



Patriots Speak

Weekly Newsletter of Patriots' Forum
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Dear Enlightened Readers,

This has been a positive week from the point of view of India:

- ✓ India, South Korea signed strategy pact.
- ✓ India makes grants for Vietnam.
- ✓ US assures "iron-clad" security to Gulf allies;
- ✓ Lankan Tamils formally called off their civil war;
- ✓ Former Egyptian President gets death sentence;
- ✓ Maoists plan major strike in Bastar (Chhattishgarh);
- ✓ B B King, the noted guitarist and singer is no more;
- ✓ ISIS continue their activities. It earns one bn US dollars per day.
- ✓ Jamaat in Bangladesh wants jihad in West Bengal and Assam:
- ✓ The Indian Prime Minister had successful visits to China, South Korea and Vietnam:
- ✓ For the first time, India and China spoke the same language on terror, 24 pacts signed.
- ✓ Half of Syria is ISIS, including the historic city of Palmyra, whose cultural heritage they are destroying;
- ✓ January 19 marked the 24th death (he was assassinated) anniversary of former Prime Minister of India.

Thanking you & with regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Geopolitical:

- **India, China Finally On Same Page On Terror:** This was the first-ever any such statement, having longer than usual section on terrorism. ([The Hindustan Times, May 16, 2015](#))
- **Indian Prime Minister's 3-day Visit To China—26 Pacts Worth 22bn US Dollar.** ([All Press, May 17, 2015](#))
- **US Assures (May15) "Ironclad" Security to Gulf Allies:** This was in the context of apprehensions arising from likely N-treaty with Iran. ([Reuters, The Asian Age, May 16, 2015](#))
- **Morsi Gets Death In Jailbreak Case:** The first President in Egypt's history to get death sentence. ([May 17, 2015](#))
- **Saudi Procuring Nukes From Pak:** So, said a US official. ([The Hindustan Times, May 19, 2015](#))
- **Special, Strategic Partnership With South Korea:** This was signed during Indian Prime Minister's visit. South Korea offers 10bn US dollar to India for infrastructure development. Backs India's bid for UNSC membership. ([All Press, May 19, 2015](#))
- **Lanka Tamils Mark End Of Civil War Openly:** This was on May 18, 2015. A big development with high hopes. ([AFP, The Asian Age, May 19, 2015](#))
- **Israel To Partner India To Develop Missile System:** This was part of strategic partnership. Deal likely soon. ([The Times Of India, May 21, 2015](#))
- **Former Afghan President Mr Hamid Karzai calls on the Prime Minister:** <http://www.security-risks.com/news/former-afghan-president-mr-hamid-karzai-calls-on-the-prime-minister-595.html>
- **Battlefield Gains for IS Raise Fears of Assault on Baghdad:** <http://www.security-risks.com/security-trends-south-asia/other-security-trends/battlefield-gains-for-is-raise-fears-of-assault-on-baghdad-4852.html>

International Terrorism:

- **ISIS Seizes Govt. HQ In Iran's Ramadi:** This is the capital of Anbar province (May 15). ([HT, May 16, 2015](#))
- **Suicide Attacks Killed 10 Policemen In Ramadi.** ([AP, The Pioneer, May 16, 2015](#))
- **Top ISIS Commander Killed In Syria:** This was on Friday and was done by US forces. ([All Press, May 17, 2015](#))
- **Car Bomb On EU Vehicle Killed 3:** It was a Taliban suicide attack on Sunday. ([AP, HT, May 18, 2015](#))
- **Syria Beats Back ISIS from Palmyra. It is historic site.** ([AP, The Hindustan Times, May 18, 2015](#))
- **Truce Ends, Saudi Airstrikes Resume In Yemen.** ([Agencies, The Hindustan Times, May 19, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Captured Ramadi:** Around 500 Iraqi civilians and soldiers killed. ([AP, The Hindustan Times, May 19, 2015](#))

