

## Pakistan on the Brink": Ahmed Rashid on Perilous Ties Between the U.S., Pakistan and Afghanistan

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Top U.S. and Pakistani military officials meet today in Islamabad for the first high-level talks since NATO air strikes killed two dozen Pakistani soldiers last November. The meeting comes one day after President Obama met with Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani. Relations between the two countries have soured over the clandestine U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden, an increase in drone attacks, the killing of two Pakistanis by CIA contractor Raymond Davis, and the November attack. We speak with Ahmed Rashid, a veteran Pakistani journalist based in Lahore, about his new book "Pakistan on the Brink: The Future of America, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

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