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Sunny days begin anew for Pak-US relations

Pakistan receives \$1.1 billion from US; ISI chief meets top US congressmen; Allen-Kayani meeting pledges action against all terrorist sanctuaries

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 After months of frost, US-Pakistan alliance showed on Thursday just how far the thaw had come in a short period of time – or, as a top US commander called it, “an upward spiral” in relations. While the top US commander in Afghanistan General John Allen and Pakistan Army chief General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani met in Rawalpindi, Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Lt Gen Zaeheerul Islam spent a busy day in Washington meeting

top congressional leaders at a dinner. Before the two meetings, Pakistan had confirmed that it had received a massive \$1.1 billion from the US under the overdue Coalition Support Fund (CSF) – the first such payment in close to two years. **Kayani-Allen** In Rawalpindi, “significant progress” was being made in improving cooperation between the allies during the army chief’s meeting with the top US commander in Afghanistan – including on the divisive issue of the

Kayani was quoted as saying that Thursday’s meeting had ‘helped towards improving strategic and operational understanding’

Haqqani network. The talks between Gen Allen and Gen Kayani at the General Headquarters focused on improving security along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, and cooperation between Afghan, Pakistani and Nato troops, said a statement

released by both sides. Sources told *The Express Tribune* that the army chief assured Gen Allen that Pakistan would take action against ‘terrorist sanctuaries’ in the tribal areas provided the US shares ‘actionable intelligence’. Without naming the Haqqani network, a joint statement said Gen Allen and Gen Kayani agreed to expand opportunities for coordinated action against what it called “terrorists on respective sides of the border who threaten Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the region.” According to sources, the

statement was referring to the Haqqani network as well as militants that have launched repeated cross-border raids into Pakistan from Afghanistan’s Kunar and Nuristan provinces. The two generals discussed various options to eliminate the Haqqani network and other insurgent groups, the sources added. The offer by the army chief appears to be a significant departure from Islamabad’s previous reluctance to go after the Haqqani network. However, that may change now, as the two countries publicly hinted at coordinated operations

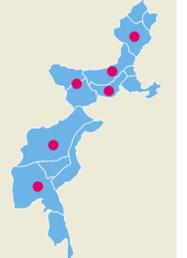
against groups threatening peace on either side of the border. US officials have called repeatedly on Pakistan to move against the Haqqani network, a militant faction loyal to the Afghan Taliban. Earlier this week, *The New York Times* claimed that General Kayani recently told US officials in private that he would launch a three-phase military operation against the Haqqanis over the next 12 months. After the meeting Allen, who is on his first visit since Islamabad ended a blockade **SUMMER OF CONTENT, PAGE 9**



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Misuse of authority? Gilani’s aide sent to UK with Rs6m in hand

A ARIF RANA
 ISLAMABAD
 Former prime minister Yousaf Raza Gilani reportedly granted £40,000 (around Rs6 million) to his principal secretary Kushnood Akhtar Lashari for a ‘medical check-up’ in the United Kingdom, without the recommendation of a medical board. Besides the large sum of public funds, the former premier also approved ex-Pakistan leave for his principal secretary, sources said. Lashari is wanted by the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) for in-

vestigations in the ephedrine drug quota case which also involved Gilani’s younger son Ali Musa. Lashari served as the health secretary in 2010, and the illegal quotas were purportedly approved under his tenure. He was subsequently promoted by the former premier to the post of principal secretary. A senior official of the Prime Minister Secretariat told the Express Investigation Cell that the former premier approved £40,000 for a medical check-up of Lashari in the first week of June – a few days before the Supreme Court disqualified Gilani as prime minister and dismissed his government following contempt proceedings. **MISUSE OF AUTHORITY, PAGE 9**

MV Albedo crew Freed sailors savour sweet homecoming

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 KARACHI
 After nearly two years, seven Pakistani crew members of merchant ship MV Albedo were reunited with their loved ones in an emotional homecoming in Karachi on Thursday. The men, part of the 22 crew onboard the Malaysian-flagged vessel, had been held hostage by Somali pirates since November 26, 2010 and were released on Wednesday after a ransom of \$1.1 million was paid by Pakistani families and donors. **FREED SAILORS, PAGE 9**



ALL SMILES: Captain Jawaid Saleem, who was among the seven released hostages, reunited with his family in Karachi. PHOTO: MOHAMMAD NOMAN/EXPRESS

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