



The Surprising Realpolitik of the New Haqqani Network

Johann Chacko | 29 Sept 2022

“But now, as they switch from war to governance, the Haqqanis need productive and stable international partnerships that global militant groups cannot provide.”

Read More: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/opinion/comment/2022/09/29/the-surprising-realpolitik-of-the-new-haqqani-network/>

Extension of CPEC to Afghanistan could Link Infrastructure Across Continent

Zofeen Ebrahim | 14 Sept 2022

“This regional connectivity would also fulfil the aim of China’s Belt and Road project of “integrating new markets across the length and breadth of the region, through rail and road connectivity.”

Read More: <https://www.thethirdpole.net/en/regional-cooperation/extension-of-cpec-to-afghanistan-could-link-infrastructure-across-continent/>

Sirajuddin Haqqani: A Man Out of History

11 Sept 2022

“No other son and father, save for Alexander and Philip of Macedon, have had such a disproportionate impact on the combined fate of mankind — which renders their relative anonymity all the more perplexing.”

Read More: <https://analyticacamillus.org/2022/09/11/sirajuddin-haqqani-a-man-out-of-history/>

Tensions Increase Between Pakistan, Afghan Taliban Despite Historical Ties

Abubakar Siddique | 30 Sept 2022

“A longstanding alliance, which dates back to the emergence of the Taliban in southern Afghanistan in the mid-1990s, is coming under unprecedented strain as their interests diverge.”

Read More: <https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/tensions-pakistan-afghan-taliban-despite-historical-ties/32059510.html>

Taliban, Pakistan Army and the Heroin Networks

27 Sept 2022

“Pakistani military saw the Haqqani network as a key ally, given their location and alliances with numerous jihadist groups, and began investing in their bases while using them as a proxy for engagement with other non-state actors.”

Read More: <https://southasiapress.org/2022/09/27/taliban-pakistan-army-and-the-heroin-networks-natos-latest-investigation-reveals-how-afghanistan-and-pakistan-are-involved-in-narco-trade/>

India, the Taliban, and the Country in Between

Don McLain Gill | 17 Oct 2022

“In a bid to demonstrate more autonomy, Taliban have been engaging in activities that challenge Pakistan’s desire to maintain an uncontested degree of influence over Afghanistan’s affairs.”

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Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan's Cross-Border Activities

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“TTP might accept some restrictions, but not impositions that would prevent them from continuing their jihad to reach their goals in Pakistan, namely the establishment of a (more) Islamic government there.”

Read More: <https://www.globalaffairs.ch/2022/10/03/the-tehrik-e-taliban-pakistan-s-cross-border-activities/>

Pakistan's Army Is Just as Corrupt as the Politicians it Denounces

Ayesha Siddiqi

“Pakistan's politically powerful army seems to be unwilling to tackle Khan in the same manner that it dealt with past governments and leaders that had been removed from power.”

Read More: <https://jacobin.com/2022/08/khan-ouster-pakistan-military-corruption>

Time for a New Beginning

Ahmed Bilal Mehboob | 26 Sept 2022

“Continued baggage of the past and the current state of civil-military relations is creating serious divisions within almost all segments of society, including those which are too sensitive to be exposed to any such divisions.”

Read More: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1711930/time-for-a-new-beginning>

Pakistan: A Fading Fledgling at its 75th Birthday

Senge Sering | 22 Sept 2022

“Pakistan's emergence as a security state let the military generals fill coffers while dumping a plethora of socio-cultural and economic challenges on the common man”

Read More: <https://baltimorepostexaminer.com/pakistan-a-fading-fledgling-at-its-75th-birthday/2022/09/22>

Pakistanis Perceive China as Their ‘Best Friend’

Kristina Kironka and Jeremy Garlick | 14 Oct 2022

“The relatively slow implementation of Chinese infrastructure investment projects in Pakistan bears witness to the fact that security cooperation, with Chinese arms propping up Pakistan’s military, is as much of a priority as economic transformation.”

Read More: <https://thediplomat.com/2022/10/pakistanis-perceive-china-as-their-best-friend/>

Pakistan’s Chinese Bugbear: Growing Attacks Pose a New Security Challenge for Islamabad

Mahendra Ved | 29 Sept 2022

“Chinese presence in Pakistan, with or outside of the CPEC, and the TTP’s defiance, although not directly related, do pose growing security challenges to Pakistan and China, especially when the two want to combine forces to extend the CPEC to Afghanistan.”

Read More: <https://www.southasiamonitor.org/spotlight/pakistans-chinese-bugbear-growing-attacks-pose-new-security-challenge-islamabad>

Baluch Militancy’s Newest and Most Lethal Phase in Pakistan

Kiyya Baloch | 23 Sept 2022

“With the lack of will or inability by Islamabad to resolve the Baluch conflict and with the increasingly lethal attacks by Baluch armed groups, it is evident that Baluch militants are enthusiastic about their new tactics and believe they will exert greater pressure on the Pakistani state.”

Read More: <https://jamestown.org/program/baluch-militancys-newest-and-most-lethal-phase-in-pakistan/>

The Supreme Leader is Still Alive

Barbara Slavin | 20 Sept 2022

“According to the constitution, the Assembly of Experts—a group of eighty-eight senior clerics vetted by another clerical body and then approved in popular elections—picks a new Supreme Leader when the incumbent dies or is otherwise incapacitated.”

Read More: <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/iransource/the-supreme-leader-is-still-alive-but-when-he-does-eventually-die-how-will-succession-play-out/>

The War in Ukraine is pushing Central Asia away from Russia

21 Sept 2022

“While Putin’s dialogue with other Central Asian leaders remained stuck on platitudes about strategic partnership, Xi used the meeting to sign trade deals with Uzbekistan, green-light the construction of a new gas pipeline from Turkmenistan, and push ahead with plans for its Belt and Road Initiative.”

Read More: https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/war-ukraine-pushing-central-asia-away-russia#msdyntrid=pWHQLIUE-KBcBIUlbGCMvxYUK2ajO-vZk_zfoBe-0Hg

Islamic State in Khurasan Province Exploits Tajik Martyrs to Recruit in Central Asia

Lucas Webber | 23 Sept 2022

“Given ISKP’s increased efforts to broaden its appeal with Tajiks, it is likely the group will continue to use Tajik and other ethnic militants to conduct high-profile attacks, produce propaganda, and recruit fighters from these non-Pashtun ethnicities.”

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DR Arpita Hazarika | 18 Oct 2022

“Myanmar’s nuclear ambitions, spotlighted by last month’s announcement that Russia has agreed to help the regime build a nuclear research facility, date back at least seven years.”

Read More: <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/HL2210/S00027/myanmars-nuclear-ambition-will-the-world-be-able-to-handle-the-another-north-korea.htm>

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