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Dear Readers,

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As the readers would appreciate, the past fortnight and the days just preceding it have unfolded very significant events both at the international as well as domestic levels. Accordingly, we, at the VIF, have put our thinking together in each of such notable developments that reflect upon our national cause. That makes it hard for me to pick the most relevant ones, and therefore, I recommend that our esteemed readers would be better informed of our analytic compositions by accessing our website www.vifindia.org.

Nevertheless, I have picked a few papers from those placed on our website during the past fortnight for the readers to take first look. Thus there is an in-depth assessments of the recent BRICS Summit held at Xiamen, when the joint declaration unambiguously pointed at Pakistan's terror sponsorship, and another one on the dangerous situation created by a reckless North Korea. The third assessment deals with the mounting crisis triggered by the Rohingya exodus from West Myanmar.

I also invite the readers' first attention to three analytical articles, the first one delving into the prospects of Indo-Japan strategic partnership, the second one a comment on the People's Republic China's self-contradictory policies and the third one laying bare Pakistan's consistent subterfuge of the world community. All the three articles are relevant to our national security.

Nepal Prime Minister Deuba's recent visit saw the formalisation of a range of agreements; this is indicative of a resuscitation of the pristine Indo-Nepal connections. In another development, the recent ministerial reshuffle at the Centre is indicative of the Government's renewed commitment towards progress. These



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two issues are also discussed under the Reports listed below.

Finally, it would be of interest to the readers to peruse the piece, as listed below, on British colonial troop's contribution to the allied victory in World War I, a cognitive heritage that had so far not been adequately appreciated by us. I hope that the readers' would find their attention well rewarded.

Jai Hind,

Yours Sincerely,



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