



Weekly Report

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"Pakistan has kneeled before the Taliban by holding talks...What hope can Hindus see in the country's future?" – Hindu activist Kirshan Sharma

Pakistan

Olivia Howard

Pakistan forces violate ceasefire along LoC

- For the fourth time in 11 days, Pakistani troops violated the ceasefire along Line of Control by firing on Indian posts. Indian troops retaliated.
- Source: DNA India

<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-pakistan-forces-violate-ceasefire-along-loc-1985750>

Pakistan's Hindus, other minorities face surge of violence

- An accusation of blasphemy sparked an attack in the town of Larkana, including setting fire to a Hindu temple.
- March was the worst month in 20 years for attacks on Hindus, with five temples attacked. More than 100 Hindu families in Punjab are leaving for India each month. Minorities feel more endangered by state tolerance of militants since Nawaz Sharif became Prime Minister last year, but the security establishment has long used Islamists against opponents at home and abroad.
- Women who are abducted, forced to convert to Islam, and then married off can be legally put to death if they recant Islam.
- Source: Reuters

<http://ca.reuters.com/article/topNews/idCABREA440SU20140505?sp=true>

Journalists in Pakistan 'live under the sword'

- Journalists in Pakistan live under constant threat of killings, harassment, and violence at the hands of intelligence services, political parties, and militant groups.
- The media commission, appointed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan, just launched its report about media regulation. It comes at a time when Pakistani media have been especially critical of the ISI in terms of the disappearances of Baloch separatists and attacks on journalists.
- The Constitution of Pakistan ensures freedom of speech and press, subject to reasonable restrictions, enforced by law, such as in the interest of Islam, national interest, security, or obscenity concerns.
- Source: Deutsche Welle

<http://www.dw.de/journalists-in-pakistan-live-under-the-sword/a-17609214>

Pakistan forces kill 10 separatist militants in Baluchistan

- In past years, bodies of hundreds of members of Baluch political parties, student groups and poets have been discovered in the mineral-rich province. Journalists cannot operate freely there.
- Source: Reuters

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