

# Editorial

Imphal, Tuesday, October 27, 2015

## Fixing the broken window

Consider a building with a few broken windows. If the windows are not repaired, the tendency is for vandals to break a few more windows. Eventually, they may even break into the building, and if it's unoccupied, perhaps become squatters or light fires inside. Or consider a pavement. Some litter accumulates. Soon, more litter accumulates. Eventually, people even start leaving bags of refuse from take-out restaurants there or even break into cars. If the concept is to be applied to the law and order situation in our society with special emphasis to the prevailing system of administration and governance, one would find the same psychological response to the prevailing situation. This very social phenomena is termed the Broken Window Theory - introduced by James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling in an article titled Broken Windows, in the March 1982 The Atlantic Monthly following an experiment by Philip Zimbardo, a Stanford psychologist who tested the theory in 1969. Unsurprisingly for many, the test concluded that vandalism, or for that matter, most forms of social disturbances occurs much more quickly as the community generally seems apathetic. Similar events can occur in any civilized community when communal barriers - the sense of mutual regard and obligations of civility - are lowered by actions that suggest apathy. In other words, the theory posits that the prevalence of disorder creates fear in the minds of citizens who are convinced that the area is unsafe. This withdrawal from the community weakens social controls that previously kept criminals in check. Once this process begins, it feeds itself. Disorder causes crime, and crime causes further disorder and crime. A lot of social discrepancies between the accepted social norms and the ground reality can be explained based on this theory. The snowballing effect of corruption, favoritism, unrest and elitism being increasingly experienced by the general public in the state can be understood more clearly and objectively when one understands the psychology behind the cause of such undesirable social occurrences. But understanding the cause is not the panacea to the festering problem, it is rather the beginning of a long and tedious process of reforms and redressals which should be pursued relentlessly. But the task at hand is easier said than done. The present system of administration and governance which has been consciously shaped and engineered to comply and conform to the interests of a precious few having access to power and connections, with the added bonus of having in place various mechanisms to protect and cover the nefarious activities and conniving characteristics of those fortunate few, needs to be pulled down and a radical system to administration and governance has to be drawn up to be implemented without further ado. In short, an overhauling of the deep rooted social evils and malpractices that has been inextricably intertwined with the present system is the need of the hour. If the present government does not have the gumption to own up and make the much delayed changes, the general public will be forced to act on their behalf. Time to fix the broken window is running out for the government.

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## National & International News

# Afghanistan-Pakistan earthquake toll rises to 311, search on for survivors

**AP Peshawar, Oct. 27:** Officials say rescuers are struggling to reach quake-stricken regions in Pakistan and Afghanistan as the combined death toll from the previous day's earthquake rose to 311. According to Afghan and Pakistani officials, 237 people died in Pakistan and 74 in Afghanistan in the magnitude-7.5 quake, which was centered deep beneath the Hindu Kush mountains in Afghanistan's sparsely populated Badakhshan province bordering Pakistan, Tajikistan and China. Wais Ahmad Barkam, the Afghan minister for disaster management says 266 people were also injured in Afghanistan. Pakistani government official Amir Afaq said Tuesday that civil and military authorities had reached the remote, impoverished areas in the country's northwest to help the quake victims. "We are transporting tents, medicines and other items to quake-hit areas," he said. The quake damaged nearly 2,000 homes in the area, he said. Troops and military doctors had reached the quake zone and were engaged in rescue work, Pakistani army spokesman Lt. Gen. Asif Saleem Bajwa said. The quake shook buildings in the

Afghan capital of Kabul early Monday afternoon for up to 45 seconds, creating cracks in walls and shutting down power. Frightened workers who had just returned from lunch break rushed out of swaying buildings in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad and the Indian capital of New Delhi. "I was praying when the massive earthquake rattled my home. I came out in a panic," said Munir Anwar of Liaquat Pur in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province. Afghan authorities struggled to reach the hardest-hit areas in Afghanistan near the epicenter, located 73 kilometers (45 miles) south of Fayzabad, the capital of Badakhshan province. Abdul Humayoon Dehqan, the head of the National Disaster Management Authority's provincial office, said he knew of only 12 dead and 20 injured in the province, mostly in collapsed buildings, and that his teams would not reach affected areas until Tuesday to get a better count. Despite vast mineral deposits, Badakhshan is one of Afghanistan's poorest provinces. It is often hit by earthquakes, but casualty figures are usually low because it is so sparsely populated, with fewer than 1 million people spread across its vast mountains and valleys. It also suffers from floods, snowstorms and mudslides. Taliban-led insurgents have used its remote valleys as cover recently to seize districts as they spread their footprint across the country. Dehqan said some districts remain under Taliban control "and we don't know how we will be able to help people in those areas." In Takhar province, west of Badakhshan, 12 students at a girls'



