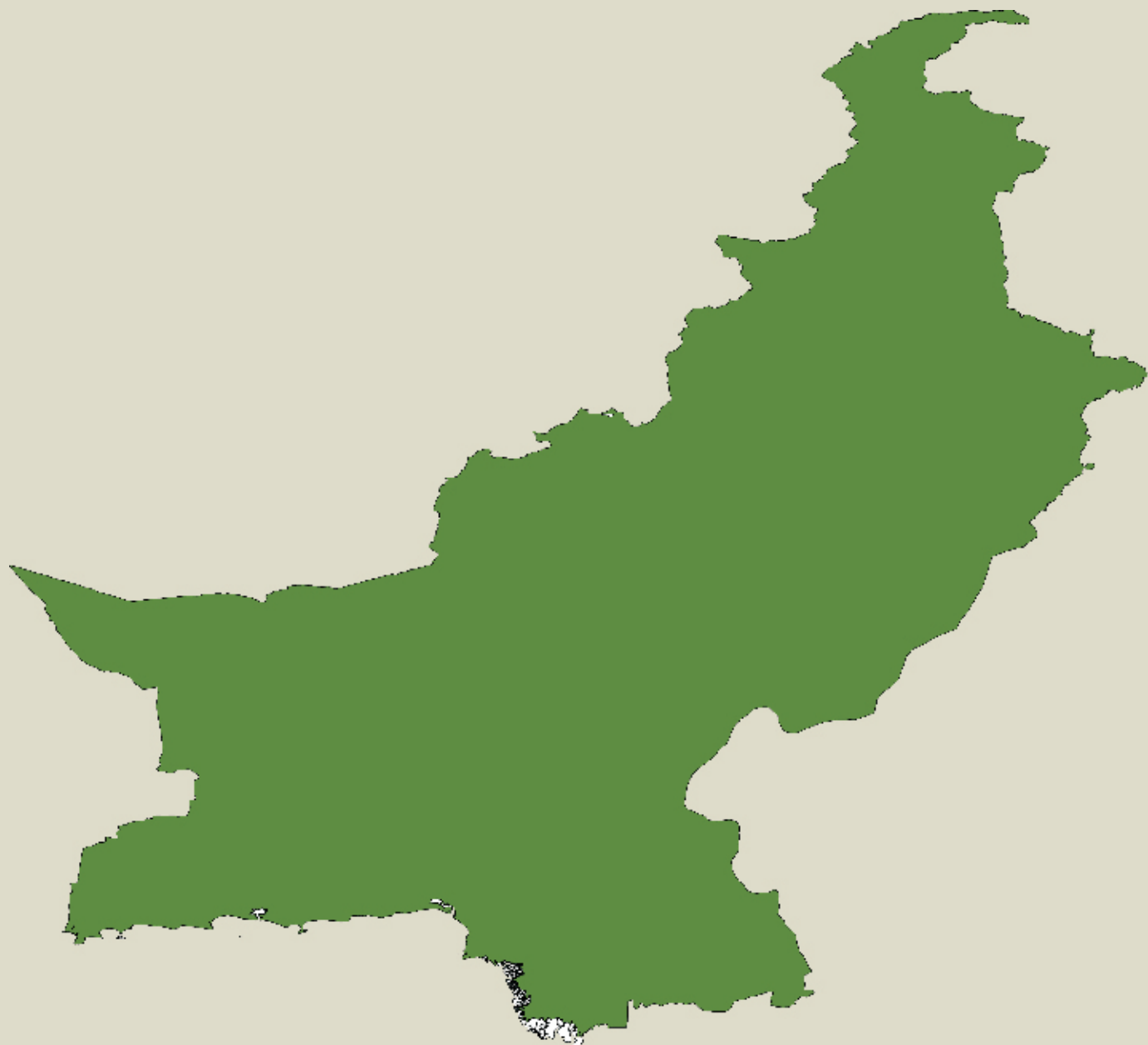


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## **ABBREVATIONS**

ANP: Awami National Party  
APC: All Party Conference  
ASWJ: Ahl-e-Sunnat Wal Jamaat  
AT: Awami Tehrik  
ECL: Exit Control List  
FATA: Federally Administered Tribal Area  
FBR: Federal Board of Revenue  
FC: Frontier Corps  
FIA: Federal Investigation Agency  
GHQ: General Head Quarters  
ICJ: International Court of Justice  
ISI: Inter-Services Intelligence  
ISPR: Inter Services Public Relations  
JI: Jamaat-e-Islami  
KP: Khyber Pakhthunkhwa  
LEA's: Low Enforcement Agencies  
MES: Military Engineering Services  
MQM: Muttahida Quami Movement  
PAT: Pakistan Awami Tehreek  
PEMRA: Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority  
PEW: Pakistan Economy Watch  
PML-N: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz  
PML-Q: Pakistan Muslim League Quaid  
PPP: Pakistan People's Party  
PTI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf  
TTP: Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan  
WB: World Bank

## POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

### TALE OF THE TWO DHARNAS: AZADI MARCH & INQUILABI MARCH

#### **Imran threatens Independence day march on Islamabad, *The Express Tribune*, June 27<sup>1</sup>**

In Bahawalpur, on June 27, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan announced at a rally that the time to verify votes in the four constituencies was over. He warned that the government now had only one month to comply with the four demands otherwise there will be a tsunami on August 14, independence day, in Islamabad. He demanded to know 1) *Who scripted the victory speech of Nawaz Sharif on May 11, 2013;* 2) *What was the role of caretaker Punjab chief minister Najam Sethi;* 3) *What was the role of the then-chief justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry;* 4) *And lastly why returning officers were not present under the Election Commission of Pakistan.* The PTI has demanded the verification of voters from four constituencies in which PTI candidates lost their seats. The constituencies include NA-110, NA-122, NA-125 and NA-154 Lodhran.

#### **Imran threatens to file murder case against PM if violence erupts, *The Express Tribune*, July 28<sup>2</sup>**

In sharp criticism of government's decision to implement Article 245 in Islamabad, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairperson Imran Khan threatened on July 28 to file a murder case against Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif if violence was used against his party workers during the August 14 rally.... Commenting on the possibility of joining hands with Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) chief Tahirul Qadri, Imran said he could ask Qadri to become a part of his tsunami march, however, he said he does not agree with his 'revolution' agenda. He also hoped that "Pakistan Army should not support the government and stay neutral".

#### **90pc of MPs oppose Imran's tactics, *The News*, August 05<sup>3</sup>**

Only two political parties in parliament out of the 18, one having one member (Sheikh Rashid) while the other having seven members (two MNAs Ch Pervez Elahi and Tariq Cheema and five senators), are supporting Imran Khan's August 14 long march while 15 political parties, including that of ex-army chief Musharraf, either vehemently oppose it or do not support it. These 15 political parties opposing the long march constitute more than 90% of the total strength i.e. 403 MPs out of the of the elected representatives openly oppose any attempt to destabilise a democratic government by staging a long march just 14 months after the elections or threats to topple it by using 'force'.

#### **Revolution march to start on August 14: Dr Tahir-ul-Qadri, PAT Website, August 11<sup>4</sup>**

On August 10, leader of Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT), Dr Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri announced revolution march on August 14 for elimination of the system of oppression and

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<sup>1</sup><http://tribune.com.pk/story/727960/imran-khan-asks-nawaz-not-to-do-politics-on-idps/> & [http://dailymailnews.com/2014/06/28/top\\_stories/2.php#sthash.lzomHcb3.dpuf](http://dailymailnews.com/2014/06/28/top_stories/2.php#sthash.lzomHcb3.dpuf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/741982/imran-khan-to-start-murder-case-against-pm-nawaz-if-army-or-police-open-fire-at-pti-workers/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32010-90pc-of-MPs-oppose-Imrans-tactics>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.pat.com.pk/english/tid/29246/Revolution-march-to-start-on-August-14-Dr-Tahir-ul-Qadri-announces-at-Martyrs-Day/>

coercion. He asked 180 million people to stand up to repression and status quo which was responsible for keeping them mired in poverty and backwardness. expressed these views while addressing thousands of PAT workers on the occasion of Martyrs Day (Youm-e-Shuhada) at the Tehreek-e-Minhajul Quran secretariat in Model Town in Lahore on August 10.

### **Javed Hashmi disassociated himself from the Azadi March, *The Nation*, August 13<sup>5</sup>**

PTI President Makhdoom Javed Hashmi disassociated himself from the party's Azadi March and left for Multan. Hashmi developed differences with Imran Khan over the party chief's demand of interim government of technocrats. Hashmi as saying, "*There is no need of Azadi March any more after the government has announced to constitute a judicial commission to probe alleged electoral rigging in 2013.*" However, the party sources have not confirmed the news item. Talking to media, PTI leader Shah Mehmood Qureshi denied the news item and said, "*Hashmi is our friend and would remain with the party in future as well.*"

### **Tahirul Qadri Announces Joint March with Imran Khan, August 11, 2014<sup>6</sup>**

Pakistani Cleric Tahirul Qadri Announces Joint March with Imran Khan Lahore: Anti-government cleric and Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) chief Tahirul Qadri yesterday said his 'Revolution March' would go along with cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan's 'Freedom March' on August 14. "The Inqilab (revolution) march will begin on August 14 towards Islamabad.

### **Qadri's 10-point agenda for 'green revolution', *PAT Website*, August 14<sup>7</sup>**

In Lahore, leading his party's 'revolution march' to Islamabad, chief of Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT), Dr. Tahirul Qadri revealed a 10-point agenda aimed at bringing a 'green revolution' in Pakistan.

### **Long march to end only after sending PM packing: Pervaiz, *Dawn*, August 14<sup>8</sup>**

ML-Q senior leader Pervaiz Elahi has said the 'Azadi March' will end only after sending Nawaz Sharif home. "*On Aug 14 everyone will be on the roads and reach their destination in Islamabad to oust the government,*" he said while addressing party workers at his residence here on August 13. Elahi said the PML-Q was actively taking part in the march. "*Our workers will take part in the protest march against the government from across the country. The rulers do not believe in justice, human rights and the Constitution. Even provision of food items and medicines in Minhajul Quran was being denied,*" he claimed.

### **Qadri gives govt 48 hours; Khan quiet on timeline, *PakistanToday* August 16<sup>9</sup>**

Despite having differences over their charters of demand from the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan and Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) chief Dr Tahirul Qadri on Saturday separately reiterated their demand for immediate resignation of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, with the PAT chief giving the government 48 hours to accept his demands...Although Qadri claimed that his rally was more

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/13-Aug-2014/javed-hashmi-baaghi-again>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.pat.com.pk/english/control/News/page/22/News-and-Events-by-Pakistan-Awami-Tehreek.html>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.pat.com.pk/english/tid/29312/Qadris-10-point-agenda-for-green-revolution/>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1125266/long-march-to-end-only-after-sending-pm-packing-pervaiz>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2014/08/16/national/qadri-sets-agenda-khan-keeps-people-guessing/>

than a "million march", independent political observers believe the number of participants in the first day of the Inqilab March sit-in was between 30 and 35,000.

**Qadri demands resignation, arrest of Nawaz, *Pak Tribune*, August 18<sup>10</sup>**

Tahirul Qadri has given a 10 point revolutionary agenda, demanding resignation of the prime minister and chief minister of Punjab, dissolution of National Assembly as well as provincial assemblies, formation of a national government and rejected mid-term election. He termed the existing assemblies as unconstitutional, saying that 2/3 of the members were corrupt, loan defaulters and tax evaders.

**Imran vows to lead march into Islamabad's Red Zone, *Dawn*, August 19<sup>11</sup>**

Lashing out at the ruling PML-N government over what he called 'dynastic politics of Sharifs,' PTI chief Imran on August 18 said that he will lead the march into 'Red Zone' of the federal capital on Tuesday, when his deadline expires. "Because I am worried that the police is ours and you are also mine, and I do not want any clash with police. That's why I have decided I will lead the march to the Red Zone," he said to the protesters. "Police will have to decide whether they will fire at Imran Khan or not. I know the Pakistani police will not shoot at Imran Khan," he said. To the "Gullu Butts," he said if they raise arms against workers, they will have no place to hide. "The world will witness the power of the Pakistani nation tomorrow." He asked the party workers to promise that they will follow behind him, and that "if something happens," he will take the first bullet.

**Qadri says his supporters will march on parliament, *Business Recorder*, August 19<sup>12</sup>**

Qadri said his supporters had decided to march peacefully on parliament to try to force the prime minister to resign. He said a "people's parliament" had decided to march after he asked the crowd several times if they wanted "a true democracy" and "no terrorism" and they shouted "yes".

**PTI's decision not good omen for democracy: Zardari, *Dawn*, August 19<sup>13</sup>**

Asif Ali Zardari, said in London, on August 18 that PTI's decision to quit assemblies was not a good omen for the continuity of the democratic process. In the light of Imran Khan's announcements, PPP spokesman Farhatullah Babar quoted Mr Zardari as saying, the PPP had decided to hold consultations with other opposition political parties about further participation in parliamentary proceedings.

