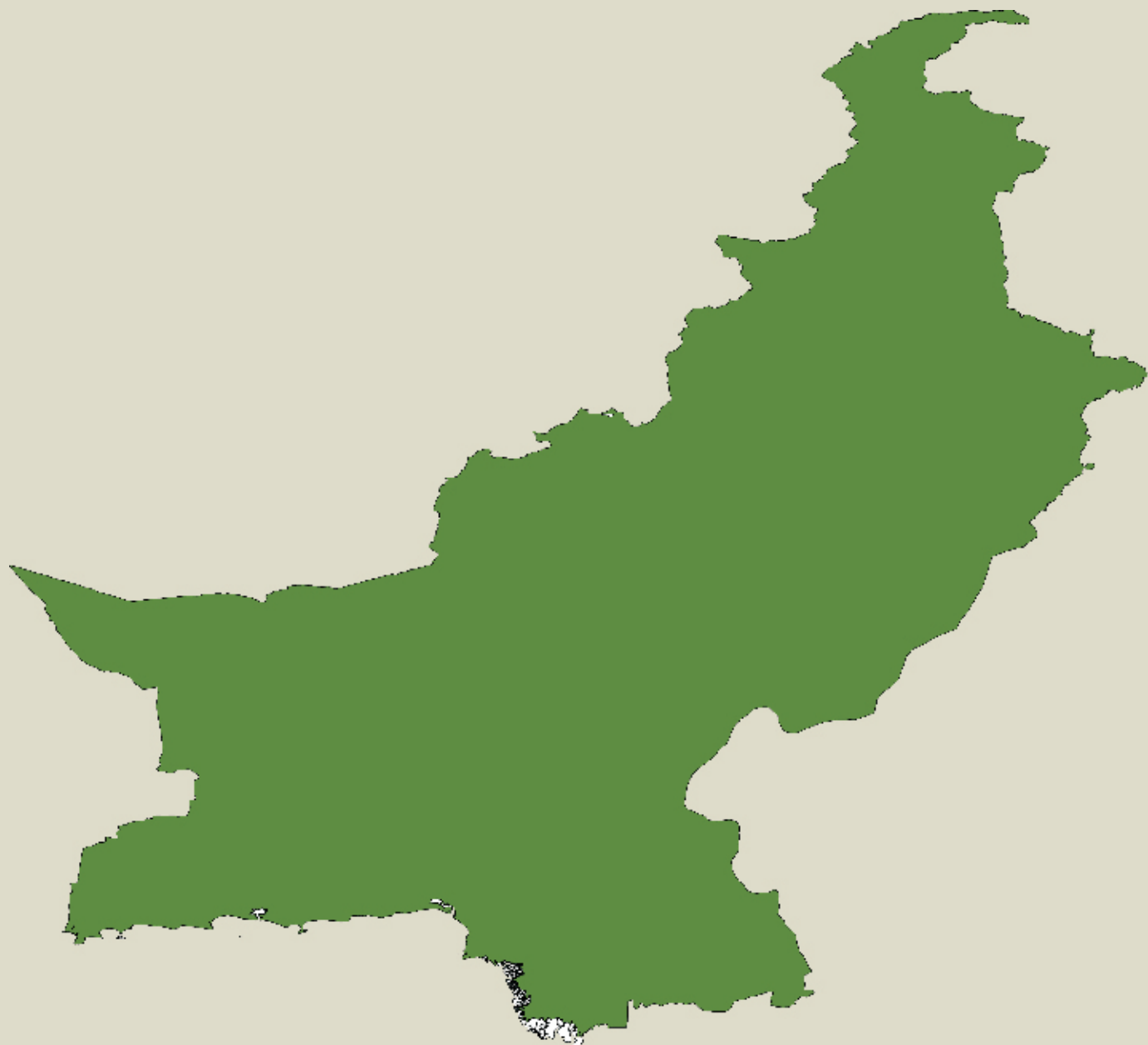


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ABBREVATIONS

ANP: Awami National Party
APC: All Parties Conference
APCC: Annual Plan Coordination Committee
CCNS: Cabinet Committee on National Security
CEC: Chief Election Commissioner
CPEC: China- Pakistan Economic Corridor
ECL: Exit Control List
ECP: Election Commission of Pakistan
ETIM: East Turkistan Islamic Movement
EVM: Electronic Voting Machine
GDP: Gross Domestic Product
HPP: Hydro Power Project
IDPs: Internally Displaced Persons
IMU: Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan
ISPR: Inter Services Public Relations
JI: Jamaat-i-Islaami
JuD: Jamat-us- Dawa
JUI-S: Jamiat-e-Ulema-e-Islam-Sami
KP: Khyber Pakhthunkhwa
LEA's: Low Enforcement Agencies
MQI: Minhajul Quran International
MQM: Muttahida Qaumi Movement
Nacta: National Anti-Terrorism Act
PAT: Pakistan Awami Tehareek
PEMRA- Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority
PkMAP: Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party
PML-N: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz
PML-Q: Pakistan Muslim League Quaid
PPP: Pakistan People's Party
PSDP: Public Sector Development Programme
PTI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf
SHC: Sindh High Court
SWA: South Waziristan Agency
TTP: Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan
WHO: World Health Organization

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Imran Khan says PTI not joining any alliance, *The News*, June 1¹

PTI Chairman Imran Khan declared that his party would not be part of any opposition alliance and was not in discussions with any party in this regard. Khan confirmed that he was in London to attend a fundraiser and to spend time with his children and had no intention of being part of any alliance. The confirmation from Imran Khan came as the Chaudhry brothers and Dr Tahirul Qadri entered into an agreement to launch a joint movement against the current set-up.

Bilawal warns PML-N against victimisation, *The Nation*, June 2²

Denouncing the ill-treatment meted out to PPP leaders Yousuf Raza Gilani, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf and Makhdoom Amin Fahim by the centre, PPP's Patron-in-Chief Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has asked the PML-N government to think twice before revisiting the era of political victimisation. [...] Bilawal Bhutto said Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif should make it open and public if he had dropped the policy of reconciliation. He said PPP would never end its struggle for restoration of complete democracy and provision of equal rights to people from all walks of life without any discrimination by provinces, parties, ethnicity, cast or creed.

Altaf Hussain arrested in London, *The News*, June 3³

The MQM leader, Altaf Hussain, was dramatically arrested on June 3 from his home in North West London, according to the Scotland Yard and the party. The Scotland Yard confirmed that a 60-year-old man had been arrested on suspicion of money-laundering but did not name Altaf Hussain. The MQM said the Metropolitan Police arrived at the residence of Altaf Hussain in North London. They had the search warrant and said that they wanted to arrest Mr Hussain and take him to the police station where he will be questioned about money laundering investigation.

Uneasy calm prevails in Karachi, *The Nation*, June 5⁴

Commercial activities in the port city came to a standstill on June 4 as fear and tension gripped the city after the arrest of MQM chief Altaf Hussain in London on the charges of money laundering. Petrol pumps, CNG stations, hotels, shops and markets remained closed while public transport was also remained thin.

Altaf Hussain released on bail; addresses participants of sit-in protest, *Dawn*, June 7⁵

Altaf Hussain was released on bail on June 7, four days after he was arrested on the suspicion of money laundering by the London Metropolitan Police. Soon after he was released, he addressed his party lawmakers and workers who were participating in a sit-in protest at Numaish

¹<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30665-Imran-Khan-says-PTI-not-joining-any-alliance>

²<http://www.nation.com.pk/editors-picks/02-Jun-2014/bilawal-warns-pml-n-against-victimisation>

³<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30719-Altaf-Hussain-arrested-in-London>

⁴<http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-05/page-2/detail-1>

⁵<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111169/altaf-hussain-released-on-bail-addresses-participants-of-sit-in-protest>

Chowranghi against their leader's arrest in London in a telephonic address. He thanked PM Nawaz Sharif and former president Asif Ali Zardari and expressed his gratitude for the PPP condemning his arrest. He also thanked TahirulQadri, Chaudhry Shujaat and Pervez Musharraf.

Imran presents 'charter of demands' to PML-N, *Daily Times*, June 9⁶

PTI Chairman Imran Khan presented a set of eight demands to the PML-N government on June 8, which included adoption of strict austerity measures by the government and setting up an example from top to bottom. Addressing a news conference, Imran Khan said *the Sharif family is running the country and the recently unveiled budget is the "biggest scam" in the country's history.*

'Imran should announce army fighting Pakistan's war', *Daily Times*, June 11⁷

Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage Pervaiz Rashid said Imran Khan should clearly announce *that armed forces were fighting war of Pakistan and its people, and not fighting for the United States.* Speaking in a television programme, he said, "It amounts to insult of the martyrs and hurts feelings of their families when it is said that Pakistan is fighting war for America." Pervaiz Rashid said whatever steps were taken by the armed forces were in the best interest of the country. Imran Khan has been saying at PTI's public meetings that Pakistan was fighting the war of America, he noted.

Special Security desk for Chinese nationals in Lahore, *The Nation*, June 15⁸

A special desk has been set up for the security of Chinese nationals working on various projects in the Punjab province. A police spokesman said that the security desk was established on the orders of Lahore DIG (Operations) Rana Abdul Jabbar to ensure fool-proof security for Chinese delegates, workers, and tourists coming from China in the Punjab province. SP (Security) Salman Ali Khan has been appointed as focal person for the security related matters of Chinese nationals.

Imran to announce future strategy, *Dawn*, June 26⁹

Whether the PTI should go for an all-out confrontation with the ruling PML-N or make use of its presence in parliament for the party's stated electoral reforms was one question discussed during its core committee meeting which received a divided opinion from the party leaders. [...]However, given the deliberations which took place during the meeting, according to party insiders, it appeared that Mr Khan too wasn't interested in standing by Dr Tahirul Qadri, but did agree with his assertion that under the existing Election Commission no free and fair election was possible. [...]In a press release issued after the meeting, PTI's information secretary Shireen Mazari said that Imran Khan had urged the prime minister to announce a Rs 6 billion package for IDPs. This is essential if a catastrophe is to be avoided.

Imran warns of tsunami, *The Nation*, June 28¹⁰

Imran Khan gave a one-month deadline to the Nawaz government to fulfil PTI's demands regarding alleged election 'fraud' and warned of a "tsunami march" on Islamabad on August 14 if

⁶<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/islamabad/09-Jun-2014/imran-presents-charter-of-demands-to-pml-n>

⁷<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/11-Jun-2014/imran-should-announce-army-fighting-pakistan-s-war>

⁸ <http://www.nation.com.pk/lahore/15-Jun-2014/security-desk-for-chinese-in-lahore>

⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115182/imran-to-announce-future-strategy>

¹⁰ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/28-Jun-2014/riding-on-the-demos-tide-imran-warns-of-tsunami>

no appropriate steps were taken. Imran told a big public gathering in Bahawalpur on June 27, that he will assemble one million people in the capital, inviting other parties to join his protest. *He said Nawaz Sharif should not think that unity over Waziristan operation means PTI will not be a strong opposition.*

PML-N pays Imran back, Daily Times, June 29¹¹

Information Minister Pervaiz Rashid hit back at Imran Khan on June 28, providing 'answers' to the four questions he raised during a public rally in Bahawalpur a day earlier. The minister said that it was he who had advised PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif to deliver his victory speech on May 11. He said Imran's allegations about appointments of the interim government were baseless. He said the Supreme Court appointed the interim prime minister and PPP suggested the name of Najam Sethi as caretaker chief minister of Punjab. He said that Najam Sethi made appointments on the demands of Imran Khan and Chaudhrys of Gujrat, which didn't go down well with the PML-N. Imran Khan himself had demanded appointment of returning officers from the judiciary. *"Returning Officers were taking orders from the judiciary because the election was held under the supervision of judiciary,"* Rashid said.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Travel restrictions on Pakistan by WHO, Dawn, June 1¹²

The travel restrictions on Pakistan recommended by WHO due to the rising number of polio cases in the country, will be enforced from June 1. The WHO issued its new guidelines in order to curb the spread of polio, which had become an international health emergency threatening to infect other countries.

JUI-F, JI mull alliance in Milli Yakjehti Council, The Express Tribune, June 2¹³

Recent meetings between the chiefs of the JUI-F and the JI are geared towards the formation of a 'grand alliance', which has been termed 'Milli Yakjehti Council' for now. While the two parties have been at loggerheads in the past, a change in the JI's leadership – Sirajul Haq was elected the party's Ameer in April this year – has reportedly bridged the gap between the two groups. *"The Council is an effort to forge an alliance to battle sectarianism, problems faced by madrassas and other issues,"* said a senior JUI-F party member. *"We will see how much weight it will carry and our aims are political, not just social,"* he told. He added that while the alliance has been called MilliYakjehti Council (MYC) for now, the name may be altered.

Former PM Raja Pervez Ashraf, Shaukat Tareen indicted in RPP case, Dawn, June 3¹⁴

An accountability court in Islamabad indicted former prime minister Raja Pervez Ashraf and 11 others on June 3 in the rental power project case. Former finance minister Shaukat Tareen, former federal secretaries Ismail Qureshi and Shahid Rafi were also among those indicted in the case of alleged corruption in the Sahuwal and Piranghaib rental power projects.

¹¹ www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/29-Jun-2014/pml-n-pays-imran-back

¹² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1109915/travel-restrictions-on-pakistan-by-who-to-be-enforced-from-today>

¹³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/716360/jui-f-ji-mull-alliance-in-milli-yakjehti-council/>

¹⁴ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1110313/former-pm-raja-pervez-ashraf-shaukat-tareen-indicted-in-rpp-case>

Stay within your 'limits', says the President, *Daily Times*, June 3¹⁵

President Mamnoon Hussain on June 2 'advised' all the state institutions to work within the ambit of law as 'they may not have political likes and dislikes' while performing their functions. *"In Pakistan, supremacy of constitution and progress of democracy have become inter dependent and solution for all the problems has to be sought while remaining within the established constitutional framework"*, Mamnoon told the joint sitting of the parliament in his first address after being elected as president. The nation fully realises that cooperation and understanding among state institutions is critically needed at this juncture of time. *"At a time when our enemies are actively working to create conflict and discord among us, we need to maintain unity and confidence among our lines,"* he said.

Electronic voting machines to be used in next polls: ECP, *The News*, June 6¹⁶

The Secretary of the ECP, Ishtiaq Ahmad Khan, has said the EC has decided to introduce EVMs in the next general elections to be held in 2018, reminding that it was a demand of all the political parties. About the features of the machines that would have an in-built biometric verification system, he said this had already been finalised and necessary orders for production of prototype machines for pilot projects had been issued.

Minutes of Nov 6 cabinet meeting reveal new facts, *The News*, June 6¹⁷

The actions of Nov 3, 2007 taken by the then army chief Pervez Musharraf were formally ratified by the then federal cabinet headed by prime minister Shaukat Aziz on November 6, three days after the emergency was proclaimed. Formal minutes of the meeting were also issued. These latest revelations came through the cabinet meeting documents, which were submitted in the special court hearing the high treason case. *Interestingly, not a single member of the cabinet, during the meeting pointed out how could Pervez Musharraf who as Chief of Army Staff was subordinate to the government, could impose an emergency as COAS.*

Geo TV slapped with 15-day ban, Rs 10 million fine, *Daily Times*, June 7¹⁸

PEMRA on June 6 suspended the licence of Geo News for 15 days and imposed a fine of Rs 10 million, a day after Geo TV and Jang group served a legal notice to the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), government and the media watchdog for 'defaming' and 'maligning' the media house by accusing it of working on anti-Pakistan agenda. The ministry had demanded that the licence of Geo News be cancelled for broadcasting the accusations by Hamid Mir's brother against ISI and its chief Lieutenant-General Zaheerul Islam. In case of non-payment of fine, the suspension of the licence will continue, the PEMRA order said. The authority decided that in case of repeated violations by Geo News, proceedings for revocation of its licence will be initiated.