school were killed in a stampede as they fled shaking buildings, said Sonatullah Taimor, the spokesman for the provincial governor. Another 42 girls were taken to a hospital in the provincial capital of Taluqan. The US said it has emergency shelters and relief supply kits stored in warehouses throughout Afghanistan that could be used. White House spokesman Josh Earnest says the US government has been in touch with officials in Afghanistan and Pakistan and is ready to provide any additional support. Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who was travelling, said in a televised comment from London that he planned to fly to the quake-affected region Tuesday. He called the quake a "tragedy," saying most of the casualties and damage were reported in remote areas in the country's northwest. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had contacted Sharif to offer help, Pakistani state-run media said. Pakistani TV said Sharif thanked Modi for the offer but provided no further details. Pakistan will not issue any appeals to the international community for help as the country has the required resources to carry out the rescue and relief work, said Information Minister Pervez Rashid. "We have enough resources to handle the situation. Our top priority is to help those affected because of the earthquake," Rashid told a news conference. Pakistan was hit by a 7.6-magnitude earthquake on 8 October, 2005, that killed more than 80,000 people and left more than 3 million homeless, most in the northwest of the country and in the divided region of Kashmir. That quake was much shallower than Monday's — 10 kilometers (6 miles) below the surface, compared with 213 kilometers (130 miles) — and thus caused greater damage, said Mohammad Hanif, an official at the Meteorological Department. In Srinagar, tremors caused buildings to sway and electrical wires to swing wildly, residents said. People ran from buildings shouting, crying and chanting religious hymns to try to keep calm. "I thought it was the end of the world," shopkeeper Iqbal Bhat said. Kashmir's Chief Secretary BR Sharma said the quake had caused limited damage, though in some areas "many houses and government buildings have developed cracks, and some have also partially collapsed."

## Encounter between security forces and militants in Kashmir

**ANI Pulwama, Oct 27:** Indian security forces and militants engaged in a fierce gun battle in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir. The encounter began in Drabgam village after a joint team of army and police launched a search operation following a tip-off. The militants opened fire at the security personnel, triggering the gun battle. Exchange of fire is underway between the two sides. Two militants are holed up in the area, said local media. India and Pakistan have fought three wars since becoming independent countries in 1947, two of them over the Himalayan region of Kashmir, which both claim in full but rule in part.

## President Mukherjee meets Geeta

**ANI New Delhi, Oct. 27:** President Pranab Mukherjee on Tuesday met Geeta, the hearing and speech impaired girl who returned to India at Rashtrapati Bhawan here. The members of the Edhi Foundation were also present. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also met Geeta, yesterday at his official 7, Race Course Road (RCR) residence here. The PM had announced Rs 1-crore contribution for Edhi Foundation, the Pakistani organisation that took care of Geeta during her 15-year stay in the country.

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## More State news

## Assam Rifles Apprehends UG Cadre

**PRO(DEFENCE) Imphal, Oct 27:** Based on specific intelligence regarding movement of a UG cadre, troops of the 16 Assam Rifles of 10 Sector AR under the aegis of HQ IGAR

(South) launched an operation in the general area Taretkhil and apprehended one KYKL cadre on 25 Oct 2015. The apprehendee was identified as Batch No 02 of 2002, Sanassam Tendin Mete, aged 28

years, S/o Sanassam Manglemjao, resident of village Tumukhong Awang Lekai, PO - Lamlong, PS - Yaripek, District - Imphal East. The apprehendee was handed over to the Sagolmang Police Station.

## Manipur Terriers organise Medical Camp

**PRO(DEFENCE) Imphal, Oct 27:** Manipur Terriers' under the aegis of Red Shield Division conducted a Medical Camp on 23 Oct 15 at Zadong memorial Hall, Kamhiron. 500 locals from Kamhiron, Kekrukaki, Naga, Kaimai, Borah, Rengpang and Nungba village attended the camp. One Army doctor and two nursing assistants provided medical assistance to the people along with free distribution of



medicines. The village authorities have lauded the services of the Indian Army, towards the local populace.

## Senapati Brigade Apprehends UG Cadres

**PRO(DEFENCE) Imphal, Oct 27:** Troops of Jwalamukhi Battalion of Senapati Brigade under Red Shield Division apprehended an active cadre of KRA in an operation carried out on 22 Oct 15. The cadre was apprehended from IT Road Turibari village of Senapati district. The apprehend is identified as SS SgtHaominthangHangsing alias Sparrow age-25 years, s/o LamneahHangsing resident of villWakotphai, PO Chalwa, PS

Kangpokpi, of Senapati district and had joined the insurgent group in 2006. The individual was apprehended alongwith a Sword, cash Rs 200/-, one Micromax Mobile and one BSNL SIM Card. He has been reportedly involved in many extortion and nefarious activities on the IT Road. In another operation by the Battalion on 25 Oct 15, three active cadre of KRA (U) were apprehended from Khenjang village of Senapati district. The cadres alongwith recoveries were handed over to Police.

LalmiseiSingit age 18 years s/o G i n l e n S i n g i t, ChonglenglumMisao age 19 years s/o AletMisao and CamyaleinChongloi age 19 years s/o SehehanChongloi, residents of VillKhenjang, PO Motbung, PS Saparmaina of Senapati district. The individuals were apprehended alongwith twoAK-47 Rifles, 10 live ammunition of AK-47, 14 live ammunition of M-16 and two Magazines of AK-47 Rifle. The cadres alongwith recoveries were handed over to Police.