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#### **BAJAUR AGENCY**

On 4 November 2013, rockets fired from Afghanistan border landed in Mamond tehsil of Bajaur Agency and left a woman injured.

On 5 November 2013, polio vaccinators threatened to boycott polio campaigns over nonpayment of salaries for last four months.

On 7 November 2013, Bajaur assistant political agent Asad Sarwar said that the establishment of the writ of the government was vital for durable peace in the tribal region.

On 10 November 2013, Bajaur Agency assistant political agent Asad Sarwar said that the local administration has stepped up efforts to provide basic facilities to traders to boost economic activities in the agency.

#### **MOHMAND AGENCY**

On 6 November 2013, mother and child week was observed in Lower Sub Division Headquarters Taryakhi Ghand.

On 6 November 2013, Mohmand Agency political administration, education department and security forces decided to reopen all educational institutions that have been closed for four years.

#### **KHYBER AGENCY**

On 5 November 2013, more than 50,000 internally displaced persons have so far returned to their homes in Tirah valley of Khyber Agency.

On 6 November 2013, tribesmen of Bara tehsil have demanded federal government and Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Imran Khan to take serious step and open levy gate centre located in Hayatabad phase six being closed after Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government's issued order.

On 7 November 2013, Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) seized 570 kilogram of hashish and impounded a Suzuki van at Bara Road.

On 8 November 2013, a driver was injured when unidentified armed men opened fire on a container truck, carrying supplies to Nato forces in Afghanistan, in Jamrud Teshil.



On 9 November 2013, Refugees Affected and Hosting Areas (RAHA) in collaboration with Fata secretariat, distributed Rs 2 million among 24 community organizations for carrying out different development schemes in Khyber Agency.

On 10 November 2013, four men were injured when vehicles carrying NATO supplies were ambushed by unknown gunmen in two separate incidents in Jamrud tehsil of Khyber Agency.

#### **KURRAM AGENCY**

On 4 November 2013, shortage of doctors at Sadda tehsil headquarters hospital has been hampering patients' treatment, as the hospital is yet to get the desired staff despite being given the category 'C' status.

On 6 November 2013, arrangements for Muharram were finalized in Kurram Agency and the political administration announced closure of Pak-Afghan border for a week.

#### **ORAKZAI AGENCY**

On 4 November 2013, at least six people including two alleged attackers were killed and two others injured in a hand-grenade attack on a tribal jirga in Orakzai Agency.

#### **NORTH WAZIRISTAN AGENCY**

On 4 November 2013, Asmatullah Shaheen Bhattani, the head of the Supreme Shura, was selected as the interim leader to head the group.

On 6 November 2013, the shura of the Pakistani Taliban met for choosing the successor to their slain leader, Hakimullah Mehsud.

#### **PESHAWAR**

On 4 November 2013, the suspected terrorists hurled a hand grenade at the house of a senior doctor in University Town, causing minor injuries to a security guard here. 'No one was injured as people were not present at the time of the attack and it seemed a mere threat'.

On 4 November 2013, blaming the Pakistan government for the killing of Hakimullah Mehsud in the US drone attack, the Taliban announced they would not hold any peace talks with the government and threatened to avenge the killing of their leader.

On 4 November 2013, Chief Minister (CM) Pervez Khattak announced that the provincial cabinet will endorse the resolution on the matter of blocking Nato supply routes.

On 4 November 2013, the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Assembly met, to review the killing of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan chief and closure of Nato supply routes.



On 4 November 2013, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Engineer Shaukatullah desired to make all the 26 Model Public Schools in FATA fully functional; complete the under-construction buildings and overcome staff deficiency on priority basis.

On 4 November 2013, the total number of children infected by polio in 2013 rises to 56 in KP and tribal areas.

On 4 November 2013, according to the officials the lackluster attitude of the United States towards anti-polio programme has been hampering polio eradication efforts by Pakistan, especially in Federally Administered Tribal Areas.

On 4 November 2013, spokesman FATA Democratic Movement (FDM) Gul Nawaz Khan said that despite the lapse of 66 years since independence, the constitution of the country could not be extended to FATA and the tribal people have been left on the mercy of terrorism and laws of FCR.

On 4 November 2013, Jamaat-e-Islami announced to block NATO supply route on Kohat road on November 08, 2013.

On 5 November 2013, a child was killed and six persons were injured when a powerful bomb went off in Khalid Bin Waleed Town in the limits of Yakatoot police station in Peshawar.

On 5 November 2013, employees of various government departments blocked Sher Shah Suri Road against the drone attacks.

On 6 November 2013, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) confirmed an image released on the social media of its slain leader Hakimullah Mehsud captured just before his burial.

On 6 November 2013, the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman said he would even call a dog as 'martyr' if it was killed by the US.

On 7 November 2013, Naib Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami FATA, Zarnoor Afridi said that by making amendments in article 247 of the constitution of Pakistan, it would help to restore all basic rights of tribesmen.



On 7 November 2013, Governor takes notice on the promotion of FATA development Corporation and FDC.

On 7 November 2013, Mullah Fazlullah alias Mullah Radio has been elected as the new chief of the Pakistani Taliban with the backing of the Ameer of the Afghan Taliban Mulla Mohammad Omar.

On 8 November 2013, Khyber Pakhtumjkhwwa Governor, Engineer Shaukatullah said that the FATA with peculiar state of circumstances deserves to pave special strategy for polio eradication. In case of management failure, we will have no other option but to replace the entire management and carry forward efforts with a new team at every level.

#### **LAHORE:**

On 8 November 2013, Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) chief Syed Munawar Hasan opposed another All Parties Conference (APC) on talks with the Taliban, and urged the PML-N government to implement decisions taken at the previous APCs.