**Nisar, Shahbaz meet COAS, *The Nation*, August 19<sup>14</sup>**

Army Chief Gen Raheel Sharif on August 18 met Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan in Rawalpindi. The report said it was agreed during the meeting that dialogue should be opened immediately with PTI and PAT to listen to their demands. During their meeting, the army chief discussed the 'Revolution March' and 'Azadi

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<sup>10</sup><http://paktribune.com/news/Qadri-demands-resignation-arrest-of-Nawaz-Shahbaz;-dissolution-of-assemblies-270888.html>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126128/imran-vows-to-lead-march-into-islamabads-red-zone>

<sup>12</sup><http://www.brecorder.com/top-news/108-pakistan-top-news/189324-qadri-says-his-supporters-will-march-on-parliament.html>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126235/ptis-decision-not-good-omen-for-democracy-zardari>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/19-Aug-2014/nisar-shahbaz-meet-coas>

March' being held in the federal capital, the report quoted sources. They informed Gen Sharif about the moves taken by the government to defuse the crisis...Talking to reporters the interior minister tried to downplay the meeting and said it was a 'routine meeting'. *Shahbaz Sharif and Chaudhry Nisar also met with the army chief on August 13 — a day before the PTI and the PAT launched their marches from Lahore.*

**Nawaz meets COAS to discuss security situation, Dawn, August 19<sup>15</sup>**

Nawaz Sharif met with General Raheel Sharif at the Prime Minister House on August 19, and discussed issues pertaining to national security. Senior civilian and military leaders also attended the meeting to discuss the strategy to defuse the situation in the federal capital which had arisen due to the sit-ins....Sources told Dawn that the military leadership apprised Nawaz Sharif about the progress made in the ongoing 'Zarb-i-Azb' military operation in North Waziristan. Prime Minister told the meeting that the government has opened political dialogue with both PAT and PTI to call off their protest rallies, but their leadership have refused to talk. *The decision by Indian government not to send its Foreign Secretary to Pakistan for scheduled talks was also discussed in the meeting.*

**'From czar to deputy commissioner', Nawaz besieged, Dawn, August 20<sup>16</sup>**

Dawn reported that besieged Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has been assured by military that there will be no coup, but in return he must "share space with the army", according to a government source who was privy to recent talks between the two sides....Last week, as tens of thousands of protesters advanced on the federal capital to demand his resignation, Sharif dispatched two emissaries to consult with the army chief. He wanted to know if the military was quietly engineering the twin protest movements by cricket star-turned-politician Imran Khan and activist cleric Tahirul Qadri, or if, perhaps, it was preparing to stage a coup. *According to a government insider with a first-hand account of the meeting, Sharif's envoys returned with good news and bad: there will be no coup but if he wants his government to survive, from now on it will have to share space with the army.*

"Sharing space" is a familiar euphemism for civilian governments focusing narrowly on domestic political affairs and leaving security and strategic policy to the army. The fact that the military is back in the driving seat will make it harder for Sharif to deliver the rapprochement with India that he promised when he won the election last year. Indian media speculated this week that Sharif had already been forced by the generals to scuttle peace talks. New Delhi on August 18 called off a meeting between foreign ministry officials of the two countries, which had been set to take place on Aug 25, because Pakistan announced its intention to consult Kashmiri separatists ahead of the meeting.

**Army advises parties to hold talks, refuses to mediate, Dawn, August 21<sup>17</sup>**

The army has refused to mediate between the government and the protesting parties to defuse the political crisis and has instead asked both sides to work for a settlement on their own. Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali met Army chief Gen

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<sup>15</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126346>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126545>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126707/army-advises-parties-to-hold-talks-refuses-to-mediate>



Raheel Sharif for the fourth time in eight days on August 20. They were told to directly engage the PTI and the PAT in a “*meaningful dialogue*” and find out an “*urgent solution*”. A source privy to the discussions between the government and the army chief said the civilian leadership, besides seeking help for security, had been asking for assistance in negotiating a settlement. Another side the military’s description of ‘Red Zone’ buildings as “*symbols of the state which are being protected by the army*” has set the red line for the protesters.

**Army assures Nawaz of no coup, *The News*, August 21<sup>18</sup>**

Besieged PM Nawaz Sharif has been assured by the country’s military there will be no coup, but in return he must “*share space with the army*”, according to a government source who was privy to recent talks between the two sides.

**Third round of Govt-PTI talks fails to make breakthrough, *The News*, August 23<sup>19</sup>**

The third round of talks between the government appointed panel and the protesting Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on August 23 failed to make any headway as the latter showed no sign to budge on its demand for Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif’s resignation...Talking to media representatives after today’s round of talks here, Sardar Sarwar – one of the members of government’s negotiation committee – said the talks could not be successful despite acceding to all the demands of PTI except for PM’s resignation. “Both the sides shared agreement on all points but one (PM’s resignation).” The government’s committee comprised Ahsan Iqbal, Zahid Hamid, Abdul Qadir Baloch, Sardar Sarwar and Pervez Rashid while Shah Mehmood Qurshi, Javed Hashmi, Assad Umar, Jahangir Khan Tarin and Arif Alvi represented PTI’s panel for the dialogue.

**Nawaz turns to Zardari for ‘rescue’, *Daily Times*, August 23<sup>20</sup>**

Nawaz Sharif on August 22 reached out to Asif Ali Zardari and invited him for a luncheon meeting in Raiwind, Lahore on August 23 to discuss the ongoing political deadlock. Fearing the PPP could support the institution of the murder case over the 14 killings in Model Town, Lahore on June 17, the Sharif brothers have invited Zardari so as to persuade them not to put their weight behind Tahirul Qadri. The PML-N leadership decided that the invitation for the lunch must be extended by Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif who is not even on talking terms with Zardari since his (Shahbaz) protests and speeches against him the former president when he was in power.

**Stalemate persists: Qadri renews call for national government, *The Express Tribune*, August 22<sup>21</sup>**

The deadlock between the government and the PAT continued as Dr Qadri did not allow his negotiators to meet the government committee due to a fresh blockade of roads leading to the sit-in venue. Addressing his Inqilab rally, Qadri demanded the formation of a national government by dissolving all assemblies rather than resorting to individual resignations. “Individual resignations will not end this deadlock... there is a need to dissolve the assemblies and form a national government.”

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<sup>18</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32344-Army-assures-Nawaz-of-no-coup>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-157653-Third-round-of-Govt-PTI-talks-fails-to-make-breakthrough>

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/punjab/23-Aug-2014/nawaz-turns-to-zardari-for-rescue>

<sup>21</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/752119/stalemate-persists-qadri-renews-call-for-national-government/>

**JIT recommends registration of case against Shahbaz** *ARYnews*, August 24<sup>22</sup>,

The Joint Investigation Team formed to investigate Model Town Incident has recommended registration of case against Chief Minister Punjab Mian Shahbaz Sharif, his personal secretary Tauqeer Shah and former law minister Rana Sanaullah, ARY News reported.

**Nawaz, army chief agree to 'resolve ongoing issue expeditiously'**, *Dawn*, August 26<sup>23</sup>

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday met with Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Raheel Sharif at the Prime Minister House to discuss the security situation in the country, DawnNews reported. "There was a consensus on the need to resolve the ongoing issue expeditiously in the best national interest," read a short statement issued from the PM House shortly after the meeting. Some officials have accused elements within the powerful military of orchestrating the protests to weaken the civilian government. The military insists it does not meddle in politics. *Most analysts doubt the military wants a coup, but a perception is widespread that it could exploit the protests to pressure the civilian government.*

**Three days, two visits: PM Nawaz meets COAS**, *Dawn*, August 28<sup>24</sup>

This was the second such meeting in a week between the premier and the COAS, the first was held on Tuesday, August 26 during which the two had agreed to immediately resolve the political cul-de-sac. During the meeting PM Nawaz took the COAS into confidence over the several rounds of talks that the government had held with the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) and Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) leadership. Both agreed on the need to resume dialogue in order to end the political deadlock in the country. The premier made it clear that the government had shown flexibility on certain matters during talks with the PTI and PAT leadership, however, he said that certain demands made by the PTI and PAT were against the Constitution.

**Imran Khan, Qadri meet army chief**, *The News*, August 29<sup>25</sup>

Imran Khan and Dr Tahirul Qadri met Chief of the Army Staff General Raheel Sharif amid growing political crisis that prompted the Nawaz government to seek army's help on August 28. Director General Inter-Services Intelligence Lt. Gen Zaheerul Islam and Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan were also present during the meeting. The meeting between the army chief and Imran Khan lasted for 50 minutes. Dr Tahirul's meeting with Army chief started after Imran Khan left for D-Chowk. Earlier in their speeches before the meeting, Imran Khan and Qadri said they accepted the role of Chief of Army Staff as a mediator and guarantor in the current political impasse...The above developments took place after Nawaz Sharif in a meeting with General Raheel Sharif asked the latter to play his positive role in the current political situation of the country. In his speech, before this meeting, Qadri said the 'government had to knock the door as a beggar' for seeking the help of Pak Army while Imran Khan said to his supporters: "We would either celebrate tomorrow or give the call that was to be given today." Imran Khan said he was putting off his planned course of action for the next 24 hours, as the Army Chief asked him to do so.

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<sup>22</sup> <http://arynews.tv/en/model-town-incident-jit-recommends-registration-of-case-against-shahbaz-sanaullah>

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1127874>

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1128352>

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-158148-Imran-Khan,-Qadri-meet-army-chief->

**Did not ask army to mediate: PM Nawaz, *The News*, August 29, 2014<sup>26</sup>**

Nawaz Sharif said his government had not requested nor had the army asked to act as a mediator in helping resolve the political crisis in the country. Speaking on the floor of the National Assembly on August 28, he said in his presence Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar had received a telephone call regarding Imran Khan and Tahirul Qadri wanting to meet Army chief General Raheel Sharif. Sharif informed parliamentarians that he said if Khan and Qadri had requested a meeting, the army chief should meet them. "Even if I did not meet the army chief yesterday, he would still have played a role," Sharif said. The prime minister further said the army had told him a few days earlier that protecting state building was their responsibility.

**COAS was asked by the Govt to play facilitative role: DG ISPR, *Dawn*, August 29<sup>27</sup>.**

The military issued a short statement on August 29 at 1839 hrs, saying that it was playing the role of facilitator in the ongoing political crisis at the behest of the government. In a message posted on Twitter, Director General Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said, "[The] COAS was asked by the Govt to play [a] facilitative role for resolution of current impasse, in yesterday's meeting, at #PM House."

**Govt on back foot as army looks to continue 'mediation', *Dawn*, August 30<sup>28</sup>**

Even as politicians on both sides traded barbs all day long — each side accusing the other of inviting the army into the fray — military sources said that the army was going to continue in its role as mediator between the government and the protesting parties. "The army's role (as mediator) is continuing and it will certainly guarantee the implementation of any agreement that the protesting parties reach with the government," a source privy to the hectic behind-the-scenes efforts told *Dawn* on August 29.

**Imran gives hint of his talk with army chief, *The News*, August 30<sup>29</sup>**

Following the clarification by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) that the government had requested General Raheel Sharif to play the role of a "mediator and guarantor" between it and the protesters, Imran stated that it proved that Nawaz Sharif had no justification to rule the country as he had told a lie on the floor of the National Assembly. Now, he must quit as he had also violated his oath by telling a lie, Imran contended.

"General Raheel Sharif knew that I had received a call from his office after which we decided to respond positively and I met him afterwards," the PTI chief said. Imran said that during his meeting, General Raheel Sharif told him that he would guarantee a transparent probe into the election fraud. "But I have told General Raheel that I don't trust Nawaz Sharif and his resignation is essential so that vote rigging allegations could be investigated in a transparent manner," the PTI chief added. He informed the audience that General Raheel told him that Nawaz Sharif was not willing to resign. Imran informed the army chief that an independent probe into the vote fraud was not possible if Nawaz stayed as the prime minister, which was also against the internationally-accepted democratic norms. The PTI chairman continued that he told the army

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<sup>26</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-158182-Did-not-ask-army-to-mediate:-PM-Nawaz->

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1128573>

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1128729>

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32546-90pc-MPs-are-tax-evaders-and-killers-claims-Imran>

chief that he would not withdraw from the demand for the prime minister's resignation. He said those who stood with Nawaz Sharif to save the democracy should listen that Nawaz Sharif was also telling a lie to them.

**Imran says time to move forward has arrived, *The News*, August 30<sup>30</sup>**

Imran Khan announced on August 30 that the time to move forward had arrived. Asking his supporters if they were ready, Khan said after the 17-day sit-in it was now time to move forward. "Our tigers will move forward before the women," Khan said while addressing the participants of the PTI sit-in. Khan said he would be making another announcement soon. Earlier that day, Imran Khan reiterated his demand of Nawaz Sharif resigning as prime minister. "The prime minister should sit out for one month until the rigging probe is complete. Resign till the investigation and if cleared return."