Iran closes border at Taftan, *Dawn*, June 10¹⁹

The Iranian government closed its border with Pakistan with immediate effect for an indefinite period. At least 23 Shia pilgrims were killed in suicide attacks and firing on two hotels in Taftan on June 9. Official sources said that the Iranian border authorities had informed their Pakistani

¹⁵<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/03-Jun-2014/stay-within-your-limits>

¹⁶<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30771-Electronic-voting-machines-to-be-used-in-next-polls-ECP>

¹⁷<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30779-Minutes-of-Nov-6-cabinet-meeting-reveal-new-facts>

¹⁸<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/islamabad/07-Jun-2014/geo-tv-slapped-with-15-day-ban-rs-10-million-fine>

¹⁹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111770/iran-closes-border-at-taftan>

counterparts about the decision of the Iranian government. Iran has also tightened security by deploying more security personnel at the border. "After closing the border with Pakistan all activities pertaining to travel and trade through the border were suspended," Chagai Deputy Commissioner Saifullah Khetran said.

Terrorism to be crushed with iron hand, *The News*, June 11²⁰

The civil and military leadership on June 10, expressed the resolve that terrorism in the country would be crushed with an iron hand, thereby, adopting a unanimous stand on terrorism. The decision in this regard was taken during a high-level meeting of the CCNS chaired by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and attended by the military leadership. The meeting reviewed the law and order situation in the country and decided to launch a comprehensive operation against the militants, as the talks could not bear any fruit.

PM arrives in Tajikistan on two-day visit, *Dawn*, June 11²¹

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif arrived in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on a two-day visit on June 10, at the invitation of President Emomali Rahmon to discuss energy, infrastructure, connectivity and security. The Prime Minister's visit is part of regular high-level exchanges between the two countries and was reflective of this high priority and the commitment to further deepen Pakistan's engagement with Central Asia. *CASA-1000, a project for regional energy cooperation among Tajikistan, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan, would be key area of focus of the talks.*

Qadri Episode

Eight killed in police-PAT clash, *The News*, June 18²²

At least eight people, including two women, were shot dead and over 85 others injured on June 17 during a clash between police and workers of the PAT and the MQI. They were allegedly fired upon by the police for resisting the removal of illegal barriers and iron gates that had blocked at least nine roads around the PAT Secretariat and the residence of its chief Dr Tahirul Qadri in the Model Town Extension area. The chief of the Pakistan PAT, Dr Tahriul Qadri, has termed the police action at his house and party secretariat state terrorism.

Qadri says govt wants to kill him, *The News*, June 12²³

PAT chief Dr Tahirul Qadri has warned that the government is after his life, and declared that eight top leaders of the ruling PML-N would be held responsible if any harm was caused to him, his family or party workers. [...] Qadri said he feared serious threats from government and demanded that army should take over the security of Islamabad airport at the time of his return to the country on June 23. He said his declaration against eight top PML-N leaders should be treated as prior FIR and both the army and judiciary should take notice of that. He feared the government could undertake some terrorism on his return to the country as, "they had links with some terror groups".

²⁰<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30867-Terrorism-to-be-crushed-with-iron-hand>

²¹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1113322/pm-arrives-in-tajikistan-on-two-day-visit>

²² <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30998-Eight-killed-in-police-PAT-clash>

²³<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30903-Qadri-says-govt-wants-to-kill-him>

Punjab CM shows Rana Sanaullah the door, *The News*, June 21²⁴

After an announcement from Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on (June 20) evening, Punjab Minister for Law and Local Government Rana Sanaullah Khan resigned from the cabinet, while Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Dr Tauqir Shah was also removed in the wake of the Model Town incident on June 17 in which clashes between the supporters of Dr Tahirul Qadri's Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) and Lahore police had left at least 14 people, including two women, dead and dozens others injured. Shahbaz Sharif, during a press conference on June 20 evening, claimed that steps had been taken to fulfil the norms of justice. Shahbaz said Rana Sanaullah was his close friend and had rendered invaluable services for the PML-N.

Qadri made to land in Lahore, *The News*, June 24²⁵

MQI chief Dr Tahirul Qadri returned to Pakistan on June 23 amidst turmoil spanning over six hours at the Lahore airport, where his flight had been diverted after it was not allowed to land in Islamabad "for security reasons". Enraged at the diversion to Lahore, Dr Qadri refused to come out of the plane citing lack of confidence in the security of the Punjab government as a reason. He put forward a number of conditions for disembarking from the plane. [...] Later in his address, Dr Qadri announced he would give a call for a revolution in the country after consultations with his political allies and the Sharifs-led government would be toppled soon. "We will change the system before conduct of elections." There will be Tehran-like revolution in Pakistan soon, he said.

Qadri takes a U-turn to 'allies' surprise, *Dawn*, June 27²⁶

Announcing an 'all-party conference' on the Model Town incident, PAT chief Dr Tahirul Qadri has backtracked from his earlier stance of forming a political alliance against the government. "Forming any alliance or a grand alliance had never been my agenda," Dr Qadri told the media after meeting leaders of various political and religious parties at PAT headquarters. Dr Qadri termed the alliance reports mere media speculations as discussions on the issue never took place at any point. "Toppling the government has not been my agenda," he stressed, adding that the struggle would continue until an end to the 'system of cruelty'.

PPP, ANP, JUI-S refuse to attend Qadri's APC, *The News*, June 29²⁷

PPP, ANP, JUI-S, have refused to attend the APC summoned by PAT chief Dr Tahirul Qadri on June 29. PPP leader Senator Farhatullah Babar announced the decision of his party not to attend the APC. ANP leader Zahid Khan said Tahirul Qadri did not believe in the Constitution or democracy. JUI-S spokesman Maulana Asim Makhdoom said: "We will not take part in Qadri's APC as it has no clear agenda." Meanwhile, the PTI announced that it would send a three-member team to Qadri's APC. Shah Mahmood Qureshi will lead the PTI's side comprising Opposition Leader in the Punjab Assembly Mahmoodur Rashid and PTI Punjab chief Ejaz Chaudhry.

²⁴ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31071-Punjab-CM-shows-law-minister-the-door>

²⁵ www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31132-Qadri-made-to-land-in-Lahore

²⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115438/qadri-takes-a-u-turn-to-allies-surprise>

²⁷ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31244-PPP-ANP-JUI-S-refuse-to-attend-Qadri-APC>

Arbitration centres to settle disputes, *The News*, June 21²⁸

The law ministry has prepared a *draft law for an Alternate Dispute Resolution System under which disputing parties in civil and commercial matters would be required to first get their issues settled through mediators*, failing which they could proceed with the normal course of law. The draft law envisages that in civil and commercial cases, all courts of original jurisdiction shall require from parties to first go for mediation prior to permitting the cases to be tried. The purpose of the law is to get rid of delays and prolonged litigation in civil and commercial matters, which besides hurting the people have burdened the courts with huge backlog of cases.

PEMRA suspends licenses of Geo, ARY, *Daily Times*, June 21²⁹

According to a press release, after considering all relevant legal provisions, the authority took a serious notice of violations committed by Geo Entertainment and ARY News and unanimously decided to immediately suspend the license of Geo Entertainment for a period of thirty days besides imposing Rs 10 million fine. The authority also banned 'Utho Jago Pakistan' programme aired on Geo Entertainment, its entire team, including host Shaista Lodhi, forthwith besides banning the re-broadcasting of the programme on any other channel. Regarding the violations committed by ARY News, the authority unanimously decided to immediately suspend the licence of ARY News for a period of fifteen (15) days and imposed Rs 10 million fine. The authority also banned 'Khara Sach' programme aired on ARY News and its anchor person Mubasher Lucman forthwith on persistently airing contemptuous and malicious campaign against the judiciary.

Musharraf's Case

SHC takes Musharraf's name off ECL, allows 15 days for appeal, *The News*, June 13³⁰

The Sindh High Court struck down former president General (ret'd) Pervez Musharraf's name from the ECL, observing that mere pendency of civil or criminal cases against a citizen was no ground to deny him the fundamental right of travelling within or outside the country. However, the court suspended the operation of judgment for 15 days observing that since the court order was self-executory, therefore the respondents, if they so desire, may file an appeal with the Supreme Court.

Musharraf ECL case: SC suspends SHC's decision, *Express Tribune*, June 23³¹

The Supreme Court has suspended SHC decision to remove former president Pervez Musharraf's name from the exit control list ECL. The SHC on June 12 ordered the removal of Musharraf's name from the ECL. Later, the federal government appealed to the court asking that Musharraf not be allowed to leave the country as he will not return. The Supreme Court suspended the SHC's decision and summoned the hearing of the case after four weeks.

²⁸ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31075-Arbitration-centres-to-settle-disputes>

²⁹ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/21-Jun-2014/pemra-suspends-licenses-of-geo-ary>

³⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30910-SHC-takes-Musharraf%E2%80%99s-name-off-ECL-allows-15-days-for-appeal>

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31002-Qadri-terms-police-action-state-terrorism>

³¹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/725827/musharraf-ecl-case-sc-suspends-shcs-decision/>

Shah urges Sharif to initiate process for CEC's appointment, Dawn, June 25³²

Leader of Opposition in the National Assembly, Syed Khurshid Ahmed Shah, has urged PM Nawaz Sharif to initiate the process for appointment of the CEC immediately. According to his spokesman, the opposition leader had written a letter to the prime minister and reminded him that the important constitutional office had been lying vacant since the resignation of retired Justice Fakhruddin G. Ebrahim on July 31 last year. Earlier this year, the PM and the opposition leader had agreed to appoint a retired judge of the Supreme Court, Rana Bhagwandas, as the CEC and the government had even prepared a bill to get it passed from parliament in order to remove a legal hitch in his appointment. Since Justice Bhagwandas has served as the chairman of the Federal Public Service Commission after his retirement from the judiciary, he is ineligible for any future appointment in the service of Pakistan under the law. Later, when a number of parties opposed getting a person-specific legislation passed from parliament, the government dropped the idea. At present, Justice Nasirul Mulk of the SC is functioning as the acting CEC.

Shaukat Aziz ordered judges' sacking: official, Dawn, June 27³³

Interior Secretary Shahid Khan admitted before the special court trying retired General Pervez Musharraf that in the wake of November 3, 2007 emergency, several judges including former chief justice Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhry had been sent home by the law ministry on the orders of then prime minister Shaukat Aziz.

Lanka withdraws on-arrival visa facility, The Nation, June 28³⁴

Sri Lankan government has ended on-arrival visa facility for Pakistani visitors. Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry has informed Pakistan government about its decision. Pakistanis seeking to visit Sri Lanka will have to obtain visa before departing for the island nation. *According to reports, on-arrival visa facility has been withdrawn on the request of Pakistani government.*

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Russia to complete all projects in Pakistan: Putin, The Nation, June 28

Russian companies plan to implement prospective projects in energy, metallurgy and other sectors in Pakistan, Russian President Vladimir Putin said, "We pay great attention to developing cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan," Putin said during a diplomatic accreditation ceremony for foreign ambassadors to Russia, broadcast on Rossiya-24. "Russian companies are ready to carry out prospective projects in energy, metallurgy industry and other sectors that were created with the help of specialists from Russia," Putin said.

Russia may supply 'night hunter' to Pakistan, Daily Times, June 2³⁵

Russia has lifted an embargo on sales of weapons and military hardware to Pakistan and is planning to supply Islamabad with attack helicopters, said Sergei Chemezov, the chief executive officer of the

³²<http://www.dawn.com/news/1114984/shah-urges-sharif-to-initiate-process-for-cecs-appointment>

³³<http://www.dawn.com/news/1115368/shaukat-aziz-ordered-judges-sacking-official>

³⁴ <http://www.nation.com.pk/islamabad/28-Jun-2014/lanka-withdraws-on-arrival-visa-facility>

³⁵<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/02-Jun-2014/russia-may-supply-night-hunter-to-pakistan>

Rostec, the state defence corporation of the country. *"Such a decision was made. We are negotiating the sales of Mi-35 helicopters to Pakistan," Chemezov said on June 2.* A source with the Foreign Affairs Ministry in Islamabad told RIA Novosti news service that there had never been an embargo on Russian sales to Pakistan in the first place. *It was rather that cooperation between Islamabad and Moscow was limited due to Russia's intensive trade with India.*

Pakistan negotiating MI-35 helicopter deal with Russia: envoy, Dawn, June 10³⁶

Pakistan has placed an order to Russia for purchase of the latest MI-35 Helicopters for multipurpose use including fighting terrorism, Russian Ambassador to Pakistan Alexey Y. Dedov told a news conference at the Russian embassy in Islamabad. The Russian envoy said *there has been never any ban on the sale of Russian military equipment to Pakistan.* *"There is ongoing cooperation with Pakistan in the field of defence and counter-terrorism and security,"* Dedov said. He also informed the media that Adviser on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz would be visiting the Russian city of Kazan to participate in the "5th International Meeting of High-Level Officials Responsible for Security Matters from 18-20 June, 2014. Sartaj Aziz would also meet Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov during the visit, the envoy said.

Army chief leaves for China, Dawn, June 3³⁷

COAS Gen Raheel Sharif left for China on June 2 for discussions on defence and security cooperation. According to a military spokesman, the COAS will call on China's political and military leaders and the interaction will encompass relations with emphasis on defence and security cooperation. [...] *It is expected that China would raise its concerns during Gen Sharif's visit about terrorism. China has over the past few months faced a number of terrorist attacks linked to the separatist ETIM that is believed to have sanctuaries in North Waziristan.*

Raheel assures China of anti-terror support, The Nation, June 5³⁸

Vice Chairman of China's Central Military Commission Fan Changlong met with visiting Pakistani COAS General Raheel Sharif. Calling Pakistan a "true friend" of China, Fan said that the *development of bilateral "all-weather friendship" is the common option of the two peoples.* China appreciates Pakistan's strong support for China in combating terrorists of the East ETIM, Fan said, calling on the two sides to further counter-terrorism cooperation.

Heavy exchange of fire on border with Iran, Dawn, June 10³⁹

A heavy exchange of fire took place between Pakistani and Iranian border forces along Mashkel area of Washuk district. The Iranian forces started firing rockets at around 9.30am. *"At least 24 rockets fired by Iranian border forces from across the border exploded 2km west of the Juli Sham post of the Frontier Corps,"* an FC official said. *machineguns, he said. "No loss of life has been reported from any side,"* officials said.

