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INDIA-PAKISTAN: Troubled Relations

India's Foreign Minister goes to Islamabad tomorrow for the first meeting of the India-Pakistan Joint Commission, but neither side expects much progress. [REDACTED]

Relations between the two countries have dipped since the Joint Commission was established last March. New Delhi has been annoyed over press coverage in Pakistan of the massacre of Muslims in Assam, and the Indian press has accused Pakistan of providing arms and training to Sikh secessionists in Punjab. [REDACTED]

Indian Prime Minister Gandhi, campaigning for elections in the disputed state of Jammu and Kashmir, repeated earlier charges that Pakistan might start another war with India. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Gandhi [REDACTED] probably is using the "Pakistan threat" to consolidate domestic support and to warn Islamabad against assisting Sikh extremists. If India raises the issue of interference, Pakistan will counter with charges of Indian assistance to Al-Zulfikar terrorists. [REDACTED]

Both sides will try to maintain the appearance of better relations at their meeting, but neither will give ground on major issues. [REDACTED]

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