**Blood & tears as riots roar in 'Red Zone' *Samaa TV*, August 30<sup>31</sup>**

At least two protestors including a woman were reportedly killed and hundreds others were injured in a violent riot control operation to disperse the marchers of Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf outside Prime Minister House, *Samaa* reported. "Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets on the protestors attempting to stage a sit-in in front of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's official residence", an official said.

**Battleground Islamabad: Imran vows to advance as clashes continue, *Dawn*, August 31<sup>32</sup>**

Hundreds of people were injured in the federal capital as police battled throngs of protestors led by Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan and Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) Chief Dr Tahirul Qadri. The protestors - demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif - were held back with tear gas, batons and rubber bullets outside the prime minister's official residence and the adjacent parliament building.

**Bloody night in Red Zone, *The Nation*, August 31<sup>33</sup>**

At least 240 people were wounded in clashes between police and protestors in Islamabad, as a fortnight-long political impasse took a violent turn Saturday night. Led by Imran Khan and Dr Thahirul Qadri, PTI and PAT protestors had been camped outside parliament house since August 15 demanding Nawaz Sharif quit, claiming the election which swept him to power last year was rigged. The violence came after talks between government and PAT and PTI collapsed and around 25,000 people marched towards the PM House and attempted to remove barricades around it with cranes.

**Imran moved forward against party decision: Javed Hashmi, *The News*, August 31<sup>34</sup>**

Addressing a press conference on August 31, PTI President Javed Hashmi disclosed that Imran Khan had assured that they would not move forward from Constitution Avenue. Imran Khan's decision to move forward to the PM House was against that of the party. Hashmi said Imran Khan changed his stance after Sheikh Rasheed and Saifullah Niazi delivered a message to him. The PTI

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<sup>30</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-158302-Imran-says-time-to-move-forward-has-arrived->

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.pat.com.pk/english/tid/29522/Blood-tears-as-riots-roar-in-Red-Zone/>

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1128786>

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/31-Aug-2014/bloody-night-in-red-zone>

<sup>34</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-158367-Imran-moved-forward-against-party-decision:-Javed-Hashmi>

president said that he was not informed of what prompted the decision to move forward despite asking Imran Khan. Hashim said he was told by Imran Khan that he could leave if he had difference.

**Protests force change in Islamabad police, *Dawn*, September 1<sup>35</sup>**

Superintendent of Traffic Police Asmatullah Junejo assumed the charge of SSP (operations) Islamabad on Sunday night after his predecessor Mohammad Ali Nikokara went on leave over the issue of use of force against protesters. Soon after assuming the charge, SSP Junejo appeared at the Secretariat Chowk and talked to the media. He said: "We are not policymakers; we are to implement decisions. Imran Khan and Tahirul Qadir were our heroes but they should understand our constraint." Referring to the Prime Minister House and PM Secretariat, he said there was a red line which police could not allow anyone to cross. "We have to defend the red line whether you like it or not."

**PROVINCIAL POLITICS**

**Masses step out for 'Gaza Million March' on JI's call, *Pakistan Today*, August 18<sup>36</sup>**

A large number of JI workers, leaders and supporters, including women and children, participated in the march staged on Shahrah-e-Faisal from Baloch Colony to FTC Building in Karachi on August 17. Some leaders of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and other parties also joined the march. JI Ameer Sirajul Haq called upon the Muslim ummah, especially Pak Army chief, to stand up to the Israeli aggression and support Palestinians without fear of United States.

**Baloch CM hails political parties backing of democracy, *Daily Times*, August 22<sup>37</sup>**

Baluchistan Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch on August 21 termed the alliance of political parties in the favour of democracy a positive omen. Talking to media after his arrival at Turbat, he said that he was also in the favour of talks to end the fake political crisis in the country. He added that Khuzdar, DG Khan and Loralai transmission line and Pangur, Naag highway, which were delayed since last 15 years, are being completed.

**'Disgruntled' PTI MNAs decide to form forward bloc; party denies, *Daily Times*, August 25<sup>38</sup>**

11 disgruntled PMNAs have decided to form a forward bloc after developing serious differences with the party leadership over the issue of resignations, however, a spokesman denies the media reports. Media reported that PTI MNA from Peshawar Gulzar Khan accused the party leadership of *not consulting the lawmakers over the decision of resignations during the sit-in in Islamabad*. He said *that they were neither consulted nor taken on board over such a big decision*.

**Model Town tragedy: LHC upholds FIR order against PM *Express Tribune*, August 27<sup>39</sup>**

The LHC on August 26 upheld a session's court decision and directed the police to register a murder case against the PM, Punjab's chief minister and 19 other officials in connection with the

<sup>35</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1129164>

<sup>36</sup> <http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2014/08/18/national/masses-step-out-for-gaza-million-march-on-jis-call/>

<sup>37</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/22-Aug-2014/baloch-hails-political-parties-backing-of-democracy>

<sup>38</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/25-Aug-2014/disgruntled-pti-mnas-decide-to-form-forward-bloc-party-denies>

<sup>39</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/754229/model-town-tragedy-lhc-upholds-fir-order-against-pm-20-others/>

killing of over a dozen PAT workers outside the Central Secretariat of Minhajul Quran International at Lahore's Model Town on June 17.

**PTI legislators in Punjab Assembly submit resignations, *Daily Times*, August 28<sup>40</sup>**

PTI quit the assembly on the advice of Imran Khan. Under the party policy 28 out of 30 legislators submitted their resignations to the Assembly Secretary Rai Mumtaz. Two members of the provincial assembly, Nighat Intasar Bhatti and Muhammad Jahanzaib Khan have yet to decide on resigning from the House and have not handed over their resignations to Opposition Leader Mian Mehmoodur Rashid, who is also the parliamentary leader of the PTI in the Punjab Assembly.

**OTHER DEVELOPMENTS**

**PPP not to support undemocratic moves, says Khuhro, *Dawn*, August 1<sup>41</sup>**

Sindh's Senior Education Minister Nisar Ahmed Khuhro has said the *PPP will not support the sit-ins to undemocratically dislodge the government*. He further said that *"we are not against any political party holding public meetings"* no matter in Islamabad or elsewhere, as the PTI was planning to hold, but it should carefully choose the day. Mr Khuhro said *it was Imran Khan who stood by Pervez Musharraf when the former strongman had said those who supported and opposed him should divide themselves in two lines*.

**Fazl belittles PTI protest plan, *The News*, August 2<sup>42</sup>**

JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has said that the *protest announced by Imran Khan seemed ludicrous, adding that pressurising the courts and state institutions was part of a conspiracy to derail the system*. He advised the government *not to give any importance to the announcement of long march and Dharna by Imran Khan as similar marches and meetings had been held in the country in the past also*.

**By-polls if PTI quits assemblies, says Pervaiz, *The Nation*, August 3<sup>43</sup>**

Federal Information and Broadcasting Minister Senator Pervaiz Rashid has said the government would hold by-elections if PTI legislators quit the assemblies. Rashid said there would be no harm if 15 members of PTI out of the house of 342 tendered resignations. *"We will welcome the move of PTI resignations and hold by-elections on the vacant seats,"* he added.

**PPP displeased over invocation of Art 245, *Daily Times*, August 3<sup>44</sup>**

PPP on August 2 announced to end its role of 'friendly opposition' in the parliament. *"We would now act as the opposition and not as the friendly opposition... in order to save parliamentary democracy,"* Shah slammed the government for invoking Article 245 of the constitution which it has employed to deploy the army in the federal capital and termed it *"a political blunder"* by Nawaz Sharif. *"Neither the parliament, nor the political parties were taken into confidence over a decision as important as this,"* Shah said.

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<sup>40</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/punjab/28-Aug-2014/pti-legislators-in-punjab-assembly-submit-resignations>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1122433/ppp-not-to-support-undemocratic-moves-says-khuhro>

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31944-Fazl-belittles-PTI-protest-plan>

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/03-Aug-2014/by-polls-if-pti-quits-assemblies-says-pervaiz>

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/03-Aug-2014/ppp-will-no-more-be-a-friendly-opposition>

**Govt allocated Rs1 bn to block Azadi March: PTI, The News, August 4<sup>45</sup>**

Leader of the opposition in the Punjab Assembly Mian Mahmoodur Rasheed has said that the PML-N has allocated an initial secret fund of one billion rupees to block the PTI's 'Azadi March' on August 14. The opposition leader said *this was decided at a meeting chaired by Nawaz Sharif at Murree*. He said *a few master bureaucrats and artiste ministers had demanded money from the government to help them block the 'Azadi March' and the Finance Minister had been tasked to arrange for these funds on an emergency basis*.

**US to stay neutral if govt is changed constitutionally, Dawn, August 8<sup>46</sup>**

The United States has been quietly telling Pakistani politicians that it would stay neutral if the threatened agitation in the country leads to a government change through "*constitutional means*", but would be opposed to a coup. This message from Washington has been delivered to government and opposition politicians and military leaders by US Ambassador Richard Olson. "*Ambassador Olson has been discussing the political scenario*," said one politician who had recently met the envoy. He asked not to be named. Mr Olson, who had held a series of meetings earlier, met Fazlur Rehman on August 7.

**Siraj presents four-point formula to defuse tension, Dawn, August 8<sup>47</sup>**

Jl chief Sirajul Haq has said that he has presented a four-point formula to Nawaz Sharif to defuse tension between federal government and PTI. "*I have put up four-point formula before Premier Nawaz Sharif and the ball is in the federal government's court*," he told a press conference here on August 7. The Jl chief declined to reveal his formula, which he claimed could steer the country out of the current crises. He said that he discussed the formula with Imran Khan before meeting with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on August 7. He said that it would be inappropriate to disclose those four points.

**Sheikh Rasheed urges Imran, Qadri to join forces against PML-N, Express Tribune, August 8<sup>48</sup>**

Awami Muslim League chief Sheikh Rasheed Ahmad on August 8 urged Imran Khan and Tahriul Quadri to join forces against the PML-N. Speaking outside the National Assembly, Rasheed questioned the government's decision to implement Article 245 of the constitution in Islamabad at a time when political rivals are planning anti-government protests. "*What is the government trying to prove by inviting the army*," he said. He also criticised the government for not negotiating with PAT chief Tahirul Qadri just because his party has no seat in the parliament. "*Being in the National Assembly means nothing; Qadri is a strong political force and has a big number of supporters*," he said.

**Not running away from Pakistan, says Pervez Musharraf, Dawn, August 10<sup>49</sup>**

Pervez Musharraf said he would not be running away from Pakistan. "*I am not running away from Pakistan. Rather, I will defend [myself] in all cases against me before a court of law*," Musharraf said to supporters gathered in Islamabad as he spoke via telephone. "*I have to go out of Pakistan only to see my ailing mother and will return back to you*," he said to the gathering. He said the cases against him

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<sup>45</sup> Govt has allocated Rs1 bn to block Azadi March: PTI

<sup>46</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1123977/us-to-stay-neutral-if-govt-is-changed-constitutionally>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1124044/siraj-presents-four-point-formula-to-defuse-tension>

<sup>48</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/745931/sheikh-rasheed-urges-imran-qadri-to-join-forces-against-pml-n/>

<sup>49</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1124456/not-running-away-from-pakistan-says-pervez-musharraf>

are politically motivated and baseless. He also lamented the current economic situation and claimed that when he resigned in 2008, the country had \$18 billion reserves as compared to only \$4 billion to \$5 billion today.

**Government failed to address PTI demands: Shahid Latif, *The Nation*, August 11<sup>50</sup>**

Former chief of PAF Air Marshal (retd) Shahid Latif accused that Article 245 was implemented to defend PML-N and not the forces combating in the FATA. According to our sources, Shahid Latif said that the military had demanded the shelter of Article 245, back in June, for the ongoing operation in FATA but the government delayed its implementation. "*Sudden implementation of Article 245, in Islamabad area, is to defend the government from protestors of PTI and PAT,*" he said. Also, he said the PML-N is entirely responsible for the incumbent political situation.

**'Imran being advised by ex-spymaster Pasha', *Dawn*, August 12<sup>51</sup>**

Federal Information Minister Pervaiz Rashid alleged on August 11 that Imran Khan was acting on the advice of former chief of ISI Ahmed Shuja Pasha. Talking to the media after a consultative meeting of the PML-N, he said some media reports suggested that the former spymaster was involved in promotion of the PTI in 2011 and had recently met Imran Khan and advised him on the protest plan to topple the government. He said the ex-spymaster's strategy was also to be blamed for the PTI's defeat in the 2013 general election. Quoting an internal report of the '*Fact-Finding Committee*' the PTI leadership had formed to probe into the reasons behind its defeat, he said: "*Selling out tickets to the people unable to contest the elections*" as the main reason behind the routing of the party in the electoral contest.

