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Bajaur Agency:

On 25 Mar 2013, two personnel of the Frontier Corps (FC) were killed in a remote-controlled bomb blast in Mamond tehsil of Bajaur Agency.

On 27 Mar 2013, three militants were killed and a security official was injured as Afghanistan-based militants attacked a checkpoint along the border in Nawagai tehsil of Bajaur tribal region.

On 28 Mar 2013, although Bajaur Agency was cleared of militants, yet it didn't mean that they were eliminated completely, said Political Agent Syed Abdul Jabbar Shah.

On 31 Mar 2013, Awami National Party (ANP) will not field candidate in NA-43, Bajaur for the upcoming elections over security concerns and will support Haji Bismallah Khan, father of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Shaukatullah Khan, in the constituency.

Mohmand Agency:

On 29 Mar 2013, the political administration along with the jirga members destroyed the houses of four militants in the Halimzai tehsil of the Mohmand Agency.

On 30 Mar 2013, Political Parties and independent candidates have launched their campaigns in Mohmand Agency for the first party based general elections in Federally Administered Tribal Areas.

Khyber Agency:

On 25 Mar 2013, the main Bara Road, connecting most parts of Bara subdivision in Khyber Agency with Peshawar district, was reopened partially for general public after three and a half years.

On 26 Mar 2013, the candidates for a National Assembly seat in Bara have demanded of the authorities to postpone the upcoming general elections in NA-46 constituency owing to threats from a militant group and inability of political administration to devise a foolproof security plan for electioneering.

On 26 Mar 2013, former federal Environmental Minister Hamid Ullah Jan Afridi said that on going clash between the two groups in Tirrah Valley had left many tribesmen homeless.

On 27 Mar 2013, working women continue to face attacks in parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Fata as another female teacher was shot dead in Jamrud tehsil of Khyber Agency close to Peshawar's Hayatabad town.

On 27 Mar 2013, Khyber Agency Political Agent Mutahir Zeb said that foolproof security arrangements would be made in the tribal region for election campaign and at polling stations.

On 28 Mar 2013, political administration in Landi Kotal imposed a ban on display of arms and use of indecent language during the election campaign.

On 28 Mar 2013, people from different parts of the country have thronged Wazir Dhand Market in Jamrud tehsil of Khyber Agency to buy non-custom paid vehicles after the Federal Board of Revenue announced tax amnesty for such vehicles.

On 30 Mar 2013, Federally Administered Tribal Areas Tribunal took a suo motu notice of the killing of a woman schoolteacher in Khyber Agency and ordered the relevant authorities to produce record.

On 31 Mar 2013, the banned Lashkar-e-Islam (LI) has warned dwellers of Bara tehsil to expel the internally displaced persons (IDPs) of Maidan, once the stronghold of its rival Ansarul Islam (AI) in Tirah valley of Khyber Agency, from their area or else their houses would be demolished.

Orakzai Agency:

On 30 Mar 2013, ten militants were killed and eight others sustained injuries when fighter jets targeted militants' hideouts in Orakzai Agency.

Kurram Agency:

On 28 Mar 2013, unidentified persons blew up a filling station in lower parts of Kurram Agency.

On 30 Mar 2013, four soldiers sustained injuries in a roadside blast in Sheedano Dhand in lower Kurram Agency.

North Waziristan Agency:

On 25 Mar 2013, like other parts of the country, political parties in the restive North Waziristan tribal region have also launched the election campaigns for the lone National Assembly seat.

On 26 Mar 2013, residents suffered hardships as curfew clamped in North Waziristan Agency continued for third consecutive day in the volatile tribal region.

On 27 Mar 2013, the tribe's people in North Waziristan complained of shortage of food items in the volatile tribal region as curfew remained clamped on the fourth consecutive.

On 29 Mar 2013, taking note of public sufferings, the government finally decided to lift curfew from North Waziristan Agency to enable the terrified tribe's people to do shopping in local markets.

South Waziristan Agency:

No event of grave consequences was reported during this week in SWA.

Peshawar:

On 25 Mar 2013, an explosive device went off near the house of former MPA Babar Ali Mohmand in Shabgadar tehsil of Charsadda district.

On 26 Mar 2013, an official of the Frontier Region (FR) Bannu was injured when unidentified gunmen opened fire on him at Enjal Amir Khan village in the limits of Mandan Police Station district Bannu.

On 26 Mar 2013, JUI-F chief Maulana Fazalu Rehman said Taliban should not have postponed the "talks offer" as there is still a ray of hope towards betterment though the government is showing sluggish attitude regarding peace talks with the support of the Grand Jirga.

On 26 Mar 2013, a senior Afghan diplomat has complained that some Pakistani traders are exporting substandard medicines to Afghanistan that damages reputation of genuine exporters in the market.

On 26 Mar 2013, Taliban insurgency will continue after coalition combat forces withdraw from Afghanistan in late 2014 but the Afghan government will survive, the ex-chief of the NATO-led force General John Allen said in a speech to the Brookings Institution in Washington.

On 26 Mar 2013, Governor Shaukatullah Khan took notice of election candidates in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) using his name and picture on their campaign posters.

On 27 Mar 2013, the country's premier intelligence agencies fear increased terrorist activities in the border agencies of Mohmand and Bajaur and Dir, Swat and Chitral because of a recent nexus between the Tehreek-i-Taliban Swat (TTS) and the Afghan government.

On 27 Mar 2013, a man was injured when a roadside bomb exploded on Masho Khel Road in the jurisdiction of Badhabar police Peshawar.

On 27 Mar 2013, the woman, who was stabbed to death before her body was dumped in bathroom of the Lady Reading Hospital, was identified as Noor Bibi, police revealed.

On 27 Mar 2013, all political and religious parties in Lower Dir agreed to back women's participation in voting and follow the election code of conduct during the upcoming general election.

On 27 Mar 2013, a man was killed in a hand grenade attack in Matta area of Swat district.

On 27 Mar 2013, the Afghan consul general met senior officials of Fata Secretariat and the leadership of the Tribal Chamber of Commerce and Industries (TCCI) to discuss problems confronting the business community from across the border.

On 29 Mar 2013, Pakistan expressed concern over continued presence of safe havens of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) terrorists in Kunar and Nooristan provinces of Afghanistan.

On 29 Mar 2013, the caretaker cabinet of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was informed that security situation and general law and order in the province had improved over the last several days while elaborate security arrangements would be ensured at 6,512 polling stations declared sensitive in the province.

On 29 Mar 2013, Police defused three improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in the limits of Matani and Badaber police stations.

On 30 Mar 2013, twelve people were killed when a suicide bomber attacked the vehicle of Commandant of Frontier Constabulary Abdul Majeed Marwat in the high-security cantonment area of Peshawar.

On 30 Mar 2013, peace activists in the United States are starting a month of protests this week to mobilise American public opinion against drone strikes.

On 30 Mar 2013, ANP Sindh President Shahi Syed has called Taliban their "first enemy", with a leading US newspaper saying the grab for influence and power in Karachi shows that the militant group has been able to extend their reach across Pakistan, not just in the country's frontier regions.

On 31 Mar 2013, a policeman was killed and four passers-by injured when a suicide bomber blew himself up at Katlang Bazaar in Mardan.

On 31 Mar 2013, Afghan President Hamid Karzai arrived in Qatar to discuss Taliban militants opening an office in the Gulf state for peace negotiations that could end more than a decade of war.