³⁶<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111815/pakistan-negotiating-mi-35-helicopter-deal-with-russia-envoy>

³⁷<http://www.dawn.com/news/1110244/army-chief-leaves-for-china>

³⁸<http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-05/page-3/detail-3>

³⁹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111628/heavy-exchange-of-fire-on-border-with-iran>

Pakistan gave US 'express approval' for drone strike, *Daily Times*, June 13⁴⁰

US drones fired missiles at Taliban hideouts in Pakistan killing at least 10 militants in response to a deadly attack on Karachi airport, officials said on June 12, in the first such raids by unmanned CIA aircraft in six months. Two top government officials said Islamabad had given the Americans 'express approval' for the strikes—the first time Pakistan has openly admitted to such cooperation. Underlining Pakistan's alarm over the brazen Taliban attack on the airport, just weeks after peace talks with the militants stalled, the officials said a *'joint Pakistan-US operation' had been ordered to hit the insurgents.*

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Hands behind Intimidation of the Media, *The News*, June 1⁴¹

The London-based human rights watchdog Amnesty International said that, *the military and the ISI have launched an unprecedented wave of intimidation on the Jang Group and its employees.* Further, *the military is playing a key role behind the closure of 80 percent of Geo/Jang-run TV channels and print editions.* The process continues with Geo still missing from the airwaves almost everywhere in the country and another attack staged on a van carrying Jang Group newspapers in Rawalpindi on May 30. In an open letter, AI joined in by nine other organisations – Article 19 (UK), Human Rights Watch, Committee to Protect Journalists, Freedom House, International News Safety Institute, Internews, Pakistan Coalition on Media Safety, Pen International and Reporters Without Borders – has asked the government of Pakistan to ensure that the military keeps its hands off the media in the country.

Strange Alliances, *The Nation*, June 2⁴²

[...] Mr Tahir-ul-Qadri is a political outsider who opposes the entire system. He claims to stand against established political families or mafias as he calls them, and promises to free the masses from their grip. He hopes to bring about a revolution, which would overthrow the corrupt and return the power to the common people. *And how does he plan to do it? With the help of the Chaudharies of Gujarat, who are and represent everything Mr Qadri's revolution is supposed to 'sweep away'.* Is the former King's party, the PML-Q, Mr Qadri's idea of a perfect partner for the furtherance of his agenda? Perhaps. But, it cannot be the same agenda which he presents before the people. *The PML-Q, a political party which claims to believe in democracy and the constitution, has also displayed ideological bankruptcy by joining hands with a non-state, non-political actor.*

Understanding Pakistan's political parties, Hassan Javid, *The Nation*, June 8⁴³

[...]PTI government in KP has itself done little to distinguish itself in terms of its management of the province. The PPP has followed a similar trajectory, restricting its role as an opposition party to the mouthing of empty rhetoric while simultaneously living up to its reputation for poor governance in Sindh. Even as the budget was being announced, the MQM was in the process of imploding, scrambling to react to the news of Altaf Hussain's arrest in the United Kingdom. The PML-Q, a spent force clinging on to its few seats in parliament, only registered on the political

⁴⁰ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/13-Jun-2014/pakistan-gave-us-express-approval-for-drone-strike>

⁴¹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-8-253458-Hands-behind-the-screen>

⁴² <http://www.nation.com.pk/editorials/01-Jun-2014/strange-alliances>

⁴³ <http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-08/page-7/detail-1>

radar recently when its leadership met with Imran Khan and Tahir-ul-Qadri in London, hoping to create a 'grand alliance' to oppose the PML-N. Ultimately, these plans came to naught, as was always going to be the case with an attempt to create a political formation on the basis of empty opportunism.

Year one: more of the same?, Maleeha Lodhi, *The News*, June 10⁴⁴

One year on, expectations that Nawaz Sharif's decisive electoral mandate would translate into decisive governance have not been met. Instead, the prime minister has opted for a risk-averse approach, procrastinated on crucial security issues and economic reforms and appeared reluctant to lead from the front. This has already earned him strong public disapproval. [...] *Sharif's governance in his first year has been a throwback to the past, displaying traits that mimic those in his earlier stints in power. But he still has the opportunity and reservoir of political capital to make a course correction. For this, Sharif will need to chart a clearer policy direction for the country, expand his team beyond family and loyalists, professionalise decision-making and unlearn habits that have undermined his effectiveness and credibility. He needs, above all, to give primacy to institutional governance over personalised rule and reform over fiscally imprudent schemes.*

Who says Imran wants to be mature?, Salman Hamid, *The News*, June 12⁴⁵

Till just four years ago, Imran Khan came across as a civilised educated person who believed in law and the democratic process... Desperate for change, people finally flocked around him in 2010. But sadly, Khan, who did not change for popularity's sake, has changed after gaining popularity – *by completely transforming himself as the biggest promoter of politics of division, hate and fear. And in his desperation, he is relying for support from the usual undemocratic forces along with persons, who, in his words, were not good enough to be even his peons.* [...] Khan slaps around the government every day, all that the ministers can come up with is a Lucknawi 'Khan Sahib should become a mature politician.' *Who said Khan wants to become mature? He wants to become PM. And soon.*

Does parliament matter?, Maleeha Lodhi, *The News*, June 17⁴⁶

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is *showing little interest in making parliament a key part of governance.* This is evidenced in many ways. Its most striking manifestation has been the fact that the *Sharif government failed to enact a single law in its first year in power.* The ruling party would defend this unspectacular record by claiming that the National Assembly did adopt 11 bills but that many were blocked or held up by the Senate, which the government does not control. But *evolving a parliamentary consensus and mobilising support in the legislature to ensure the passage of laws is among the government's principal responsibilities in a democracy. Offering alibis for legislative failure is not among those responsibilities. Nor does that obscure the marked preference shown by the Sharif government for rule making by ordinance. The prime minister, as Leader of the House, rarely attended assembly proceedings and made parliamentary history by not showing up in the Senate even once in his first year in power.*

⁴⁴<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-255125-Year-one-more-of-the-same>

⁴⁵<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-255504-Who-says-he-wants-to-be-mature>

⁴⁶ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-256478-Does-parliament-matter>

Challenges for the PML-N, Raza Rumi, *Express Tribune*, June 22⁴⁷

In early June, the PML-N completed one year in office and presented its second budget before the Parliament. Both these events were overshadowed by the ghastly attack at Karachi airport and the vulnerability of the major installations to terrorism. Within days of this attack, the long-delayed operation in North Waziristan was launched. Nearly a week ago, the PML-N blundered by using excessive force against the workers of Paksitan Awami Tehreek (PAT), a political adversary in Lahore resulting in the deaths of eight PAT activists. Such use of brutal force has led to public outrage and nervousness in the PML-N camp is evident. The succession of events comes in the wake of four major developments. [...] *First, tensions between Pakistan's powerful military and the prime minister have been building up. [...] The second relates to a reported divergence between the civilians and the military in tackling the anti-state extremist groups working under the banner of TTP. [...] The third development has been the rollback of some of the media freedoms. [...] Fast changing regional dynamics have had their impact in Pakistan, too. India's swing to the right and the election of Narenadra Modi has scared many and has paradoxically opened up possibilities. The BJP historically has done business with Pakistan and based on this view, PM Sharif visited India.*

Islam: Problem or solution?, Sana S. Siddiqui, *The Nation*, June 23⁴⁸

[...] I believe it is necessary to come to terms with the fact that we live in a country that specifically calls itself an Islamic republic and was supposedly created in the name of religion. Islam is important to the majority of Pakistan. This is a fact. Whether this was always the case, or whether it happened post-Zia or post-Bhutto or post- Musharraf is immaterial now. *The point is that while the average Mullah and groups such as the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, have caught on to this and are using it to their benefit, the privileged, educated lot are twiddling their thumbs.* The time for quaint candle light vigils has passed. *The ideological space conveniently handed over to the likes of the Taliban has to be taken back.* [...] Pakistan is at war. If we don't want Pakistan to suffer the same fate as Afghanistan and Iraq, then not only do we have to take back the physical space extremist occupy, but we must also take control of their ideological space. We must engage with Islam and not reject it.

The club class revolution, Marvi Sirmed, *The Nation*, June 24⁴⁹

[...] The history of controversial cleric Qadri is quite interesting. He came to be elected as member of Parliament in 1989, he sat on the opposition benches through 1993. In 2002, he was elected member of the National Assembly but resigned in 2004 when he accused the parliament of being 'corrupt, unconstitutional' etc. *He enjoys good repute with the country's persecuted Shia community because of his supposed pro-Shia tilt. In the West he got noticed after his 600-page fatwa against Islamic terrorism.* But in 2009, Karen Hækkerup, the Danish Minister for Integration and Social Affairs, pulled back from a conference when she discovered Qadri was also attending. Explaining her move, Hækkerup said she was 'very angry at being connected with something that is so contrary to my views'. She was alluding to *Qadri's double talk on his role in getting Pakistan's controversial blasphemy laws passed during military dictator Zia ul Haq's regime.* With this controversial background, here comes Qadri once again to pursue what he now calls 'green revolution.' I called many informed journalists throughout just to know if anyone knows

⁴⁷ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/725446/challenges-for-the-pml-n/>

⁴⁸ <http://www.nation.com.pk/columns/23-Jun-2014/islam-problem-or-solution>

⁴⁹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/columns/24-Jun-2014/the-club-class-revolution>

what the scholarly Maulana means by this. *No one was able to tell me with certainty whether this green revolution meant an Islamic one or an environmentally friendly one.*

PTI's roadmap, Dawn, June 27⁵⁰

Imran Khan has reasons to be upset. He is within his rights to ask for a probe into alleged poll rigging. *The delay in addressing his demands betrays problems in the system of governance that lacks an ability to effectively respond to discontent and complaints.* Also, there is not too much room for disagreement over him *questioning the arrogance with which the current rulers work.* The big question, however, relates to the sensitive issue of just *how far he can take his agitation and what serious repercussions his acts could entail,* for his party and for the country at large. *Mr Khan warns he could be ultimately forced to dissolve the provincial assembly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa where his party is in power.* If this is a statement made in total disregard for the disastrous effects such a dissolution could have on the whole of Pakistan, it seems also to be based on an overestimation of what gains the PTI, now a political party with proven public support, could make in the ensuing chaos.

Tasks for the leadership, Inayatullah, The Nation, June 28⁵¹

[...] *Under the circumstances, it will be advisable to speed up the Waziristan operation, to take displaced persons back to their homes, help them rebuild their lives and undertake the formulation of a workable administrative system keeping in view local traditions and features of the previous setup.* A commission should be set up, for this purpose straight away, under the chairmanship of the newly appointed governor of KPK. *There is also need to begin, under his stewardship, a well-designed and carefully thought-out reconciliation process.* The vast bulk of our fellow countrymen living in FATA deserve our care and affection. *Hopefully, the operation will help eliminate or drive out foreign, hostile elements.*

Law of unintended consequences, Babar Sattar, Dawn, June 30⁵²

The criticism of rabble-rousers aimed at *our dysfunctional state and the pigheaded PML-N government* is not disagreeable. It is their anarchic solutions that are problematic. *You can't expect anything better from the Tahirul Qadris or the Chaudhrys.* Long past their prime these creations of a pro-status quo state have no chance of acquiring meaningful power through the electoral process. ..But Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's (PTI) flirtation with the anarchists is worrying. Here is a party that after a decade and a half of determined effort has emerged as the second largest party in terms of popular vote.

LG polls forgotten, Dawn, June 29⁵³

Amidst the din generated by the almost endless series of crises that this country has been facing, *the crucial subject of local elections has disappeared from the public discourse.* At a time when the centre and provinces are busy passing their respective budgets, we are reminded of the lack of elected representation at the third tier, and the associated difficulties this creates. *Surprisingly, it is only Balochistan, considered an 'unstable' province, and prone to law and order and administrative problems, which has gone ahead with the process.* Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which also faces terrorism-related

⁵⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115287/ptis-roadmap>

⁵¹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/columns/28-Jun-2014/tasks-for-the-leadership>

⁵² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115924/law-of-unintended-consequences>

⁵³ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115769/lg-polls-forgotten>

problems, has been slow in going ahead with preparations for local polls, although there has been some activity on this front in the province. *Delimitation is complete and unless unforeseen obstacles dictate otherwise, polls should be held in a few months' time. However, Punjab and Sindh, considered Pakistan's most advanced and stable provinces, are showing no signs that polls will be held anytime soon.*

IDPs: Claims and conflict, *The News*, June 29⁵⁴

Just how unprepared the government was for the entirely predictable IDP crisis is evident from the fact that it initially budgeted only Rs500 million to tackle the problem. Since the Fata Disaster Management Authority now estimates that over 450,000 people have been displaced by the operation in North Waziristan, the government will have to spend many times the original amount. Even once the scale of the problem became undeniable, the government offered them only Rs 12,000 a month, which is equal to the minimum wage. Finally the prime minister has stepped up to the plate. During a visit to an IDP camp in Bannu, Nawaz Sharif upped the amount to be given to IDPs during Ramazan to Rs 40,000. What was not explained was how the government would get the money to the IDPs.

ECONOMIC ISSUES

FISCAL ISSUES

Economic Survey 2013-14: 'GDP growth rate crossed 4% in six years', *The Express Tribune*, June 2⁵⁵

The GDP growth rate reached up to 4.14% for the first time in the last six years, boasted Finance Minister Ishaq Dar while presenting the Economic Survey 2013-14. He promised that the government will try to increase the GDP by 1% every year aiming to take it to 7% in 2017. *He also said that around Rs 42 billion will be saved every year in loan repayment. The survey says that imports in ten months of this financial year reached \$12.9 billion against \$11.6 billion last year, indicating an increase of 1.2%.*

30 new tax measures on the cards, *Dawn*, June 3⁵⁶

The government is going to take 30 new tax measures in budget 2014-15 to be announced through Finance Bill 2014. *Two commissions will be formed with a mandate to give proposals within six months for scaling down sales tax rate to single digits and changes in the field formation of the income tax department. However, the decision may be taken in budget 2015-16. The second commission will be announced on the changes in the field formation of the income tax department. It will give a report to revert to the circle-based system of income tax against the current functional lines.*

Forex reserves improved by \$3bn, *Daily Times*, June 3⁵⁷

Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves improved by US\$ 3 billion since July 2013 and remained around \$13.6 billion as on May 21, 2014 thus showing an improvement of over 28 percent.

⁵⁴ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-8-258864-Claims-and-conflict>

⁵⁵ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/716482/ishaq-dar-presents-economic-survey-2013-14/>

⁵⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1110199/30-new-tax-measures-on-the-cards>

⁵⁷ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/03-Jun-2014/foreign-exchange-reserves-improved-by-3bn-last-year>

Of the overall increase in reserves, SBP reserves increased by \$3.2 billion, while that of the scheduled banks decreased by 0.2 billion, according to Economic Survey of Pakistan 2013-14.

Forex reserves to cross \$14b by end-June, *The Nation*, June 17⁵⁸

Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves would cross the benchmark of \$14 billion by the end of June 2014 *mainly because of foreign inflows in shape of IMF's tranche and revenue generated through disinvesting shares of United Bank Limited*. Pakistan would receive around \$860 million in next couple of weeks including \$550 million from IMF as fourth tranche under extended fund facility and \$310 million of disinvesting of UBL's share.

