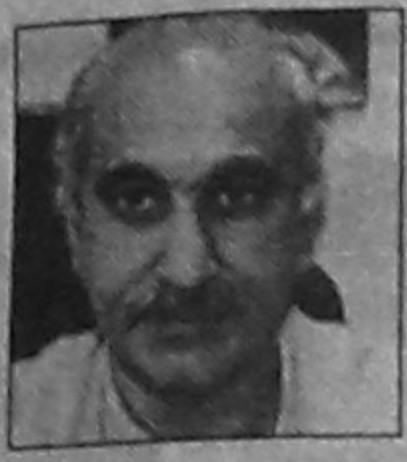


The Mullah is laughing



M.J. AKBAR

Afghanistan for Osama bin Laden. We should have expected this dilution of American will. Because Afghanistan is really part of America's domestic agenda...

since it came to power? Shown reverence to women? Instead it has brutalised women with a particular venom that has been recorded on film and in print...

Alliance troops clearly show that the American dollar has made a dramatic comeback in their lives. They are riding motorbikes, wearing new boots and Nike socks. They look like happy soldiers.

stopped thinking and retreated, hugging itself into a political marsh called Uttar Pradesh. When you begin life as a single-agenda party, you always return to that agenda at the first glimpse of defeat.

Safe environment: Agenda for politicians

THE environment pollution that has by now become a matter of serious concern all over the world has not begun just recently. It began in the inception of human civilization and since then it has been increasing unabated throughout the world.

commercial viability of this mega city is continuously attracting people to be migrated from their respective rural areas. Although not like Dhaka, other cities are also being crowded mostly because of their business potentials.

ronment is also being polluted proportionately mainly because of the inadequate number of members of the law-enforcing agencies in comparison with the ratio of population increase...

If I were Mullah Omar I would be laughing all the way to the mosque right now. What began as an Armageddon, or at least a crusade, launched with a Bush-fire zealotry...

On 12 September, after he had recovered from the shock of hiding in his own country, President George Bush sounded as if he had recognised the one error that haunted his father's strategy towards Iraq...

It is possible that the next fortnight could prove me wrong, but it already seems that, ten years later, these men have no stomach for an American war. They want victory without collateral.

There is no doubt that the central issue of the present crisis is terrorism and its elimination is the core purpose of every move. But there is growing doubt about the ability to achieve that purpose.

what to do about the Taliban. Pakistan helped create it, so established a lonely vested interest. The United Arab Emirates placed an ambassador out of self-protective instincts...

And the Afghan resistance to the Soviet Union did not really need the Lader millions; the CIA had enough. In any case this money-hype misses the point. Those who go out to die do not need bank accounts.

The United States has, with less subtlety than it thinks, changed its policy. Its war aim has narrowed down to a single point: the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

axiomatic that any government other than the Taliban would be more hostile to Islamabad. The second, or maybe the first, imperative in Islamabad is survival of the old-fashioned kind. Stay alive, and stay in power.

BYLINE

An incalculable category



M.B. NAQVI writes from Karachi

PAKISTAN politics is relentlessly moving towards a grand polarisation. This is not to say there is much confusion. But the two poles stand out amidst all the increasing din and dust...

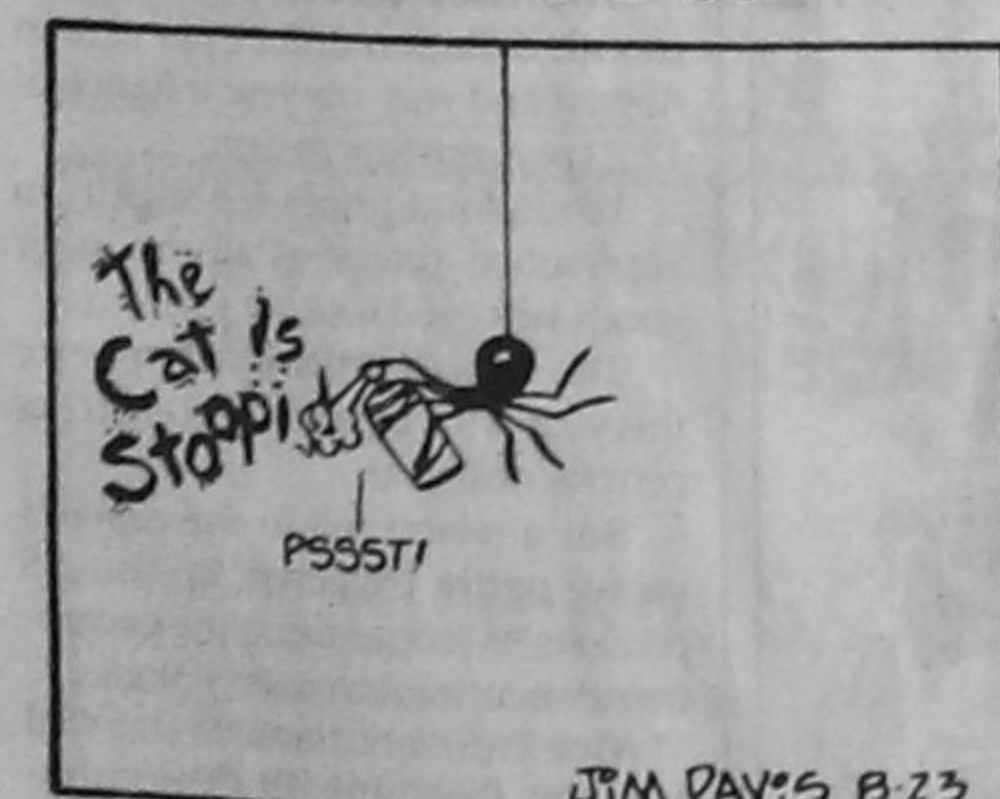
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some of whom with dubious political connections is clear-headed and knows what it wants. It is for Taliban's survival in power and they feel that if the Americans succeed in throwing Taliban out of power in Afghanistan...

