

Reviewing **Indo- Pak** Bilateral Relations

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Hostile statements from India and Pakistan continued in the last quarter of 2018 as ceasefire violations continued at the Line of Control and bilateral relations remained tense. Perhaps the most significant development under the new government of Prime Minister Imran Khan was the offer of opening the Kartarpur corridor for Sikh pilgrims.

The quarter began with a controversy about Azad Jammu and Kashmir's Prime Minister, Raja Farooq Haider's helicopter and whether it strayed over the Line of Control. The Indians claimed that it did, and consequently the Indian Army reportedly fired at the helicopter. Pakistan rejected these claims, passing a unanimous resolution in the National Assembly condemning the attack on a civilian helicopter.

India's Union Home Minister and Army Chief continued to release belligerent statements threatening another surgical strike across the Line of Control. Pakistan's DG ISPR said that Pakistan will respond to a single surgical strike from the Indian side with one of its own. Warmongering between the two sides continued as Home Minister Rajnath Singh performed a "worship of weapons" at the Indo-Pak border, an unprecedented move by any Union Minister or senior member of the government. The Indian Army Chief Bipin Rawat also made a statement calling for the secularization of Pakistan after which India would consider dialogue. Pakistan's Foreign Minister rejected such an idea, and said that Pakistan would remain an Islamic state. The Foreign Office also rejected India's allegations of border infiltration and sponsoring terrorism as propaganda.

In the tense atmosphere in which bilateral relations between India and Pakistan were folding this quarter, respite was offered by the ground-breaking of the much awaited Kartarpur corridor. Speaking to journalists after the ceremony, Foreign Minister Qureshi said that Pakistan wants good relations with India, and peace in the region. A few days prior to the groundbreaking ceremony, Pakistan also issued 3,800 visas to Sikh pilgrims for Guru Prav, and announced its decision to invite Modi to the SAARC summit. In what spelled an end to the very brief good-will brought about by Kartarpur, Modi rejected Pakistan's invitation for the SAARC summit in keeping with its earlier strategy of blocking the SAARC. Pakistan also released a statement soon after, denouncing Indian claims that alleged Pakistan of having ulterior motives for opening the Kartarpur corridor.

Ceasefire violations from both sides continued throughout the quarter, with civilian and military casualties on both sides. A teenage boy, a woman and five other civilians were killed in Indian shelling at the LoC. Military casualties from both sides were also reported. DGMO hot line discussions were held to discuss the situation at the Indo-Pak border. India also called the Pakistani High Commissioner to lodge protest against continuous ceasefire violations. Pakistan did the same.

Atrocities in Indian Occupied Kashmir intensified this quarter. In October, three Kashmiri freedom fighters and six others were killed when an explosion took place in a crowd protesting Indian rule in Kulgam. In December, there was a shutdown in Kashmir as India arrested pro-freedom leaders. Fourteen protestors were also killed and two-hundred injured as Indian forces clamped down on anti-India protests. At the end of December, four boys were killed in a cordon and search operation in Indian Occupied Kashmir; thousands attended their funeral.

Pakistan approached multiple international platforms regarding violence in Kashmir and to gain support for its stance on Kashmir. Mushahid Hussain discussed the atrocities being committed in Indian Occupied Kashmir with the EU, and Maleeha Lodhi spoke on the topic at multiple UN forums. Imran Khan raised the Kashmir issue with UN Chief, Antonio Guterres. Shireen Mazari said that Pakistan fully supports the freedom movement of people from Indian occupied Kashmir. Responding to Indian allegations of offering monetary support to the freedom movement in Kashmir, the DG ISPR said that Pakistan is offering the people of Indian Occupied Kashmir moral and diplomatic support only.

During this quarter, the International Court of Justice announced that it will hear arguments regarding the Indian spy

Kulbhushan Jhadav's case in early 2019. Pakistan also returned a man who entered Pakistan on the pretext of meeting a lover but suspected of being a spy back to India. India similarly returned a Pakistani man who claimed to have similar motives for entering the country.

Pakistan also asked India to share Kishanganga water data, and Pakistan's Commissioner on the Permanent Indus Water Commission, Syed Mehr Ali Shah said that it might launch an aggressive campaign against India over IWT violations, especially because India was not arranging an inspection visit for Pakistan. By the end of the quarter, not much progress had been made in reaching a consensus on the Kishanganga water conflict.