Pak economy improving: WB, *The Nation*, June 12⁵⁹

Growth in Pakistan is estimated to have remained broadly stable, notwithstanding fiscal tightening, but remains significantly below the regional average, due in part to energy supply bottlenecks and security uncertainties, according to the latest World Bank report on Global Economic Prospects. The report said Pakistan economy is improving and has grown broadly stable from previous fiscal year, but fiscal adjustment required to overcome the threat of a balance of payment crisis, notes the report. ...In Pakistan, after declining for several years, the country's investment rate is projected to rise during 2014-16. TRADE

Rs 73bn allocated for Pak-China trade corridor, *Daily Times*, June 4⁶⁰

The federal government has allocated an amount of over Rs 73 billion in the PSDP for the next budget 2014-15, in order to execute development projects under CPEC. According to a document of PSDP projects issued by the APCC *the government is utilizing over Rs 49 billion on construction of roads and motorways under CPEC in the next fiscal year*.

Pak-Indonesia trade increases to \$1.6 billion: Envoy, *The Nation*, June 18⁶¹

Consul General of Indonesia Rossalis R Adenan said *that trade quantum between Pakistan and Indonesia had reached 1.6 billion dollars this year as compared to 700 million dollars in 2010*. He hoped that after the agreements between Karachi and Jakarta chambers of commerce and industry, the quantum of the trade would increase further. *The writing off of tax on 100 products under Professional Trade Agreements between Pakistan and Indonesia* has provided the corridor to Pakistani products in Indonesian markets, he added.

ENERGY

Iran denies extending IPP completion date, *The News*, June 1⁶²

Iran has denied extending the completion date of the IPP project from December 2014 to the end of next year, Iran's Mehr News Agency reported. Iran's Deputy Oil Minister for International and Trade Affairs Ali Majedi has said that *Iran had not reached any agreement with Pakistan to push back*

⁵⁸<http://www.nation.com.pk/business/17-Jun-2014/reserves-to-cross-14b-by-end-june>

⁵⁹<http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-12/page-5/detail-4>

⁶⁰<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/business/04-Jun-2014/rs-73bn-allocated-for-pak-china-trade-corridor>

⁶¹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/business/18-Jun-2014/pak-indonesia-trade-increases-to-1-6-billion-envoy>

⁶²<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30676-Iran-denies-extending-IPP-completion-date>

the project's completion date. Earlier senior officials from Pakistan's petroleum ministry told that Iran and Pakistan had postponed the project's completion date to 2015.

Rs1.7tr power subsidy beats Diamer-Basha dam cost, Dawn, June 3⁶³

In the past 12 years, the government spent Rs 1.7 trillion as subsidy to power sector – *an amount which is much higher than the cost of constructing the Diamer-Basha dam*, estimates the Pakistan Economic Survey 2013-14. [...]It is expected that with ongoing efforts of both federal and provincial governments, the share of coal in primary energy supply will increase and will lead to cheaper energy mix which when use in electricity generation will reduce the cost, survey notes. *When an additional 16,564MW power generation will be added in the national grid system through various sources by completing new projects, load shedding will be reduced or eliminated by 2018.* There was a decline in the share of electricity in energy supply as it declined from 15.5 per cent in 1995 to 12.9pc in 2013, survey says.

Trans-Caspian pipeline threatens to bury TAPI project, Express tribune, June 25⁶⁴

With fears of supply constraints lurking in the mind, Pakistan should consider seeking guarantees from Turkmenistan for ensuring promised gas flow under the TAPI pipeline project *before Ashgabat makes any commitment to Europe for a trans-Caspian gas pipeline*, officials say. Growing Chinese interest in gas purchase from Turkmenistan and construction of the trans-Caspian pipeline may block gas flow to the TAPI pipeline because Ashgabat will not be able to meet demand of both sides, background discussions with officials reveal.

Earlier this year, Turkmenistan once again got engaged in contact with the US and the European Union as well as multinational companies to push ahead with the trans-Caspian pipeline with an aim to export gas to the lucrative EU market through the Caspian Sea, Azerbaijan and Turkey. Gaffney, Cline & Associates and McKinney & Company have conducted independent studies on Turkmenistan's gas deposits, which show that the reserves, especially the ones already explored, are not very huge.

Work on 4,320MW hydel project launched, Dawn, June 26⁶⁵

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif *launched the construction work on 4,320 megawatts Dasu hydroelectric power project in Kohistan on June 25.* "We are sincerely working for prosperity of the nation but some people are on streets not only against development but also against such mega projects which would change the fate of our country," he said while addressing a group of local people on the occasion. *On March 28 this year, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council had approved Rs 486 billion for the first phase of the project.*

KP government plans to launch 17 energy projects, Daily Times, June 30⁶⁶

The KP government has planned to launch 17 new energy projects in 2014-15. The major projects planned by the KP government for upcoming fiscal year include *construction of 300 MW Balakot HPP district Mansehra, Construction of 14 MW Ghorband HPP District Shangla and building of 84 MW*

⁶³<http://www.dawn.com/news/1110215/rs17tr-power-subsidy-beats-diamer-basha-dam-cost>

⁶⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/726486/gas-supply-at-stake-trans-caspian-pipeline-threatens-to-bury-tapi-project/>

⁶⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115164/work-on-4320mw-hydel-project-launched>

⁶⁶ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/30-Jun-2014/kp-govt-plans-to-launch-17-energy-projects>

Matiltan Gorkin HPP in Swat. The government intends to start work on 69 MW Lawi energy project in Chitral besides focusing on development of renewable energy in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In addition to it, the government has also planned construction of 10 MW Nandihar HPP in district Batagram and 51 MW Mujigaram Shaghore HPP in district Chitral. Location of Chitral is very ideal for hydro power generation and to take full advantage of this potential 52 MW Istaro Booni HPP district Chitral would also be constructed. Likewise, the government has also planned to start work on mega 79 MW Arkari Gol HPP in district Chitral in current fiscal year. [...]For uplift of energy sector, the KP government has allocated Rs.3046 million for 36 projects out of which 19 are ongoing with allocation of Rs.2805.399 million and 17 are new with allocation of Rs.240.601 million. The government is also focusing on electrification of un-electrified villages through solar and alternate energy in remaining districts of the province.

LOAN

World Bank may approve \$577m for Dasu power project, Dawn, June 1⁶⁷

The Executive Board of the World Bank will meet in Washington on June 10 to approve financing of \$577 million for Dasu hydropower project, the bank's top official in Islamabad said on May 30. World Bank Country Director Rachid Benmessaoud said he hoped the assistance for Dasu project would be approved as "things are moving positively for Pakistan" at the international lender. The proposed Dasu hydropower project, a run-of-river project with total generation capacity at 4,320MW, would be completed in two stages due to capital constraints faced by the government and the Wapda. The project is estimated to cost around \$4.25 billion, and the upcoming World Bank assistance is for the first stage.

PM lauds Dar for approval of WB loan, The Nation, June 12⁶⁸

Appreciating Ishaq Dar and his team for this remarkable achievement, Premier Sharif said out of \$700 million loan \$600 million would be utilised for Dasu Hydropower Project while \$100 million would be utilised for the uplifting of the Sindh Irrigation project. "It shows the confidence of the multi-lateral donors and foreign countries in the economy of Pakistan," the premier added. "The World Bank's loans are purely concessionary and cheap. The repayment schedule is spread over a period of 25 years including 5 years grace period, with low interest and nominal administrative charge of two per cent per annum. It will also help decrease domestic debt," the finance minister said.

Japan to provide Rs5b for energy reforms, The Nation, June 5⁶⁹

The Government of Japan would provide a concessional loan of JPY 5 billion approximately Rs. 5 billion to Pakistan for supporting the energy sector reforms. [...]Japan also plans to provide technical assistance for the GoP to implement some of the reform programmes, utilizing Japanese knowledge. This loan from Japan will be provided at a concessional rate of Yen LIBOR minus 10bp and the repayment period is 30 years, including the grace period of 10 years.

⁶⁷<http://www.dawn.com/news/1109860/world-bank-to-approve-577m-for-dasu-power-project>

⁶⁸<http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-12/page-3/detail-4>

<http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-12/page-5/detail-6>

⁶⁹<http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-05/page-8/detail-10>

IMF approves \$555.9m tranche for Pakistan, *The News*, June 28⁷⁰

[...] Washington DC approved the fourth tranche of \$555.9 million for Pakistan. *After the approval of this tranche under \$6.67 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF), Pakistan's foreign currency reserves will get close to \$15 billion by end June 2014.* However, in another development, the IMF staff led by Jeffrey Franks has postponed the next review of Pakistan's economy till end July or early August 2014. It was earlier scheduled at Istanbul (Turkey) from mid of next month.

INVESTMENT

Organisation set up to coordinate assistance to Afghanistan, *Dawn*, June 7⁷¹

The Committee for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Afghanistan approved here on June 6 the formation of *an organisation, called Pak Aid*, to coordinate the assistance Pakistan is providing to Afghanistan. Under international obligations, Islamabad has pledged an aid package of \$500 million to support the process of reconstruction and rehabilitation in Afghanistan. *The committee has approved over 20 projects on the recommendation of the Pak-Afghan Joint Economic Commission.* Eleven of the projects have been completed and work on eight others is going on. Six projects are yet to be executed.

Finance minister unveils Rs3.945tr budget for 2014-15, *Dawn*, June 3⁷²

The federal cabinet approved the federal budget for the year 2014-15, with a total outlay of Rs3.945 trillion, and a Public Sector Development Programme allocated at Rs 525 billion. FM Ishaq Dar told parliament in his budget speech that he *aimed to reduce the budget deficit to 4.9 per cent of economic output in the 2014-15 fiscal year from 5.8 per cent a year earlier.* Budget spending has been set at Rs 3.8 trillion (\$39.3 billion), while tax revenues that Pakistan hopes to collect in the next fiscal year are estimated at 3.94 trillion rupees. With the budget, the government has introduced welfare schemes for farmers, homeless, the unemployed, businessmen and 10 per cent relief for government employees. *Dar also said Pakistan would invest at least Rs205 billion (\$2.08 billion) in power projects in the next fiscal year as part of a plan to reform the struggling sector. Spelling out the revenue generation plans of the government, the minister said the share of provincial governments in the taxes would be Rs 1.72 trillion against Rs 1.41 trillion last year. Net resources left with the federal government would be Rs 2.22 trillion against the revised estimate of Rs 2.18 trillion for last year.*

Another Rs701bn lost due to terrorism, *Dawn*, June 3⁷³

Economic losses suffered by Pakistan due to terrorism continued to pile up as *the country lost another Rs 701 billion (\$6.9bn) during the first nine months (July-March) of 2013-14. The country has lost Rs 8264.4bn (\$102.5bn), both in direct and indirect costs of incidents of terrorism, during the past 13 years of its engagement with war on terror according to Economic Survey 2013-14. It was, however, important to note that the losses during the outgoing fiscal year had declined by 32.9 per cent as compared to last year.* The declining trend for losses had started in 2011-12 and has continued since then. *Pakistan lost the*

⁷⁰[http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31232-IMF-approves-\\$5559m-tranche-for-Pakistan](http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31232-IMF-approves-$5559m-tranche-for-Pakistan)

⁷¹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111161/organisation-set-up-to-coordinate-assistance-to-afghanistan>

⁷²<http://www.dawn.com/news/1110324/finance-minister-unveils-rs3945tr-budget-for-2014-15>

⁷³<http://www.dawn.com/news/1110234/another-rs701bn-lost-due-to-terrorism>

most in 2010-11 for any single year when its losses due to terrorism were calculated to be Rs 2,037bn (\$23.77bn).

Defence budget hiked by Rs 70 bn Rs 700.148 bn allocated, *The News*, June 4⁷⁴

The government has allocated Rs 700.148 billion for defence for the fiscal 2014-15, *an increase of around 11.17 percent in a bid to meet the tough challenges on its eastern and western borders*. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced 11.17 percent increase in the defence budget. *However, given the 8.6 percent inflation, the real term increase would be a meagre 2.57 percent*. In the previous year, Pakistan initially allocated Rs 627.22 billion, which was revised to Rs 629.75 by the end of the year. The Pakistan Army will get Rs 331.411 billion; Pakistan Air Force Rs 149.68 billion while Pakistan Navy has Rs 71.438 billion for the coming fiscal.

PM wants privatisation of DISCOs, GENCOs by June 30 next year, *Daily Times*, June 11⁷⁵

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif chaired a meeting on privatisation of distribution companies and generation companies and the load management plan. [...] PC Chairman Zubair said that the Council of Common Interests had already approved privatisation of nine distribution companies and four generation companies in its meeting held on April 28, 2011, and February 10, 2014. The prime minister said: "In view of the keen interest shown by the foreign investors in Pakistan, there is no justification for further staggering the privatisation process. It is absolutely necessary to privatise distribution companies and generation companies as soon as possible since there is no other way to cleanse the faltering system."

Pakistan pursuing rational economic policies: Nawaz, *Daily Times*, June 13⁷⁶

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said rational economic policies had developed the confidence of foreign donor agencies in Pakistan. *"Our vision of making Pakistan a self-sustaining and self-sufficient economy will soon be realized,"* said the prime minister. *The World Bank in its meeting on 11th May had approved a total of \$ 700 million worth assistance for Pakistan's two projects - 4500 MW Dasu Hydropower Project (US \$ 600 million) and Sindh Water Irrigation Project (US \$ 100 million).* A statement from the PM House quoted the prime minister as saying that the confidence of World Bank was also evident from the already approved \$ 1 billion for budgetary support to Pakistan. *"The World Bank's support and commitment with Pakistan reflects their confidence in the leadership and vision of our government,"* he said.

Rs 1,045 bn Punjab budget unveiled amid rumpus, *The Nation*, June 14⁷⁷

The Punjab government presented budget for fiscal 2014-15 with an outlay of Rs 1.044 trillion, which is significantly higher as compared to Rs 897.57 billion budget of concluding year. Current expenditures are estimated at Rs 699.95 billion in the budget presented by the government being headed by Shahbaz Sharif for the last seven years. *The provincial government has set the tax collection target of Rs 164.7 billion, which is 30 percent higher than the outgoing financial year.* Under the General Revenue Receipts of Rs 1.033 trillion, the provincial government would receive Rs 804.19 billion from the divisible pool of the federal government, while the provincial tax and non-tax revenues have been estimated at Rs 228.87 billion in the next fiscal year.

⁷⁴<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30728-Defence-budget-hiked-by-Rs70-bn-Rs700148-allocated>

⁷⁵<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/11-Jun-2014/pm-wants-privatisation-of-discos-gencos-by-june-30-next-year>

⁷⁶ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/13-Jun-2014/pakistan-pursuing-rational-economic-policies-nawaz>

⁷⁷ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/14-Jun-2014/rs1-045b-punjab-budget-unveiled-amid-rumpus>

Sindh presents Rs686b deficit budget, *The Nation*, June 14⁷⁸

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah unveiled Rs 686.179 billion tax-free deficit budget in provincial assembly for the fiscal year 2014-15. Total receipts are projected at Rs 672, 118.5 million whereas total expenditure is estimated to be Rs 686,179.4 million, resulting in deficit of Rs 14.06 billion. [...] The Expenditure for the new fiscal has been estimated at Rs 436.090 billion, which is 22 percent higher than the budget estimates of Rs355.9 billion for the outgoing financial year. The CM in his speech said the estimate for Capital Expenditure is Rs 34.7 billion as compared to outgoing years' estimate of Rs 31.3 billion.

