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Subject: Fwd: hello update from nasra

Just got this from Nasra who is still in Pakistan. It is self-explanatory Andrea

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Finally left Peshawar, the jihad capital of the world, sorry h=d no internet owing to constant bombings in and around town, pre-elections=turbulence. Hotel fairly safe, targeted only 4 times in suicide bombi=gs in the past. This was the right time to come, 2 more days and the place=will be in shut-down mode. Had successful meetings right aafter arriv=l all day Saturday, all day Sunday and today Monday. Met reps from each of=the 7 tribal agencies as well as from the frontier regions. Pak security g=ys who are based in every hotel lobby wanted to know what this was all ab=ut, I think my Paki name and the subject of polio disarmed them. Fixer had=organized very well. Also had useful meetings with FATA Secretary Health, =ho is a public health specialist & very good. Also met Secretary He=lth Khyber Pakhtunkhwa KP Provincial Govt, turned out we were together in =eacekeeping in Kosovo! Have just checked into the hotel in Islamabad, will=have meetings here tomorrow & Wednesday 1 May, will fly back to V=enna late that night.

Very useful granular-level information, both from the Govt authorities=l met, plus from the tribal reps. Even managed via Fixer to speak on cellp=one to a senior Taliban guy about their position on polio...! It app=ars that religion-based refusal is a very tiny

part, the rest is pressure tactics, one-upmanship, and the vast amount=of jobs & money involved. Some of the stuff I was aware of, other aspe=ts were new.

Funding is no problem, eg. FATA about to sign MOU with UAE Govt, which=will give a huge grant covering all polio vaccination campaigns 100% for t=e next 3 years!

Unlikely that the new post-elections Govt will be ready before mid-Jun=, at the earliest, hence makes little sense to return here

before then, but this we can discuss in Vienna once we are all b=ck there including Mark. This also gives IPI time to draft stuff.

More later, N.

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