**Musharraf's name to be removed from ECL, *The Nation*, August 12<sup>52</sup>**

Government has started considering the removal of Pervez Musharraf's name from ECL and directed its legal team to work out legal draft on this count. Sources said that government had made consultations with top government functionaries in this respect and these circles have advised government to hush up Pervez Musharraf matter and allow him to go abroad. Sources added government has solicited legal opinion from its legal team directing it to keep the draft ready on emergency basis. The government will file this draft in SC keeping in view the prevailing situation in the country. *The government will pray to the court that it had no objection over Pervez Musharraf traveling to outside the country, therefore, it withdraws the appeal plea filed in SC against Sindh High Court decision, sources added.*

**Zardari forms committee to defuse tension, *Dawn*, August 13<sup>53</sup>**

Asif Ali Zardari, who is abroad for some weeks, has formed a committee of leaders of his party for consultation with other political parties to defuse tense political situation in the country. According to PPP spokesman, a notification issued by political secretary Rukhsana Bangash, the special committee would be headed by Senator Rehman Malik. Other members of the committee

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<sup>50</sup><http://www.nation.com.pk/islamabad/10-Aug-2014/the-government-failed-to-address-the-demands-of-pti-air-marshal-retd-shahid-latif>

<sup>51</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1124864/imran-being-advised-by-ex-spymaster-pasha>

<sup>52</sup><http://www.nation.com.pk/national/11-Aug-2014/musharraf-s-name-to-be-removed-from-ecl-government-orders-legal-team>

<sup>53</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1125037/zardari-forms-committee-to-defuse-tension>



included Faryal Talpur, Moula Bakhsh Chandio, Nisar Khuhro, Imtiaz Safdar Waracih, Javed Waraich, Afzal Nadeem Chan, Khanzada Khan, Faisal Karim Kundi, Sabir Baloch and Fateh Muhammad Hasni. The committee has been tasked to immediately undertake consultation with different political parties to work out a plan to defuse the political tension and to ensure that the democratic system is not derailed, the spokesman said.

**Big guns under FIR(e) over Model Town tragedy, *The Nation*, August 17<sup>54</sup>**

An additional district and sessions judge ordered police to register criminal case against Nawaz Sharif, Shahbaz Sharif, former Punjab Law Minister Rana Sanaulah, and some other big guns of federal and provincial governments. Others against whom the registration of FIR has been ordered are: MNA Hamza Shahbaz; federal ministers Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Pervez Rasheed, Ch Nisar Ali Khan, Kh Saad Rafiq and Abid Sher Ali; and some other officials including Punjab Inspector General of Police and former principal secretary to CM Dr Tauqeer Shah.

**Hindu community appeals against demolition of Balaknash Temple, *Daily Times*, August 23<sup>55</sup>**

In Rawalpindi an 82-year-old temple belonging to the Hindu minority is being demolished. Built in 1935, the temple named 'Maharishi Walmeck Sawami Jee Temple', famous as 'Balaknash Temple' is situated in Gracy Lines. The notices for demolishing the Hindu infrastructures were issued on July 18, but served on the 12th of this month. Another tragic angle of the story is that the Hindu graveyard that comprises on 6.5 kanals of land (*1 kanal is about 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an acre*) is being also demolished for the construction of luxurious B-type Bungalows by the MES. During the construction that is underway, the toilets for the labour have been built on the Hindu graveyard, and now the area for the graveyard has been reduced to only one-and-a-half kanal.

## **FOREIGN POLICY**

**Pakistan to build deeper trade ties with South East Asia: Tariq Fatemi, *The Nation*, August 11<sup>56</sup>**

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Tariq Fatemi expressed that Pakistan wanted to build deeper trade and economic linkages with South East Asian countries. Addressing the meeting of ASEAN Regional Forum on August 11, Fatemi urged all ASEAN members to support Pakistan's case for full dialogue partnership.

**Sri Lankan president's visit put off, *Dawn*, August 21<sup>57</sup>**

Protests in the federal capital have forced postponement of Sri Lanka's President Mahinda Rajapaksa's visit to Pakistan. Mr Rajapaksa was due in Pakistan on 21 on a two-day visit. The visit was announced earlier in August after the fourth round of foreign secretary-level political consultations between the two countries.

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<sup>54</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/17-Aug-2014/big-guns-under-fir-e-over-model-town-tragedy>

<sup>55</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/islamabad/23-Aug-2014/hindu-community-appeals-against-the-demolition-of-balaknash-temple>

<sup>56</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/11-Aug-2014/pakistan-aspires-to-build-deeper-trade-ties-with-south-east-asia-tariq-fatemi>

<sup>57</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126714/sri-lankan-presidents-visit-put-off>

**US denies meddling in Pakistan's politics, Dawn, August 22<sup>58</sup>**

The State Department said the US was not engaged in any discussions that could be regarded as interference in Pakistan's internal politics. State Department's deputy spokesperson Marie Harf said: "*We are in no way involved in the process or the discussion between the parties. Any suggestion to the contrary is completely false.*" "*We do think that there needs to be peaceful dialogue and no attempts to change Pakistan's government through extra-constitutional attempts,*" Harf added.

**MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Corps commanders satisfied with NWA operation, Dawn, August 11<sup>59</sup>**

At a meeting that lasted several hours on 11, top commanders of the Pakistan Army vowed to not allow terrorists to regroup or return to areas where the military has been carrying out an operation against terrorist elements. Presiding over the Corps Commanders' meeting at the GHQ, COAS Gen Raheel Sharif expressed complete satisfaction over progress made so far in Operation Zarb-i-Azb. Commanders were given a detailed briefing on the ongoing operation and the overall security situation in the country. The army chief also expressed the hope that operational gains would be backed up by long term counter-terrorism and counter-extremism measures by concerned stakeholders. "*No stone (should) be left unturned to assist IDPs during their stay outside and in their early return to their homes,*" he was also quoted as saying.

**Terrorists on the run after Zarb-i-Azb operation, says COAS, Dawn, August 15<sup>60</sup>**

Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif while appreciating the bravery of security forces personnel, who foiled an attack on Pakistan Air Force and Army Aviation Base in Quetta, has said that after operation Zarb-i-Azb, terrorists are on the run and making desperate attempts to cause damage to Pakistan. In a statement issued by the Inter Services Public relations (ISPR), he said *terrorists' attempts would not bear fruit and they will not find any space to hide in the country and added that "With the backing of the entire nation, we will Inshallah eliminate the scourge of terrorism from our soil forever."*

**General Janjua may be next ISI DG, The Nation, August 26<sup>61</sup>**

Four corps commanders and director general ISI are going to retire during the next three months and Lt Gen Naseer Janjua is being considered a strong contender for the top post of premier intelligence agency. According to the seniority list, five lieutenant generals are scheduled to be retired within next 90 days and the name of the outgoing generals are Corp Commander Mangla Tariq Khan, DG ISI Lt Gen Zaheer Ul Islam, Corp Commander Gujranwala Saleem Nawaz, Corp Commander Peshawar Khalid Rabbani and Corp Commander Karachi Sajjad Ghani. While Corp Commander Lahore Naveed Zaman is another strong candidate for the slot of DG ISI. Maj Gen Arif Warriach, who has previously served as DDG Internal in ISI, was the most favourite choice of military leadership but he has still not got the promotion as lieutenant general. Now he is on the number 82 in the seniority list.

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<sup>58</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1127003/us-denies-meddling-in-pakistans-politics>

<sup>59</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1124646/corps-commanders-satisfied-with-nwa-operation>

<sup>60</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1125503/terrorists-on-the-run-after-zarb-i-azb-operation-says-coas>

<sup>61</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/islamabad/26-Aug-2014/general-janjua-may-be-next-isi-dg>

The military sources said that the slot of Corp Commander Peshawar is much significant due to operation Zarb-e-Azb and Pak-Afghan border situation. Name of Lt Gen Ishfaq Nadeem, Lt Gen Javed Iqbal Ramdey, Maj Gen Razwan Akhtar, Maj Gen Hilal Hussain and Maj Gen Nadir Zaib are seriously under consideration for the position of corps commander Peshawar. The only criterion for this slot is an officer who had served previously on the western border. According to the seniority list, other nine senior lieutenant generals will retire in 2015 during the tenure of Gen Raheel Sharif who will retire on November 2016.

## **EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS**

### **Electoral reforms, Dr Atta-ur-Rahman, *The News*, August 2<sup>62</sup>**

There is much hue and cry these days about the need for electoral reforms in view of the large-scale rigging in the last elections. The repeated failures of democracy that precipitated military rule, usually to curb massive corruption, adequately bring home the point that fundamental changes are necessary in our electoral system if this country is to progress. The most important of these is swift and exemplary justice to ensure that the corrupt do not get away scot-free but meet a fate that becomes an example and a deterrent to others that follow them. The previous government had the distinction of being, without doubt, the most corrupt in our history. According to Transparency International about Rs8,500 billion was looted and plundered in the very first four years of that regime, and over that five year period that we celebrate so joyously as a 'success for democracy' amounts to a colossal sum of about Rs11,000 billion (or about \$150 billion at the then prevailing rate of exchange)!

### **The PTI's long march, Editorial, *The News*, August 3<sup>63</sup>**

The PTI seems intent on internally combusting in an act of political suicide. Imran Khan has reportedly asked for the resignation of his parliamentarians by August 4, apparently in a belief that a democracy that produces a victor other than himself is not a democracy worth participating in. The resignation stories, if true, will also jeopardise the PML-N's attempt to negotiate with the PTI through intermediary Chaudhry Nisar. Not negotiating with the government, as Khawaja Saad Rafique pointed out, will show that the party which has made talks with the Taliban the centrepiece of its agenda considers the elected government to be even worse than the militant group. But then again consistency has never been a strong point of the PTI. Less clear is how Imran's likely allies in the PML-Q and the PAT react to this. Tahirul Qadri has called for a revolution of his own and one which doesn't seem to include a role for Imran while the Chaudhry brothers are still mulling their options and deciding which ally will be best suited to their desire to be lifted out of political obscurity. The PML-N must be looking at the shambolic manoeuvring of its opponents and considering itself lucky.

### **Army holds the key...the rest light and shadow, Ayaz Amir, *The News*, August 5<sup>64</sup>**

Imran Khan and Tahirul Qadri are playing no one's game. The script in front of them is their own. But the arena or theatre in which they are playing their parts is controlled not by them. Over it fall the long shadows cast by the army's bayonets. Whether we like it or not, such is the nature of the

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<sup>62</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-264825-Electoral-reforms>

<sup>63</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-8-265038-The-PTI%E2%80%99s-long-march>

<sup>64</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-265327-Army-holds-the-keythe-rest-light-and-shadow>

Pakistani state, such the contours of Pakistani politics. [...]The PML-N's fate depends not on the constitution or its mandate. Not a leaf will stir on its behalf, not a single worker turn out in its defence. Its fate depends wholly and solely on the Punjab police and the Islamabad police. Measures are already afoot to block the marches the usual containers and naakas, etc. Will the two police forces be able to hold their nerves? The last time in front of the Islamabad airport they were made to run for their lives by stone-hurling youngsters. It was a funny spectacle, fit for a Hollywood thriller. Will it be any different this time, especially when the interior minister's long sulk is still not over? Who will coordinate the police effort? Saad Rafique, Pervaiz Rashid – the mind boggles.

**Nawaz Sharif is running out of options**, Zahid Hussain, *Dawn*, August 13<sup>65</sup>

It took a long time for Sharif to embrace the other major parties represented in parliament and that too came when the chips were down. Inviting political leaders to the national security meeting to discuss the North Waziristan military operation may be a positive move. But mixing the discussion on security issues with politics in the presence of the military brass raises some relevant questions about the actual purpose of bringing together the civilian and military leadership. The image of a line of army generals in their battle fatigues sitting across the table from the political leaders was presumably meant to send a signal to the public of the military's backing for the government. What was the idea behind the decision to telecast live the prime minister's opening remarks concerning the political crisis in what was supposed to be an in-camera security briefing? This kind of game is counterproductive. Sharif may be down, but he is not out of the game yet. It is neither a 1993 nor a 1999 situation when he lost the power struggle. But the wrong moves could land him into the same situation. It is not just the issue of facing up to the challenge thrown by the Qadri-Imran combine, Sharif also needs to address other problems concerning governance and the economy to ensure his survival in power and avert the derailing of a fledgling democratic process.

