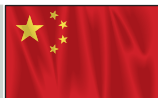


# Shifting alliances in South Asia

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has sealed a strategic partnership with India, in which New Delhi has promised to “stand by” its near neighbour when foreign troops withdraw in 2014, but India’s growing leverage in Afghanistan will raise concerns for rivals Pakistan and China



India to train Afghan security forces. Currently seeking agreement with U.S. to guarantee security after NATO troops leave



**CHINA**

Pakistan leaning towards “all-weather friend” as ties with U.S. become strained. Beijing views Pakistan as counterweight to India, and is key military supplier, but has steered clear of bilateral defence accord sought by Islamabad



Views Afghanistan as within its sphere of influence. U.S., India and Afghans accuse ISI spy agency of being behind attacks by **Haqqani** network and **Lashkar-e-Taiba**

**Soft power:** Economic aid – \$2bn pledged – and up to \$6bn in trade deals, in Afghan infrastructure and mining, seeking to lock in resources for India’s growing economy

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

