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Terje, for your information & further to my confidential bullet points to you of 12 December 2013:

1. **Increase in polio cases:** now up to 83, vs 58 in 2012; negative trend continues.
2. **Fatwa:** The pro-polio vaccination *fatwa* issued in Nov has, as expected, not elicited a response by the Taliban TTP. On the other hand, after 1-2 days of reporting by the national media, it has now been "sealed inside an envelope", in the words of an interlocutor. It should be given far wider & continuous local coverage -- IPI should work on this angle.
3. **TTP's new front against the Govt on polio:** the high profile recently adopted by Imran Khan (head of Justice Party, to whom BG wrote last May) *visavis* the polio eradication campaign (he administered drops & lashed out against the TTP for attacking health workers etc) has unfortunately had the opposite effect: while the TTP remained silent in the face of the *fatwa*, and the attacks on polio health workers had decreased considerably over the summer into November, this high-profile public positioning is like a red rag to a bull. It has set off a vicious new cycle of bold attacks, not simply on health teams in the field -- yesterday 28 December, TTP stormed a govt hospital in Peshawar where anti-polio drops were being given and killed the supervisor. The quiet "softening" reported earlier has now disappeared. This opposite effect emphasizes the IPI position that polio-related efforts by politicians MUST be discreet and low-key.
4. **Govt still not focused:** At the political level, and within the upper food chain, there is still chaos and lack of focus -- this is where international efforts should be pursued -- not in the press!

More later, let us talk on the phone when you are in the office, or call me at your convenience, n.

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