

CRISIS:

- Tension has been escalating in the border area between Afghanistan and Pakistan over the past few months.
- 75 Pakistani troops have been captured by Taleban forces and are being held hostage on Afghan territory.
- The Taleban has informed the government that if they do not remove their military forces from the North West Frontier Province (NWFP), cease cooperation with the monkey devil USA, then the captured troops will be executed
- The support for the Taleban by locals is growing, since Musharraf is not respected for among other reasons, his foreign policy (supporting the US war against terrorism)
- Musharraf has asked for help from the international community, especially the NATO forces present in Afghanistan – to ‘up their game’ against the Taleban and prevent the insurgents from entering Pakistani territory (spillover effects, weaken Pakistan).
Ultimatum: Musharraf will act unilaterally against the Taleban regardless of the current NATO mission
- In the mean time, Pakistan military forces have already been mobilized in the border area (possibility of infringing national sovereignty)

Uniscope article:

Information for the journalists:

In mid-July last year, the ceasefire between pro-Taleban militants and the Pakistan army collapsed. Ever since, the activities of the Taleban have stepped up in the region, causing escalating violence. After numerous recent attacks on military convoys, the Pakistan army sent helicopter gunships and jet fighters to target suspected militant positions in several villages. Scores of people were killed. The army says they were militants and soldiers. But locals report many civilians are amongst the dead. Correspondents say that these military campaigns are deeply unpopular in Pakistan. They are widely seen as carried out under American pressure since Washington wants Pakistan to crack down on pro-Taleban and al-Qaeda fighters near the Afghan border. For this reason, the Taleban has been growing local supporters.

75 Pakistani troops have been captured by Taleban forces near the city of Mir Ali, the second biggest town in the tribal district of North Waziristan, after fierce fighting took place for the past few days. The exact whereabouts of the captured troops are unknown, but the Pakistani military intelligence has placed them in Afghanistan. The Taleban has provided the Pakistani government with an ultimatum, the terms of which are still unknown. The Pakistan military is mobilizing its troops at the border with Afghanistan.

Uniscope article #2:

Kido Koenig will talk to the journalists and brief them so they can write an article.

Statement by Pakistan:

Distinguished Security Council members,

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan is deeply saddened by the current situation in which Pakistani soldiers look death in the eyes. As you know, we have been suffering from extreme internal turmoil in the past months. The ultimatum put to us by the Taleban is therefore most

unwelcome. The Taleban have been very sepcific in their demands. However, the Pakistani government does not intend to meet them.

As for the rebuilding mission in Afghanistan, we have up until now been cooperative and supportive of the coalition forces. However, this situation makes us pose the question wether the mission has been effective enough in countering the Taleban activity.

From Pakistan's perspective, the key to rebuilding Afghanistan is to eradicate the Taleban. In our North West Frontier Provincie and in Afghanistan still, they are increasing their activities. They are even gaining support from local people and recruiting new terrorists among them. How will we build up a beautiful garden without exterminating the weed at it's root? To us, this is the garden next door and it's weed is infesting our property.

Therefore we see only two options to solve this crisis.

1. The international community will increase it's activities and effectiveness in defeating the Taleban. This will mean an significant increase in numbers of international troops in Afghanistan and a stronger an more active anti-Taleban approach of the current mission.
2. The Pakistani government will send a large number of troops to fight the Taleban and retrieve our captured soldiers. In doing this, we will cross the Afghan border and fight regardless of the current international mission. Heavy fighting will not be avoided.

Our choice depends on the decision of the international community. We need more support in battling Taleban. If not, we will make the decision to act unilaterally.

Considering the pressing matter at hand, we urge the Security Council to make its decision within 24 hours, as not only are the lives of our troops at stake, but our nation as a whole.

Important Positions in the Security Council.

Belgium: We can't have a war like that, because it will stop the rebuilding and breed more chaos.

Qatar

Congo

Ghana

South Africa

Slovakia: Rather not a war.

Italy: Rather not a war.

UK: Don't interfere with our mission.

USA: Doesn't want Pakistan to break its good relations with USA and doesn't want interference with the mission.

China: Doesn't like the idea of infringing on Afghan sovereignty, but supports Pakistan.

Russia: Feels that Pakistan should clean up its own mess, even if it means invading Afghanistan.

France: Rather not a war, but increasing the NATO-mission will be difficult and costly. Keep it as 'calm' as possible.

Pakistan:

- Cannot 'only increase its activity in its own country', because the soldiers are being held captive in Afghanistan and there are new Taleban coming in from Afghanistan, which they want to stop.
- One of the reasons there are people collaborating with the Taleban in the NWFP, is that Pakistan is working together with the USA. The outcome of this ultimatum might be that this cooperation is decreasing and that might increase support in the NWFP for the Pakistani government.

Statement by the Secretariat

Excellencies, members of the security council,

I have called you all here, for there is a pressing crisis that I believe deserves your attention. As I am sure you all have been informed, 75 Pakistani troops have been captured by Taleban militia in the North-West Frontier Province in Pakistan. They are being kept hostage in an unknown location in Afghanistan.

The Taleban has informed the government that if they do not remove their military forces from the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and cease cooperation with the monkey devil USA, then the captured troops will be executed.

We have with us today, the highly esteemed ambassador of Pakistan, who is willing to address this council. We are very thankful for that.

As for the secretariat, we would urge this committee to engage upon this matter immediately. South Asia and the Middle-East form a region of concern to us, for obvious reasons. Therefore, to let this situation escalate would be unwise and irresponsible. The secretariat will provide you with information you can use to resolve this crisis.

To inform us on the response made by Pakistan, I would kindly request the honourable chair of your committee to give the floor to the Pakistani ambassador.

The Secretariat