

## Security Advisory for March-25<sup>th</sup>,2011

### Burning Issues:

#### 1. Sacrilege (burning) of Holy Quran in Florida (USA)

The Pakistani government has condemned the recent act of burning of a Quran by Wayne Sapp, a preacher in Florida. A statement by the Foreign Ministry while criticized the act says “ “There could be no justification for such acts. This has deeply hurt the feelings of the people of Pakistan and Muslims all over the world.” The U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Cameron Munter also condemned the action, affirming that “The deliberate destruction of any holy book is an abhorrent act. This is an isolated act done by a small group of people that is contrary to American traditions.” The Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) chief, Syed Munawar Hasan, has also expressed anger over the burning and called for demonstrations to be held on Friday in protest of the act. (Media reports)

#### 2. Raymond Davis

The U.S. Department of Justice has commenced an investigation into the case of Raymond Davis, the CIA-contractor who shot and killed two Pakistani men in January. Alberto Rodriguez, a Country Information Officer with the U.S. Embassy, also confirmed that the U.S. did not pay ‘blood money’ to the families of the victims, but declined to comment further on the situation. (Source-Media)

A countrywide protest call has been made by major Islamic organizations including Jamiat-Ulma-Islam (JUI), Sunni Ithead and Student Union Organization (SUO). The protests will be carried out after the Jumma prayers in all major cities. According to the security reports , the protest venues have not been disclosed by the organizers, in order to avoid police deployment or other resistance by the authorities. There is a likelihood of protests turning violent.

In Islamabad and Rawalpindi , Parliament road, Aabpara and Murree road are the likely venues.

Precautions for all IRP stations:

Generally these protest are not targeted towards any NGO or INGOs so the operations will continue as normal with following measures to be considered:

1. Security focal persons should gather information locally about the protest location and;
2. Restrict fleet movement after Jumma prayers to business essential only
3. Avoid taking routes where the protest are likely to take place. Take alternate routes.
4. Field visits after Jumma prayers is not recommended especially for Expats (for Multan office)
5. Stay vigilant, maintain low profile while travelling and move away from the crowds if encountered unexpectedly
6. Stay in contact with the Security focal persons of your visiting location and seek advise if you face any problem.

## **Stay Safe!**

Regards  
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