**Unbearable heaviness of being Minority**, Ayesha Siddiqa, *Express Tribune*, August 14<sup>66</sup>

Religious politics intertwined with the principles of democracy means that it will be the narrative of the majority, which may ultimately define the religious narrative. So, it took 27 years for the state to get maneuvered into a position where the Ahmadis were declared non-Muslims. Playing on the religious wicket means you will get bowled out by those who have the ability to dominate the religious narrative and its interpretation. The problem with ideologies, especially religious ideologies, is that they are jealously guarded. Even Allama Iqbal opposed the Ahmadi interpretation of religion. The sharpening of religious nationalism has naturally resulted in greater violence. People get easily incited and kill innocent people because now their overzealousness is couched in the narrative that is the state's lifeline. But all of this means that Pakistan is in a flux, which puts a large number of people in an '*unbearable heaviness of being*'. Thus, you are not even sure if the flurry on August 14 and all the merrymaking is genuine or because it has become one of the few legitimate forms of fun, or that people demonstrate their affinity to the idea of a state because not doing so would mark you as an enemy.

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<sup>65</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1124988/running-out-of-options>

<sup>66</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/748271/unbearable-heaviness-of-being/>

**Missing debate on Zarb-I-Azb**, Khadim Hussain, *Dawn*, August 17<sup>67</sup>

With the launching of Operation Zarb-i-Azb the militant landscape in Pakistan seems to be getting more complex. The absence of the expected backlash in Pakistan's urban centres has triggered some critical questions for the public and especially for those affected by the military operation. The first set of questions relates to the lack of factual information regarding the progress of the military operation. A common question in both KP and Fata is: 'where is the command and control structure of the militant network now?' The other question is: 'what will the government do to disrupt the militant network in urban centres?' [...] Pakistan's politicians, media and academia have so far failed to help construct a counter-extremist discourse. The absence of one has complicated efforts to understand the intricacies of religiously-motivated violence in the country. The absence of a backlash so far should not be read as lack of capacity of the militant network to inflict damage on state and society. Unfortunately, the media discourse and educational reforms to construct a pluralist narrative are missing despite this situation. The absence of an alternative to what the militants are propounding is evident at many levels of society, and has resulted in shrinking space for independent thinking.

**Déjà vu**, Editorial, *Dawn*, August 21<sup>68</sup>

By now, it is a well-known script. In the evolution of virtually every political crisis, there comes a point where the military leadership issues a carefully worded statement that is designed to come across as well-meaning and generous, but is in fact ill-advised and unnecessary. [...] The ISPR statement will simply reflect an obvious reality: there is a political impasse in the country and the political leadership needs to demonstrate "patience, wisdom and sagacity". Note though that the ISPR had nary a word to say on constitutionalism, democracy and the rule of law. Instead, there was the usual martial language about sacred symbols of the state and the need to protect the national interest. The statement given by ISPR on 19<sup>th</sup> gives the proper historical context and it amounts to little more than big brother chiding the children of democracy to behave or else. The 'or else' is always left unsaid, but the country hardly needs reminding about what it could be. Without a doubt, the army leadership has grabbed with both hands the opportunity that the political leadership has created for it perhaps even steered events from behind the scenes to the present impasse.

**Make it anew**, Lt-Gen (r) Ghulam Mustafa, *The News*, August 23<sup>69</sup>

Pakistan is losing. Each political crisis brings the country a notch down. Our leadership gets exposed for what it's worth, the public gets further disillusioned, loses a bit more of its faith and starts praying for deliverance from the existing dispensation. Fed up with our pathetic state and seeing little or no chances of its improvement, we look for quick fixes. The fact that the leadership had been promising the moon in a jiffy if they were returned to power does not help at all. No wonder then that a change is brought about. Never mind how but every such change is welcomed by the people. Unfortunately the system thus configured also starts to disappoint us over a period of time and we force the so-called democracy and the same leaders back again. The cycle has repeated itself so many times which such regularity that besides its predictability it has also

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<sup>67</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1125763/missing-debate>

<sup>68</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126613/deja-vu>

<sup>69</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-268667-Make-it-anew>

become very boring. The reality is that we have not been able to evolve a system that is owned and protected by the most important stakeholders in any state its people.

**No, Thank You for giving sectarian colour to the Marches**, Editorial, *The Nation*, August 23<sup>70</sup>

The last thing we need right now is sectarian elements coming out in opposition to PAT-led Inquilab March under the pretext of support for democracy and the constitution. Tahir-ul-Qadri, who belongs to the majority Barelvi sect, is joined by the Shia MWM and the Sunni Ittehad Council for the ongoing sit-in in Islamabad. Another uniting factor for these three has been their clear and outspoken opposition to the Pakistani Taliban and terrorism. On the other hand, we have the Deobandi sect, which has historically enjoyed patronage by the country's security establishment as well as Saudi Arabia. Although Mr Qadri and his allies have so far done nothing to give a sectarian colour to their protest, their rivals appear keen on doing just that. Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat Chief Maulana Ahmad Ludhianvi led a rally in Islamabad on 22, where he urged the participants of the sit-ins to follow the constitution for redress

**Dilemma of Barelvi politics**, Muhammad Amir Rana, *Dawn*, August 24<sup>71</sup>

Irrespective of what Tahirul Qadri is destined to achieve through his politics of agitation, *he is injecting a sort of activism among disillusioned Barelvi religious organisations with a political orientation.* Most religio-political organisations subscribing to the Barelvi school of thought do not have organised structures and networks. Pirs, or custodians of shrines, and influential religious scholars constitute the local power centres and seek strength from the followers of their respective shrines. They hesitate to pool their local political resources to form a mainstream party fearing it might compromise their authority. Also, they think it will curtail their bargaining position in local politics used to make alliances with mainstream political parties. Eventually, they tend to secure their local interests that are largely linked to maintaining their influence over their followers. Although they sometimes succeed in getting electoral tickets from mainstream political parties, this factor has been largely responsible for the weak electoral performance of Barelvi parties in Pakistan. But Tahirul Qadri has successfully managed to build and develop the structure of his organisation along the lines of the JI and similar groups following the Salafi and Deobandi schools of thought. He has developed separate organisational structures for the charity, religious, educational and political wings of his movement. Organisations of this sort not only appeal to the urban middle classes in Pakistan, their different wings and departments also create the synergy needed to sustain and develop them.

**Bloody instructions**, Zarrar Khuhro, *Dawn*, August 25<sup>72</sup>

[...]There have been exchanges on what constitutes an unconstitutional act, on the extent of the rigging during the 2013 elections and, most of all, on whether the tactics adopted by Imran Khan will lead to reform or anarchy. On the latter point, critics of the idea that street power alone is a barometer of public will had a few arguments to make. One was that many parties and groups, given resources and incentive, can easily muster tens, and sometimes hundreds of thousands, of people to press for their demands. One example was of the MQM, while others observed that even the tableeghi jamaat's ijtimia attracts massive and motivated crowds. Others asked what would

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<sup>70</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/editorials/23-Aug-2014/no-thank-you>

<sup>71</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1127288/dilemma-of-barelvi-politics>

<sup>72</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1127491/bloody-instructions>

happen if a desperate PML-N, out of its all-encompassing insecurity, decided to enlist the aid of its own street power and that of 'friendly' hard-line outfits? And then on Friday the ASWJ led a rally from the Lal Masjid to the press club in which it spoke out against Imran Khan and Tahirul Qadri and the latter's ally, the Majlis Wahdat-i-Muslimeen. Qadri is of course anathema to the arch-Deobandi ASWJ, as is the Shia MWM, for obvious reasons. They also didn't like all that dancing and qawwali.

### **No Way Out for Nawaz and Imran**, Editorial, *The Nation*, August 28<sup>73</sup>

The ever obstinate Imran Khan has shut the door on the only positive development to have come out of the two dharnas. By suspending all negotiations till Nawaz resigns; the cricketer has consigned the political situation back to a never-ending game of threats, deadlines and shows of force. The government acquiesced to PTI's demands quite willingly; electoral reforms, a probe into rigging, an independent commission, were all agreed to. Seeing as this was allegedly the prime reason behind the whole agitation, one would assume that a wise man would have taken this, claimed victory and gone home. Yet Imran Khan is not that man, the tone, tenor and language he used to drum up support for the march and his own hubris would not allow him to settle for anything less than resignation. The seemingly illogical and bizarre demand for a "*one month resignation*" starts to make sense when you consider that the PTI is desperately looking for anything stamped with the word "*resignation*" to show its supporters. With the government refusing to budge and the umpire lurking in the wings, something has got to give.

## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

### **FISCAL ISSUES**

#### **Pakistan's forex reserves decline**, *Daily Times*, August 5<sup>74</sup>

Pakistan's total liquid foreign reserves stood at \$14.3406 billion by the end of July 25, 2014. During the week ending July 25, 2014, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has made payments of \$70 million on account of external debt servicing and other official payments. SBP's liquid forex reserves decreased by \$123 million to \$9.276 billion compared to \$9.399 billion in the previous week. SBP did not receive any significant inflows during said week.

#### **1MFY15: Drastic decrease in FDI witnessed**, *Express Tribune*, August 19<sup>75</sup>

Pakistan received FDI of \$24 million in the first month of 2014-15, which is almost 80% less than the FDI received during the same month of the preceding fiscal year. According to data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on August 19, FDI decreased by \$95.1 million year-on-year in July, as it amounted to \$119 million in the first month of 2013-14. FDI in 2013-14 clocked up at \$1.63 billion after increasing by 11.99% on an annual basis. The increase during the last fiscal year was mainly on the back of the auction of the telecom spectrum that fetched the government \$610.9 million in May. There was a net outflow of FDI amounting to \$11.6 million from telecommunications sector in July. In contrast, the same sector had registered the largest increase

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<sup>73</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/editorials/28-Aug-2014/no-way-out>

<sup>74</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/business/05-Aug-2014/pakistan-s-forex-reserves-decline>

<sup>75</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/750459/1mfy15-dramatic-decrease-in-fdi-witnessed/>

in foreign investment to the tune of \$568.1 million during the last fiscal year. FDI in the telecommunications sector in June amounted to \$97.2 million. It was \$24.3 million in July 2013.

**Pakistan's economic indicators improving: IMF, *The News*, August 21<sup>76</sup>**

IMF has expressed satisfaction over the Nawaz Sharif government's policies to strengthen the macroeconomic stability and reviving investment and growth. This has been stated leader of the IMF team Jeffrey Franks. He said *the economic indicators are improving and growth is continuing to gain momentum and inflation is on a downward trajectory*. He said *the government's reform programme was broadly on track. The GDP growth is expected to rise by 4.3 percent in fiscal year 2014-15 as compared to a provisional estimate of 4.1 percent in last fiscal year*.

## **ENERGY**

**Government to prioritise power projects for Chinese funding, *The News*, August 4<sup>77</sup>**

The government will prioritise most vital projects in power sector to be pitched before Chinese government for founding. The said projects will be established in next three-four years. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has convened a crucial meeting on 4 August on power sector investment prospects.

## **LOAN**

**IMF likely to give Dar tough time, *The Nation*, August 2<sup>78</sup>**

Pakistan's economic team is likely to face tough time from IMF in Dubai (while talks between Pakistan and IMF would start from August 6 to 15 2014) over the poor performance of FBR that had failed to achieve the tax collection target and broadening of tax base in last fiscal year. Pakistan might face tough time in negotiations over the poor performance of the FBR. The tax department had failed to broaden the tax base of the country by bringing wealthy and rice non-taxpayers into tax net and missing of revenue collection target during previous fiscal year despite revising its several times. After serving two notices required under the income tax law, the FBR has generated tax demand of Rs11 billion out of which the collection so far remains very low. The FBR has collected just Rs306 million out of this initiative clearly indicating that the IMF's condition to broaden the tax base has miserably failed to yield any substantial result. The FBR had fixed its target at Rs2475 billion in last fiscal year, which was revised downward to Rs2345 billion and again to Rs2275 billion. However, the tax department even failed to achieve its revised target by the end of June 2014 despite taking additional taxation measures. The FBR collected Rs 2266 billion during previous fiscal year 2013-14 against the twice-revised tax collection target of Rs 2275 billion, leaving shortfall at Rs9 billion.

**EU to provide 64m euros budgetary support to KP in 4 years, *The Nation*, August 28<sup>79</sup>**

Finance department, government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has signed an agreement with the European Union for 64 million euros budgetary support to be received in over next four years.

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<sup>76</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32355-Pakistans-economic-indicators-improving-IMF>

<sup>77</sup> [www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-265141-Government-to-prioritise-power-projects-for-Chinese-funding](http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-265141-Government-to-prioritise-power-projects-for-Chinese-funding)

<sup>78</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/business/02-Aug-2014/imf-likely-to-give-dar-tough-time>

<sup>79</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/28-Aug-2014/eu-to-provide-64m-euros-budgetary-support-to-kp-in-4-years>



## INVESTMENT

### **Kuwaiti firm likely to win more exploration rights**, *Express Tribune*, August 19<sup>80</sup>

The government has decided to offer at a stepped-up pace the hydrocarbon exploration blocks to foreign state-run companies on a strategic partnership basis without going through the hassle of inviting bids. The decision comes in the wake of poor response from big international oil and gas companies to offers of investment in Pakistan's petroleum sector. According to sources, the government is planning to award another exploration block to a state-owned company of Kuwait based on strategic partnership, which will not only attract investment, but will also push other foreign companies to follow suit.