Media Reports		
Kashmir		
04-10-2018 India, Pakistan troops <u>exchanged fire</u> along LoC in Poonch.	Greater Kashmir	
EU parliamentarians <u>vowed to discuss</u> human rights violations in occupied Kashmir.	Express Tribune	
05-10-2018 India <u>claimed</u> that Pakistan's allegation of Indian use of chemical weapons in Kashmir false and malicious.	Times of India	
08-10-2018 Syed Ali Gilani, Chairman of All Parties Hurriyat Conference, <u>said</u> that India not only mishandled but also manhandled Kashmir.	Pakistan Observer	
10-10-2018 During a debate at the UNGA, Pakistan's representative to the UN, Maleeha Lodhi said <u>that India is trampling on human rights</u> in occupied Kashmir, and the international community should take solid and meaningful steps to find a solution to the conflict.	Pakistan Today	
11-10-2018 Indian firing across the Working Boundary <u>injured Pakistani civilian</u> .	Geo News	
12-10-2018 Pakistan's Minister for Human Rights, Dr. Shireen Mazari, said that Pakistan <u>fully supports</u> freedom movement of people of Kashmir.	The News	
14-10-2018 India, Pakistan <u>exchanged fire</u> at Poonch district of the Line of Control. Dismissing notions of material support for Kashmiri freedom fighters in IoK, The <u>DGISPR said</u> that Pakistan is only extending moral, diplomatic support to Kashmiris.	The Kashmir Walla ARY News	
15-10-2018 DG ISPR said that <u>unprovoked firing</u> by Indian troops took place at Chiri Kot Sector.	The Nation	

16-10-2018 In a directive to the Indian Armed Forces, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh <u>said</u> , "It (Pakistan) is our neighbor, so don't fire first. But if even one bullet comes from that side then don't take count of the bullets (fired in retaliation)."	Times of India
10-17-2018 In a speech at the General Assembly's Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee, <u>Maleeha Lodhi said</u> that the UN's decolonization agenda would remain incomplete till it solves the Kashmir issue.	The Nation
20-10-2018 Venkaiah Naidu, Indian Vice-President, at the Asia Europe Summit Meeting <u>rebutted</u> Fahmid Mirza's stance that the Kashmir issue needs to be resolved, saying that, Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India, no questions about it.	The Indian Express
21-10-2018 Pakistani intruder <u>shot dead</u> by BSF in Rajasthan's Sriganganagar.	Economic Times
22-10-2018 Pakistan troops <u>killed 3 soldiers</u> in Indian territory. 3 Kashmiri fighters, 6 civilians <u>killed in Indian held Kashmir</u> when an explosion took place in a crowd protesting Indian rule in the town, Kulgam. PM Imran Khan <u>strongly condemned</u> Indian atrocities in Kashmir.	Times Now The News The News
23-10-2018 India <u>lodges strong protest</u> with Pakistan over killing of 3 soldiers along LoC.	The Economic Times
25-10-2018 Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa visited Pakistani troops deployed at the Line of Control in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), and said that the Kashmir issue continues to be a " <u>core unresolved agenda</u> " and reiterated his support for the right to self-determination of Kashmiris.	Dawn
26-10-2018 Minister for Foreign Affairs Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said that <u>Pakistan wanted good neighbourly ties with India</u> but bilateral relations will naturally remain strained until Kashmir dispute is taken to its logical end.	Express Tribune
01-11-2018 India's foreign ministry <u>raised objections</u> to the Pakistan-China bus route saying that it 'will violate India's sovereignty and territorial integrity'. Indian and Pakistani armies <u>traded fire</u> along the Line of Control in Kupwara. A teenage boy was <u>killed</u> in AJK due to cross-LoC shelling by Indian troops.	Business Insider The News Dawn
02-11-2018 Pakistan's Foreign Office <u>rejected Indian protest</u> over CPEC bus service.	Dawn

