

India-Pakistan talks only if BJP goes: Pakistani daily

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Islamabad: India-Pakistan peace talks will be possible only when the BJP is voted out in India, a Pakistani newspaper said on Saturday.

The Nation said in an editorial that despite Islamabad's attempts, New Delhi was not ready for reconciliation.

"The BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) might hopefully lose power soon, and maybe we can start (peace talks) again with a more level-headed government," it said.

The editorial came after Pakistan's permanent representative to UN, Maliha Lodhi, handed over to the UN three dossiers allegedly containing "proof" of Indian involvement in terrorist activities in Pakistan.

Sartaz Aziz, adviser to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on national security and foreign affairs, also accused India of repeatedly violating the 2003 ceasefire pact with Pakistan on the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir.

"As far as the Indian government goes, Pakistan is the primary sponsor of terrorism, and they will stick by this claim no matter what those dossiers state," the daily said.

"Even if the audio and video evidence present in these files prove beyond doubt that India is indeed sponsoring state terrorism in Pakistan, nothing will change."

The Nation said: "For now, India is at an international high, and (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi is a superstar. This will fade."

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