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Bajaur Agency

On 24th January, a man was shot dead and another sustained injuries when two groups traded gunfire in Khar, headquarters of the Bajaur Agency.

On 24th January, in a jirga in Bajaur Agency, the Salarzai pro-government committee decided to make the committee functional again and increase peace militia patrolling along the Pak-Afghan border area.

On 25th January, political administration of Bajaur Agency asked the Salarzai tribesmen to speed up peace efforts in the region by cracking down on militants.

Mohmand Agency

On 23rd January, militants attacked a check post of security forces in Mohmand Agency near the Pak-Afghan border, but it caused no casualty.

Khyber Agency

On 21st January, Pakistani authorities allowed five Nato containers to cross the Torkham border.

On 22nd January, sixteen militants were killed and eight others were injured when fighter aircraft bombarded the hideouts of the TTP in the Kukikhel area of Tirah Valley of Khyber Agency.

On 24th January, Shahab Ali Shah was appointed the Political Agent of the restive Khyber Agency.

On 25th January, a soldier of paramilitary Frontier Corps (FC) sustained injuries in a blast near the Government Degree College Landikotal tehsil of Khyber Agency.

On 26th January, political authorities of Landikotal abolished a check post in Torkham area following a number of complaints from the general public.

Orakzai Agency

On 24th January, Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Orakzai Agency Spokesman Shaikh Maqbool, has rejected reports that its commander for Orakzai Agency Hafiz Saeed Khan was killed in the recent airstrikes by the Pakistan military.

Kurram Agency

North Waziristan Agency

On 20th January, Pakistan Army helicopters fired missiles killing three militants in North Waziristan Agency.

On 20th January, the laboratory confirmed the first four wild polio cases in the country in 2014 and all the four cases came from North Waziristan Agency (NWA).

On 21st January, security analysts suggested that the intensity with which Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan has hit civilian and military targets alike during the last three weeks reflects its operational capacity, extended network, and a slight tactical change.

On 22nd January, forty two people were killed and twenty four others sustained injuries in targeted operations by security forces, conducted by fighter aircraft and gunship helicopters, in North Waziristan Agency.

On 23rd January, security officials confirmed that the leader of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan's (TTP) Supreme Shura and 'master trainer' of suicide bombers as well as dozens of foreign fighters were amongst those killed in air strikes in North Waziristan Agency (NWA).

On 24th January, a large number of local people of the restive North Waziristan Agency migrated to safer places after PAF jets shelled militant hideouts in Mir Ali and Miranshah areas.

On 26th January, a *Shura* of Taliban leader Hafiz Gull Bahadur decided that Tribesmen in North Waziristan will announce to seek asylum from Afghan Government and migrate therein unanimously if Pakistani government did not stop what they called 'unnecessary adventure' within the next three days.

South Waziristan Agency

On 21st January, Directorate of Health, FATA Secretariat arranged 18-day free hospitals, dispensaries and medical camps at various areas of South Waziristan Agency.

On 24th January, tribal elders of South Waziristan Agency expressed their deep concern over the illegal cutting of trees in the agency and appealed Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to take necessary action.

KPK

On 20th January, at least 20 soldiers were killed and 30 others sustained injuries in an explosion targeting a military convoy in Bannu city.

On 20th January, after claiming responsibility for killing 20 troops in Bannu, banned terrorist outfit the TTP said it was ready for a meaningful and result-oriented dialogue provided the federal government exhibited its sincerity and authority.

On 20th January, Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Syed Munawar Hasan has stressed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to immediately constitute a committee under the federal interior minister for talks with the Taliban.

On 20th January, Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa thwarted an attempt of terrorism by defusing a 20kg bomb, planted in congested Bana Mari area of Peshawar.

On 20th January, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said Joint Intelligence Directorate will be set up for coordination and intelligence sharing among 26 intelligence agencies in the country.

On 20th January, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Enginear Shaukatullah said that efforts and initiatives will be made for peace and development in FATA on priority and assured with regard to the future of FATA.

On 21st January 2014, The prayer leader of a local mosque in Dhaki Munawwar Shah, near Qissa Khwani Bazaar was targeted and killed.

On 21st January, death toll in Sunday's attack on a military convoy in Bannu rose to 26 as six more soldiers succumbed to their injuries at hospital.

On 21st January, a young man was killed and girl received injuries when unidentified armed men sprayed bullets on their vehicle in the jurisdiction of Pahari Pura Police Station district Peshawar.

On 21st January, a three-day anti-polio campaign for the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) was launched at the Governor House Peshawar.

On 21st January, an early morning suicide attack close to the army's general headquarters overshadowed the sitting of federal cabinet held later in the day to discuss an internal security policy for the country.

On 22nd January 2014, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in the cabinet meeting rejected the US bill linking US\$33 million aid to the release of Dr Shakil Afridi.

On 22nd January, a blast in Charsadda killed six police officers and a 13-year-old student and injured nine others.

On 22nd January, an official of the bomb disposal unit (BDU) sustained injuries while defusing an explosive device in Loni area in the limits of Kulachi Police Station district D.I.Khan.

On 22nd January, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa polio workers announce to boycott from the polio vaccination in the province after attacks on polio workers in Mansehra and Karachi.

On 22nd January, the treasury in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly blocked the opposition's move to table a resolution seeking empowerment of the provincial government to hold dialogue with militants on its own or act against them to restore peace in the region.

On 23rd January, six policemen and a teenager were killed when a police van deputed to escort anti-polio workers was targeted with a remote controlled blast in the Sardheri town, Charsadda district.

On 23rd January, Maulana Samiul Haq, dissociated himself from the initiative taken by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif for holding peace talks with the outlawed Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

On 23rd January, a resident of Mohmand Agency was shot dead by unidentified armed motorcyclists in the jurisdiction of Chamkani Police Station.

On 23rd January, unidentified armed persons shot dead a religious scholar in Tank Bazaar.

On 24th January, six persons were killed and nine others sustained injuries in a powerful blast at the Scheme Chowk on Kohat Road.

On 24th January, Pakistan said it will not release Dr Shakil Afridi on the request of the US.

On 24th January, US Ambassador to Pakistan, Richard G. Olson, said the United States will be supportive of Pakistan whatever course of action it takes against the Taliban and other terrorist groups.

On 24th January, owner of an arms factory was killed when armed men opened fire on him in Small Industrial Estate on Kohat Road.

On 24th January, Commandant Khyber Rifles Colonel Mansoor Janjua said that efforts meant to sabotage peace in Fata would not be tolerated.

On 24th January, a terror attack was averted as five kg bomb planted in an under construction fly over was diffused on Charsadda road, Peshawar.

On 24th January, Voicing concern over the growing violence against polio workers and high vaccination refusal incidence in the country, a Peshawar based Ulema Oganisation offered its services to the government for fighting the childhood crippling disease.

On 25th January, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police proposed two laws to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)-led provincial government to intensify efforts for curbing growing militancy and terrorism in the province.

On 25th January, unidentified gunmen shot dead an official of intelligence agency in Swabi district.

On 26th January, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said he will not sign a security pact with the United States unless Washington and Pakistan launch a peace process with Taliban insurgents.

On 26th January, around 9,000 male teachers, who had earlier announced to boycott the antipolio vaccination drive, Saturday conditionally agreed to participate in the campaign to be kicked off.

On 26th January, the ongoing anti-polio drive was halted after the doctors and paramedical staff went on strike against growing attacks on vaccinators.