03-11-2018 A <u>woman was martyred</u> in unprovoked firing from the Indians along the Line of Control. Director General (SA & SAARC), Dr Mohammad Faisal, summoned the Indian Deputy High Commissioner JP Singh and <u>condemned</u> unprovoked ceasefire violations by the Indian forces along the Line of Control in Bhimbar Sector.	Express Tribune Dunya News
06-11-2018 Minister for Defence Pervez Khattak <u>told the National Assembly</u> that the Pakistan Army was responding to ceasefire violations by Indian forces along the Line of Control and the Working Boundary in a befitting manner and was taking all necessary safeguards to protect life and property of the Pakistani citizens.	Business Recorder
08-11-2018 The <u>ISPR reported</u> that a soldier was martyred in 'unprovoked' firing by Indian forces at the line of control.	Dawn
10-11-2018 Five civilians were <u>critically injured</u> in India's cross-LoC firing.	Pakistan Today
12-11-2018 Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood <u>Oureshi said</u> that India is continuously violating ceasefire agreement and fresh incident of firing at the Line of Control is an attempt to divert world's attention from Kashmir issue. A soldier was <u>killed, and another injured</u> in Pakistan ceasefire violation in Poonch. Army chief <u>Bipin Rawat said</u> that the Army's focus is to ensure that the Kashmiri youth does not join militancy, and also claimed that infiltration was taking place from across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. A sector commander-level <u>meeting was held</u> between India's Border Security Force and the Pakistan Rangers in the Suchetgarh area.	The Nation New Indian Express Times of India Tribune India
13-11-2018 Indian Army claimed that a heavily armed <u>Pakistani intruder was shot dead</u> along the border in Jammu.	Hindustan Times
14-11-2018 Pakistan violated ceasefire in Rajouri district, killing one Indian Army porter.	Devdiscourse News Net
15-11-2018 Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) President Sardar Masood Khan <u>said that conversion of the Line of Control (LoC)</u> into an international border between India and Pakistan has never been considered a viable option to resolve the Kashmir conflict.	Dawn
18-11-2018 Former External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh said that India-Pakistan relations are "<u>chronically accident-prone</u>" and that the future lies in the past as the two countries carry too much baggage.	Economic Times

20-11-2018 2 Indian Army personnel were injured in ceasefire violation in Poonch & Rajouri districts.	Economic Times
21-11-2018 Pakistan's Army Chief <u>warned India</u> over continuous ceasefire violations, and war rhetoric.	Express Tribune
23-11-2018 The Indian and Pakistan armies <u>held a brigade commander level meeting</u> at a border crossing in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch sector to discuss ceasefire violations.	Economic Times
02-12-2018 National Conference (NC) chief and former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, <u>Farooq Abdullah said</u> that his party will continue to fight for the state's autonomy and that just as J&K belongs to India, PoK belongs to Pakistan.	Indian Express
06-12-2018 India and Pakistan <u>trade fire</u> on LoC in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district. A soldier and BSF jawan was <u>killed in a ceasefire violation</u> by Pakistan along the line of control.	Financial Express NDTV
12-12-2018 Sushma Swaraj alleged that Pakistan is illegally occupying Indian territory in Kashmir.	NDTV
13-12-2018 Indian and Pakistani armies <u>traded fire</u> along the LoC in Poonch. Shireen Mazari said that Pakistan <u>seeks concrete steps</u> to solve Kashmir dispute.	Kashmir Life The News
16-12-2018 Pakistan condemns Indian <u>massacre of 14 innocent Kashmiris</u> .	The News
17-12-2018 There was a shutdown across Kashmir as <u>India arrested pro-freedom leaders</u> .	Pakistan Today
21-12-2018 2 Indian Army officers were killed as <u>Pakistan violated ceasefire</u> in J&K's Kupwara district.	India Today
22-12-2018 Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan <u>raised Kashmir issue</u> with Antonio Guterres.	Indian Express
23-12-2018 Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Farooq Abdullah, said that <u>Pakistan should end militancy</u> to improve relationship with India.	The Kashmir Walla
24-12-2018 Schools were closed in Rajouri district as <u>India and Pakistan traded heavy fire</u> on the Line of Control.	New Indian Express

