachi

By Imran Ayub

KARACHI, April 16: Eight people, among them a former UC naib nazim, were killed amid ongoing wave of violence and targeted killings in different areas of the city on Saturday. Twelve injured people were brought to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, Civil Hospital and Abbasi Shaheed Hospital...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/17/jamaat-activist-among-8-dead-in-karachi.html>

Three JSMM men killed in attack

By Qamaruddin

MIRPURKHAS, April 21: Two leaders and an activist of the Jeay Sindh Muttahida Mahaz (JSMM) were killed and another leader injured in an attack on their car by a group of men at Khipro canal near Sanghar on Thursday. They were going from Khipro to Sanghar when their car came under attack and its gas cylinder burst. The car caught fire and JSMM vice-chairman Serai Qurban Khuhawar, leader Rooplo Choliani and driver Aziz Thebo were burnt to death. The party's central committee member Noorullah Tunio was taken to the Sanghar Civil Hospital with 70 per cent burn injuries and later referred to the Nawabshah Civil Hospital when his condition deteriorated...

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/04/22/three-jsmm-men-killed-in-attack.html>

3.2 Islamabad / Rawalpindi

Analysis

Threat level due to violence is now lower in twin cities now at 2.



3.3 Lahore / Punjab

Analysis

Threat levels remain in Lahore and Punjab remains at level 2.

3.4 Peshawar / NWFP / Baluchistan / Northern Areas and AJK

Analysis:

This week in Peshawar, **Threat levels are at 3**.
Threat levels in other NWFP cities and towns like Kohat, Dera Ismail, Mardan, would be 3 for the next week also.
Swat, Dir and Malakand region as well as Buner is level 3.

Threat levels are at **level 3 in Quetta**, level 3 in tribal and interior regions.

Kashmir is ok for now. Northern regions of Gilgit / Sakardu are tense but better at 3.



3.5 Current Terrorism / Security Threat Levels.

City / Region	Threat Level	
Islamabad	Level 2	★ ★
Karachi	Level 3	★ ★ ★
Lahore	Level 2	★ ★
Punjab	Level 2	★ ★
NWFP*	Level 4	★ ★ ★ ★
Peshawar	Level 3	★ ★ ★
Swat, Buner, Malakand	Level 3	★ ★ ★

Quetta	Level 3	★ ★ ★
Central Baluchistan / Kohlu / Dera Bugti etc.	Level 3	★ ★ ★
Upper / Rural Sindh	Level 3	★ ★ ★
Gilgit / Sakardu Kashmir	Level 3 Level 2	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
*(Tribal areas, Parachinar, Miranshah and regions close to Afghan border)		

4.1 Threat Level Reference

Threat Level 1

No threat at all to expats, families and interests, except isolated possibilities of muggings, petty thefts and stealing. No special precaution is required in traveling. ★

Threat Level 2

General Law and order problem in parts of the country. Basic precaution required in traveling outstation. Caution and observation required against particular threats building up. No particular threat to families. ★ ★

Threat Level 3

Serious law and order problems building up in some parts of the country. Travel restrictions may be imposed. Families to remain within Islamabad or within homes unless extremely necessary to travel. Evacuation plans may be made ready. Still livable but high degree of caution is required all the time. ★ ★ ★

Threat Level 4

Threat of Limited war, social chaos and collapse of civil administration happening or expected in certain parts of the country. Complete travel ban to be imposed towards troubled regions. All staff, families and personal to remain restricted within Islamabad or indoors. Evacuation of families and extra staff from the troubled regions can begin; keeping only a rear guard team may be kept to look after interests. ★ ★ ★ ★

Threat Level 5



Full blown war, civil war, total collapse of law and order, invasion/occupation of the country. The rearguard team to get into their embassy and try to get out of the country.

4.2 Map of Pakistan

