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BAJAUR AGENCY:

On 10th September 2013, a security man was injured when unidentified persons attacked a check post in Kamar Sar area of Mamond tehsil in Bajaur Agency.

On 15th September 2013, a member of a local peace committee was killed and five others were injured in a remote-controlled blast in Salarzal tehsil of Bajaur Agency.

MOHMAND AGENCY

On 10th September 2013, security forces arrested several suspects during a search operation in Haleemzal tehsil. The operation was launched after an improvised explosive device planted by unidentified persons along a road in the area.

On 11th September 2013, a security man was injured in a blast near a checkpost in Haleemzai tehsil of Mohmand tribal region.

On 12th September 2013, KP Governor Shaukatullah inaugurated the first phase of Mohmand Marble City at Michini in Mohmand Agency as the first industrial estate in the Fata.

On 12th September 2013, discovering that literacy rate in Mohmand Agency was 17 percent. Political Agent Abdul Hameed Khan asked the Education Department to work hard for improving literacy rate.

On 13th September 2013, unidentified persons killed a school watchman in Halimzai tehsil of Mohmand Agency.

KHYBER AGENCY

On 10th September 2013, it was announced that IDP's from Tirah expected to return on 15 September 2013.

On 10th September 2013, the Militants beheaded three activists of a peace committee and kidnapped four others during an attack on a house in Bara.

On 12th September 2013, Banned outfit Ansar-ul-Islam has hailed the government's decision of dialogues with Taliban and announced to extend all sorts of cooperation in this regard.

On 13th September 2013, Unknown people set on fire a NATO consignment -carrying trailer in Sadukhel area of Landikotal Tehsil in Khyber Agency.

On 13th September 2013, six people were arrested as being alleged of smuggling the narcotics carried on the camels to Afghanistan.

On 14th September 2013, Around 500 displaced families will leave Durrani camp in Sadda area of Kurram Agency for Tirah valley in Khyber Agency .

On 15th September 2013, all arrangements have been made for the return of internally displaced persons (IDPs) to Maidan area of Khyber Agency's Tirah valley.

KURRUM AGENCY

On 12th September 2013, a tribesman was injured when a landmine exploded along a roadside in Malikhel area.

On 13th September 2013, the political administration defused explosive device planted on roadside in Chinarabad village in Kurram Agency.

On 13th September 2013, the concerned tribal people and traders have protested against the imposition of multiple increase in the electricity bills and have stated it a gruesome measure taken against them.

NORTH WAZIRISTAN AGENCY

On 9th September 2013, two security officials were critically wounded after a remote controlled explosion took place in North Waziristan.

On 9th September 2013, a militant was killed in clashes with security forces.

On 11th September 2013, the TTP has welcomed the all parties conference's declaration of unconditional talks offer in meeting of the central shura held at an unspecified location in the tribal region.

On 12th September 2013, Traders of North Waziristan Wednesday staged protest against the closure of Zero-Point on Pak-Afghan border.

SOUTH WAZIRISTAN AGENCY

On 10th September 2013, unidentified persons shot dead Khan Gul Bhattani, a commander of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

On 12th September 2013, according to sources, six Taliban prisoners were handed over in exchange for two security personnel in Shoyee Khel area of Shawal subdistrict. However, the ISPR denied the report.

PESHAWAR

On 9th September 2013, Ambassador of Pakistan to Afghanistan, defense analyst and expert on Pak Afghan issues, Rustom Shah Mohmand stated that APC has no presentation from FATA therefore APC is a platform where those people are gathered who have no knowledge of the Tribal Areas.

On 10th September 2013, Director General Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Atif Rahman Monday in the light of report of an inquiry committee removed four employees of Jalojai Camp from service on charges of corruption.

On 10th September 2013, the Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Engineer Shaukatullah has directed for establishment of an endowment fund in FATA to promote education, sponsor talented students and meet deficiencies in educational institutions.

On 10th September 2013, the long-standing demand of tribal people was as the 30 years after establishment of the office of federal ombudsman its jurisdiction was extended to Fata. Under the new system tribesmen would be able to approach the office of federal ombudsman against Fata Secretariat and its subsidiary organizations working under it.

On 12th September 2013, the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)'s has denied media reports that six of their prisoners have been released by the government.

On 12th September 2013, KPK Governor Shaukatullah announced that IT universities and medical colleges will soon be established in the tribal areas of Pakistan.

On 12th September 2013, the political administration of North Waziristan Agency has confirmed anti polio vaccination to over 20 thousand children at different vaccination points set up in the agency.

On 12th September 2013, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Pervez Khattak said i "Our coalition government in the province will support centre for beginning negotiations with the Taliban to bring lasting peace to the region".

On 13th September 2013, peace Talks between Taliban and government are reportedly entered into its initial stage as the first round of Peace talks is going to be held today on Friday at Sara Rogha, South Waziristan Agency.

On 13th September 2013, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government, which had earlier held that the issue of militancy was the prime responsibility of the federal government, has now decided to convene an all-party conference at the provincial level.

On 13th September 2013, a doctoral research conducted at the University of Peshawar titled as 'Extremism-terrorism in Pakistan: causes & counterstrategy' concluded that , the root cause of extremism-terrorism in the name of Islam in Pakistan has been the long existing political and constitutional vacuum.

On 14th September 2013, TTP's representative Shahidullah Shahid said that no Taliban shura has sat to discuss the issue of peace talks and all the news on media are false as no committee has sat to talk on this resolution. However they have decided to consider the negotiations with the government regarding the peace of the region.

On 14th September 2013, the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) handed a list of 4,752 prisoners to the government on Friday who they want released.