25-12-2018 A <u>civilian was killed</u> as Pakistan committed a ceasefire violation in J&K's Rajouri district.	Times of India
28-12-2018 India <u>lodges strong protest</u> with Pakistan over cross border infiltration, and targeting of civilians.	Money Control
29-12-2018 Four suspected rebels <u>killed in a gun battle</u> in Indian-administered Kashmir.	Al Jazeera
30-12-2018 Indian and Pakistani troops <u>traded heavy fire</u> on LoC in Poonch district.	The Economic Times
31-12-2018 Thousands of people <u>attended funerals</u> of 4 youths killed by Indian troops. 1 woman was killed and 9 other people were injured in ' <u>ruthless</u> ' firing by Indian troops across LoC. The Indian Army said it has <u>foiled an attempt</u> by Pakistani Border Action Team (BAT) to carry out an attack across the Line of Control (LoC) in Naugam sector of Kashmir, killing two suspected Pakistani soldiers.	The News Dawn The Economic Times
Economic Relations	
14-11-2018 A senior aide to Prime Minister Imran Khan said that Pakistan has " <u>no immediate plans</u> " to grant Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to India.	New Indian Express
Bilateral Relations	
01-10-2018 Raja Farooq Haider has claimed that the chopper he was travelling in <u>was "very close" to the LoC but within Pakistan's airspace</u> , and that there was no need for the Indian Army to engage with it. Pakistan's Minister of Religious and Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Noor ul Haq Qadri, was seen sharing the stage with Hafiz Saeed at an event in Islamabad.	Economic Times India Today
02-10-2018 The National Assembly <u>passed a unanimous resolution</u> to condemn the Indian military attack on a civilian helicopter carrying Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Raja Farooq Haider flying inside the territory of AJK.	The News
03-10-2018 The International Court of Justice said that it will <u>hear arguments</u> in early 2019 on the fate of Kulbushan Jadhav, an Indian national sentenced to death in Pakistan for spying, a charge denied by New Delhi.	The Nation

04-10-2018 Foreign Office (FO) Spokesperson Dr Mohammad Faisal said that the opening of the Kartarpur border crossing is <u>conditional on India</u> responding to Pakistan.	Dawn
05-10-2018 Pakistan said it was <u>fully prepared</u> to face challenge to the conviction of Indian spy Kulbhushan Jadhav before the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Pakistan has asked India to immediately <u>share the data</u> showing inflow and discharge of water at the Kishanganga dam and water flows in different rivers.	Dawn Dawn
06-10-2018 Indian journalist Mandira Nayar <u>received the honorary membership</u> of the Lahore Press Club (LPC). Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh said that Pakistan and China had a long-term <u>strategy to destroy Indian Army</u> by smuggling in vast quantities of drugs in the country. Kuldeep <u>Nayyar's ashes</u> were immersed in Ravi.	Pakistan Today Economic Times The News
08-10-2018 Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood <u>Qureshi said</u> that New Delhi has always been averse to third-party mediators in ties between Pakistan and India. An <u>Indian man was arrested</u> for leaking Brahmos missile secrets to Pakistan.	The Express Tribune India Today
11-10-2018 Pakistan is <u>against an arms race in the region</u> , Foreign Office (FO) Spokesperson Dr Muhammad Faisal said while commenting on the recent India-Russia air defence system deal.	Dawn
12-10-2018 In a clear reference to cross-border terrorism from Pakistan, Defence Minister Nirmala <u>Sitharaman said</u> that the presence of terror infrastructure and state support to terrorists in the immediate neighbourhood are constantly testing India's patience.	News 18
13-10-2018 Indian cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu <u>stirred controversy</u> by saying that going to Pakistan is better than South India owing to the cultural similarities.	The Express Tribune
14-10-2018 Indian officials announced that Home Minister Rajnath <u>Singh will celebrate Dussehra</u> and perform 'shastra puja' in Bikaner along the highly sensitive Indo-Pak border. DG ISPR, Asif Ghafoor, said that "If India dares to launch a surgical strike inside Pakistan it will face <u>10 surgical strikes in response</u> ."	Economic Times Economic Times

