

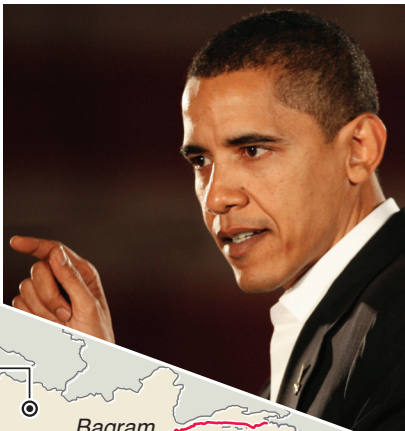
# Obama unveils new Afghanistan strategy

President Obama has announced a new U.S. strategy for Afghanistan based on the premise that the country and its neighbour Pakistan are two parts of the same problem. While the fight to destroy Al-Qaeda continues the emphasis will shift to regional diplomacy and economic development

## SECURITY

■ **U.S. troops:** Additional 17,000 Army and Marines to be deployed in south and east of Afghanistan to tackle uproot **Al-Qaeda** and **Taliban**

■ **Afghan forces:** U.S. to send extra 4,000 troops to train Afghans. Every U.S. unit partnered with an Afghan unit. Afghan Army to increase to 134,000, police to 82,000



## TWO COUNTRIES, ONE CHALLENGE



## DIPLOMACY

■ **Contact group:** Russia, India, China and Iran as well as NATO allies invited to co-operate on stabilising Afghanistan

■ **Trilateral dialogue:** U.S., Afghanistan and Pakistan to engage in greater intelligence sharing and military co-operation

## ECONOMY

■ **Direct support:** \$1.5 billion in aid for Pakistan each year for next five years. "Opportunity zones" to boost economic development

**BENCHMARKS:** Support for Afghanistan and Pakistan conditional on both governments making progress in tackling extremism and cracking down on corruption