



**USSR-AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN: Growing Military Pressure**



Last week the Soviet Ambassador publicly accused Pakistan of arming, training, and providing base camps for Afghan Insurgents. He had warned in a press interview in December that Kabul and Moscow would take joint action if needed to end Islamabad's support for the resistance.

**Comment:** The Soviets presumably are trying to intimidate Pakistan into restraining insurgent infiltration. The bombing attack by Afghan aircraft on a Pakistani border village on 27 January caused more than 100 casualties. If Pakistan ignores the threats, the Soviets will have to consider whether military pressure along the border would prompt Islamabad to curtail infiltration or merely give President Zia additional domestic and international support.

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