15-10-2018 Adviser to the Prime Minister on Climate Change Malik said that cross-border factors contributing to smog in the country were being monitored through satellite, and discussions were underway with India at the foreign office level to curb the menace of air pollution. The Bharatiya Janata Party <u>demand</u>ed the <u>sacking</u> of Punjab minister Navjot Singh Sidhu for his analogy between visiting Pakistan and South India.	Pakistan Today Gulf Times
17-10-2018 The Indian Army said that there has been <u>no change in terror infrastructure</u> across the Line of Control after Imran Khan took charge as Pakistan Prime Minister, and termed the security situation along the LoC "fragile" due to continuous attempts by Pakistan to push infiltrators into Jammu and Kashmir.	Times of India
18-10-2018 India said the <u>onus was on Pakistan</u> to create conducive conditions for talks by taking steps such as action against terrorists and terror infrastructure operating from its soil. A top Indian Army commander said that <u>surgical strike is only one of wide spectrum of options</u> available to India against terror infrastructure across the Line of Control and the Indian Army will take action as the situation warrants.	Times of India Economic Times
19-10-2018 President Dr Arif Alvi has urged the Foreign Office and the concerned stakeholders to engage <u>in 'a constructive dialogue'</u> with India to achieve bilateral and multilateral arrangements on trans-boundary water matters. Home Minister Rajnath Singh <u>celebrated Dasehra</u> with BSF jawans and performed "shastra puja" along the India-Pakistan border. Pakistan <u>criticized and downplayed</u> India's acquisition of the Russian-made S-400 Triumph air defense system, claiming Islamabad can counter the threat.	The Express Tribune Tribune India Voice of America
21-10-2018 Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan <u>condemned India's train tragedy</u> which claimed the lives of 59 people. The deceased were watching the burning of effigies as part of the Dussehra festival when a commuter train ran over them.	Khaleej Times
22-10-2018 India asked Pakistan to take back the bodies of two intruders who were "<u>dressed in combat uniform</u>" and were part of a group that had crossed the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir and attacked an Indian Army patrol, killing three soldiers and injuring a fourth.	Economic Times
23-10-2018 Pakistan said that it would <u>launch an aggressive campaign</u> to address its concerns over violation of the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) by India. India and Pakistan said they will <u>hold DGMO (Director General of Military Operations) level talks</u> during which the Indian side said it will lodge a strong protest over the recent killing of its jawans in a Border Action Team (BAT) attack near the Line of Control and increased infiltration bids by terrorists.	Dawn Zee News

24-10-2018 Union Home Minister <u>Rajnath Singh said</u> that the Modi government is willing to hold dialogue with Pakistan provided it stops sponsoring cross-border terrorism.	Times of India
27-10-2018 Pakistan's Supreme Court (SC) <u>reinstated a ban</u> on the transmission of Indian content on local television channels, setting aside an earlier verdict by the Lahore High Court (LHC). The <u>Indian Army Chief said</u> , "If Islamabad continues to back cross-border aggression, then the Indian Army will resort to take 'other actions' too."	Dawn Express Tribune
29-10-2018 State Minister for Interior, <u>Shehryar Afridi said</u> that the statement of the Indian army chief is unacceptable, irresponsible and unethical for chances of improvement in bilateral relations between Pakistan and India.	The Nation
02-11-2018 Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi <u>told the National Assembly</u> that the Attorney General of Pakistan has a finalized strategy regarding the next hearing of Kulbhushan Jadhav's case at International Court of Justice (ICJ). Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi stated that India has taken on an <u>"aggressive" attitude</u> towards situations regarding the upcoming general elections which now require New Delhi to review its confrontation policy.	ARY News The News
04-11-2018 China announced that it backs Pakistan's <u>'quest for peace through dialogue'</u> with India.	Economic Times
05-11-2018 Indian Prime Minister <u>Narendra Modi announced</u> that the country's first nuclear ballistic missile submarine has completed its first deterrence patrol.	Dawn
08-11-2018 Pakistan has taken notice of a first "deterrence patrol" of an Indian nuclear submarine and subsequent "self-congratulatory messages in India", Foreign Office Spokesperson <u>Dr Mohammad Faisal said</u> during his weekly briefing in Islamabad.	Dawn
09-11-2018 Indian government has <u>enhanced the financial decision-making powers</u> of the vice-chiefs of three forces "by five times" to ensure the armed forces can build up ammunition stocks and undertake other projects through revenue procurements. India announced that it will <u>attend a meeting</u> with Taliban in Moscow. India cleared sale of <u>'enemy shares'</u> held by people who moved to Pakistan.	The News The News Express Tribune
11-11-2018 12 Indian <u>fishermen were arrested</u> for violating Pakistan's territorial waters.	ARY News
14-11-2018 Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi <u>ruled out any progress</u> in peace talks with India before the upcoming general elections in the neighbouring country.	Pakistan Today