### **1MFY15: Repatriation of profits recorded at \$60.1m**, *Express Tribune*, August 27<sup>81</sup>

Total repatriation of profits on foreign investments amounted to \$60.1 million in the first month of 2014-15, up 85.5% from the corresponding month of the preceding fiscal year, according to data released by the SBP on 26. In 2013-14, the repatriation of profit from companies operating in Pakistan to their stakeholders based in foreign countries amounted to \$1.2 billion, up 12.6% from the repatriation of a little over \$1 billion recorded in 2012-13. Profit repatriation in July was 2.5 times the FDI received during the same month. FDI amounted to \$24 million in July, which was 79.8% less than the investment received in July 2013. Net FDI during 2013-14 was \$1.6 billion as opposed to the profit repatriation of \$1.2 billion in the same year. The reason for exceptionally high FDI in the last fiscal year was the receipt of the proceeds of the spectrum auction in May.

## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

### **Pakistan's impressive progress in poverty alleviation: World Bank**, *Daily Times*, August 5<sup>82</sup>

*Pakistan has made impressive progress in reducing absolute poverty and improving shared prosperity, according to WB report. The percentage of the population below the national poverty rate has fallen from 34.7 percent in financial year 2002 to an estimated 13.6 percent in financial year 2011, according to Pakistan Country Programme Snapshot report published by the Bank. The reports said, the country has already achieved the first Millennium Development Goal (MDG) by more than having the proportion of people whose income was less than \$1.25 a day between 1991 and 2011. Furthermore, growth in the real per capital consumption of the bottom 40 percent was a respectable 3.1 percent between 2002 and 2011, it added. Poverty reduction has been strongest in the traditionally poorer provinces of KP and Sindh, where poverty rates are now indistinguishable from those in Punjab. However, the report said poverty remained much more prevalent in Baluchistan, where a sizeable portion of residents were nomadic and were living in remote and conflict-affected areas.*

### **Journey to economic progress to continue: PM**, *Nation*, August 17<sup>83</sup>

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has said that the journey to economic progress and prosperity would continue at rapid pace and besides attracting foreign investment the government would focus on creating more jobs. He expressed these views while chairing a

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<sup>80</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/750522/without-bidding-kuwaiti-firm-likely-to-win-more-exploration-rights/>

<sup>81</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/754072/1mfy15-repatriation-of-profits-recorded-at-60-1m/>

<sup>82</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/business/05-Aug-2014/pakistan-has-made-impressive-progress-in-poverty-alleviation-world-bank>

<sup>83</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/17-Aug-2014/journey-to-economic-progress-to-continue-pm>

meeting of Joint China Commission here on August 16. The Prime Minister directed to immediately start work on Karachi-Lahore Motorway. He said this project is a continuation of PML-N's economic roadmap, which was started in the 90s. He said this project would generate economic activity and create more employment opportunities for the people, besides attracting investment.

**Pak economic indicators improving: IMF, *The Nation*, August 19<sup>84</sup>**

At the time when thousands of people are protesting against the government in federal capital, the IMF has noted that Pakistan's economic indicators are improving with growth continuously gaining momentum and inflation on a downward trajectory. *"The IMF is encouraged by the overall progress made in pushing ahead with policies to strengthen macroeconomic stability and reviving investment and growth. Economic indicators are generally improving, with growth continuing to gain momentum, inflation on a downward trajectory, and credit to the private sector rebounding sharply. GDP growth is now expected to rise by 4.3 percent in fiscal year 2014-15 (till June 30), compared to a provisional estimate of 4.1 percent in FY2013-14"*, said a brief statement issued by the Fund on August 18.

**Pakistan to lose ranking in various indexes due to political crisis: PEW, *The Nation*, August 25<sup>85</sup>**

The PEW said political agitation will result in lowered ranking for country in various subjects including the World Bank's next Doing Business Report compromising its image. The World Bank in its 2014 publication lowered Pakistan's ranking in ease of doing business from 106 in 2012-13 to 110 in 2013-14 which will be brought down in the next report due to political uncertainty, said Murtaza Mughal, President.

## **REMITTANCE**

**'Remittance inflows set for record growth in future, around \$20bn', *Daily Times*, August 4<sup>86</sup>**

The remittances inflows recorded all-time high, values \$15.8 billion in the outgoing financial year but there is gap of almost \$4.2 billion existing in the system because of the presence of traditional ways of remitting money by overseas Pakistan to country through Hawala and Hundi. People in the industry suggested the country could easily touch the benchmark of \$20 billion per annum if expatriate utilises the legal means of transaction money properly.

**Remittances up 17.45%, *Express Tribune*, August 13<sup>87</sup>**

Overseas Pakistanis remitted \$1.65 billion in the first month of the current fiscal year, which is 17.45% higher than the amount (\$1.4 billion) they remitted during the same month of 2013-14. According to the SBP, the inflow of remittances in July remained \$454.47 million from Saudi Arabia, which was the biggest source of remittances in the first month of 2014-15. They are up 10.6% from the same month of 2013-14. Remittances from Saudi Arabia were followed by those from the UAE, which amounted to \$352.89 million in July. Remittances from UAE-based Pakistani

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<sup>84</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/19-Aug-2014/pak-economic-indicators-improving-imf>

<sup>85</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/business/25-Aug-2014/pakistan-to-lose-ranking-in-various-indexes-due-to-political-crisis-pew>

<sup>86</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/business/04-Aug-2014/remittance-inflows-set-for-record-growth-in-future-around-20bn>

<sup>87</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/747783/remittances-up-17-45/>

workers were equally divided between Dubai and Abu Dhabi, with each emirate contributing a little over \$174 million.

## **EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS**

### **Faltering IMF talks**, Editorial, *Dawn*, August 20<sup>88</sup>

Talks between the government and the IMF have failed to conclude. Everyone left guessing at the reasons why the talks failed to conclude. The government has not helped to clear the confusion, either. On 17 finance ministry spokesman said that the talks will end smoothly and on schedule, and waivers were being sought for non-compliance on a couple of minor items only. He also confirmed that both sides would hold their customary joint news conference on 18 at the conclusion of the talks. Then on Monday, we were told that the talks would continue for another three or four days, possibly with a conclusion on 22 because the finance minister had to rush back to Islamabad for a meeting of the parliamentary committee on electoral reforms. A few leaks suggest, the government is still struggling to bring about the power tariff adjustments required to keep the power subsidy bill from growing.

## **SECURITY SITUATION**

### **ZARB-E-AZB**

#### **Widening of Zarb-e-Azb operation likely**, *Dawn*, August 8<sup>89</sup>

The government has asked people in Mirali and Shawal sub-divisions of the conflict-hit North Waziristan Agency to leave their homes amid reports of expansion of ground offensive to other areas. The people of Razmak, Spinwam, Shewa, Shawal, Eidek and other areas of the agency were exempted from evacuation before the launch of Zarb-i-Azb on June 15. The authorities issued evacuation notices to the people of Shawal a few days ago. They have been asked to move to Bannu. According to officials, the political administration asked about 4,000 families of Eidek, some seven kilometres west of Mirali, to vacate their homes after Saturday. The notices triggered resentment among the residents of the area and they refused to follow the orders.

#### **IDPs to return home after the completion of operation- Rabbani**, *The Nation*, August 15<sup>90</sup>

Corps Commander Peshawar Lt. General Khalid Rabbani says the *return of IDPs of North Waziristan Agency to their homes will be started after completion of on-going operation against terrorists*. Further he said *most of areas of the agency have been cleared while operation is in progress to clear the rest during the operation 31 troops have been martyred and 117 injured*.

#### **Govt to release Rs 15bn for Zarb-e-Azb**, *The Nation*, August 17<sup>91</sup>

The federal government on 16 decided to release Rs 15 billion to meet the expenses of the operation Zarb-e-Azb launched in North Waziristan Agency to destroy the militant safe havens.

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<sup>88</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126374/faltering-imf-talks>

<sup>89</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1123981/widening-of-zarb-i-azb-operation-likely>

<sup>90</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/15-Aug-2014/idps-to-return-to-their-homes-after-completion-of-operation-rabbani>

<sup>91</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/17-Aug-2014/govt-to-release-rs-15b-for-zarb-e-azb-tomorrow>

*"The Finance Ministry approved Rs 15 billion for the successful completion of Zarb-e-Azb. The ministry will release Rs 8 billion on Monday (tomorrow) and the remaining Rs 7 billion in the end of the current month,"* said a Finance Ministry official. Tauqeer Ahmad, director general, army's budget, on July 14 met Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar and sought immediate funds of Rs 22 billion to meet the expenses of the operation. The Finance Ministry at that time partially met the requirement and asked the military to cover the shortfall from its own resources, which the federal government would pay, later.

## **TERRORISM**

### **700 drone victims identified, Dawn, August 1<sup>92</sup>**

A civil society organisation has recorded the names of 700 people who were killed in drone attacks in Pakistan. Nearly half (323) of them were reported to be civilians, including 99 children, it said. The names of the victims were recorded by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism under a project '*Naming The Dead*'. But those identified still make up fewer than one in three of the 2,342 people reportedly killed in the drone attacks.

### **70pc fighters ready to quit TTP, The Nation, August 17<sup>93</sup>**

An internecine feud within Maulana Fazlullah-led TTP has become so severe that more than 70 per cent of the leading fighters in the outfit are ready to defect the TTP and announce the formation of their own independent factions, according to a senior Taliban commander. The differences within TTP emerged after the start of military operation Zarb-e-Azb on June 15, and with each passing day the tension is mounting further. "There is severe indiscipline in the central TTP and some people very close to Maulana Fazlullah are responsible for it," said the commander who wished not to be named and added, "*We complained about the indiscipline to the central leadership but Fazlullah has so far paid no heed to it.*" According to well-placed militant sources, some people who are unfit for the job have been appointed on key posts while others are demanding suitable persons to replace those blue-eyed persons. "*We are still waiting for the high leadership to listen to our demands; otherwise in the coming days Malakand Agency, Mohmand Agency and Khyber Agency chapters of Taliban will announce the formation of their own regional set-ups. More than 70 per cent disgruntled members are ready to leave the central TTP,*" according to the commander.

### **US offers \$30m in search for Haqqanis, The Nation, August 22<sup>94</sup>**

US offered a total \$30 million in return for information on key leaders of the feared Haqqani militant network, blamed for numerous bloody attacks in Afghanistan. "*The Department has authorised rewards of up to \$5 million each for information leading to the location of Aziz Haqqani, Khalil al-Rahman Haqqani, Yahya Haqqani and Abdul Rauf Zakir,*" the State Department said in a statement on 20. It also increased its previous reward offer of up to \$5 million for information on the group's leader, Sirajuddin Haqqani, to up to \$10 million. Meanwhile, US imposed sanctions on a Taliban financing company and two key Taliban men, labelling them global terrorists as it continued to crack down on the militant group. The Treasury Department said the sanctions targeted the financial and leadership networks of the Taliban, the fierce insurgency fighting the government of

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<sup>92</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1122561/700-drone-victims-identified>

<sup>93</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/17-Aug-2014/70pc-fighters-ready-to-quit-ttp>

<sup>94</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/22-Aug-2014/us-offers-30m-in-search-for-haqqanis>

Afghanistan. The Treasury placed sanctions on a Pakistan-based hawala, or money transfer business, Haji Basir and Zarjmil Company (Basir Zarjmil Hawala), and its owner, Haji Abdul Basir, for providing financial services or other support to the Taliban.

**70 TTP commanders break away to form new group, *Express Tribune*, August 27<sup>95</sup>**

Seventy key commanders broke away from the TTP to form a new militant faction, namely *Jamaatul Ihrar*, to fill the vacuum created by the TTP, according to a video message by the group's chief Maulana Qasam made public on 26. "Our party will work like the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan," he says in the video message. The eight-member central shura of *Jamaatul Ihrar* includes Qari Shakil and Omar Khalid Khurasani from Mohmand Agency, Qari Ismael from Khyber Agency, Maulvi Mansoor from Orakzai Agency, Abdullah from Bajaur Agency, Maulana Yaseen from Swat and Mufti Misbah from Peshawar. Qari Ehsanullah Ehsan has been named spokesperson for the group. In the video message, Qari Shakil expresses anger over the disintegration of the TTP, saying that "due to personal interests on the part of some individuals, the TTP has failed in achieving its goals."

## **BALUCHISTAN**

**Turbat: FC kills ten alleged militants, *The Nation*, August 8<sup>96</sup>**

At least ten suspected militants were killed along with two personnel of FC in a battle that took place in Turbat city of the Baluchistan province. The search operation that was launched the other day following an attack at the security forces in Turbat has been concluded today. Security has been beefed up in the city following the operation. Six FC men were also injured in the operation. The injured security men which are critically injured were shifted to Quetta.

