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EID MUBARIK

While you spend Eid with your loved ones, please help those who are less fortunate.

Help is needed for victims of recent flooding in Pakistan.

USPAK EVENTS

Students perform community service at Salvation Army facility

More than three dozen young women and men were in DC for the USPAK Foundation Summer Youth Conference. As part of their visit, the group volunteered several hours the next day, June 24, at The Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center, a place where the addicted receive help to break free from the bondage of substance abuse. The enthusiastic group of teenage volunteers worked in the courtyard garden and prepared food and hygiene kits for Grate Patrol.



The students with USPAK discovered that the actions of one person can inspire many. Five years ago Muslim Lakhani wanted to put his compassion into action and contacted The Salvation Army. Together we have been able to meet the needs of the homeless on the streets of Washington DC and inspire the generosity of many in our community and across the country. [Click here to watch a](#)

[video highlighting Muslim Lakhani's support of The Salvation Army Grate Patrol.](#)

More media coverage about USPAK Youth Leadership Conference

1. VOA: <http://www.urduvoa.com/content/youth-leadership-conf/1703960.html>.
2. Embassy of Pakistan: [http://embassyofpakistanusa.org/Newsletter/Ild-10-nl-jun2013%20\(2\)\[1\].pdf](http://embassyofpakistanusa.org/Newsletter/Ild-10-nl-jun2013%20(2)[1].pdf)

VIEWPOINT

A New Drone Deal For Pakistan - Daniel Markey

For all its successes, the U.S. drone program in Pakistan is unlikely to survive much longer in its current form. Less than a week after his election on May 11, Pakistan's new prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, reportedly declared to his cabinet that "[the policy of protesting against drone strikes for public consumption, while working behind the scenes to make them happen, is not on.](#)" This fall, Pakistan's national and provincial assemblies will elect a new president, likely a Sharif loyalist, and the prime minister

will also select a new army chief. It is safe to say that these men are unlikely to follow their predecessors in offering tacit endorsements of the United States' expansive counterterrorism efforts.

In other words, the United States is going to have to hammer out a new drone deal with Pakistan in the years ahead, one that is sensitive to Pakistan's own concerns and objectives. This will likely mean that Washington will face new constraints in its counterterrorism operations. But managed with care, a new agreement could put the targeted killing campaign against al Qaeda on firmer political footing without entirely eliminating its effectiveness. [Read More](#)

[See data about drone strikes in Pakistan](#)

Calm Before the Storm- Michael Kugelman

On July 31, following several false starts, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Islamabad for meetings with Pakistan's political and military leadership. And while the visit comes at a turbulent time for Pakistan -- on the heels of a massive jail break in Dera Ismail Khan that saw more than 300 prisoners escape, including at least 25 members of the Pakistani Taliban (TTP) and militant Lashkar-e-Jhangvi group -- it also comes at a time when U.S.-Pakistan relations have been remarkably cordial.

Pakistan's May election, in which the country completed its first democratic transfer of power, appears to have put both capitals in a good mood. Shortly after his electoral triumph, Nawaz Sharif received a congratulatory call from President Barack Obama. Since then, Washington has announced new investments in Pakistan's troubled energy sector, and Sharif has responded by promising to help facilitate America's withdrawal from Afghanistan and by vowing to cooperate on counterterrorism.

The goodwill has lasted since then, allowing for the resurrection of several moribund cooperative initiatives between Washington and Islamabad. For example, the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan, Richard Olson, has stated his desire to re-launch the Strategic Dialogue -- broad-based talks on non-security issues that have been grounded for several years. Meanwhile, on July 16, Pakistan's finance minister, Ishaq Dar, indicated that talks will soon resume on a bilateral investment treaty between the two countries. These negotiations have occurred fitfully since 2005, but hit snags in more recent years. [Read More](#)

Pakistan Now 'One Of The Most Water-Stressed Countries In The World' As 'Demand Exceeds Supply' -JEFF SPROSS

With fewer than 1,000 cubic meters of water available per person, Pakistan is "one of the most water-stressed countries in the world" according to [a new report](#) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The report covers a range of economic concerns for the country, but its conclusion notes that "boosting agricultural productivity and strengthening food security" will require "improving the management, storage, and pricing of water for irrigation." 80 percent of Pakistan's farms are currently irrigated, and the report estimates that the right reforms could double their productivity.

But standing in between Pakistan and that goal is a wealth of challenges. As *The Atlantic* [reports](#), two-thirds of the country's population is under 30 and has already grown enormously over the last few decades. By 2030, it's projected to boom from 180 million residents to 256 million. Climate change is also reducing water flow in the Indus River -- Pakistan's main source of fresh water -- resulting in a pincer move that's rapidly depleting the country's water supplies. [Read More](#)

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