KP assembly approves fiscal budget 2014-15, *The Nation*, June 24⁷⁹

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf-led Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government presented Rs404.8 billion budget for the fiscal year 2014-15, proposing an increase in certain taxes, allocating Rs 139.8 billion for Annual Development Programme (ADP) which is being claimed to be 34.54 per cent of the total financial plan. [...] The KP Assembly approved fiscal budget for 2014-15 with a total outlay of about four trillion rupees and 58 demands of grant whereas 1.04 trillion rupees allocated for Annual Development Programme(ADP). According to budgetary figure, the volume of the current budget is 20.5 per cent high as compare to previous year. The annual development programme is comprised 1251 projects out of which 711 are underway while 540 new projects have been included.

Balochistan Assembly approves budget, *Dawn*, June 27⁸⁰

The Balochistan Assembly passed the provincial budget of over Rs214 billion for the next financial year. Adviser to Chief Minister on Finance Mir Khalid Khan Langov presented 55 demands for grants. The demands for grants, which were approved in the absence of opposition parties, included over Rs163bn of non-development and over Rs50.74bn of development expenditures. The assembly adopted a demand for Rs13.343bn for expenditures on general administration, including organs of state, fiscal administration, economics regulation, statistics, publicity and information.

China tables railway project linking to Pakistan, *Dawn*, June 30⁸¹

A research study regarding an international railway project linking Pakistan with China's Xinjiang province through Azad Jammu and Kashmir has been commissioned by China. The rail link funded primarily by China would connect Xinjiang's western city Kashgar to the Gwadar deep sea port of Pakistan, said state-run *China Daily* while quoting the director of Xinjiang's regional development and reform commission, Zhang Chunlin on the subject. "The 1,800-km China-Pakistan railway is planned to also pass through Pakistan's capital of Islamabad and Karachi," Zhang had said at the two-day International Seminar on the Silk Road Economic Belt being held in Urumqi, Xinjiang's capital.

⁷⁸ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/14-Jun-2014/sindh-presents-rs686b-deficit-budget>

⁷⁹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/business/15-Jun-2014/kp-govt-presents-rs404-8-billion-budget>

<http://www.nation.com.pk/national/24-Jun-2014/kp-assembly-approves-fiscal-budget-2014-15>

⁸⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115174/balochistan-assembly-approves-budget>

⁸¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1116104/china-tables-railway-project-linking-to-pakistan>

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Budget: with an eye on IMF, Shahid Kardar, *Dawn*, June 10⁸²

This writer has been a strong advocate of 'indirect ways' to raise tax revenues. However, this route is proposed as a two- to three-year transition. During this time the government should develop the technological capability for *data warehousing, analysis and data manipulation to identify tax-evaded income, thereby enabling a phasing out of the excessive reliance on withholding taxes*. Despite the government being one year in office all this is missing in the budget. Significant downward revisions in tax revenue estimates and large supplementary demands for expenditures during the course of the year make a mockery of budget estimates.

Pakistan's fudged GDP figure, Dr Pervez Tahir, *Express Tribune*, June 20⁸³

Pakistan did not have a quarterly GDP series, which hindered decision making and analyses during the year. Patient work on it was underway for some time, but the overzealous finance minister, who also chairs the National Statistical Council, forced the PBS to make a premature announcement based on what was essentially work in progress. Deformation thus built into the series has been carried into the estimation of the annual number. Saudi grant and the other development expenditure has been treated in a clever way to scale down the fiscal deficit. What is more worrying, however, is the massive surplus imposed on the provincial budgets. In the last budget, this surplus was only Rs23 billion. The revised figure, not given in the budget, is around Rs200 billion. In the budget for 2014-15, the provincial surplus is pitched even higher at Rs 289 billion. As the increase in the provincial share in the National Finance Commission resources is Rs 218 billion, ***the practice means that the federal government will take back from the provinces more than what it gave as additionality.***

The federal PSDP, Dr Hafiz A Pasha, *Express tribune*, June 22⁸⁴

The federal Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) releases stand at Rs 321 billion, much lower than the figure shown in the budgeted documents of Rs 425 billion. Over the year, the PSDP has been cut by almost 40 per cent. The axe has fallen on the PSDP, as in the presence of a large revenue shortfall, the government had no other option but to try to achieve the fiscal deficit target imposed by the IMF. Now, the target for the federal PSDP (excluding self-financing) in 2014-15 has been set at Rs 525 billion, even below the original target of 2013-14. However, at the same time, there has been a veritable explosion in the number and cost of projects added to the portfolio of projects to be financed through the PSDP.

Informal Economy trap, Khurram Husain, *Dawn*, June 26⁸⁵

A growing proportion of economic activities in Pakistan are now taking place in what is called the informal sector. This has three major consequences that possibly present a threat to the future viability of the state. The biggest consequence is how much of this activity is able to escape the state's revenue machinery. With a declining ability to capture economic output in the revenue apparatus of the state, there is a diminishing pay-off for the state in the economy's growth. [...] Second, *informal activities keep the*

⁸²<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111605/budget-with-an-eye-on-imf>

⁸³<http://tribune.com.pk/story/724176/pakistans-fudged-gdp-figure/>

⁸⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/725141/the-federal-psdp/>

⁸⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115112/informal-trap>

economy stuck in a low-productivity equilibrium, primarily because they are not able to reach any economies of scale due to the lack of investible resources as well as a skewed incentive structure which discourages investment in up-gradation and maintenance. [...]Third, since the state finds it difficult to control or regulate or even visualise informal economic activity, players in this field frequently reach out to local power wielders to help resolve their issues.

Ignoring oil and gas, Akhtar Hasan Khan, Dawn, June 26⁸⁶

Pakistan is facing an acute energy crisis. The loss to the GDP due to this is said to be about 2pc, but the agony from load-shedding is incalculable. However, the energy crisis is being conceived of and dealt with as an electricity problem, even though electricity provides only 16pc of the final energy consumption as compared to 29pc by oil and 44pc by gas. The allocation to power in the PSDP has increased from Rs 51 billion in 2013-14 to Rs 63.6bn in 2014-15. Compare this with the allocation for the National Highway Authority, which has almost doubled from Rs 63 bn in 2013-14 to Rs 112 bn in 2014-15. The major allocations are for the Pak-China corridor of Rs 49 bn, whose total cost would be Rs746bn and Rs30bn for the Lahore-Karachi Motorway, whose total cost will also exceed hundreds of billions of rupees.

Circular debt, Dawn, June 28⁸⁷

[...] Last year's gigantic retirement of the circular debt has clearly failed to eliminate the problem. It was the third such attempt to resolve the issue once and for all. Each effort was bigger than the one preceding it. We can recall the Term Finance Certificates floated in 2009, amounting to around Rs60bn, and the Rs120bn odd retirement in 2011. Each time the problem returned with a new ferocity, and this time it is no different. Of course, power sector reforms are key to eliminating this problem reliably, because it is now clear that at the heart of this issue is the power bureaucracy and its inability to deliver.

SECURITY SITUATION

ZERB-E-AZB

TTP claims attack on Karachi airport, Dawn, June 9⁸⁸

A brazen five-hour attack by militants on the international airport in Karachi left 28 people, including 10 attackers, dead but police managed to regain control of the terminal on June 8. The attack started when gunmen disguised as police guards stormed the terminal after opening fire with machine guns and a rocket launcher. Some of the attackers were apparently Uzbeks. The Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for the attack. The attack all but destroys prospects for significant peace talks with the government of Nawaz Sharif, who came to power last year promising to find a negotiated solution to years of violence.

⁸⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115100/ignoring-oil-and-gas>

⁸⁷ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115542/circular-debt>

⁸⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1111397>

Boots on the ground, *Daily Times*, June 16⁸⁹

The military launched a long-expected full-scale operation against terrorists in the North Waziristan Agency on June 15, days after a deadly gunfight with Taliban at Karachi airport killed 38, including 10 attackers. *"On the directions of the government, armed forces of Pakistan have launched a comprehensive operation against foreign and local terrorists who are hiding in sanctuaries in North Waziristan Agency,"* a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) quoted Major General Asim Saleem Bajwa as having said. *"The operation has been named Zarb-e-Azb."* This is the third full-scale military operation launched in the militancy-plagued north western belt since 2009, following operation Raah-e-Raast and operation Raah-e-Nijaat. [...] The General Officer Commanding 7th Infantry Division Major-General Zafullah Khan has been directed to brief Peshawar corps commander and the CGS on 'minute-to-minute' operational updates.

Only surrender will save militants, all agreements terminated, *The News*, June 17⁹⁰

Without differentiating between the good and the bad Taliban, *including those who had signed peace agreements with the military authorities, the Operation Zarb-e-Azb will target all the militants.* According to a source, only those militants and groups would be spared who would surrender. Though not many in the Nawaz Sharif cabinet are informed about the limits and scope of the military operation just launched in North Waziristan, a cabinet source said that the militant groups like Hafiz Gul Bahadar Group and Molvi Nazeer would have no exception from the operation. The Haqqani Network militants are said to have already moved to Afghanistan.

It is as per Raheel's military doctrine', Amir Mir, *The News*, June 17⁹¹

The latest military operation named Zarb-e-Azb has been launched in accordance with the revised army doctrine which had *recognised the home grown militants as the biggest threat to the national security* — bigger than India. This martial doctrine deals with the operational preparedness and is reviewed from time to time. *COAS General Raheel Shareef is credited with influencing the Khaki top brass under General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani into changing the decade-long martial doctrine while he was serving as the Inspector General Training and Evaluation.* Raheel is the architect of the significant change of military strategy in which the focus was switched away from the traditional rivalry with India to dealing with the internal threat posed to the state of Pakistan. General Raheel had helped the army develop new doctrines for counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations against the home-grown Jihadis.

Where will the IDPs go?, *Express Tribune*, June 20⁹²

Two days into the operation, Sindh unabashedly declared that IDPs will not be allowed in the province. The Balochistan government has also deployed more Frontier Corps troops at the border connecting the province to South Waziristan, in order to check the influx of people evacuating. It's only Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa that is establishing camps for the victims, but how many IDPs will one province be able to provide shelter to? *In contrast, Afghanistan is more welcoming to these displaced families. With the influx of IDPs, provinces fear a surge in polio cases.* This is an understandable

⁸⁹ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/16-Jun-2014/boots-on-the-ground>

⁹⁰ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30978-Only-surrender-will-save-militants-as-all-agreements-stand-terminated>

⁹¹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30979-It-is-as-per-Raheels-military-doctrine>

⁹² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/724177/where-will-the-idps-go/>

concern, but who spoke up for the children of Waziristan where there has been a ban on vaccination drives since 2012?

US leaders assured of operation against TTP, Haqqani Group, *The News*, June 20⁹³

Before initiating the recent North Waziristan offensive, *the top Pakistani leadership took the US in confidence, saying that Pakistan was ready to take action against all the militant groups, which included the notorious Haqqani Network. The US has been watchful of the ongoing operation but remains sceptical of the reported results given the history of distrust between the countries. The assurance came not just from one quarter but from almost all the stakeholders tasked with security of the country. Ambassador James Dobbins, the US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, told the US Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs on Wednesday: "We have been assured by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, army chief Raheel Sharif, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar and the head of the ISI Gen Zaheer."* [...] Lately, the US has also linked military aid, including the Coalition Support Fund payments to Pakistan, directly to an operation in North Waziristan. According to the terms of the National Defence Authorisation Act for the upcoming year, senior US officials had to issue a waiver certifying that "*Pakistan has undertaken military operations in North Waziristan that have significantly disrupted the safe haven and freedom of movement of the Haqqani Network.*"

227,000 people have left NWA, *The News*, June 21⁹⁴

Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Safron) Abdul Qadir Baloch said on June 21 that more than 227,000 people had left the North Waziristan Agency following the military operation that began six days ago. Talking to reporters at the Governor's House here, he said 15,757 families comprising 56,214 men, 70,465 women and 100,370 children had so far left North Waziristan. He said more displaced families were arriving in Bannu where four registration points had been established. He said each family was being provided Rs12,000 in cash.

Fatwa declares Zarb-i-Azb a jihad, *Dawn*, June 23⁹⁵

Over 100 ulema from various schools of thought declared on June 22, Zarb-i-Azb, the military operation being carried out against terrorists and militants in North Waziristan Agency, as jihad. The decree [*fatwa*] was issued after a meeting of religious scholars which was organised by the Sunni Ulema Board here on Sunday. The decree referred Verse No 33 of Surah-i-Almaidah, which says: "*Crushing of the attempts to disrupt peaceful atmosphere in a Muslim state is jihad.*" The decree said that the nation was bound to support the ongoing operation in North Waziristan Agency and according to Shariat the people opposing it were rebellious.

JUI-F opposes use of force in NWA, *The Nation*, June 28⁹⁶

JUI-F Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has strongly opposed the ongoing military operation in North Waziristan Agency and urged to peacefully resolve the issue as use of force is not a solution rather it will create further instability in the country. *Addressing a news conference at the Peshawar Press Club, the newly elected JUI-F Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ameer Maulana Gul Naseeb Khan said that his party*

⁹³<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31053-US-leaders-assured-of-operation-against-TTP-Haqqani-Group>

⁹⁴ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31077-227000-people-have-left-NWA>

⁹⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1114565/fatwa-declares-zarb-i-azb-a-jihad>

⁹⁶ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/28-Jun-2014/jui-f-opposes-use-of-force-in-nwa>

had always opposed military action in tribal areas, as it multiplied miseries of innocent tribal people instead to bring positive results.

