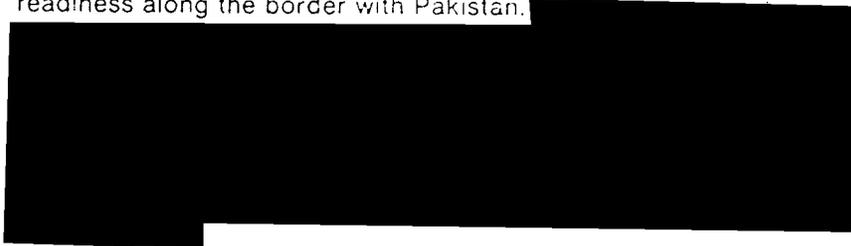


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INDIA-PAKISTAN: Heightened Military Readiness

Indian forces are being augmented and put on an increased state of readiness along the border with Pakistan.



Comment: Some of the increased activity probably is related to the exercises, as well as efforts to improve India's defenses along the border. It does, however, heighten the risk of an incident with Pakistan. Islamabad and New Delhi have been trading charges of unprovoked aggression, troop buildups, and stirring up internal unrest in border areas. The Indian measures reduce the already slim chances for progress in negotiations on a joint nonaggression treaty, which are to resume in mid-July. ()

