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SECURITY:

Islamabad police capture ‘terrorist’: The capital city police have arrested an alleged terrorist with the help of intelligence agencies from the Margala area, recovering explosive material from his custody, police said. Inspector General of Police Islamabad, Syed Kaleem Imam, He said the terrorist was an ally of Ilyas Kashmiri and Maj Haroon. “He is an expert in preparing explosive jackets and bombs and manufactured the explosive stuff in Kala Dhaka,” the IGP said, adding that he was also an expert in sniper shooting. During interrogation, the terrorist disclosed that terrorists were present in a hideout in the mountains of Kalar Kahar, the police sources said and added that teams of civil and paramilitary forces had been sent to hunt them. *(The News, 4 July)*

Zardari discusses terror threat with US official: Pakistan needs a strong civilian security apparatus to deter the increasing number of terrorist attacks in the wake of the Swat operation, President Asif Ali Zardari said here on 4 July during talks with Janet Napolitano, chief of the US Department of Homeland Security. The country also needs help for rehabilitating the displaced people. *(Dawn, 4July)*

Pakistan’s nukes face threat from insiders: Pakistan’s nuclear weapons are threatened from insiders in the nuclear establishment colluding with outsiders, a former US intelligence said on 4 July. The country’s authorities had “a dismal track record” in thwarting such dangers, Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, who served as a Central Intelligence Agency officer for 23 years, said in the July/August issue of Arms Control Today. “The greatest threat of a loose nuke scenario stems from insiders in the nuclear establishment working with outsiders, people seeking a bomb or material to make a bomb,” said Mowatt-Larssen. *(Daily Times, 5 July)*

Foreigners involved in terror activities in Pak: Former President General Pervez Musharraf has said that foreign elements are involved in destabilizing the situation in Pakistan. In an interview with an English Magazine, he said foreign elements which are involved in terrorist activities acquire money and ammunition from Afghanistan. He said narcotics money and resources in Afghanistan are being used in terrorist activities in Pakistan. *.(Pakistan Observer, 5 july)*



MILITARY OPERATION:

26 security men die in copter crash: Twenty six security personnel were dead as their helicopter crashed in Orakzai agency, near the Pak-Afghan border, private TV Channel reported. According to Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) the helicopter was on normal and routine flight when suddenly crashed due to 'technical reasons'. The information regarding the crew of the copter is being collected who were feared to be dead in the incident. *(The Post, 5 July)*

11 terrorists killed; The security forces killed 11 terrorists including terrorist commander Naeemullah while 24 others apprehended along with lot of arms, ammunition and equipment from Swat and Dir during last 24 hours of operation According to a press release issued on 3 July by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the security forces conducted house-to-house search operation at Kabbal and Akun Kalle and recovered 3 rifles, 2 pistols, 1 communication set and 30 mobile phone SIMs and ammunition of various calibres. Sources said the security agencies have trapped a phone call of Mufti Aftab in which he was directing his aids at a mosque in Shah Toot village to carry out suicide attacks. *. (The Post, 5 July)*

3 soldiers martyred in Malakand ,Several terrorists held: Three personnel of the security forces embraced Shahadat and six were injured in Malakand while some terrorists were apprehended during the last 24 hours. An update by the ISPR released here 5 July afternoon said in Swat, security forces raided the house of a terrorist in Mohalla Nehrabad, Kuza Banda and recovered a Suzuki Pick Up, one Small Machine Gun including 2 magazines, one Pistol and 175 rounds of miscellaneous caliber. *(Pakistan Observer, 5 July)*

Terrorists are on the run, Defence Minister Chaudhry Ahmad Mukhtar has said that the Army action against the terrorists was essential as they were killing innocent people. He said the armed forces had forced the terrorists to flee and now they were trying to save their skin. He said that the government was aware of the problems of the people and taking steps to overcome price-hike and unemployment. *. (The News, 5 July)*

IDPs / HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE:

Khalifa Foundation, UNICEF to promote children education: The Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation (KBZF) has signed an agreement with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to support children in Afghanistan through a number of humanitarian and development initiatives. Mohammed Haji Al Khoori, KBZF Executive Director, signed the agreement for his side, while Dr. Ayman Abu Laban, **UNICEF** Representative in the Gulf Area, also signed for his outfit. "The agreement between the KBZF and the UNICEF is one of the many partnerships which the KBZF seeks to build with governmental and private institutions. The aim of these partnerships is to help fulfill the dreams and hopes of underprivileged communities and especially children who suffer from sever neglect due to wars and unstable economic situations" said Al Khoori. *(The Frontier post, 6 July)*