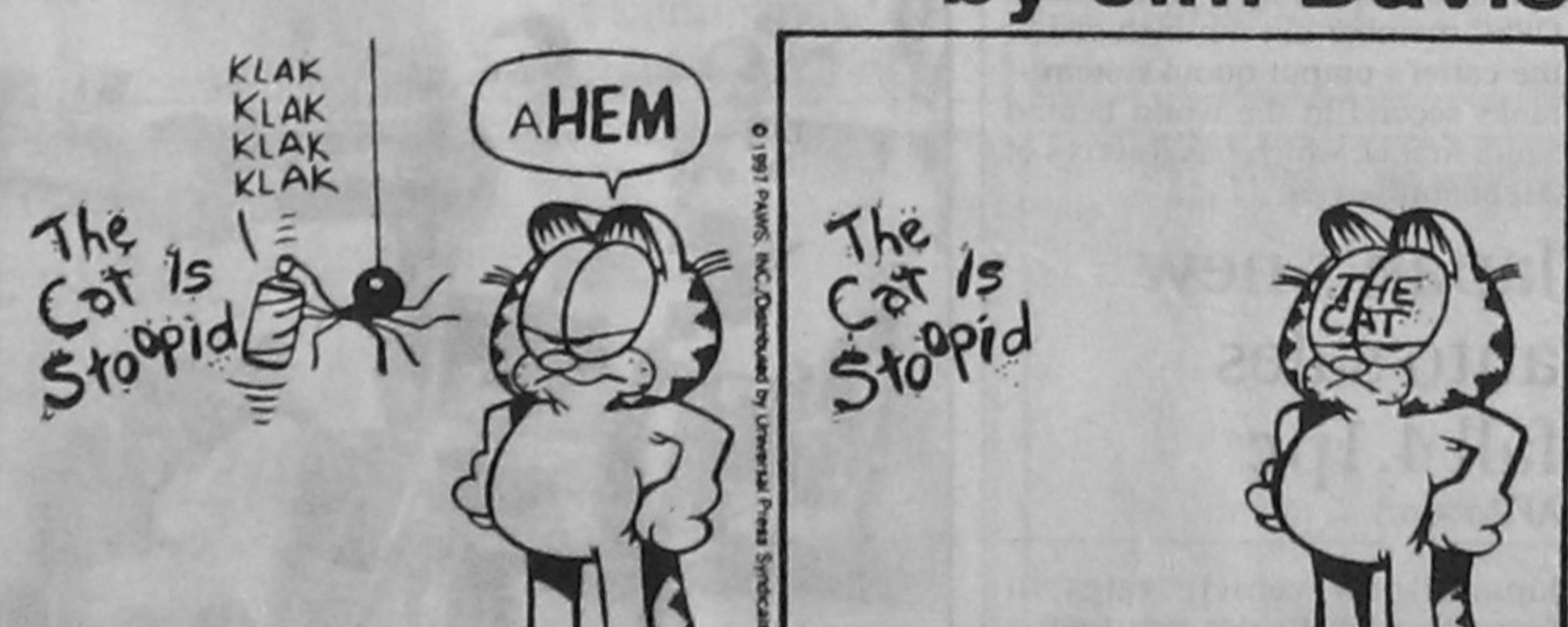
The military government, for its part, has adopted the common practice: if you can't break a racket, join it. So it has taken to organising its own supporters' rallies, albeit organised and dominated by district officers and newly elected mayors...

for much of the time since 1953. Its claims of promoting democracy and human freedoms are less than credible to Pakistanis. They have just given a pledge to stabilise Musharraf's Presidency. That sounds like Pakistan's being sentenced to another decade of stability.

Garfield



by Jim Davis



PLAIN WORDS

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getting, every day in all cities and towns as if there was no military dictatorship in power. The government has sheepishly 'relaxed' the restrictions on political activity. The whole country appears to be in ferment.

were held, though a rally was not permitted in Karachi because perhaps the regime was not interested in witnessing a show of MQM's strength. There was also some danger of clashes between the PPP and MQM because they have a long history of rushing at each other's throats...

But this support is not for Gen. Pervez Musharraf and his regime. It was basically negative. It is, in large measure, to the US itself as well as against Taliban. A large segment of aware citizenry in Pakistan abhors the kind of politics Taliban champion. On this issue, the liberal opinion is consciously siding with the US.

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