

## **\$1.2 billion US arms package for Pakistan**

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The United States is gearing up to offer Pakistan a \$1.2 billion arms package, the first major sale of military hardware since Washington lifted sanctions and named Islamabad as a major non-NATO ally.

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Three separate deals have been finalised and the Pentagon has sent the proposals to the US Congress for clearance.

The package includes sale of eight P-3C Orion surveillance aircraft (valued at \$ 970 million), six Phalanx close-in weapon systems and upgrades (\$ 155 million) and an ammunition complement of 2,000 TOW-2A missiles and 14 TOW-2A Fly-to-Buy missiles (\$ 82 million).

Pakistan, however, has not yet succeeded in getting the nod for the big ticket item (the F-16 fighter planes) that it has been seeking for long. Official sources are emphatic that no decision has been taken at any level of the US government to provide F-16s to Pakistan.

Lawmakers have 30 days to block or raise objections to the three sale proposals forwarded on Tuesday. But defence and congressional circles do not anticipate any serious obstruction to the move, which is being seen as a reward for Pakistan's help in the US's war on terror.

Each of the three notifications to the Congress also asserts that the sale "will not affect the basic military balance in the region".

The Pentagon has sought to make out the case that the sale will contribute to US foreign policy and national security "by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be a key ally in the global war on terrorism".

\*\* Democrat veteran Gary Ackerman, who led a vigorous campaign to lift the post-Pokhran II sanctions against India, has been unanimously elected for the second time as co-chairman of the India Caucus.

The Congressman from New York, who takes over from Joseph Crowley, has been a tireless activist of the caucus that has emerged as the biggest formation of its kind on Capitol Hill.

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# Musharraf telling 'lies': US daily

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ACCUSING PAKISTAN President Pervez Musharraf of telling "lies", a leading US daily on Saturday alleged he was "collecting" hundreds of millions of dollars from the Bush Administration by "falsely" insisting that he was acting against extremists including Taliban.

In a hard-hitting editorial titled 'Gen Musharraf's Lies', *The Washington Post* said "the General, who seized power in a coup six years ago, has reneged on promises to retire from the army. He has not carried out the reforms of Islamic religious schools that he promised in 2001.

"He has allowed the extremist Afghan Taliban movement to base itself in Pakistan's western provinces with virtual impunity. He has repeatedly insisted, almost certainly falsely, that Osama bin Laden is not in Pakistan.

"All the while he has gone on collecting hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the Bush Administration, which accepts his words and ignores most of his actions."

It said Musharraf deserves the reputation "he is earning as a ruler who cares more about how he is perceived in the West than in implementing policies he claims to espouse or even in speaking the truth."

On Musharraf's denial of his controversial statement made to the daily that rape in Pakistan

was becoming a money-making concern and passport to Canadian citizenship, it said the General claims to be a champion of "moderate Islam" that respects the rights of women.

But when Mukhtar Mai, a victim of a gang rape whose attackers have not been punished, tried to visit the United States earlier this year, the president barred her from leaving the country, it said.

In an interview to the daily last month, Musharraf was quoted as saying "You must understand the environment in Pakistan. This has become a money-making concern. A lot of people say if you want to go abroad and get a visa for Canada or citizenship and be a millionaire, get yourself raped."

This statement was, as Pakistani activists and the Canadian Government soon pointed out, an outrageous lie, the *Post* said.

"There is only one known case of a rape victim moving to Canada, a doctor who was assaulted by a military officer. A far more common outcome for rape victims is to be ostracised by their communities or jailed."

When General Musharraf's statement provoked an uproar, the paper said, "he responded with another lie. He claimed that he had never made it. His words are quite clear. 'These are not my words, and I would go to the extent of saying I am not so silly or stupid to make comments of this sort,' the general said. Well, yes, he is."

# USA no to Pak plea for N parity

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## 10/9 Dinner diplomacy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. — Rejecting Pakistan's demand for parity with India in accessing civilian nuclear technology, the USA said that the landmark accord with New Delhi was a "mechanism to deepen" further its commitment to international non-proliferation.

"We view India as an exceptional case, and see civil nuclear cooperation as a mechanism to deepen further India's commitment to international non-proliferation," Under-Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Mr Robert G Joseph said yesterday.

