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Quick Quotes

Pakistan Has Become a Haven for Terrorists

“There are too many terrorist organizations that find a safe place in Pakistan from which to conduct their operations against other countries. [This situation] can lead to a threat to Pakistan’s own stability.”

During his visit to Pakistan, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson told its leaders that there would be reprisals from the United States if the problem of terrorists establishing bases in the country is not dealt with. Pakistan is a major recipient of U.S. foreign aid.

Finally Asking Penetrating Questions

“Why is it that people who know all about the infamous prison on Robben Island in South Africa [where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned] have never heard of the prison on Cuba’s Isle of Pines? Why is Marxism still taken seriously on college campuses and in the progressive press? Do the same people who rightly demand the removal of Confederate statues ever feel even a shiver of inner revulsion at hipsters in Lenin or Mao T-shirts?”

New York Times columnist Bret Stephens even recalled the utter falsity of his newspaper’s Walter Duranty, who, in his reports from Moscow, denied the massive forced famine in the 1930s that killed millions in the Ukraine.

Islamic State Facing Defeat

“Daesh has no chance to win. The outcome is not in doubt. They cannot hold territory. They cannot hold any viable cities. Their leaders have abandoned them.”

Maintaining control over only five percent of the territory it controlled three years ago, Daesh (also known as ISIS or ISIL) is considered nearly finished as a military threat, according to Lt. Gen. Paul E. Funk, the American commander of the international campaign against Daesh in Iraq and Syria.

ISIS Likely to Revert to Guerrilla Force Once Defeated

“Islamic State is not finished. ISIS has a plan, and that is to wait out their enemies locally in order to gain time to rebuild their networks while at the same time provide inspiration to followers to keep fighting their enemies.”

A specialist in studying jihadist movements, Aaron Zelin of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy is not alone in warning that believers in jihad do not need a territorial base from which to resume killing adversaries.

Strong Winds Suspected of Causing California’s Forest Fires

“If there are high velocity winds, there’s every reason to suspect that [downed] power lines are a source [of fire creation]. We have many documented cases of power lines igniting fires during these high wind events.”

A fire expert with the U.S. Geological Survey in California, Jon E. Keeley suspects that nighttime



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ignition begun by strong winds is the likely cause of recent devastating fires in several parts of California.

Likely Candidate to Replace Senator Flake

“I’ve fought against GOP Establishment hacks who incorrectly believe the solutions to the problems created by big government is more government.”

The front-runner to become a U.S. senator from Arizona in 2018, Kelli Ward has many supporters anxiously looking forward to her as the replacement for neoconservative Jeff Flake, who announced that he is not seeking reelection.

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