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- **ISIS Jihadis Entering Europe As Migrants.** ([The Independent](#), [The Times Of India](#), [May 18, 2015](#))
- **Taliban Blast Near Govt. Building In Kabul Killed 5:** It was a car bomb on May 19 near the Ministry of Justice. The Taliban vows to kill more. ([Reuters](#), [All Press](#), [May 20, 2015](#))
- **Suicide Bomber Killed 9 In Nigerian Market, 14 Hurt:** This was in the northeast on May 19, 2015.
- **JMB Wants To Wage Jihad In West Bengal And Assam:** So was revealed by an Indian accused arrested in connection with the Burdwan case of October 2, 2014. ([The Hindustan Times](#), [May 21, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Storms Palmyra In Syria, Threatens Heritage Sites.** ([Reuters](#), [The Asian Age](#), [May 21, 2015](#))
- **"ISIS Rakes In 1mn US dollar Per Day In Extortion And Taxation":** This was according to analysts in Rand Corporation. ([PTI](#), [The Pioneer](#), [May 21, 2015](#))
- **ISIS In Egypt Call For Attacks On Judges:** This was in retaliation for hanging of six convicted militants. ([AFP](#), [The Asian Age](#), [May 22, 2015](#))

Terrorism India:

- **3 Security Men, 2 Maoists Killed In Chhattisgarh Encounter:** This was on Sunday. ([All Press](#), [May 18, 2015](#))
- **Maoists Plan For Major Strike In Bastar:** So was disclosed by an arrested Maoist commander. It may even come by May 25. ([The Asian Age](#), [May 21, 2015](#))
- **Militants Won't Allow Pandits To Resettle In Kashmir:** Also, contend, "Pak Flags Will Continue to Appear In Valley". ([The Asian Age](#), [May 18, 2015](#))

Indian Economy:

- **India's Economic Growth To Better China's In 2015—2016: UN Report:** This mid-year update was released on May 19. ([PTI](#), [The Pioneer](#), [May 21, 2015](#))

General:

- **Raksha Mantri Visits Army Posts in Rajouri Area:** <http://www.security-risks.com/news/raksha-mantri-visits-army-posts-in-rajouri-area-594.html>
- **The King Is Gone:** Legendary US guitarist and singer B B King died in sleep at 89 on May 15. ([May 16, 2015](#))

Mahan Maharana Pratap: Maharana Pratap or Pratap Singh (9 May 1540 – 29 January 1597) was the ruler of Mewar, a region in north-western India in the present day state of Rajasthan. His birth anniversary (Maharana Pratap Jayanti) is celebrated as full-fledged festival every year. He was son of Maharani Jayantabai and King Udai Singh II founder of Udaipur. He belonged to the Sisodia clan of Rajputs. Maharana Pratap Singh is widely regarded as a fearless warrior and ingenious strategist, who successfully fought the Mughals and safeguarded his people until his death. In popular Indian culture, he is hailed as an inspirational figure for exemplifying gallantry and resourcefulness, and for being one of the earliest proponents of Indian patriotism.

Akbar sent a total of six diplomatic missions to Pratap, seeking to negotiate the same sort of peaceful alliance that he had concluded with the other Rajput chiefs. Each time Pratap refused to accept Akbar's suzerainty, arguing that the Sisodia Rajputs had never accepted any foreign ruler as their overlord, nor will he. The enmity was long-standing: the grandfathers of Pratap and Akbar - Rana Sanga and Babur, respectively — had previously fought against each other. Akbar then sent Mann Singh with the Mughal army. Rana Pratap positioned his army in the Haldighati Pass. The skirmishers and vanguard were slowly moving towards the hill when the Mewar cavalry came roaring, the Mughal troop was defeated, many even did not stand to fight.

Rana Pratap was commanding the centre of his army, while the left wing was under his vassal Maan Singh Jhala, and right under Tanwar Rajputs. Maharana Pratap on his horse Chetak continued warring against Maan Singh. At one point of time, Chetak even bounced at Maan Singh's elephant so that Maharana Pratap could hurl the spear, but it was missed. However, Maharana Pratap was heavily wounded. Meanwhile, Maan Singh Jhala saw the degrading condition of Mewar's army. He thought as long as Mewar's leader Maharana Pratap will be alive, there will always be a hope of freedom against the Mughals. He quickly took the silver chattra (a sign of royalty) from wounded Maharana Pratap's back and placed in his back and was killed eventually. Pratap was defeated in the Battle of Haldighati but he continued Guerilla warfare against Akbar. His Son Amar Singh fought 17 wars with the Mughals.

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