**TTP faction claims responsibility for attack on airbases in Quetta, *Dawn*, August 15<sup>97</sup>**

The Ghalib Mehsud faction of the outlawed TTP claimed responsibility for the attack on the Samungli and Khalid airbases in Quetta in which 12 militants were killed by security forces. Ghalib Mehsud is the leader of *Fidayeen Islam* which is the suicide wing of the proscribed TTP. The number of dead militants involved in two coordinated attacks at Baluchistan's air bases reached 12, as two more dead bodies were found in Khalid airbase in Quetta. Commander Southern Command, Lt. General Nasir Khan Janjua told reporters while visiting the location of the attack that six dead bodies were found in Khalid Air base and six were found in Samungli airbase. "They all seemed to be foreign nationals," he said. Security forces thwarted the attack and also arrested one injured militant and shifted him to an unknown place for interrogation.

## **AFGHAN SECURITY SITUATION**

**Mulla Omar promises to prevent civilian casualties, *The News*, August 2<sup>98</sup>**

Mulla Omar in his customary Eidul Fitr message to the Afghan nation has revealed that his armed movement had set up the Department for Prevention of Civilian Casualties to pay serious attention to the task of preventing civilian losses in Taliban military operations. Mulla Omar said

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<sup>95</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/754177/militant-factions-70-ttp-commanders-break-away-to-form-new-group/>

<sup>96</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/08-Aug-2014/turbat-fc-kills-10-alleged-militants>

<sup>97</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1125310/ttp-faction-claims-responsibility-for-attack-on-airbases-in-quetta>

<sup>98</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31950-Mulla-Omar-promises-to-prevent-civilian-casualties>

*the Taliban-led Islamic Emirate upon coming into power would focus on agriculture, husbandry, and extraction of mines and development of infrastructure by using technology and seeking international assistance. This was the first time that Mulla Omar spoke about welcoming international assistance for developing Afghanistan's natural resources. Denying the allegation that Taliban were against education, he said they considered it a moral obligation of both men and women to acquire education. He added that Taliban believed in the rights given to men and women in the framework of Sharia.*

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### **The forgotten war**, Editorial, *Dawn*, August 15<sup>99</sup>

For long, years even, a military operation in NWA against militants was considered essential if the country were to ever seriously start down the long road to defeating the militant threat. Now, with the military's Operation Zarb-i-Azb under way for over a month and a half, the battle that was billed as a major turning point in the country's security outlook has nearly vanished from the national conversation. [...] Unhappily, even the initial media focus on the humanitarian crisis that is an estimated one million IDPs has now dissipated and there is little light shed on the continuing struggles of a displaced population that is key to the question of whether or not militancy will return and flourish in the tribal areas. Worryingly, even the military has chosen to shed less and less light on events in the tribal agency thereby leaving the media and the public in the dark about the actual situation. Bland pronouncements of progress being made, events unfolding according to plan and the military remaining on track to victory do not make for meaningful analyses. The record is one of mixed results with no real exit strategy. Is North Waziristan shaping up to be the same?

### **The real threat to Pakistan**, Editorial, *Daily Times*, August 28<sup>100</sup>

[...] For the state in its fight against terror, split between TTP has positive and negative aspects. While the military remains engaged in Waziristan, observers have noted the absence of terrorists there, with the concern being that they have spread into surrounding Agencies. Infighting weakens the opposition and if the Jul has broken with the TTP, it will make the military's job easier, but the Jul reportedly brings together groups from neighbouring tribal Agencies like Kurram and Bajaur, meaning geographically and operationally disparate commands outside Waziristan now have a unified structure.

### **In The Line of Duty**, Editorial, *The Nation*, August 30<sup>101</sup>

Baluchistan is a dangerous place, and more so if you stand for any kind of real freedom. On 28, unidentified militants barged into the bureau office of the Online News Agency, and gunned down Irshad Mastoi, the Bureau Chief of the agency. Mastoi's reporter Ghulam Rasool and accountant Muhammad Younas were also killed by the militants. While Pakistan is counted amongst the most dangerous countries for journalists, Baluchistan has been especially deadly. From 2010 to present, at least 34 journalists have lost their lives in Baluchistan, and on none of these occasions has the perpetrator been apprehended. Such a broad and extensive system of

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<sup>99</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1125370/editorial-the-forgotten-war>

<sup>100</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/editorial/28-Aug-2014/the-real-threat-to-pakistan>

<sup>101</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/editorials/30-Aug-2014/in-the-line-of-duty>

killings raises a couple of pertinent questions like despite a heavy presence of military in the area, been unable to stem this tide of violence?

**Afghanistan's faltering transitions**, K Iqbal, *The Nation*, August 31<sup>102</sup>

This year was touted as the year of transitions for Afghanistan to be followed by a decade of development leading to wellbeing and prosperity. However, this myth is melting down on all three counts of transition: political, military and economic. Presidential election has neither been able to accrue due acceptance within Afghanistan nor requisite credibility amongst the comity of nations. Earlier in August, an insider attack killed a Major-General, the highest ranking casualty suffered by the US troops since the Vietnam War. Dwindling economic activity and enhanced poppy cultivation foretell the post 2014 hardships awaiting the people of Afghanistan.

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**Government should keep Military out of Politics**, Editorial, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, August 4<sup>103</sup>

People's Party of Pakistan (PPP) has called for the joint session of the parliament to discuss article 245 and handing over Islamabad to the military. Calling in military is a very big decision and parliamentarians should know its consequences. In the name of law and order government has implemented Article 245. Although article 245 gives civilian administration permission to bring military in order to main law and order but the situation in Islamabad were not that worse to handover it to military. Circumstances are normal and there are so many other ways to maintain law and order. Government has civil agencies and police elite force. Government on one side says that military should not interfere in politics while on the other hand they themselves are handing over civilian authority to the military. This duplicity should be abandoned. PLMN in the past has promised PPP that they would together condemn the military's interference in politics. At least PLMN should have taken PPP into confidence in calling military in Islamabad. PPP has criticized the PLMN's evoking of article 245 and has asked government to brief members of the parliament. PPP is still regretting its decision to call in military in 1977. *Thus government should learn from the history and must keep military out of politics.* Every political party should be taken into confidence and resolve issues amicably. By using force you can control the storm but cannot end it.

**Imran Khan in Search of Shortcut**, Editorial, *Daily Ummat*, August 5<sup>104</sup>

PTI chief Imran Khan has said that if he would be put under house-arrest the whole country will be shut down. He will reach Islamabad on 14 August to end the despotic rule of the Sharif family and will not leave until he lays the foundation of a new Pakistan. No one can doubt Imran Khan's love for the country but since the last elections, he has become like Tahirul Qadri. He is losing both his temper and common sense....There could be many shortcomings of the Nawaz government but they have been elected by the people. Nawaz Sharif has become prime minister under a constitutional setup. Imran has right to remove Nawaz by elections only. But he is in search of short-cuts. Imran Khan's threat of 'march on Islamabad' reminds one of the situation in

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<sup>102</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/columns/31-Aug-2014/afghanistan-s-faltering-transitions>

<sup>103</sup> <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/04-Aug-2014/319841>

<sup>104</sup> <http://ummat.net/2014/08/05/news.php?p=idr1.gif>

1971. Imran wants to end the empire of Nawaz Sharif in order to become an emperor himself. What will he impose on the nation if he becomes prime minister?

**Good Progress on Operation Zarb-i-Azb**, Editorial, *Daily Express*, August 6<sup>105</sup>

The way Pakistani military is conducting operation against TTP in North Waziristan, it seems that very soon the whole region would be cleared from the clutch of the terrorists. Once cleared, IDP's can return to their homes. Hundreds of thousands of terrorists were killed during the operation and most of them are foreigners. [...] Before this operation, the nation was divided between those who wanted to launch an operation and those who were very apprehensive about the consequences of an operation. Talks were initiated with the TTP but no concrete results came out. During the talks, the terrorist incidents did not cease. Even politicians were scared that if operation were to be launched in North Waziristan, the whole country would be badly affected with terrorism. Few of them were even saying that the operation would not succeed in North Waziristan. [...] terrorists were freely moving in North Waziristan. The terrorist incidents were happening everywhere in Pakistan, as the planning was made in North Waziristan. The back-bone of terrorism has been broken by clearing their sanctuaries in North Waziristan. Now both provincial and federal government will have to play an important role and strengthen the process of intelligence gathering.

**Politics of Long Marches**, Retd Gen Aslam Baig, *Daily Ummat*, August 11<sup>106</sup>

Since the 1990's we are analyzing the politics based on marches. It's also surprising that these protests are being held during civilian rule. The main reason behind these protests so far has been to change the government with the help of the army. Same is the reason behind the Imran-Qadhri's march. Both of these people made it clear that they would force Nawaz's government to quit by the end of the month. And the way for *Naya Pakistan* and *Inqilab* will be laid down.[...] in 1996 Benazir Bhutto's government was dismissed by a senior leader of the PPP party Sardar Farooq Lagari. After that Nawaz Sharif became prime minister. Within two years, Benazir started a protest movement against Nawaz. She was given assurance by the US and Pervaiz Musharraf that once Nawaz is thrown out of power new elections would be held. This was the time when Benazir was deceived by the army General who ruled the country for about 10 years. In 2009, when the movement for restoration of judges of the Supreme Court gathered momentum, Nawaz took the command of the protests. When it reached its peak, the then army chief Pervaiz Kayani intervened and told Nawaz that the matter had been settled. Thus, Nawaz used the protests for his political interests which were the main reason of his 2013 election success. [...] I feel behind Imran and Qadri's marches there is nothing political in it. *We should recall how Islam was replaced with secularism in Egypt and Algeria. Is that the main reason behind these protests?* [...] Pakistan's (Islamic) identity is a sacred trust which is guaranteed by our constitution. This is our national identity and our existence depends on it. So it's compulsory for us to protect it.

**Political crises and protests will have negative consequences**, Editorial, *Daily Ausaf*, August 13<sup>107</sup>

Whenever nation faces problems, its impact on the nation is tremendous. The velocity of chaos varies from time to time and much depends on the circumstances prevailing there. Chaos,

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<sup>105</sup> [http://www.express.com.pk/epaper/PoPupwindow.aspx?newsID=1102354919&Issue=NP\\_ISB&Date=20140806](http://www.express.com.pk/epaper/PoPupwindow.aspx?newsID=1102354919&Issue=NP_ISB&Date=20140806)

<sup>106</sup> <http://ummat.net/2014/08/11/news.php?p=idr3.gif>

<sup>107</sup> [http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2014-08-13/p14\\_01.jpg](http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2014-08-13/p14_01.jpg)



protests, anti-government statements are on the rise. In this context, it is tough to maintain law and order. Thousands of protesters of *Inqilab* and *Azadi* marches are heading towards Islamabad and it will be difficult for law enforcement agencies to check them. The anti-state elements and enemies of the nation are waiting to create anarchy in the country. Fact is that due to political uncertainty the economic sector is adversely affected. Due to long marches the stock exchange is likely to suffer. Due to instability, the national treasury has already suffered a loss of 301 billion rupees. People don't bother whether these marches succeed or not but they want a stable Pakistan. Politician's should resolve their differences politically and set their priorities for economic development.

**Modi should allow Kashmiris their right to self-determination**, Editorial, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, August 15<sup>108</sup>

The foreign ministry termed Modi's allegation of Pakistan using proxy war as a weapon was unfortunate. While rejecting the accusations of India, the spokesperson Tasneem Aslam has said that Pakistani military is fully prepared to give befitting reply to any foreign aggression. It is India who is suppressing the voice of Kashmiris. India is blind to the sacrifices Pakistan has made in its fight against terrorism...the world community recognizes the sacrifices made by Pakistan. [...] Therefore, India should shun the habit of accusing Pakistan and instead understand the reality and let Kashmiri's to exercise their right to self-determination.

**Civil Disobedience to impact the state more than government**, Editorial, *Daily Dunya*, August 19<sup>109</sup>

The PTI chairman Imran Khan announced civil disobedience against the Nawaz government. He advised his followers not to pay taxes and the electricity bills till Nawaz steps down. They warned that if rulers did not resign they will enter into the red zone. The numbers of people who are not paying taxes are not less. Now when a political party is appealing to the people not to pay taxes it is definitely going to impact state. Breaking of laws will become a routine. [...] it was very disappointing to hear it from Imran Khan....PTI's long march is being treated as a constitutional right but civil disobedience is against the state and constitution. ...Government has already made it clear that they are ready to accept the constitutional demands of Imran Khan and Tahirul Qadri.

