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"As President, my greatest responsibility is to protect the American people...We are in Afghanistan to confront a common enemy that threatens the United States, our friends and allies, and the people of Afghanistan and Pakistan who have suffered the most at the hands of violent extremists. So I want the American people to understand that we have a clear and focused goal: to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat al Qaeda in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and to prevent their return to either country in the future...To achieve our goals, we need a stronger, smarter and comprehensive strategy."

--President Barack Obama March 27, 2009.

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31 March 2009 **[Clinton Calls for Renewed Global Engagement in Afghanistan](#)**
Diplomacy, defense, development key to stabilizing South Asia.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, speaking at the U.N.-sponsored International Conference on Afghanistan, calls for a renewed global commitment to stabilizing the country and the Pakistan border region. "What happens in Afghanistan matters to us all," she says.

31 March 2009 **[New Afghan-Pakistan Plan a Comprehensive Strategy, Obama Says](#)** - White House seeks renewed focus on diplomacy, development.

27 March 2009 **[Obama on a New Strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan](#)** - Remarks on a New Strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan Saying it is an international security challenge of the highest order, President Obama has announced a new strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan that aims to disrupt, dismantle and defeat al-Qaida and the Taliban.

24 February 2009 **[Afghan, Pakistani Officials Join White House Strategy Talks](#)**- Holbrooke calls for "new, intense, engaged diplomacy" in South Asia.

22 January 2009 **[Obama Names Special Envoys for Middle East, Afghanistan- Pakistan](#)** - President Obama joined Secretary of State Hillary Clinton January 22 to announce former Senator George Mitchell as his special envoy to the Middle East peace process and Ambassador Richard Holbrooke as his special representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan — moves that underscore the new administration's commitment to renewing America's leadership through reinvigorated diplomacy.

17 February 2009 **[Obama Orders First New Troops to Afghanistan](#)** - Stabilizing shattered South Asian nation demands swift action.

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19 June, 2008 **[International Community Investing in Afghanistan's Future](#)** - America leads global commitment to development, governance, infrastructure. The \$20 billion+ in new aid for Afghanistan raised at a recent conference reflects the international community's confidence in Afghanistan and its people's determination to start the next phase of their emergence from decades of war, poverty and oppressive Taliban rule.

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