Top militant among 19 killed in NWA, *The Nation*, June 29⁹⁷

Jets and artillery on Saturday bombarded militant hideouts in North Waziristan Agency as part of the security forces' ongoing operation, killing at least 19 militants, including Miranshah TTP Commander Umer, besides arresting another prominent Al Qaeda commander and three others. *The security forces killed TTP Commander Umer and arrested another prominent Al Qaeda commander from the outskirts of Miranshah while trying to flee the area. A statement issued by ISPR said Umer was the operational commander of TTP, Miranshah. It further said that initial interrogation revealed the other arrested terrorist was an expert of IEDs and suicide belt manufacturing.*

TERRORISM

Security tightened around Chinese nationals, *Dawn*, June 6⁹⁸

In the wake of recent intelligence regarding threat from militants to the lives of Chinese engineers working on different projects, especially in Kahuta. *According to police sources, the Chinese government has also expressed concerns over the security of its nationals working on different projects in Pakistan.*

Islamabad asks Kabul to extradite Fazlullah, *Express Tribune*, June 20⁹⁹

Islamabad has sought the extradition of TTP Chief Mullah Fazlullah from Afghanistan and the dismantlement of the militant group's hideouts in the Kunar and Nuristan provinces. The request for the extradition of Pakistan's most wanted man was made by Mehmood Khan Achakzai – the chief of PkMAP on behalf of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in a meeting with Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai in Kabul, a well-informed government official said. *The official said Pakistan had compelling evidence suggesting that Fazlullah and other TTP commanders were enjoying the 'patronage' of Afghanistan's intelligence agency. Following Achakzai's visit to Kabul, Karzai telephoned Premier Nawaz and discussed anti-terror cooperation between the two countries. It is believed the Afghan intelligence agency is providing refuge to TTP as a bargaining chip with regards to Pakistan on the issue of Afghan Taliban and the Haqqani network, which allegedly has safe havens in Waziristan.*

US puts two LeT leaders on global terrorists list, *Dawn*, June 26¹⁰⁰

The United States on June 25 declared two LeT leaders *Nazir Ahmad Chaudhry* and *Muhammad Hussein Gill* specially designated global terrorists, an action which increases pressure on Pakistan to take punitive action against the group. A statement issued by the US Department of Treasury said Mr Chaudhry and Mr Gill were being designated for acting for, or on behalf of, LeT, "a terrorist organisation based in Pakistan". Treasury and the US Department of State have so far designated as terrorist 22 individuals and four entities associated with LeT. The State Department also maintained LeT's designation as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation and added the following

⁹⁷ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/29-Jun-2014/top-militant-among-19-killed-in-nwa>

⁹⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1110965/security-tightened-around-chinese-nationals>

⁹⁹ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/724442/anti-terrorism-cooperation-islamabad-asks-kabul-to-extradite-fazlullah/>

¹⁰⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115186/us-puts-two-let-leaders-on-global-terrorists-list>

aliases to its listing of LeT: *Jama'at-ud-Dawa, Al-Anfal Trust, Tehrik-i-Hurmat-i-Rasool, and Tehrik-i-Tahafuz Qibla Awwal.*

People protest against ban on Iran road travel, *Daily Times*, June 16¹⁰¹

Hundreds of protesters from the Hazara community on June 15 staged a demonstration in Quetta against a government ban on road travel to Iran where they go for pilgrimage. *Pakistan imposed a ban on road trips to Iran after four suicide bombers struck two restaurants in the remote town of Taftan near the Iranian border last week, killing 24 pilgrims who were returning home.*

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA

NWA jirga opposes military operation, *Dawn*, June 1¹⁰²

Elders of Ahmadzai Wazir and Dawar tribes made efforts to stop the government from launching military operation in NWA.....The jirga decided that tribal people would not vacate their homes in case security forces launched operation. They said that people would take refuge in Afghanistan instead of taking shelter in relief camps in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

TTP shrinks in Waziristan as 'Sajna factor' brings split, desertions, *Daily Times*, June 3¹⁰³

The TTP split is slowly and gradually tilting the power equation in Waziristan in favour of pro-government forces, *with southern part being ruled by Mullah Nazir group, led these days by Salahuddin Ayubi. Hafiz Gul Bahadur, meanwhile, is holding the north* despite his angry response to the recent military strikes in his area. But the tilt in power equation between pro- and anti-government forces in Waziristan was actually prompted by the fact that *a major faction of the Mehsud tribe led by Khalid Mehsud, aka Khan Said Sajna, had recently walked out of the TTP, accusing its leaders of being involved in un-Islamic practices, like armed robberies, extortion, bombing of public places and promotion of sectarian violence and intolerant religious ideologies.*

NWA jirga given 15 days to expel militants, *The Nation*, June 7¹⁰⁴

The tribal elders from North Waziristan were on June 6 given a *15-day deadline to expel foreign fighters from the region.* The 64-member grand jirga was told that military action will be taken if peace in the North Waziristan region is not established within 15 days. The jirga was also told to ensure safety of government installations and the convoys of security forces. *The North Waziristan grand jirga, led by Haji Sher Muhammad, met KP Governor Sardar Mehtab Abbasi and Corps Commander Peshawar Lt General Khalid Rabbani in Peshawar.*

Foreign fighters flee tribal zone, *The Nation*, June 14¹⁰⁵

The exodus from the mountainous North Waziristan Agency on the Afghan border began in late May following air strikes. *The locals said militant groups were also seen escaping from villages that are a known hub of the dreaded Haqqani network, an Al-Qaeda affiliate known for its spectacular attacks against US forces in Afghanistan. Residents saw foreign militants leaving the Machis Camp and Data*

¹⁰¹ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/16-Jun-2014/people-protest-against-ban-on-iran-road-travel>

¹⁰² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1109846/nwa-jirga-opposes-military-operation>

¹⁰³ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/03-Jun-2014/ttp-shrinks-in-waziristan-as-sajna-factor-brings-split-desertions>

¹⁰⁴ <http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-07/page-1/detail-2>

¹⁰⁵ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/14-Jun-2014/foreign-fighters-flee-tribal-zone>

Khel village near Miranshah, as well as the villages of Musaki, Hurmaz, Hesso Khel and Api. The fighters included Chechens, Uzbeks, Turkmen, Tajiks and Uighurs, residents and officials said. Another resident in Miranshah estimated that more than 80 percent of local and foreign fighters have left North Waziristan. The migrations began on May 22 when Pakistani F-16s pounded suspected targets, killing at least 75 according to the military. "They have moved towards Shawal and Birmal," an intelligence official said, referring to remote villages on the Afghan border. A second security official said: "It is good that they (fighters) are leaving. We hope that tribesmen will not allow them to come and settle here again. In case of any military operation, we will face less resistance," he added.

Imtiaz Gul, a security analyst and long-time observer of the tribal areas, said *the jirga and other threats of full-scale action in North Waziristan appeared to be a deliberate strategy on Pakistan's part. "This was probably done with a clear intent and that intent was to let them cross the border if they like."* As long they cross the border - why should it be Pakistan's headache?

'Good Taliban' convincing Uzbeks to leave NWA, *The Nation*, June 16¹⁰⁶

To avoid civilian casualties in a military operation, *Hafiz Gul Bahadur*, has asked the IMU to leave the tribal agency for Afghanistan, according to militants and locals. Hafiz Gul Bahadur and the leadership of the Haqqani network have started convincing *Usman Ghazi*, the head of IMU, to take his fighters across the border into Afghanistan, as the security forces were targeting the whole area due to their presence

Taliban's Geedar group behind firing on PIA's Peshawar flight, say officials, *Dawn*, June 27¹⁰⁷

The Tariq Geedar group of the outlawed TTP was behind the gun attack on a Pakistan International Airlines flight in Peshawar that left a woman passenger dead and two crew members wounded, security officials said. They said the group was based in Darra Adamkhel and was headed by one Khalfa.

SINDH

TTP claims attack on Karachi airport, *Dawn*, June 8¹⁰⁸

Pakistani officials say a brazen five-hour attack by militants on the international airport in Karachi left 28 people, including 10 attackers, dead but police managed to regain control of the terminal. The TTP claimed responsibility for the attack. The attack all but destroys prospects for significant peace talks with the government of Nawaz Sharif, who came to power last year promising to find a negotiated solution to years of violence.

AFGHAN SECURITY SITUATION

Kabul pulls out of security summit in Islamabad, *The Nation*, June 2¹⁰⁹

In a meeting chaired by President Hamid Karzai, on May 31, the National Security Council "condemned" increasing numbers of "rocket attacks by the Pakistani military against the country. It said the attacks were "aimed at disrupting the second round of presidential elections", due to be held

¹⁰⁶ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/16-Jun-2014/good-taliban-convincing-uzbeks-to-leave-nwa>

¹⁰⁷ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115392/talibans-geedar-group-behind-firing-on-pias-peshawar-flight-say-officials>

¹⁰⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1111397/ttp-claims-attack-on-karachi-airport>

¹⁰⁹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/02-Jun-2014/kabul-pulls-out-of-security-summit-in-islamabad>

on June 14. Local leaders claimed that rockets fired from Pakistani territory had left six dead and around 40 injured in recent days.

Afghanistan hints at Pakistan link to attack on Abdullah, Dawn, June 8¹¹⁰

Abdullah survived an assassination attempt on June 6 when two blasts, including a suicide bombing, hit his campaign motorcade in Kabul ahead of next weekend's hotly contested run-off election. "Initial investigations indicate foreign intelligence services were involved in this incident through Lashkar-e-Taiba in an organised manner, and the terrorists were aiming to disrupt the election in Afghanistan," Afghanistan's National Security Council, which is chaired by President Hamid Karzai, said in a statement.

PM orders blocking of roaming on Afghan SIMs, Daily Times, June 22¹¹¹

PM Nawaz Sharif has directed the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority to block cellular roaming on Afghan mobile phone SIMs in Pakistan within two days, *ostensibly to block cross-border communication between terrorists*....So far, besides some investigating agencies, the governments of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh are also reported to have asked the federal government to suspend roaming services on Afghan SIMs in the beginning of the year.

Pakistan urges Kabul to refrain from taking any 'detrimental' action, Express Tribune, July 25¹¹²

Pakistan urged the Afghan government to "refrain from taking any action that may be detrimental to peace and stability on the border" at a time when security forces are fighting local and foreign militants in the North Waziristan tribal region. The request comes a day after the Afghan foreign ministry said that *it is considering a 'fitting response' to the alleged killing of three soldiers and eight civilians by Pakistani troops in the eastern Kunar province*. On June 23, the Afghan ministry's spokesperson Ahmad Shakib Mustaghni had said, "Pakistani forces, wearing civilian clothes, carried out the attack" in Dangam district.

Pakistan, Afghanistan to establish working group on security, Express tribune, June 26¹¹³

Pakistan and Afghanistan have agreed to establish a joint working group on security after conducting high-level talks in Islamabad. The talks were held between the National Security Adviser of Afghanistan Dr Rangin Dadfar Spanta and Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz ...The joint working group on security will be co-chaired by the foreign secretary or deputy foreign minister and will also comprise of representatives of relevant security institutions. The two sides also agreed to hold a meeting of their relevant officials in Islamabad on July 3 to enhance security coordination.

Afghanistan sets 7 conditions for cooperation, Daily Times, June 30¹¹⁴

President Hamid Karzai has written in the letter about recent military operations launched by Pakistan in Northern Waziristan and regarding Afghanistan help sought in this regard. Karzai

¹¹⁰<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111395/afghanistan-hints-at-pakistan-link-to-attack-on-abdullah>

¹¹¹ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/22-Jun-2014/pm-orders-blocking-of-roaming-on-afghan-sims>

¹¹² <http://tribune.com.pk/story/726295/pakistan-urges-kabul-to-refrain-from-taking-any-detrimental-action/>

¹¹³ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/727434/pakistan-afghanistan-to-establish-working-group-on-security/>

¹¹⁴<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/30-Jun-2014/afghanistan-sets-seven-conditions-for-cooperation-in-war-against-terrorism>

laid down seven conditions for support saying these were essential for successful counter terrorism efforts. The conditions included: (i) all terrorists should be targeted without any discrimination; ii) civilian casualties should be prevented; (iii) all Taliban prisoners be released by Pakistan for resumption of peace talks in Afghanistan; (iv) all terrorists' sanctuaries and centers wherever they are should be destroyed; (v) Pakistan's alleged rocket attacks on Afghanistan should be stopped; (vi) cooperation of regional countries like China and India should be sought for joint counter terrorism efforts; (vii) and a route map should be sketched for specifying process related to better counter terrorism, bringing better coordination amongst the two countries and organizing contacts.

TALIBAN TALKS

PM consults officials for restoring peace talks with Taliban, *The News*, June 1¹¹⁵

PM Nawaz Sharif held consultations with some important officials in connection with restoring the peace talks with the Taliban. According to the sources, despite the military operation in North Waziristan and other agencies against the militants, PM Nawaz Sharif and Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan were in favour of restoring the process of the peace dialogue with the Taliban. According to one report, two days before the meeting of political and military leadership on May 30, the PM had held talks with former ambassador Rustam Shah Mohmand regarding the restoration of peace talks with the Taliban.

TTP faction ready to negotiate with government after split, *The Express Tribune*, June 2¹¹⁶

The Hakimullah Mehsud faction of the TTP has said the TTP led by *Mullah Fazlullah is serious about negotiating a peace agreement in South Waziristan Agency* if the government shows seriousness. Haji Daud, the spokesman for the Hakimullah Mehsud faction, issued a statement on May 31.

TTP announces to use force in response to govt attacks, *The News*, June 6¹¹⁷

TTP said that they would use force to reciprocate any attack launched by the government. Talking to BBC on phone a senior TTP leader said that the outfit was interested in carrying the peace talks forward. *"If the government wants to negotiate with seriousness, sincerity and will, we're still ready for talks. But, we will respond to attacks with further attacks,"* he remarked. ..The new statements clarify that the two parties are going to be at loggerheads again. As he talked to BBC a few days back, TTP Spokesman Shahidullah Shahid had complained that the government which said that it would have talks with the negotiators and fight with those who wanted to indulge in war, was both negotiating and fighting with banned TTP.

Govt, Taliban peace agreement extended, *The News*, June 8¹¹⁸

After the successful endeavours of the NWA grand tribal Jirga, *the Taliban agreed to extend the peace treaty with the government*. The tribal Jirga on June 7 issued a joint communique in this regard and it was said that the government had mandated the grand Jirga to restart the govt-Taliban peace dialogue.

¹¹⁵<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30666-PM-consults-officials-for-restoring-peace-talks-with-Taliban>

¹¹⁶<http://tribune.com.pk/story/716370/after-the-split-ttp-faction-says-ready-to-negotiate-with-government/>

¹¹⁷<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30777-TTP-announces-to-use-force-in-response-to-govt-attacks>

¹¹⁸<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30807-Govt-Taliban-peace-agreement-extended>

NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY

Govt, finally, feels need to review security strategy, *Daily Times*, June 11¹¹⁹

In the backdrop of the terrorist attacks on the Karachi airport and pilgrims in Tufan, Balochistan, Interior Minister Nisar Ali Khan suggested putting in place new security options to combat the growing threat of terrorism and extremism in the country, while giving a policy statement in the National Assembly about the terrorist attacks. Nisar, however, pointed out that all the four provinces have to agree on the lowest common denominator if the security options are reviewed. He said there is a need for the provinces to realise their responsibilities, as after the 18th Amendment they have more powers and resources.

No Nacta meeting held ever since its inception, *The News*, June 20¹²⁰

Masood Raza, host of Geo News said on June 19 that the Nacta was approved in March 2013, but not a single meeting of its board of governors had been held so far. He said that the country was in the grip of threats of terrorism, and the objective of the Nacta formation was that the problem of coordination among various institutions could be streamlined. *Masood Raza said that Minister for Interior Chaudhry Nisar announced at a press conference last year that the government had decided to revive the national anti-terrorism institution, speed up activities against terrorism and formation of a rapid response force. However, nothing happened in this regard.*

Senate committee passes PPB with amendments, *The Nation*, June 26¹²¹

Senate Standing Committee on Interior unanimously passed controversial Protection of Pakistan Bill (PPB)-2014 on June 15 with a number of amendments proposed by the opposition parties in the Senate. The bill, which has already been passed by the National Assembly, will go back to the Lower House if the Senate passed it. The Senate had referred the PPB to the interior committee on April 18. It is likely that the government would soon summon both the houses of the Parliament to get the proposed law passed and make it an act of the Parliament. [...]The opposition committee proposed that the Act should come into force at once in whole of Pakistan. The *definition of enemy alien has been changed* and now the enemy alien means a militant whose identity is unascertainable. The *word militant has also been defined* in the proposed amendments. *Under the proposed amendment, the detention period for an accused has been reduced from 90 days to 60 days* and special judicial magistrate would give orders of judicial remand for an extendable period, not exceeding 15 days for one time.