**India sabotaging talks**, Editorial, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, August 20<sup>110</sup>

India cancelled the talks protesting against Pakistan's High Commissioner's meeting with Kashmiri representatives. Talks were supposed to be held on 25 August in Islamabad. According to India, Pakistan has to choose between talks with India and the Kashmiris. India knows that Kashmir always figures whenever talks are held with Pakistan. It's not something new Pakistan did by talking to Hurriyat leadership of Kashmir. With such response from India, our leaders should understand that how sincere India is about talks with Pakistan. It is not the first time India has rejected the talks, it has done it in the past too. ...On LoC, India is continuously violating cease fire. Pakistan should reply India strongly at the diplomatic level. Pakistan should not appease India. It should tell the world about India's inflexibility.

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<sup>108</sup> <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/15-Aug-2014/322179>

<sup>109</sup> [http://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2014-08-19&edition=LHR&id=1235126\\_62202866](http://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2014-08-19&edition=LHR&id=1235126_62202866)

<sup>110</sup> <http://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/editorials/20-Aug-2014/3232270>

**The need and Motives of Protests**, Editorial, *Daily Ummat*, August 25<sup>111</sup>

Our nation is suffering due to clash of personalities. The speeches of Imran Khan and Tahirul Qadri's are also of poor quality. They are making fun of people. They are making naya-Pakistan in order to get married. First, they want to get Nawaz Sharif's resignation for at least one month and then they want to permanently end his rule. For marriage and naya-Pakistan these leaders mobilised few thousand people and made the lives of their people terrible. They are using luxurious containers but people are struggling with hunger and diseases. Same way, the girls participating in the demonstration are doing makeup during the day and dancing at night. [...] if protests can decide the fate of elections, Jamaat-i-Islami can mobilise thousands of people on the streets. The JI chief Sirajul Haq has categorically said that he does not want Naya Pakistan but want Islamic Pakistan. Maulana Fazlullah says that Pakistan has to be freed from Western onslaught. Those who are protesting have been completely isolated. No third umpire is going to raise his finger. Tahirul Qadri does not have much backing from the society while Imran wants to become prime minister. Imran wants to shed the blood of Pakistani people to achieve his personal ambition. If one gets to know the source of their funding, this whole game will be over.

## **RELATIONS WITH INDIA**

**Indian commerce minister skips Thimphu meet**, *The News*, August 4<sup>112</sup>

The expected meeting between Commerce Minister Khurram Dastgir Khan and his Indian counterpart Nirmala Sitharaman, billed as the highest level meeting between the two countries could not take place as Sitharaman did not participate in the Safta meeting held in Thimphu. When contacted, spokesman at the MEA in New Delhi told, "*Indian minister did not go to Thimphu.....so no meeting*". The understanding here is that it could have been due to the budget session in the Indian parliament that saw Sitharaman cancelling the visit.

**India cancels Pakistan talks in row over Kashmir**, *The Nation*, August 19<sup>113</sup>

India on August 18 cancelled talks with Pakistan scheduled for next week, angrily berating Islamabad over a meeting between Pakistan's high commissioner and Kashmiri leaders.

The foreign ministry said Monday's meeting between the Pakistani envoy and separatist leaders in Indian-administered Kashmir had undermined efforts by the new Indian government to engage with Islamabad. Pakistan said the cancellation of talks between Indian Foreign Secretary Sujatha Singh and her Pakistani counterpart Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry was a "setback" for relations between the nuclear-armed neighbours. Pakistan's foreign office described meetings with pro-independence leaders as a "longstanding practice" ahead of talks with India, held "to facilitate meaningful discussions". "*The Indian decision is a setback to the efforts by our leadership to promote good neighbourly relations with India*," the foreign office said in a statement.

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<sup>111</sup> <http://ummat.net/2014/08/25/news.php?p=idr1.gif>

<sup>112</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-265142-Indian-commerce-minister-skips-Thimphu-meet>

<sup>113</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/19-Aug-2014/india-cancels-pakistan-talks-in-row-over-kashmir>

**Meeting Kashmiri leaders: 'Pakistan engages with all stakeholders', *Dawn*, August 20<sup>114</sup>**

Pakistan remains hopeful of strengthening ties with India despite an angry New Delhi. Abdul Basit said Pakistan was confident of "overcoming this setback" after Delhi called off the diplomatic talks in Islamabad in a blow to warmer ties between the new Indian government and Islamabad. Basit also defended his meetings with Kashmiri leaders. He said "We believe Kashmiris are a stakeholder in this (diplomatic) process," Basit told reporters in the capital, explaining that the meetings with the separatists were a "longstanding" practice. "We will not allow the process (of stronger ties) to be distracted in any way," Basit said, adding, "You will find Pakistan seriously committed to the process. " " There is no reason why we should lose hope of a strong bilateral relationship," he said.

**India rejects plea for change in Kishanganga design, *Express Tribune*, August 27<sup>115</sup>**

The third round of talks between water experts from Pakistan and India hit an impasse on 26 when India refused to accept Pakistan's demands to change the design of Kishanganga dam. Furthermore, it is likely that another round of talks will be held between the two delegations. During session, Pakistan raised objections to the design of Kishanganga dam and four other projects. A final session of talks will be held in September and October. Pakistan, according to Asif Baig, will not allow India to put off the matter any further and a decision would be made in the final session, After the second round of talks had failed, water experts from Pakistan had threatened to appeal to the ICJ. Baig insists that the ICJ would be in a better position to arbitrate on the issue and broker a deal. However, he is waiting for the final session of talks to end.

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**A disappointing move by India, Editorial, *Dawn*, August 20<sup>116</sup>**

The cancelled meeting has become a symbol of the difficulty to talk about talks when it comes to the two rivals. To be sure, this time the blame must lie firmly on the Indian side. The suggestion that the Pakistan high commissioner to India, Abdul Basit, committed a grave diplomatic error by meeting a Kashmir Hurriyat leader is simply preposterous. Bizarrely, there have even been claims in some Indian quarters that the meeting in India would be akin to Indian diplomats engaging Baloch separatists in Pakistan. Perhaps it is worth reiterating the basic facts here: Kashmir has been an internationally accepted disputed area from the very inception of Pakistan and India; there is absolutely no question about the legal status of Baluchistan as part of the Pakistani federation. Unhappily, latest events have underlined an old truth when it comes to Pakistan-India relations: if the political leadership on both sides appears weak, hawks and hard-liners emerge to try and scuttle the very idea of normalisation between the two countries.

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<sup>114</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126559/meeting-kashmiri-leaders-pakistan-engages-with-all-stakeholders>

<sup>115</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/754174/inconclusive-talks-india-rejects-plea-for-change-in-kishanganga-design/>

<sup>116</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126376/a-disappointing-move-by-india>

**BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES***(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)*

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
<b>Balochistan</b>				
Qetta <sup>117</sup>	1/8/2014	Two people including a child were killed in a firing incident in Pashtunabad area	2	0
Khuzdar <sup>118</sup>	4/8/2014	A PML-N local leader was shot dead in District Khuzda	1	0
Chaman <sup>119</sup>	11/8/2014	Four injured in Chaman blast.	0	4
Quetta <sup>120</sup>	14/8/2014	Blast kills one FC man, injures another in Quetta.	1	0
Turbat <sup>121</sup>	23/8/2014	The Frontier Corps claimed to have killed 12 militants	12	0
Quetta <sup>122</sup>	29/8/2014	A gunman opened fire on the offices of a domestic private news agency killing three people including two journalists.	3	0
Awaran <sup>123</sup>	30/8/2014	Gunmen opened fire on worshippers at a shrine killing at least six members of a minority sect and wounding seven others	6	7
<b>FATA</b>				
Khyber Agency <sup>124</sup>	22/8/2014	Two people carrying oil to Nato troops were killed in an attack on their vehicles by unidentified militants in Sur Kamar area.	2	0
Orakzai Agency <sup>125</sup>	24/8/2014	five militants were killed and three others injured in a gun battle between	5	3

<sup>117</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1122645/child-among-two-gunned-down-in-quetta><sup>118</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/04-Aug-2014/pml-n-leader-shot-dead><sup>119</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1124649/four-injured-in-chaman-blast><sup>120</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1125274/blast-kills-one-fc-man-injures-another-in-quetta><sup>121</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/23-Aug-2014/12-militants-killed-in-turbat-clash><sup>122</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/29-Aug-2014/two-journalists-among-three-shot-dead-in-quetta><sup>123</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/30-Aug-2014/gunmen-kill-6-at-awaran-shrine><sup>124</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/22-Aug-2014/two-die-in-attack-on-nato-convoy-in-khyber><sup>125</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/24-Aug-2014/5-militants-killed-in-orakzai-gunbattle>

Khyber Agency <sup>126</sup>	27/8/2014	volunteers of a peace militia and militants Four suspected militants were killed in a clash with security forces in the Ghundi area of Jamrud tehsil	4	0
<b>Punjab</b>				
0	0	0	0	0
<b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>				
Timergara <sup>127</sup>	1/8/2014	Unidentified gunmen in military uniform killed Qaumi Watan Party MPA and Bakht Baidar Khan, and killed his brother Mohammad Ishaq along with five others	6	1
Hangu <sup>128</sup>	2/8/2014	One person was killed and another injured when unidentified gunmen opened fire on a passenger coach	1	1
Dera-Ismaail-Khan <sup>129</sup>	5/8/2014	A PTI leader was among three people killed in a bomb blast. No group has claimed responsibility for the roadside explosion.	3	0
Hangu <sup>130</sup>	11/8/2014	Blast injures three in Hangu.	0	3
Khyber <sup>131</sup>	15/8/2014	Security forces kill four suspected militants in Khyber.	4	0
Bajaur <sup>132</sup>	19/8/2014	Bajaur IED blast kills 4	4	0
<b>Sindh</b>				
Karachi <sup>133</sup>	4/8/2014	A major was among four people shot dead while four others were wounded	4	4

<sup>126</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/754179/khyber-agency-clash-four-militants-killed-in-retaliatory-fire/>

<sup>127</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1122573/mpas-brother-among-six-killed-in-lower-dir-attack>

<sup>128</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1122829/attack-on-passenger-bus-in-hangu-kills-one>

<sup>129</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/05-Aug-2014/pti-leader-among-3-killed-in-bomb-blast>

<sup>130</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1124650/blast-injures-three-in-hangu>

<sup>131</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1125477/security-forces-kill-four-suspected-militants-in-khyber>

<sup>132</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/article-157226-Bajaur-IED-blast-kills-4>

<sup>133</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/04-Aug-2014/major-among-four-killed-in-karachi-violence>

		in different incidents of violence in the city		
Karachi <sup>134</sup>	11/8/2014	Man, daughter shot dead in Karachi 'sectarian' attack.	2	0
Karachi <sup>135</sup>	14/8/2014	Shot dead: 'Four men were waiting outside station for Preedy SHO before he was shot'.	1	0
Karachi <sup>136</sup>	20/8/2014	Three policemen were gunned down in the Quaidabad and Ittehad Town areas in tit-for-tat attacks launched by suspected militants to avenge the killing	3	0
Karachi <sup>137</sup>	22/8/2014	Four people including a local leader of MWM were gunned down	4	0
Karachi <sup>138</sup>	24/8/2014	Gunmen on Saturday attacked a shrine and killed three people in Korangi area. Two sympathisers of Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamat were gunned down at Saadat Colony	6	0
Karachi <sup>139</sup>	28/8/2014	Eight persons, including three policemen and a doctor, were killed, while one other was injured in different violence incidents in the city.	8	1
<b>Zerb-E-Azb</b>				
Mir Ali <sup>140</sup>	2/8/2014	Three suspected militants were killed	3	0
NWA <sup>141</sup>	5/8/2014	Two soldiers embraced	9	0

<sup>134</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1124618/man-daughter-shot-dead-in-karachi-sectarian-attack>

<sup>135</sup> <http://tribune.com.pk/story/748457/shot-dead-four-men-were-waiting-outside-station-for-preedy-sho-before-he-was-shot/>

<sup>136</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1126415/three-policemen-killed-in-tit-for-tat-attacks>

<sup>137</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/karachi/22-Aug-2014/mwm-leader-among-4-killed-in-karachi>

<sup>138</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/karachi/24-Aug-2014/shrine-caretaker-among-6-killed>

<sup>139</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/28-Aug-2014/three-policemen-among-eight-killed-in-city>

<sup>140</sup> <http://www.dawn.com/news/1122830/three-suspected-militants-killed-in-north-waziristan>

Miranshah <sup>142</sup>	20/8/2014	shahadat while seven Ubzek terrorists were killed. Including Hafiz Gul Bahadur over a dozen militants were killed and some others injured in the air strikes.	48	-
Bangidar <sup>143</sup>	31/8/2014	32 terrorists were killed as Pakistan Army's gunship helicopters. 23 cars of terrorists laden with ammunition and 4 arms depots were also destroyed.	32	0

<sup>141</sup> <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/05-Aug-2014/2-soldiers-killed-in-nwa>

<sup>142</sup> <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-32322-48-militants-killed-in-NWA-Bara-shelling>

<sup>143</sup> <http://www.nation.com.pk/islamabad/31-Aug-2014/army-eliminates-32-terrorists-in-nwa>