His comments at the House International Relations Committee came close on the heels of Pakistan Ambassador Mr Jehangir Karamat's that Islamabad should have the same access to US civilian nuclear technology as proposed by President George W Bush for India. Mr Joseph said some countries had asked whether it might be possible for the USA to extend such cooperation to Israel and

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9. — Dr Manmohan Singh will meet President George W Bush and host a dinner for President Pervez Musharraf in New York next week on the margins of a UN General Assembly session. — PTI

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Pakistan, the only other two (de facto weapon) states that had not signed the NPT, adding India, Israel and Pakistan were each unique and required different approaches.

"Neither Pakistan nor Israel has a civil nuclear energy programme that approximates to that of India. The USA has no plans to seek full civil nuclear cooperation with Israel or Pakistan," he said. Mr Joseph said people questioned the rationale behind inking a civil nuclear cooperation pact with India as it was not a signatory to the NPT. He said the USA recognised that India was a special case and saw a clear need to come to terms with it.

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# Pak wants India-like nuke deal with US

**Washington:** Pakistan should have the same access to United States civilian nuclear technology that President George W Bush has proposed for India, the Pakistani ambassador to US said.

Jehangir Karamat, Pakistan's former army chief, also warned that "the balance of power in South Asia should not become so tilted in India's favour, as a result of the US relationship with India, that Pakistan has to start taking extraordinary measures to ensure a capability for deterrence and defense." "Whatever legislation is made shouldn't be a specific, one-time affair just for India," Karamat told the Associated Press. "It should leave the door open for other countries that meet the same criteria and show good responsibility and satisfy the United States' concerns."

Critics, however, contend that Pakistan's is a different case from India's. AQ Khan, a national hero known as the father of Pakistan's bomb, ran a network smuggling nuclear weapons technology.

Doubts also have arisen about Pakistan's commitment to democracy.

Ambassador Karamat said Pakistani officials have yet to approach the Bush administration about civilian nuclear energy cooperation, but Pakistan plans eventually to broach the subject.

Karamat mentioned the strong military ties between the two countries, which include US training Pakistani soldiers and selling weapons to Pakistan. Pakistan has requested 75-100 US F-16 fighter jets, he said. AFP

# Pervez okay with nuke pact, says USA

Press Trust of India

WASHINGTON, July 20. — Seeking to allay apprehensions of its allies about the Indo-US civilian nuclear cooperation, the USA told them that the deal was not meant to betray decades of nuclear-control policies or upset the regional balance of power. The deal has also got a "construc-

tive and not overly problematic" response from Pakistan, a top Bush Administration official said.

Besides Pakistan, the Bush administration got a "fairly positive" response from its allies overseas and Congressional leaders on the agreement, the Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, Mr Nicholas Burns, who has been a pointsman in the negotiations for the accord, said,

adding he did not expect "a lot of opposition in Europe".

The US Secretary of State, Ms Condoleezza Rice, had telephoned the Pakistan President, General Pervez Musharraf, yesterday to apprise him of the pact and his "reaction was constructive and not overly problematic," Mr Burns said. Making it clear that the agreement "stands on its own" and is not intended to be a

counterweight to China, he said: "This is a significant point of departure for our foreign policy, not just in South Asia but worldwide". Maintaining that both India and Pakistan are important to the USA, Mr Burns said: "There are issues where US policy intersects, and there are issues where we can have individual relations with both countries".

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# No grand welcome, Aziz turned down US visit

Suggestions for Manmohan-like itinerary were ignored

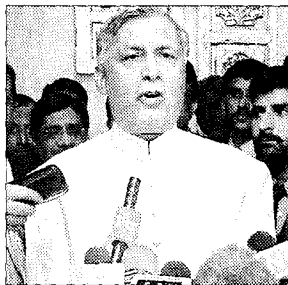
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ISLAMABAD, JULY 20

PAKISTAN Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz's visit to Washington, scheduled for July 28, was called off because of the Bush administration's reluctance to give him the more than business-like welcome accorded to his Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh.

Pakistan's suggestions that Aziz be hosted at a White House dinner or invited to address a joint session of Congress, like Prime Minister Singh, were turned down politely but firmly, the *Daily Times* newspaper reported.

Nor were there any guaran-



tees available that media reception would remain "respectful", the report said, adding that discreet suggestions had also been made that Aziz was an "elected" prime minister in a technical rather than in a real sense.

The US regarded President Pervez Musharraf as the de facto wielder of power in Pak-

istan, said the daily.

The London bombings turned out to be the "final straw" for Aziz's visit, as it was felt here that the fallout of the July 7 blasts would cloud the visit and far from improving Pakistan's image would further sully it, the report said.

The cancellation came at Pakistan's request, and while it does not affect the relationship between the two countries in any adverse sense, it has certainly caused a certain amount of awkwardness and embarrassment to both sides. The report also added that no fresh dates had been fixed for the visit and that Aziz was unlikely to be in Washington "any time soon".