It has been proposed in the bill that all cases of firing which result in death may, if the facts and circumstances so warrant, be *reviewed in a judicial inquiry conducted by a person appointed by the federal government*. The original bill only provided for an internal inquiry committee constituted by the concerned law enforcement agency. It has also been added in the bill that *shooting orders would be given on the basis of credible prior information* about a person and on apprehension of circumstances on the scene that a person can cause harm and the situation may lead to grievous hurt, or a judgement based on events or a sequence of events on site.

¹¹⁹<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/11-Jun-2014/terror-attacks-govt-finally-feels-need-to-review-security-strategy>

¹²⁰<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-257150-No-Nacta-meeting-held-ever-since-its-inception>

¹²¹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/editors-picks/26-Jun-2014/senate-committee-passes-ppb-with-amendments>

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Analysis: Why Bahadur is so vexed, Aurangzaib Khan, *Dawn*, June 1¹²²

Split within the TTP signalled a success of the Pakistani state's carrot-and-stick policy — and indeed an opportunity to wean away pro-peace elements from hardliners in the Taliban ranks — a new challenge emerged on May 30. After weeks of a 'surgical' military operation in North Waziristan Agency reportedly aimed at crushing foreign militants, the 'pro-state' *Hafiz Gul Bahadur*, commander of the Taliban in NWA (*Shura Mujahideen*), said he was revoking the peace treaty he had signed with the Pakistani government in 2008. In a pamphlet distributed in North Waziristan, he cited the military operation as a violation of the peace treaty. The pamphlet said Bahadur was preparing to fight the military operation and asked locals to move to safe areas by June 10. Bahadur, reportedly associated with the Haqqani group and leading his own group of the Taliban in NWA distinct from the TTP, has long been a "survivalist".... With the Sajna group disassociating itself from the TTP, Bahadur could have mediated between him and the government for peace ... The government should move quickly to placate him in order to reach out to Sajna."

Asking for the moon, Zafar Hilaly, *The News*, June 5¹²³

Let's face it. *Pakistan has to deal with a hostile Afghanistan, backed by India, on its own.* The Indian hand, already visible fanning the insurgency in Balochistan is now suspected of backing TTP raids across the Pak-Afghan border. If these raids continue and evidence of Indian complicity is confirmed then, I imagine, it's only a matter of time before a flare-up occurs. Anti-India lashkars and jaishes are straining at the leash to pay India back in the same coin, and although Islamabad is doing its best to restrain them, there's really no incentive for Pakistan to continue policing the actions of these groups and risk soldiers' lives if TTP bandits and murderers continue to receive Indian support and encouragement to attack Pakistan. *It's sad that instead of discovering common interests in a post-conflict Afghanistan, India is adding another layer of mistrust to our enduring rivalry.*

Fata operations and the evolving situation, Ayaz Wazir, *The News*, June 8¹²⁴

Eliminating militants and militancy does not mean conquering Fata again and again. This has been the practice since 9/11, a glimpse of which was again seen in NW recently where the common people suffered the most. ...That Fata will continue to suffer as the battleground, is anybody's guess. But the way events are unfolding across the border certainly does not bode well for the region.

Attack on Karachi airport, *Dawn*, June 10¹²⁵

In the end, the loss of life and damage could have been much, much higher. But make no mistake about it, the storming of the Karachi airport on June 8 night by militants claimed by the outlawed TTP is a devastating psychological blow. [...] Every one of the attackers is reportedly dead and their bodies in the state's possession — meaning who they are and where they came from can be established. Furthermore, the TTP itself has claimed the attack — and even if it is trying to take the

¹²²<http://www.dawn.com/news/1109899/analysis-why-bahadur-is-so-vexed>

¹²³www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-254216-Asking-for-the-moon

¹²⁴<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-254812-Fata-operations-and-the-evolving-situation>

¹²⁵<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111608/attack-on-karachi-airport>

'credit' for something it may not have actually done, the very fact that the militant group wants the country to believe it has perpetrated this attack and is giving reasons for doing so ought to establish that *the problems of terrorism and militancy are very much internal to Pakistan, not external*. Perhaps if the apologists are challenged more forcefully, better sense will prevail all round.

Pakistan wants Abdullah, not Ghani to win, Ijaz Khan, *Dawn*, June 10¹²⁶

Pakistan wants a government in Afghanistan that it can influence to whatever level possible, and *an Afghanistan in which India has little to no presence*. Its own history has taught it to consider *religious extremists as its best guarantee to achieve these aims*. It has pursued a policy of supporting Talibanised Pakhtuns in Afghanistan instead of traditional or secular nationalist Pakhtuns. The non-Pakhtun population has viewed Pakistan suspiciously in its power struggle with Pakhtuns. The feeling is reciprocated by Pakistan, which *considers non-Pakhtuns friendly to Iran and India*. *Pakistan's policy relies on the ethnic division in Afghanistan*. Rather than wanting Ashraf Ghani, an ethnic Pakhtun, to win, *it appears favourably inclined towards Dr Abdullah, an ethnic Tajik*. Its preferences are *apparently based on the simple calculation that Abdullah's victory will push Pakhtuns to rise against him, pushing them towards the Afghan Taliban*. Pakistan seems wary of Ashraf Ghani, a secular modernist Pakhtun. *His victory may mean decrease in the support of Pakhtuns to the Taliban*.

The good, the bad and the ugly, Yousaf Khan, *The Nation*, June 12¹²⁷

It is a real relief that the TTP has in fact claimed responsibility of Karachi Airport attack, because otherwise the rhetorical battle over the 'whodunit' would have been even nastier and stupider. That's because despite everything that has happened in the last seven years, there is still a powerful spirit of denial that is alive and well in this land. A denial sustained by both the powers that be and the 'masses,' neither of whom is in the mood to confront some ugly, inconvenient truths. The first is that *terrorism - the physical violence that threatens us all- is an outgrowth of extremism*. Second is *Even if they publicly deny it, the deep state still acts as if there is such a thing as a moderate 'good Taliban' (which can be managed) and an extremist 'bad Taliban' (which must be fought)*. And third is *you should be much more worried about the 'good Taliban' and their like-minded friends than the 'bad Taliban.'*

Blood cloud, Dr Fawad Kaise, *Daily Times*, June 16¹²⁸

Violence perpetrated by militant groups proposes that civil war/violence is a social process, a method, which perpetrators employ to further their ends. It is closely linked to conflict dynamics. By resorting to violence, the Taliban aim to influence other actors' behaviour. Violence becomes a means for manipulation. Where the two strands of this hypothesis differ is in claiming which actor's behaviour the Taliban are trying to manipulate. In his seminal work, Stathis Kalyvas argues that *the ultimate goal for which militants employ violence is influencing the civilian population and their behaviour*. *Here violence would be seen as an instrument of the Taliban to coerce civilians into compliance on the one hand, and to deter unwanted behaviour on the other*.

¹²⁶<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111603/afghan-scenario>

¹²⁷<http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-12/page-7/detail-6>

¹²⁸ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/16-Jun-2014/blood-cloud>

The spirit of Zarb-e-Azb, S Iftikhar Murshed, *The News*, June 22¹²⁹

[...]A military expert with years of experience in the tribal regions believes that the North Waziristan operation could take anywhere between a few weeks and several months, and will demolish the TTP's command and control structure thereby reducing terrorist incidents to a certain extent. But he is also convinced that when the chips are down, "the battle against terrorism will have to be fought in the whole of Pakistan and it will be a long war." The formulation in the ISPR announcement is simple and honest inasmuch as it unhesitatingly describes the militants as "foreign and local terrorists." This is at sharp variance to the sterile pronouncements of politicians which have portrayed the outlawed groups as our estranged brothers in the tribal areas or similarly empty phrases bereft of even a semblance of truth.

Failed twice over, *Dawn*, June 25¹³⁰

The case of more than 1,500 Pakistani asylum seekers in Sri Lanka and nearly 300 refugees in Sri Lanka has been recognised by the UNHCR. A round-up of Pakistani asylum seekers in Sri Lanka that began earlier this month has so far netted around some 140 individuals who are now in detention camps in Sri Lanka and may be deported soon. While the official reasons for the detention of the Pakistani asylum seekers are predictably murky, the Sri Lankan media has claimed that it is being done at the request of the Indian government following a meeting between the Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in which Mr Modi allegedly claimed that militants of Pakistani origin in Sri Lanka were planning terrorist acts inside India. Yet, the UNHCR's bland details tell a different story: of the Pakistanis detained so far, most are Ahmadis while some Christians and Shia Hazaras are also included.

RELATIONS WITH INDIA

Pak-India ties linked to Kashmir solution: Nisar, *The Nation*, June 3¹³¹

[...] Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said that Pakistan wanted good neighbourly relations with India based on equality and mutual respect. However, these relations could not improve unless India would show its seriousness in resolution of core issues between the two countries including the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, he added Nisar said that peace without resolution of long-standing core issues could not be seen in reality. He hoped that the new government in Delhi would take positive steps in improving the relations between the two countries.

Pakistan, India working for dialogue restoration, *The News*, June 9¹³²

Indian High Commissioner Dr TCA Raghvan had an important meeting with Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry in the Foreign Office on June 8. The two discussed way forward for foreign secretary level talks as Pakistan is willing to take part in it if the first round is even held in New Delhi. The proposal for foreign secretary level talks was made by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month when PM Nawaz Sharif went to New Delhi for attending his new Indian counterpart's swearing-in ceremony and the two premiers had bilateral meeting on the

¹²⁹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-257529-The-spirit-of-Zarb-e-Azb>

¹³⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1114892/failed-twice-over>

¹³¹ <http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-03/page-3/detail-4>

¹³² <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30836-Pakistan-India-working-for-dialogue-restoration>

second day. The sources revealed that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has offered for holding talks at the level of National Security Advisers (NSA) of the two countries.

Nawaz sends Modi a talks reminder, *The Nation*, June 12¹³³

PM Nawaz Sharif has written to his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, expressing satisfaction with their “meaningful” first “meeting” on the occasion of his swearing in. As the rival neighbours attempt at bettering their relations, Nawaz, in his letter to Modi, stated that future of both the countries is intertwined in common economic destiny and showed his earnest desire to lay the foundation of much brighter future for the people of both the states.

Use of Indian weapons in Karachi attack, *The News*, June 12¹³⁴

The Opposition Leader in the National Assembly, Syed Khursheed Shah asked the government to seek an explanation from the Indian High Commission about the recovery of Indian weapons that the militants used against Pakistani security forces at the Karachi airport attack. “*The Foreign Office should summon the Indian high commissioner and lodge a protest of founding of the Indian weapons from Karachi airport and show him the founded weapons as a evidence and should ask as to how militants got Indian weapons to attack Pakistani airport,*” he said while talking to the newsmen at his chamber at the Parliament House.

Pakistan, India to resume trade talks next month, *The Nation*, June 18¹³⁵

India and Pakistan will resume trade normalisation process on the sidelines of the SAFTA Ministerial meeting in Bhutan next month. Both Indian and Pakistani Commerce Ministers are likely to hold a meeting on the sidelines of the meet. Pakistani High Commissioner to India, Abdul Basit, however refused to give a commitment on when his country would extend the ‘Non-Discriminatory Market Access’ status to India as promised in the trade liberalisation schedule.

Back-channel talks with India revived, *Dawn*, June 25¹³⁶

Pakistan and India have revived back-channel talks following a meeting between their prime ministers in New Delhi last month, Pakistan’s Ambassador to the US Jalil Abbas Jilani said on 24. He said that Pakistan desired an uninterrupted peace process with India that would address the causes of all outstanding disputes and “not just symptoms”. Addressing a US think-tank in Washington, Mr Jilani said Pakistan also was keen on improving trade and economic relations with its larger neighbour as it believed that this could bring prosperity to the entire region. The back-channel talks, he hoped, would enable the two sides to discuss all issues, including terrorism and Islamabad’s concerns regarding Indian involvement in stoking unrest in Balochistan. “There have been proposals to develop a serious mechanism on terrorism,” he said, while noting that the revival of the peace process would be “a first step towards creating a cooperative and tension-free relationship between the two countries”.

¹³³<http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-12/page-1/detail-5>

¹³⁴<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30891-Use-of-Indian-weapons-in-Karachi-attack>

¹³⁵ <http://www.nation.com.pk/business/18-Jun-2014/pakistan-india-to-resume-trade-talks-next-month>

¹³⁶ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1114973/back-channel-talks-with-india-revived>

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Nawaz and Modi, *The News*, June 15¹³⁷

..Both Nawaz and Modi have decided on engagement rather than confrontation, which in itself is important given the state of relations between the two countries. Even with something like NDMA, which holds the promise of mutual benefit, the government will not find it easy to override difficulties. *Our anti-India mindset still remains strong as does the anti-Pakistan mindset in India.* The mindset here was manifested when some were quick to blame India for the Karachi attack even when the TTP had claimed responsibility. *Modi has a little more room to breathe given his hero status on the Indian right but should he continue his conciliatory ways he may soon find opposition within his own party.* On the core issue of Kashmir, any settlement is as distant as ever. And another Mumbai-style attack on India, which will invariably be blamed on Pakistan, is enough to destroy any progress and even lead to war. *To stave off such a nightmare scenario, Nawaz should continue to build a personal relationship with Modi – something he started by sending a sari for the Indian prime minister's mother. More face-to-face encounters will help if there's tension later.* And if there's one thing we know about the history of these two countries, *it is that tension is always bubbling below the surface.*

India's Pakistan groove, Shahzad Chaudhry, *Express Tribune*, June 28¹³⁸

Fresh from a recent Track II event with India, what abides from the engagement are the four 'Ts' that make India's policy towards Pakistan: Terrorism, Trial, Trade and Transit. You could actually club these into two subheads — terrorism and trade — the two planks that India is willing to anchor its engagement with Pakistan on. Oh yes, Pakistan too could add subjects of interest in a proposed agenda for engagement, and the Indians might even give Pakistan a hearing on those...