On 9 November 2013, the Pakistani Taliban announced that they would orchestrate a wave of revenge attacks against the government.

On 9 November 2013, the Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) held a huge rally at Peshawar and gave threats to the Federal government that after November 20, they would stop the NATO supply container

#### **ISLAMABAD**

On 4 November 2013, Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-F asked the government to convene another all-party conference to review the situation in the wake of the killing of TTP chief Hakeemullah Mehsud in a US drone attack.

On 6 November 2013, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan described the post drone attack situation, as gruesome.

On 6 November 2013, Parliamentary leaders of the opposition parties agreed on continuity of peace talks with the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and halting the drone attacks but failed to remove the differences over blocking the NATO supply line.



On 6 November 2013, the top officials in the Ministry of Defense made a correction in their statement of figures of civilian casualties in drone strikes sent to parliament right after the return of the prime minister from his US trip and accepted that it was “wrong and fabricated”.

On 7 November 2013, members of the National Assembly asked the government to revisit its relations with the United States and urged parliament to pass a resolution to shoot down drones.

On 7 November 2013, The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the overall quality of recent national wide anti-polio campaign unsatisfactory mainly in northern areas of Pakistan.

On 7 November 2013, many among the members of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly were a happy lot when the House unanimously adopted a resolution against drone strikes and NATO supplies.

On 8 November 2013, Ijazul Haq said the government should convene another all parties’ conference to take consensus decision about NATO’s supplies.

On 8 November 2013, Former interior minister Senator Rehman Malik said that the opposition would extend full support to the government if it decided to shoot down US drones.

On 8 November 2013, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan informed the Senate that hectic efforts were made to initiate peace talks with Taliban and said “We held several meetings with several fractions of Taliban, which are about 37”.

On 8 November 2013, President Mamnoon Hussain said polio eradication was among the top priorities of the government in health sector and the government was determined and was taking all out steps including innovative immunisation strategies and close coordination with the security forces to reach out to each and every child under the age of 5 years in remote tribal areas especially FATA.

On 9 November 2013, Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS) report said that the civilians and policemen remained major victim of terrorism across Pakistan in last month.

On 10 November 2013, a warning came from a reliable health journal of Europe: ‘The Lancet Medical Journal’ which said that the Pakistani polio virus strain has already affected five countries in the past 22 months.



On 10 November 2013, Federal Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said that the new strategy on talks with Taliban will be finalised after taking the provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa into confidence.

#### **KARACHI**

On 8 November 2013, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif declared that his government would continue with the effort to establish a contact with the Taliban with the aim to achieve a lasting peace. `

#### **WASHINGTON**

On 4 November 2013, a US lawmaker whose committee oversees the intelligence community defended the drone strike that killed Hakimullah Mehsud and said it would help keep American troops safe.

On 5 November 2013, the US State Department said that it had no `specific communications` to report on a protest note from Pakistan over the killing of TTP leader Hakimullah Mehsud.

On 7 November 2013, the United States regards the Haqqani network as “the most resilient enemy”, and one of the biggest threats to the US-led NATO military forces in Afghanistan.

#### **Major Developments in FATA in the Current Week**

This week has remained tough and unpredictable, as in the last week a prominent leader of TTP Hakim Ullah Mehsud was killed in a drone strike that apparently sabotaged peace talks between Pakistani government and Taliban. The Taliban blamed Pakistani government for the killing of Hakimullah Mehsud in the US drone attack and announced that they would not hold any peace talks with the government and threatened to avenge the killing of their leader as their immediate aggressive response.

After Hakimullah’s killing Asmatullah Shaheen Bhattani was appointed as interim ameer of TTP and later Mullah Fazlullah alias Mullah Radio was elected as the new chief of the Pakistani Taliban. They also announced that they would orchestrate a wave of revenge attacks against the government after naming hard-line commander Mullah Fazlullah as their new leader.

On the other hand all the Pakistani leadership criticized the recent US drone strike in terms of sabotaging the peace talks. The members of the National Assembly asked the government to revisit its relations with the United States and urged parliament to pass a resolution to shoot down



drones. Federal Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan later said that the new strategy on talks with Taliban would be finalized after taking the provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa into confidence. The KP government also took a tough stance against US drone strike as it was demeaning Pakistan's sovereignty and also "droning the Pakistan peace process". They decided to put forward a resolution in the provincial assembly to halt NATO supply that passes from KP.

The issue of Polio was also seen to be critical in FATA as the number of polio infected children rose to 56 in FATA and KP and the World Health Organization (WHO) also declared the overall quality of recent national wide anti-polio campaign as unsatisfactory mainly in FATA. Some officials also linked the drone issue with this issue as they said that the lackluster attitude of the United States towards anti-polio programme has been hampering polio eradication efforts by Pakistan, especially in Federally Administered Tribal Areas. President Mamnoon Hussain also said that the government was determined and taking all out steps including innovative immunization strategies and close coordination with the security forces to reach out to each and every child under the age of 5 years in remote tribal areas especially FATA. The Khyber Pakhtumjkhwwa Governor, Engineer Shaukatullah also heeded to the polio issue and said that the FATA with peculiar state of circumstances deserves to pave special strategy for polio eradication and in case of management failure, they would have no other option but to replace the entire management. Further on international level *the Lancet Medical Journal* of Europe revealed the Pakistani polio virus strain has already affected five countries in the past 22 months, has now become a threat to European countries as well.

Lastly, with the onset of the holy month of Muharram Strict steps was taken for the security of the region and for a week Pak-Afghan border was closed as per security arrangements. Development activities were seen to be continuous as governor KP and PA's also reinforced the health, and education sector in FATA. Moreover few hundred IDP's returned to back to their homes in khyber as per the plan of government.

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