# Shut terrorist training camps, US state dept tells Pak

By Chidanand Rajghatta/TNN

**Washington:** The United States has reiterated that Pakistan should close all militant training camps, amid a renewed focus on the country after the London blasts and reports of revival in infiltration of terrorists into India.

Responding to an expose in the Pakistani media about the resumption of terrorist training camps, a state department spokesman said, "We have repeatedly made clear to the Pakistan government that it must continue its efforts to close all militant training camps and block all infiltration across the LoC in Kashmir. The US government remains concerned about the activities of Kashmiri militant groups," he added.

While the statement implicitly suggested that Washington is aware of the terrorist

camps, the official said he could not comment on the specifics because it involved "intelligence matters."

US authorities in the past few weeks have apprehended Pakistani-Americans who admitted to have trained in camps in Pakistan, a pattern that is also being revealed now in the case of the Pakistani-Brit suicide bombers, who are said to have been trained and indoctrinated in Pakistan.

While US administration officials frequently ladle out praise to Pakistan's military-dominated government for its front-line role in the war on terrorism, western intelligence agencies are less sanguine. Recently arrested terrorists have said they trained in camps in Wah Cantonment and Rawalpindi, both of which are centres of the Pakistani military.

A Pakistani news magazine recently did an expose about resumption of the camps.

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# Rice presses for democracy in Pak

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WASHINGTON, June 10. — Asking Pakistan to make “inroads” on democracy, the US has said it had made it clear that there should be free and fair elections there in 2007.

“Yes, Pakistan has to make inroads on democracy. We have been very clear (on that),” Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in an interview on the Public Broadcasting Network.

Asserting that the US has made significant progress with Pakistan, Rice said before 9/11 attacks it had the “closest” relationship with the Taliban and was ready to be taken over by extremists.

“It was a country through which extremists transited all the time and used as a base of operations into Afghanistan and, of course, into Kashmir. It had terrible relations with India.” Pointing to the improved Indo-Pak relations, Rice said President Pervez Musharraf made clear that extremism had no place in Pakistan and wanted better relationships or better relations with India.

“He and former Prime Minister Vajpayee and now Prime Minister (Manmohan) Singh are achieving that.” “You have a Pakistan that will have elections in 2007 and we’ve been clear that we believe those elections need to be free and fair,” Rice said adding these were sweeping changes which should not be underestimated. “I can remember sitting there before September 11th and trying to convince the Pakistani Foreign Minister that they had to do more about the Taliban. It was very clear to me that I wasn’t getting through,” Rice said.

“So again, it is awfully important in these great historical sweeps to step back and look at where you were and where you’ve come....” On whether democratic India had a better chance for economic success than communist China, Rice said “I think the kind of creativity that is demanded of people and the freedom to let people do what they do best really does only come in free societies.” “I don’t for a moment underestimate or



Ms Condoleezza Rice

diminish the tremendous steps China has made on the economic front. No one should diminish what China has achieved but when China looks round Asia, it is going to see that it is mostly a democratic continent as well,” Rice said.

## No quitting, says Pak PM

Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz has dismissed speculation that he is stepping down because of differences with the country’s powerful military President, AP adds from Islamabad. “I dismiss these rumours,” Aziz told reporters in Islamabad late last night. Aziz’s comments came a day after the stock market plunged because of rumours that the prime minister — the country’s former finance minister — had decided to quit over differences with President Pervez Musharraf.

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# Washington clears missiles sale to Islamabad

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, May 9. — The Bush administration has authorised the sale of Harpoon anti-ship missiles and Sidewinder air-to-air missiles to Pakistan. The missiles will upgrade stockpiles of older versions of each missile, the US Defence Security

Cooperation Agency said in a statement issued today.

Pakistan is seeking 40 AGM-84L air-launched Harpoons and 20 RGM-84L surface-launched versions of the missile in a deal worth up to \$180 million, the military said. The Pakistan navy uses an older version of the missile, and the US statement said the newer missiles

## Pak, China to collaborate on plane

ISLAMABAD, May 9. — Pakistan today said it planned to produce four planes of the of JF-17 fighter aircraft capable of carrying short range missiles, being manufactured in collaboration with China. The process will begin next year and the serial production will start from 2007, chairman of Pakistan Aeronautical Complex, Air Marshal Aurangzeb, said. — PTI

are less likely to hit noncombatant targets in a naval engagement.

