

Pakistan:

Roller Coaster Riding with General Musharraf

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Relations between the U.S. and Pakistan are an emotional roller-coaster ride. In January of this year, Washington was concerned that President Pervez Musharraf had just narrowly survived two assassination attempts within one month. In February, President Musharraf was balancing relations with Washington and his own domestic political popularity by publicly condemning and then pardoning the country's top nuclear scientist—a national hero—for selling nuclear secrets to North Korea, Iran, and Libya. Officials in both the U.S. and Europe have since indicated there could be other countries that were customers. Then, in June, terrorists in Karachi nearly succeeded in assassinating the local military commander, one of Musharraf's most senior colleagues. Where this roller-coaster ride will be by year's end is anyone's guess.... ❖

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