On 15th September 2013, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government announced that withdrawal of troops from Malakand division would begin next month and the civil administration would take over control of the area.

ISLAMABAD

On 9th September 2013, interior minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said that the political and military leadership will decide a national policy to tackle terrorism at the All Parties Conference (APC).

On 9th September 2013, interior minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said "Dialogue with the Taliban is very complex and a sensitive matter and it will have to be handled carefully".

On 9th September 2013, the ministry of water and power is decided to build three smaller dams to help meet energy requirements of the country. The Mohmand (Munda) dam, Bara dam, and Zam dam.

On 10th September 2013, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman Imran Khan reportedly convinced army chief General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani to administer a 'phased withdrawal' of troops from the Federally Administered Tribal Areas by initiating peace talks with militants, according to party officials.

On 10th September 2013, an activist of another peace committee was shot dead at Jalozei camp for internally displaced persons in Nowshera district.

On 10th September 2013, the unanimously-adopted resolution of the APC is unique in the sense that for the first time it has formally snubbed Washington and its dictated policy on the war against terror.

On 10th September 2013, All Parties Conference (APC) adopted a unanimous resolution to take the issue of drone attack to the UN.

On 10th September 2013, Sardar Yaqoob Nasir said that promoting education in FATA would help change the minds of the people of this area.

On 11th September 2013, Pakistan will set free later this month senior Taliban leader Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, as a key Afghan demand.

On 11th September 2013, a day after the political leadership unanimously agreed to hold dialogue with the Taliban, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said that a framework for talks was ready.

On 11th September 2013, minister for Information and Broadcasting Pervaiz Rashid said all options, including Jirgas, contact groups, etc, would be used to hold talks with the Taliban.

On 12th September 2013, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif met Chief of the Army Staff Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and discussed with him the government's strategy for talks with militants.

On 12th September 2013, the Supreme Court was informed that Masood Janjua, missing since a long time, had been killed in an attack in South Waziristan.

On 12th September 2013, only recently after Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif made a dialogue offer, a campaign was launched to create misunderstandings and convey wrong messages to the TTP and other militant groups.

On 12th September 2013, while the All Parties Conference has unanimously mandated the federal government to start unconditional peace talks with the militants, the dialogue process, TTP spokesman Shahidullah Shahid has welcomed the outcome of the APC, saying the Taliban are willing to hold a dialogue with the government after discussing the 'pros and cons' of the offer.

On 12th September 2013, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Senator Pervaiz Rashid has said "For peace we will use the weapon of talks. Those who have used the language of weapons have always faced defeat."

On 13th September 2013, Federal Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Muhammad Asif and US Ambassador Richard Olson on Thursday inaugurated the 17.4 MW capacity Gomal Zam Dam project in South Waziristan Agency (SWA).

On 13th September 2013, once a ruthless fighter and a friend of Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar, Abdul Ghani Baradar may now hold the key to Afghanistan's peace – or so his minders believe.

On 13th September 2013, Interior Minister Ch Nisar Ali Khan has warned that some influential groups and forces have become active to sabotage the APC-approved and military-backed dialogue process with local militants.

On 13th September 2013, the government has so far not appointed a permanent head of the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Nacta) that was supposed to be the lead agency for this massive national task.

On 13th September 2013, Senior Pakistani Taliban commanders opened discussions on how to respond to an invitation from the government on talks to end an insurgency that has killed thousands of people.

On 14th September 2013, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence Mushahid Hussain Syed has said that Afghan President Hamid Karzai endorsed the decisions of All Parties Conference which mandate the government to hold talks with Pakistani Taliban for peace.

On 14th September 2013, regarding APC Taliban commander rebuffed reports of a formal shura meeting. The leader said that some leaders of the TTP and a few other groups are holding internal discussions and will finalise a strategy in the central council's meeting to be held later.

On 15th September 2013, Chief Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-S (JUI-S), Maulana Sami ul Haq has said "Our government will have to take measures by itself to stop Drone attacks, if this matters hands over to United Nations the issue will remain the same,"

LAHORE

On 9th September 2013, Imran Khan said in the today held APC that we have to get out of America's 'war on terror' in Pakistan and have to eliminate the drones to attain peace in the region. The counter-terrorism should be the last option to deal with Taliban.

On 10th September 2013, army has secured the western borders of the country by thwarting the nefarious designs of terrorists, says Maj-Gen Sanaullah Niazi.

On 11th September 2013, the prestigious 124-year old American newspaper "The Wall Street Journal" explicitly stated: "Pakistan's Interior Minister Rehman Malik said after a meeting here with his Afghan counterpart, Mohammed Hanif Atmar, that Islamabad was expecting a formal request from Kabul to extradite Mulla Abdul Ghani Baradar, the Afghan Taliban's operations chief."

On 11th September 2013, a platform of religious groups affiliated with the Barelvi school of thought and an emerging Shia party have joined hands to force the government out of dialogue process with Taliban.

On 11th September 2013, an intelligence agency has detained some members of al Qaeda's suicide squad taking special jihadi training in Miramshah, headquarters of North Waziristan Agency.

On 15th September 2013, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has directed the authorities concerned to initiate the process to establish the Anti Terrorism Force (ATF), saying it is a need of the hour.

On 15th September 2013, Former Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has said the credit for talks with the Taliban went to the PPP as it had first called an all parties conference over the issue.

GUJRANWALA:

On 13th September 2013, ATC awarded life imprisonment on eight counts to Muhammad Shafiq for killing four policemen on the directions of the defunct TTP in retaliation to the army operation in Waziristan.

BANNU:

On 15th September 2013, seven of the eight workers of the Gomal Zam dam project, who were kidnapped by Pakistani Taliban two years ago, were set free.