The prime contractors on the deal are the Boeing Co.'s St. Louis, Missouri, opera-

tion and Delex Systems of Vienna, Virginia.

In addition, Pakistan wants to buy up to 300 AIM-9M Sidewinder missiles, which fighter aircraft use against other planes. The deal is worth up to \$46 million, and the contractor is Raytheon Systems in Tucson, Arizona.

The deal will allow Pakistan to fly armed surveillance

aircraft along its western border, the military said. Afghanistan and Iran are west of Pakistan. "The Pakistan air force currently lacks this self-defence capability. These missiles are needed to allow Pakistan to defend its borders, participate in coalition operations and exercises and operate a modern air force," the statement said.

# Rumsfeld assures Islamabad of defence aid

**Islamabad:** The US has assured Pakistan of meeting its "legitimate" defence needs, weeks after announcing its decision to supply F-16 fighter planes to Islamabad.

The assurance was given by visiting US defence secretary Donald Rumsfeld during his meeting with Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf here last night. "Secretary Rumsfeld reaffirmed the US decision to enhance military assistance to Pakistan and strengthen defence cooperation with

Pakistan," an official communicate issued after the meeting said.

"Washington would be stepping up support to meet Pakistan's legitimate defence needs," it said.

Pakistan expects an early delivery of the promised F-16s and hopes for a much larger defence aide,

the communicate said.

Last year, the US provided 1.2 billion dollars of military assistance, which included six Orion naval surveillance aircraft and a host of defence equipment. This was part of a three billion dollar

package assured by US President George W. Bush as a reward for



**Donald Rumsfeld with Pak defence minister Rao Sikander Iqbal in Rawalpindi**

Pakistan joining the war against terror, half of which was committed for social, economic and educational development programmes.

During their meeting, Musharraf and Rumsfeld discussed bilateral relations, defence cooperation and exchanged views on matters of mutual interest.

The President said the US' decision to supply F-16s would be an important factor in preserving regional peace and security. PTI

# US ready to deal with Pak nukes: Rice

By Chidanand Rajghatta/TNN

**Washington:** The United States is getting a handle on Pakistan's nuclear weapons.

Secretary of State-designate Condoleezza Rice gave firm assurances in this regard when questioned by Senator John Kerry about the possibility of Pakistani nuclear weapons falling into radical Islamic hands if President Pervez Musharraf was toppled.

"...to the best of my knowledge, in all of the inquiries that I've made in the past few years, there is now no safe procedure in place to guarantee against that weaponry falling into the wrong hands."

Rice: "Senator, we have noted this problem, and we are prepared to try to deal with it. I would prefer not in open session to talk about this particular issue."

"Okay. Well, I raise it again. I must say that in my private briefings as the nominee, I found the answers highly unsatisfactory. And so, I press on you the notion that, without saying more, we need to pay attention to that."

Rice: "We're... we're very aware of the problem, Senator, and we have had some discussions. But I re-

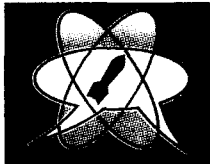
ally would prefer not to discuss that."

This is the first time that any US administration has so openly and bluntly said that it was prepared to deal with Pakistani nuclear weapons falling into extremist hands, virtually confirming reports that Washington has contingency plans to exfiltrate the weapons. There have also been reports that Pakistan does not have custodial control of its nukes now.

In a New Yorker article last weekend, investigative journalist Seymour Hersh suggested that the US had succeeded in subverting Pakistani nuclear scientists who had previously worked with Iran. The scientists were now providing information to the US to enable it penetrate the Iranian nuclear programme, Hersh reported.

The report has panicked the Pakistani establishment, with some pro-military analysts worrying that it has wrecked Islamabad's relations with Teheran. The development has grave consequences for Pakistan, particularly given the festering insurgency in Baluchistan, a province largely bordering Iran.

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# ইরানে নজরদারিতে বুশকে সাহায্য মুশারফের

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১৮ জানুয়ারি: ইরানের পরমাণু প্রকল্প সম্পর্কে খোঁজখবর পেতে পাকিস্তান মার্কিন যুক্তরাষ্ট্রকে সাহায্য করছে বলে বিখ্যাত সাংবাদিক সিমোর হার্শ দাবি করেছেন। মার্কিন একটি পত্রিকায় তিনি লিখেছেন, এই সাহায্যের বিনিময়ে বড় মাপের ছাড়ও আদায় করেছেন প্রেসিডেন্ট পারভেজ মুশারফ আর তা হল পরমাণু বিজ্ঞানী আবদুল কাদের খানকে আর জেরা করবেন না মার্কিন গোয়েন্দারা।

