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## No Trump Pakistan Visit Planned, White House Confirms

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The White House has quashed rumors of a September visit by President Donald Trump to Pakistan, stating no such trip is scheduled “at this time.” Local Pakistani media reports sparked speculation of a high-profile South Asia tour, but retractions and official denials have set the record straight. This article delves into the misinformation, the state of United States

(US)–Pakistan relations, and the broader geopolitical context, highlighting the need for clarity in diplomatic reporting.

On July 17, 2025, Pakistani television channels Geo News and ARY News reported, citing unnamed sources, that President Trump would visit Islamabad on September 18, potentially en route to India for the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) summit. The story gained traction, with claims of a historic trip—the first by a US president since George W. Bush in 2006. However, the White House swiftly clarified, “A trip to Pakistan has not been scheduled at this time,” a statement echoed by Pakistan’s Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson Shafqat Ali Khan, who told Dawn.com, “We have no information about this matter”. Geo News later apologized for airing unverified reports, and ARY retracted its story after diplomatic cross-checks.

This episode underscores the dangers of unchecked media speculation in a volatile region. US–Pakistan ties have warmed recently, notably after Trump hosted Pakistan’s Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Field Marshal Asim Munir, at the White House in June 2025, a rare engagement signaling deeper security cooperation. Yet, Trump’s confirmed schedule includes a state visit to the United Kingdom from September 17 to 19, hosted by King Charles, making a Pakistan stop logistically unlikely. Indian media also reported a possible New Delhi visit, though unconfirmed, further muddying the narrative.

The incident highlights the need for rigorous fact-checking in diplomacy, where rumors can destabilize relations. Pakistan’s strategic role, from counterterrorism to its Iran border, makes accurate reporting critical. While Trump’s engagement with Pakistan shows promise, premature claims risk undermining trust. As the US navigates South Asia’s complex

dynamics, clarity and restraint in media coverage are vital to avoid inflaming tensions or false expectations.