15-11-2018 Pakistan's Foreign Office <u>dismisses Indian PM's statement</u> accusing Pakistan of sponsoring terror.	Business Recorder
16-11-2018 Indian Punjab's Chief Minister, Amarinder Singh, said relations between India and Pakistan cannot improve <u>till Pakistan's military is tamed</u> .	Times of India
21-11-2018 Pakistan <u>issued visas</u> to over 3800 Sikh pilgrims for Guru Parv.	Pakistan Today
22-11-2018 Pakistan <u>rejected India's allegation</u> of its involvement in Amritsar blast.	Times of India
24-11-2018 Indian politicians <u>condemned</u> twin terror attacks in Pakistan.	Pakistan Today
27-11-2018 Former prime minister Manmohan Singh <u>stressed on friendly relations</u> between India and Pakistan while expressing the hope the saner elements would prevail on both sides. Pakistan announced that it would <u>extend an invitation</u> to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for attending the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit.	New India Express Pakistan Today
28-11-2018 Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan <u>inaugurated a new visa-free corridor</u> between the gurdwara at Kartarpur and the Indian town of Dera Baba Nanak, about six kilometres away.	Al-Jazeera
29-11-2018 Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, said that <u>Pakistan needs peace in the region</u> and good relations with India. India <u>turned down</u> Pakistan's invite to PM Modi for SAARC Summit.	Samaa TV Tehran Times
01-12-2018 Indian Army Chief General Bipin Rawat on Saturday said that Pakistan has to <u>develop as a secular state</u> if it wants to enjoy good ties with India. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said that Indian Army chief General Bipin Rawat's recent statement calling for secularisation of Pakistan is meaningless and that it <u>will not change</u> the country's ideology. Pakistan <u>denounced Indian media propaganda</u> over Kartarpur corridor.	Dunya News Pakistan Today The News
02-12-2018 Home minister Rajnath Singh said Pakistan <u>can seek India's help</u> if it cannot handle the fight against terrorism alone.	Times of India

03-12-2018 China welcomes India and Pakistan's efforts to open Kartarpur Corridor.	The Economic Times
06-12-2018 India tried to politicize Kartarpur border opening, <u>said Pakistan PM Imran Khan</u> .	Hindustan Times
09-12-2018 Claiming that Pakistan Army General Qamar Javed Bajwa had broken the news of opening of the Kartarpur Corridor to Navjot Singh Sidhu even before Imran Khan was sworn in as their prime minister, Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh today, dubbed the whole affair as a " <u>bigger conspiracy</u> " hatched by the Pak army.	NDTV
12-10-2018 Indian diplomat <u>walked out during SAARC summit</u> , taking offence to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir minister's presence. India's <u>cooperation needed</u> to resolve Afghan conflict, said FM Qureshi.	Business Insider Dawn
14-12-2018 The Indian Punjab Legislative Assembly unanimously decided <u>to seek swapping</u> of land with Pakistan to bring the historic Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib into Indian territory.	The Tribune
15-12-2018 23 Indian passports <u>go missing</u> from Pakistan high commission.	Times of India
18-12-2018 Indian spy Hamid Nehal Ansari <u>crossed Wagah border</u> after repatriation from Pakistan	Dawn
20-12-2018 Rajnath Singh said that Pakistan is perpetrating terror activities in India through J&K.	India Today
21-12-2018 Pak <u>rejected Indian request</u> to swap Kartarpur with another piece of land. Tensions appeared between Pakistan and India, this time on the Jinnah House, the property of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah in Mumbai which the Modi government now <u>wants to transfer</u> to the Ministry of External Affairs.	NDTV Dawn
22-12-2018 India announced its decision to <u>release Pakistani inmate</u> who 'fell in love in India'.	Pakistan Today
25-12-2018 Pakistan army chief <u>backs PM Khan's peace overtures</u> to India.	Tehran Times
26-12-2018 Two Pakistani prisoners <u>released by India</u> reach home via Wagah border.	Dawn

27-12-2018 Pakistan <u>rejected allegations</u> of harassment of Indian diplomats.	Pakistan Today
29-12-2018 Islamabad <u>proposed 500 permits</u> for Kartarpur pilgrims.	Express Tribune
Media & Culture	
03-10-2018 A <u>three-day hearing</u> before the International Cricket Council over the botched cricket agreement on bilateral series between Pakistan and India concluded.	Geo News
10-10-2018 The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) <u>replied to International Cricket Council (ICC)</u> over a miscarried cricket agreement on bilateral series between Pakistan and India. In its letter, PCB pointed out its financial loss given India's reluctance with the agreement between the two cricketing boards.	The News
16-10-2018 PCB chairman Ehsan Mani said that the BCCI stance on India-Pakistan matches is ' <u>hypocrisy</u> '.	ESPN
20-11-2018 ICC <u>rejected</u> Pakistan's compensation claim over India.	Sport 24
21-11-2018 Former BCCI president Anurag Thakur <u>welcomed ICC dispute panel's judgment</u> , which dismissed Pakistan's compensation claims against India.	Sports Star
25-11-2018 Pakistan's squad reaches India to play hockey World Cup.	Pakistan Today