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Prime Minister Jamali's statement that the UN resolutions cannot be overlooked could not have been more ill-timed and ill-advised because it will only help to strengthen Indian suspicions and misgivings. New Delhi must be wondering which of the two statements truly reflects the thinking in

According to a recent Indian Express report, "there has not been a single infiltration attempt across the Line of Control since the ceasefire came into effect." The assessment is based on inputs from Indian intelligence bureau, military intelligence and the border security force. The stoppage of infiltration across the LoC is a development of major significance which should facilitate the beginning of a comprehensive peace process between the two neighbours. After the failure of Agra summit, Mr. Vajpayee on July 23, 2001 said that the Agra talks broke down because of "Pakistan's adamant attitude against making any reference to cross-border terrorism." According to the Indian version, the Agra summit failed because Mr. Vajpayee failed to get a commitment from President Musharraf on ending cross-border

Interestingly, President Musharraf's peace initiative may have far-reaching implications for BJP's internal and India's domestic politics. If Islamabad's peace initiative gathers momentum, Vajpayee may lead the BJP in the 2004 parliamentary elections and may win them on a more moderate plank.