IDPs face discrimination, can't access aid: More than two million people who have fled fighting in north-western Pakistan do not have access to aid distributed in official displacement camps, the Amnesty International (AI) warned on 3 July. According to a release, Asia-Pacific Director of the



Amnesty International Sam Zarifi said: "As the fighting expands to North and South Waziristan, a displacement crisis that the government had said would last only for weeks looks set to go on for months, with no relief in sight for the millions of displaced people." (*The News, 4 July*)

IDP families seek financial assistance: Internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Ghalegi, Mingora and Kabal, Swat demanded on 3 July the government immediately provide Rs 25,000 per family to mitigate their sufferings. Iqbal and Shamsheer said the IDPs could not cash the relief cheques provided by the Baitul Maal. The Baitul Maal distributed Rs 5,000 each to a number of displaced families through cheque. (*Daily Times, 4 July*)

Institute of education donates Rs 0.44m for IDPs: Punjab University Institute of Education and Research (IER) Director Professor Dr Mumtaz Akhtar presented a cheque worth Rs 444,450 to varsity Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran for the welfare of the internally displaced persons (IDPs). He said this amount would be spent to purchase medicines and other relief goods for the PU Medical Relief Camp at Shah Mansoor, Swabi. . (*Daily Times, 4 July*)

UN warns of disease outbreak in IDP camps: UN officials on 2 July warned of an outbreak of water-borne diseases among internally displaced people if humanitarian agencies did not receive adequate funding from the international community. The United Nations received only \$193 million in response to a \$543 million aid appeal launched in May for about two million IDPs, Martin Mogwanja, Humanitarian Coordinator for the United Nations in Pakistan, said at a press conference. "We do have adequate supply of food and essential medicines for the next four to five weeks and after that it would not be possible to carry on with our humanitarian efforts if the world fails to come up with funds," Mr Mogwanja said. (*Dawn, 4 July*)

AI urges govt to do more for IDPs: The Amnesty International has asked the Pakistan's central and regional governments to urgently do more to assist more than two million people who have fled fighting in Northwestern Pakistan but do not have access to aid distributed in official displacement camps. Sam Zarifi, Amnesty International's Asia-Pacific Director added that the World Health Organisation had warned of a significant risk of communicable diseases with the advent of hot weather and the monsoon. (*Dawn, 4 July*)

IDPs return without waiting for government plan: About 35 percent of the off-camp internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Buner district of NWFP have returned to their damaged houses on their own expenses, while the provincial government has yet to announce official date for IDPs' return to their home district. According to official sources, the provincial government has chalked out a return plan for Buner IDPs, but it has yet to announce return date for them under this plan. (*Daily Times, 5 July*)

Security clearance awaited for IDPs' return: The NWFP government is fully prepared to start rehabilitation of the internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the Malakand Division after clearance from security forces, a minister said on 4 July. "The civil administration and security forces have their own policies and the government is now awaiting a clearance from security forces," Wajid Ali Khan, Minister for Forests and Environment, told a press conference here. (*The News, 5 July*)

Distribution of Zakat among IDPs begins: Financial relief out of zakat fund for the affectees of Swat, Buner and Dir Lower Districts started in District Swabi on 4 July. The NWFP Minister for Zakat



and Ushr Haji Zarshed Khan Advocate distributed cheques each amounting to Rs. 5000 among 1100 affectees from the allocated Zakat fund of Rs.25 million. *(The Frontier post, 5 July)*

million IDPs facing appalling conditions: More than two million people living outside displacement camps face are appalling conditions and Pakistan's central and regional governments must urgently do more assist the more than two million people who have fled escalating fighting in northwestern Pakistan, Amnesty International said 3 July. The AI said more than two million people do not have access to aid distributed in official displacement camps. The World Health Organization has warned of a significant risk of communicable diseases with the advent of hot weather and the monsoons. . *(The Post, 5 July)*

Army's new back home plan for Malakand IDPs: Pakistan Army designed a new plan for the IDPs' returning to their houses in Malakand. Director-General programme for rehabilitation of IDPs Shakeel Qadir told Geo News in an exclusive talk that programme for rehabilitation of IDPs from affected areas consists of three phases. Measures will be started for restoration of facilities in first phase, compensation for destructed houses in second phase and then steps will be taken towards further development. *(The News, 5 July)*

