



A collage depicts Thursday over the body of a Pakistani police officer who died in an attack in Lahore on a Feb. 14 London market boom.

For Pakistan, Attack Exposes Security Flaws

3 Are Killed in Ambush of Covert Team

By JANE PERLE
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A coordinated, conventional attack on the capital led to the deaths of three people in an ambush on a covert team of Pakistani intelligence operatives that exposed serious security flaws in an increasingly volatile country.

CLINTON SAYS U.S. IS READY TO BEGIN TALKS WITH SYRIA

A NEW DIPLOMATIC TACK

Concerns on Iran, Israel and Palestinians — 2 Sent to Damascus

By MARK LAYNER
WASHINGTON — Signaling a new approach in Syria, President Obama said Monday that the United States is ready to begin talks with the government of Bashar al-Assad, even if it means talking to a man who has been accused of brutal repression.

Stimulus Spurs Road Projects, Big and Small

By MICHAEL COVINO

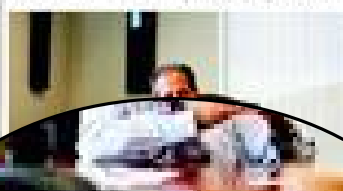
When a bill worth \$28.2 billion in new federal highway money was signed into law last week, it was a relief for many in the construction industry. The bill will spend \$10 billion on road projects, including \$5 billion for state and local matching funds.

Ex-Lenders Profit From Home Loans Gone Bad

By JANE PERLE

NEW YORK — Many of the banks that lent money to borrowers who defaulted on their mortgages are now reaping the benefits of the government's new program to buy up bad loans.

It has been a very successful year for the company's bond of this morning, and the bond market is looking for a rebound. The company's bond of this morning, and the bond market is looking for a rebound.



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Free Throws, 50 Years of Practice Is No Help

By JANE PERLE

NEW YORK — The idea of free throws is simple: shoot the ball into the hoop. But for many players, it's a challenge.



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So You're Dead? Don't Expect That to Stop the Debt Collector

By MICHAEL COVINO

NEW YORK — The idea of death is simple: you're dead. But for many people, it's a challenge.

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MICHAEL GINSBERG, of Kaulkin Ginsberg, a consulting company to the debt collection industry.