ইরাকের পর এ বার ইরান জর্জ বুশের লক্ষ্য, তাই সে দেশের পরমাণু এবং ক্ষেপণাস্ত্র প্রকল্প সম্পর্কে তথ্য জোগাড় করতে মার্কিন কম্যান্ডোরা সেখানে গিয়েছেন বলে দাবি করে হার্শ ইতিমধ্যেই হইচই ফেলে দিয়েছেন।

পেন্টাগন তাঁর রিপোর্ট ত্রুটিপূর্ণ বলে দাবি করেছে। যদিও মার্কিন প্রেসিডেন্ট ইরানের বিরুদ্ধে সামরিক অভিযানের সম্ভাবনা উড়িয়ে দেননি।

পাকিস্তান ইরানকে এক দশকেরও বেশি সময় ধরে পারমাণবিক অস্ত্রপ্রযুক্তি সরবরাহ করেছে বলে ২০০৩ সালেই জানিয়েছিল আন্তর্জাতিক আণবিক শক্তি সংস্থা। শুধু ইরান-ই নয়, লিবিয়া এবং উত্তর কোরিয়াকে পাকিস্তান এই প্রযুক্তি সরবরাহ করেছে বলে মার্কিন প্রশাসনের সন্দেহ। এ বিষয়ে আব্দুল কাদের খানকে জেরা করতে চায় মার্কিন গোয়েন্দারা। কিন্তু হার্শের দাবি, এখন ইরানের সঙ্গে কাজ করে আসা পাক বিজ্ঞানী আর প্রযুক্তিবিদরা সে দেশের খুঁটিনাটি জানাচ্ছেন মার্কিন গোয়েন্দাদের। বদলে কাদের খানকে

জেরার জন্য তাঁদের হাতে তুলে দিতে প্রেসিডেন্ট মুশারফকে আর চাপ দেওয়া হচ্ছে না।

সি আই এ-এর সঙ্গে যার যোগাযোগ সুবিদিত, সেই হার্শের দাবি, আমেরিকা চায় বেছে বেছে ইরানের পরমাণু এবং ক্ষেপণাস্ত্র প্রকল্পের উপরে বোমা ফেলতে বা কম্যান্ডো হানা চালাতে। তাই যাবতীয় তথ্য সংগ্রহ করা হচ্ছে। হার্শের বক্তব্য, এক উচ্চ পদস্থ মার্কিন গোয়েন্দাই তাঁকে জানান, এ জন্য দক্ষিণ এশিয়ায় মার্কিন কম্যান্ডো টাস্ক ফোর্স গঠিত হয়েছে। ইরানের পরমাণু প্রকল্প সম্পর্কে জানেন, এমন পাক বিজ্ঞানীদের সঙ্গে টাস্ক ফোর্সের ঘনিষ্ঠ যোগাযোগ রয়েছে। মার্কিন কম্যান্ডোরা আফগানিস্তান থেকে নিয়মিত ইরানে ঢুকছেন আর তাদের গোপন তথ্য বাতলাচ্ছেন ওই

পাক বিজ্ঞানীরা। ইরান পারমাণবিক অস্ত্র তৈরি করছে কি না, তার হদিশ পেতে কিছু যন্ত্র রেখে আসা হচ্ছে। পরিবেশে তেজস্ক্রিয় বিকিরণের কিছু প্রমাণ আছে কি না, তার নমুনা সংগ্রহ করছে ওই দূর নিয়ন্ত্রিত যন্ত্রও।

এ নিয়ে বিতর্কের মধ্যেই তাৎপর্যপূর্ণ মন্তব্য করেছেন ইরানের প্রতিরক্ষামন্ত্রী আলি শামখানি। মার্কিন প্রেসিডেন্টের হুমকিতে চটে গিয়ে তাঁর বক্তব্য, “আমরা এমন কিছু তৈরি করেছি, যাতে অন্য দেশের আক্রমণ প্রতিরোধ করা যায়। প্রতিরোধের জন্য এমন মোক্ষম অস্ত্র আর কিছু নেই।” ইতিমধ্যেই ইরানের অস্ত্র কর্মসূচিতে সাহায্যের অভিযোগে চিনের আর্টসি সংস্থার সঙ্গে কাজকর্ম নিষিদ্ধ করেছে মার্কিন প্রশাসন। যদিও চিন বলেছে, এই নিষেধাজ্ঞার কোনও ভিত্তি নেই।