Zardari seeks PRCS role in IDPs rehabilitation: President Asif Ali Zardari has sought Pakistan Red Crescent Society's **(PRCS) leading role** in the **rehabilitation** of internally displaced persons (IDPs). According to the spokesman of the PRCS, Jazbi said that the President has assured all out support to the PRCS for the rehabilitation of IDPs. He said that all out efforts will be made to increase the capacity of the PRCS so that the organization could play an effective role in coping with natural and man-made disasters adding our focus will be to fully support the IDPs and provide them one month ration, tent, livelihood support and medical facilities. . *(The News, 5 July)*

Plan ready to ensure IDPs' voluntary return: The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) has prepared an early recovery plan entitled 'Naway Sahar' (a new beginning) for the return and settlement of internally displaced persons from Malakand Division. The date for the IDPs return may be announced shortly. According to a handout issued here 5 July, the transportation/logistics plan has been formulated to ensure the voluntary return of IDPs with dignity. The logistic operation for voluntary return would be phased for each district in the affected regions. In the first instance, Buner population residing in Swabi would be catered for in six phases spread over six days. . *(The News, 5 July)*

UNICEF concerned about displaced children in Pakistan; The UN Children's Fund says it is deeply concerned about the condition of thousands of children, who have been displaced by conflict in north-western Pakistan. The **Unicef** says children are in urgent need of health, education and other services. The UN Children's Fund reports nearly half of the estimated two million people displaced by conflict in Swat Valley are children, the VoA reported. The Unicef says it is particularly concerned that **some 700,000 children will miss out on the coming school year**, which is supposed to start in September, but, 3,700 schools may not be available for classes because they are being used to house 150,000 internally displaced people. . *(The News, 5 July Daily Jang (Urdu) 6 July)*



THEMATIC WORKING AREAS / CROSS CUTTING THEMES:

Training on reproductive health ends The World Population Foundation (WPF) concluded a three-day training for the master trainers on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) education for adolescent girls and boys. The initiative is part of its flagship programme 'Life Skills Based Education (LSBE),' being implemented in public and private schools of Pakistan since 2003 in various districts. A total of 14 master trainers from Faisalabad, Peshawar, Quetta and Vehari attended the training, which focused on providing them with the information and knowledge on issues faced by adolescents in Pakistan. It is important to consider that Pakistan is one of the 164 signatories of Dakar Education for All (EFA), which very clearly identifies and states life skills as a basic learning need for all young people. (*The News, 4 July*)

Government to improve healthcare facilities: Sindh Health Secretary Syed Hashim Raza Zaidi has said that the government is fully committed to improve the health care by providing all state-of-the-art facilities to the government hospitals so that the people could get advanced medical treatment at economical cost and at their nearest. He said this while speaking as chief guest at a seminar on "Typhoid-free Hyderabad" organised by District Government Hyderabad in collaboration with the W.H.O Sindh, Vaccination and Health Education Committee, PPA Sindh at hotel. The Secretary further said that Typhoid fever is an ancient disease, which has afflicted the mankind since human population grew large enough to contaminate their water and food, supplies. . (*The Frontier post, 5 July*)

INDIA – PAKISTAN RELATIONS:

India cautiously evaluating Pak signals: India is "very cautiously" and "responsibly" evaluating the conflicting signals emanating from Pakistan on punishing the perpetrators of the Mumbai terror attacks and was waiting for its "visible and credible" actions against them. External Affairs Minister S M Krishna on 5 July said India has not yet received any official communication about Pakistan government's appeal against the release of the terror mastermind in a higher court. "The brain behind the terror attack has been released. We have not heard about Pakistan government taking it up in an appeal. So, in the light of that conflicting signals are emanating from Pakistan," he said while talking to local news publication on his way back from his four-day trip to Japan. Krishna said India has to "very cautiously and responsibly" evaluate these signals. .(*Pakistan Observer, 5 July*)



UN PROBE INTO MS. BHUTTO'S ASSASSINATION

UAE gives UN \$0.5m for Benazir murder probe: The United Arab Emirates has announced a contribution of **US\$ 500,000** to the **UN Trust Fund for Benazir Bhutto Inquiry Commission**. Spokesperson for the president Farhatullah Babar said the UAE Embassy in Islamabad had informed Pakistan's Foreign Office, conveying the decision of the UAE government. The spokesperson said the commission's mandate is to "inquire into the facts and circumstances" of Benazir Bhutto's assassination. He said the commission was expected to arrive in Islamabad in mid-July and complete its work within six months. The commission will submit report to the UN secretary -General. (*The News, 4 July Daily Jang (Urdu 5 July)*)

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