STATISTICS

BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES

(Select incidents culled out from the Pakistan media)

Place	Date	Description	Killed	Injured
Balochistan				
Bhittai colony ¹³⁹	4/6/2014	Eight suspected militants were killed and three security personnel injured in an operation carried out jointly by the Frontier Corps Balochistan and Sindh Rangers in Bhittai colony area close to the border with Sindh	8	3

¹³⁷ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-8-256158-Nawaz-and-Modi>

¹³⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/727921/indias-pakistan-groove/>

¹³⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1110431/eight-militants-killed-in-operation-on-sindh-balochistan-border>

DeraBugti ¹⁴⁰	5/6/2014	Security forces' personnel killed at least 30 alleged militants during a search operation.	30	0
Qetta ¹⁴¹	7/6/2014	Brother of ASWJ leader dies in attack	1	2
Quetta ¹⁴²	8/6/2014	Paramilitary forces killed 10 alleged militants in violence-stricken Balochistan	10	0
Taftan tehsil	9/6/2014	23 Shia pilgrims were killed and many injured in bomb explosions and firing incidents in Taftan tehsil	23	Many
Kandiari area ¹⁴³	9/6/2014	Ten militants, belonging to the BLA were killed in an operation by the Frontier Corps	10	0
Mashkay area of Awaran district ¹⁴⁴	10/6/2014	Two soldiers were killed and three others injured in a bomb attack on a convoy of the Frontier Corps	2	3
Qetta ¹⁴⁵	13/6/2014	Unidentified armed men gunned down an activist of ASWJ and injured two others	1	2
Khuzdar	14/6/2014	In separate incidents of violence in Balochistan, a PML-N leader, two policemen and a civilian were shot dead	3	0
Qetta ¹⁴⁶	21/6/2014	Unidentified armed men shot dead Environmental Tribunal Judge Sakhi Sultan in his office in Shahbaz Town (Political killing)	1	0

¹⁴⁰<http://www.dawn.com/news/1110752/dera-bugti-operation-30-alleged-militants-killed>

¹⁴¹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111162/brother-of-aswj-leader-dies-in-attack>

¹⁴²<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111391/troops-kill-10-suspected-militants-in-dera-bugti-operation>

¹⁴³<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30824-FC-kills-10-BLA-militants-in-operation>

¹⁴⁴<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111779/two-fc-men-die-in-blast>

¹⁴⁵ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/13-Jun-2014/aswj-activist-gunned-down>

¹⁴⁶ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31079-Judge-gunned-down-in-Quetta>

Khuzdar ¹⁴⁷	30/6/2014	Gunmen opened fire on a vehicle in Mayndar area of Wadh tehsil killing one person and injuring another the incident appeared to be a case of targeted killing.	1	1
FATA				
Pandiali tehsil ¹⁴⁸	3/6/2014	security personnel were injured when an improvised explosive device exploded in Pandiali tehsil of Mohmand tribal region	0	2
Kurram ¹⁴⁹	4/6/2014	Eight passengers were killed and seven others injured when a bomb blast ripped through a pick-up in Khumsa area of central Kurram Agency	8	7
Bajaur ¹⁵⁰	5/6/2014	Terrorists from across the border fired on Pakistani posts at Manozangal and Mukha tops. Seven soldiers died and seven others were injured, including an officer	7	7
Bajaur ¹⁵¹	7/6/2014	One FC soldier was killed and another was injured in a roadside blast in the Nawagai tehsil of Bajaur tribal region	1	1
Miramshah ¹⁵²	10/6/2014	Three soldiers were killed and 10 others injured when a suicide attacker rammed his explosives-laden vehicle into a check post	3	10
Malakand ¹⁵³	12/6/2014	three people, including	5	0

¹⁴⁷ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115964/two-killed-in-khuzdar>

¹⁴⁸ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1110301/blast-injures-two-troops-in-mohmand>

¹⁴⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1110427/eight-killed-in-kurram-ied-attack>

¹⁵⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1110668/seven-troops-die-in-militant-raids-from-afghanistan>

¹⁵¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1111171/fc-man-killed-in-bajaur-explosion>

¹⁵² <http://www.dawn.com/news/1111748/three-troops-killed-in-suicide-attack-on-post>

Khyber Agency ¹⁵⁴	13/6/2014	two peace committee members and a policeman, were gunned down by terrorists in the Bara Bandi area of Swat district Two personnel of Khasadar force were killed and three others, including two pedestrians, sustained injuries when unknown militants attacked a security check post in tehsil Jamrud	2	3
Dir ¹⁵⁵	14/6/2014	A security personnel was killed when some terrorists hurled hand grenades on a police checkpoint in the Gulabad area.	1	0
Boya Tehsil ¹⁵⁶	15/6/2014	Security forces launched operation in NWA, killing at least 150 terrorists.	150	0
Miramshah ¹⁵⁷	16/6/2014	air strikes against militant hideouts killing at least 105 insurgents including "Abu Abdul Rehman Almani, who was mastermind of attack on Karachi airport	105	0
Miamshah ¹⁵⁸	18/6/2014	Six persons were killed and four others injured in a US drone strike	6	4
Punjab				
Islamabad ¹⁵⁹	3/6/2014	Elite force personnel were on routine security patrolling when they came under attack in the jurisdiction of Aabpara police station near Lal Masjid	0	2

¹⁵³<http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-12/page-1/detail-4>

¹⁵⁴ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/13-Jun-2014/militants-kill-2-khasadars-in-jamrud>

¹⁵⁵ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/14-Jun-2014/personnel-killed-in-attack-on-checkpoint>

¹⁵⁶ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/15-Jun-2014/110-militants-killed-in-nwa-airstrikes>

¹⁵⁷ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/16-Jun-2014/mostly-uzbeks-among-105-killed-in-air-strikes>

¹⁵⁸ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31022-US-drone-strike-kills-six-in-NWA>

¹⁵⁹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1110308/two-elite-force-men-injured-in-firing-near-lal-masjid>

Rawalpind ¹⁶⁰	4/6/2014	Two military officers were among five people killed Wednesday when a Pakistani Taliban suicide bomber hit their twin cabin	5	0
Lahore ¹⁶¹	19/6/2014	MNA Tahira Asif of the MQM was shot	0	1
Islamabad ¹⁶²	21/6/2014	52 people were wounded when a bomb went off during Urs celebrations at Darbar Nangay Shah Pir Badshah in Pind Parian	0	52
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa				
Swabi ¹⁶³	1/5/2014	Gunmen killed an assistant sub-inspector near his house in GadoonAmazai.	1	0
Khomta area ¹⁶⁴	3/6/2014	At least eight people were killed and six others injured on Tuesday when a landmine exploded in the Khomta area of Kurram tribal region	8	6
Tirah valley ¹⁶⁵	10/6/2014	25 suspected militants were killed early on Tuesday as F-16 jets bombed militant hideouts	25	0
Peshawar ¹⁶⁶	14/6/2014	a teen age suicide bomber Seven people, including a policeman, were killed and five others were injured in shooting incidents in the provincial capital and an armed clash between rival groups in Bajaur Agency	7	5
Torghar district ¹⁶⁷	17/6/2014	four policemen sustained injuries when militants	0	4

¹⁶⁰<http://www.dawn.com/news/1110516/taliban-bombing-kills-two-military-officers-near-rawalpindi>

¹⁶¹ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31025-MQM-MNA-hurt-in-Lahore-attack>

¹⁶² <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31082-52-people-wounded-in-Islamabad-shrine-blast>

¹⁶³<http://www.dawn.com/news/1109829/asi-shot-dead-in-swabi>

¹⁶⁴<http://www.dawn.com/news/1110303/eight-killed-six-injured-in-kurram-tribal-region>

¹⁶⁵<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111785/at-least-25-killed-in-airstrikes-in-tirah-valley>

¹⁶⁶ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/14-Jun-2014/7-killed-in-shooting-incidents-clash-between-rivals>

¹⁶⁷<http://www.nation.com.pk/national/17-Jun-2014/militants-blow-up-check-post-in-torghar>

Adezai area of Matani ¹⁶⁸	20/6/2014	attacked a check-post in Torghar district of Hazara division	1	0
Peshawar and Torghar districts ¹⁶⁹	21/6/2014	entered the baitakand blew himself up (Attack by Lashker)	4	0
Peshawar ¹⁷⁰	25/6/2014	Taliban-linked violence, four people, including two policemen and a levies man, were killed	1	2
Khyber Agency's Jamrud tehsil ¹⁷¹	26/6/2014	Gunmen fired on a passenger plane as it was landing at the Bacha Khan International Airport Tuesday night, killing a woman and injuring two others	7	0
Sindh				
Karachi ¹⁷²	2/6/2014	At least four militants and three Khasadar personnel were killed during a clash when militants attacked a security check-post	10	0
Karachi ¹⁷³	3/6/2014	Ten people including a police officer and seven Taliban members was killed in firing and violent incidents across Karachi	1	0
Kashmore ¹⁷⁴	4/6/2014	A policeman was shot dead in a targeted attack in Korangi	2	5
Khairpur ¹⁷⁵	4/6/2014	Two Rangers personnel were killed while five others were injured in an attack by unknown miscreants.	6	3

¹⁶⁸<http://tribune.com.pk/story/724340/one-killed-in-suicide-blast-on-adezai-lashkar-commanders-house-in-matani/>

¹⁶⁹ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/21-Jun-2014/policemen-levies-men-among-4-killed-in-kp>

¹⁷⁰ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/726657/landing-assault-pia-flight-comes-under-fire-over-peshawar-airport/>

¹⁷¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115152/militants-attack-security-check-post-in-jamrud-kill-three>

¹⁷²<http://www.nation.com.pk/national/02-Jun-2014/taliban-members-and-a-cop-amongst-10-killed-in-karachi>

¹⁷³<http://www.dawn.com/news/1110149/policeman-gunned-down>

¹⁷⁴<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/04-Jun-2014/two-rangers-guards-killed-in-kashmore>

¹⁷⁵<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/04-Jun-2014/tribal-clash-claims-six-lives-leaves-three-injured>

Karachi ¹⁷⁶	5/6/2014	while three others were injured in a tribal clash near the town of Piryaloi A bomb carried on a rickshaw killed one person and wounded four others	1	4
Karachi ¹⁷⁷	6/6/2014	Two persons were killed and four others injured when two explosions took place in a rickshaw parked outside a mosque at Qasba Colony in Orangi Town	2	4
Karachi ¹⁷⁸	8/6/2014	A Pakistan Coast Guards driver was shot dead and a paramilitary soldier sustained bullet wounds in a gun attack in the Korangi area. Two policemen were shot dead in the city on Saturday, officials said. And Two 'sectarian' killings	5	1
Karachi ¹⁷⁹	8/6/2014	attack by militants on the international airport in Karachi left 28 people, including 10 attackers	28	-
Nazimabad ¹⁸⁰	10/6/2014	Two young brothers were shot dead in a suspected sectarian attack	2	0
Karachi ¹⁸¹	14/6/2014	Four people were killed and seven others injured in different violence incidents in the city	4	7
Karachi ¹⁸²	16/6/2014	Anti-Violent Crime Cell (AVCC) claimed to have killed two alleged terrorists in encounter	2	0
Manghopir	20/6/2014	Two TTP members were	2	0

¹⁷⁶<http://www.dawn.com/news/1110759/explosion-in-orangi-town-leaves-one-person-dead>

¹⁷⁷<http://www.nation.com.pk/E-Paper/Lahore/2014-06-06/page-2/detail-4>

¹⁷⁸<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111297/coast-guards-driver-shot-dead-soldier-wounded>

¹⁷⁹<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111397/ttp-claims-attack-on-karachi-airport>

¹⁸⁰<http://www.dawn.com/news/1111659/two-brothers-killed-in-sectarian-attack>

¹⁸¹ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/14-Jun-2014/four-killed-seven-injured-in-karachi-violence>

¹⁸² <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/16-Jun-2014/police-kill-two-terrorists>

Sultanabad ¹⁸³		killed in a joint operation by police and Rangers personnel in Karachi's Manghopir Sultanabad area		
Mansehra ¹⁸⁴	20/6/2014	A bomb blast near a police vehicle in Mansehra killed two police officials and injured two others	2	2
Karachi ¹⁸⁵	23/6/2014	Two suspected militants belonging to a banned militant organisation were killed in an encounter with police	2	0
Karachi ¹⁸⁶	24/6/2014	The unidentified gunmen shot dead as many as seven people including a policeman besides injuring two persons in separate incidents of violence	7	2
Karachi ¹⁸⁷	25/6/2014	six people were killed in different incidents of violence in Karachi	6	0
Karachi ¹⁸⁸	25/6/2014	Three policemen were killed and one other was injured in a firing incident in Manghopir, Mianwali Colony (Terrorist attack)	3	2
Karachi ¹⁸⁹	26/6/2014	An activist of the MQM was shot dead in Gulistan-e-Johar	1	0
Karachi ¹⁹⁰	26/6/2014	At least six people were killed in different incidents of violence	6	0
Karachi ¹⁹¹	27/6/2014	eight people were killed in separate incidents of violence	8	0

¹⁸³<http://tribune.com.pk/story/724550/karachi-operation-two-ttp-militants-killed/>

¹⁸⁴ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/724491/bomb-blast-near-police-van-leaves-2-officials-dead/>

¹⁸⁵ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1114421/two-militants-killed-in-karachi-police>

¹⁸⁶ <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/24-Jun-2014/seven-persons-including-a-constable-killed-two-injured>

¹⁸⁷ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115032/karachi-violence-claims-six-lives>

¹⁸⁸ <http://tribune.com.pk/story/726354/3-policemen-killed-1-injured-in-karachi/>

¹⁸⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115171/mqm-worker-killed-in-karachi>

¹⁹⁰ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115032/karachi-violence-claims-six-lives>

¹⁹¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115464/karachi-violence-claims-eight-lives>

Zerb-e-Azb				
NWA ¹⁹²	17/6/2014	27 militants and eliminated Also, six soldiers were killed and seven others injured in an improvised explosives device attack on their truck near the Ghulam Khan area.	33	7
Mir Ali ¹⁹³	18/6/2014	Army claim to have destroyed six hideouts of militants and killed 25 of them.	25	0
Miranshah ¹⁹⁴	20/6/2014	helicopter gunships destroyed militants' communication centres established on hilltops towards the east of North Waziristan's headquarters Miranshah. Eight Uzbeks among 23 militants killed in NWA	23	0
NWA ¹⁹⁵	21/6/2014	Up to 18 terrorists were reported killed in NWA . At least seven terror hideouts were also destroyed and 27 terror suspects arrested on the sixth day of the Zarb-e-Azb operation.	18	0
NWA ¹⁹⁶	22/6/2014	Helicopter gunships and jets pounded militant targets in the northwest tribal belt Saturday, killing up to 30 terrorists	30	0
Spinwam area of Mir Ali ¹⁹⁷	24/6/2014	The military authorities claimed to have killed 25 more militants in two different operations Also, two soldiers were killed	27	0

¹⁹²<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30976-27-terrorists-six-forces-personnel-killed>

¹⁹³<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-30999-25-militants-killed-six-hideouts-destroyed-in-NWA>

¹⁹⁴<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31046-Eight-Uzbeks-among-23-militants-killed-in-NWA>

¹⁹⁵<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/21-Jun-2014/18-terrorists-killed-on-sixth-day-of-operation>

¹⁹⁶<http://www.nation.com.pk/national/22-Jun-2014/nwa-exodus-swells-to-300-000>

¹⁹⁷<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31134-25-more-militants-killed-in-two-NWA-operations>

NWA ¹⁹⁸	25/6/2014	during an encounter with the militants in the Spinwam area of Mir Ali sub-division. Forty-seven terrorists were killed and their 23 hideouts were destroyed. A suicide bombing attempt on a security forces checkpost in North Waziristan was also foiled in which two soldiers and a civilian embraced martyrdom.	50	0
NWA ¹⁹⁹	26/6/2014	At least 13 suspected militants were killed and five hideouts were destroyed in fresh strikes carried out by Pakistan's military jet fighters on 25	13	0
NWA ²⁰⁰	29/6/2014	Jets and artillery bombarded militant hideouts killing at least 19 militants, including Miranshah TTP Commander Umer	19	0
Miramshah ²⁰¹	30/6/2014	15 militants were killed in the ground offensive initiated by the Pakistan Army in and around the Miramshah area	15	0

¹⁹⁸ <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31153-47-more-terrorists-killed-in-Khyber-NWA>

¹⁹⁹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1115051/zarb-i-azb-12-suspected-militants-surrender-13-killed>

²⁰⁰ <http://www.nation.com.pk/national/29-Jun-2014/top-militant-among-19-killed-in-nwa>

²⁰¹ <http://www.dawn.com/news/1116099/zarb-i-azb-15-suspected-militants-killed-in-ground-offensive>