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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2011 2:52 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: Pak Cabinet to be dissolved

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**From:** Ruggiero, Frank J  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 22 14:47:00 2011  
**Subject:** Fw: Pak Cabinet to be dissolved

Not to be outdone by its neighbor to the west... Turns out only a reshuffle of cabinet, not a dissolution.

Funny story: friend of mine in Pakistan said best tweet going around follows - to save energy, the government has turned out the light at the end of the tunnel.

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**From:** Nasr, S Vali R  
**To:** Nepal, Rohit S; Lenderking, Timothy A; Feldman, Daniel F; Engelken, Stephen C  
**Cc:** Ruggiero, Frank J; Singh, Vikram J; Spykerman, John D; Pratt, Jonathan G  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 22 14:29:08 2011  
**Subject:** Re: Pak Cabinet to be dissolved

It makes sense since Zardari wants to avoid having to deal with a vote in parliament on a new government. But this will not address Nawaz's demand.

Vali Nasr

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**From:** Nepal, Rohit S  
**To:** Lenderking, Timothy A; Feldman, Daniel F; Nasr, S Vali R; Engelken, Stephen C  
**Cc:** Ruggiero, Frank J; Singh, Vikram J; Spykerman, John D; Pratt, Jonathan G  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 22 14:12:34 2011  
**Subject:** Re: Pak Cabinet to be dissolved

It seems to be a reshuffle rather than dissolution. A bit more detail courtesy of PolCouns Jonathan Pratt (copied):

Hafez Shaikh is being quoted on Express 24 as saying that a reshuffle was agreed to expand the coalition. They are going to bring in MQM and JUI-F, per Shaikh. So it's part of a deal to bring their partners back in and presumably others, if they intend to expand the coalition.

There is nothing about dissolving the cabinet and a PPP contact just told me he doubts it. Reshuffle seems to be in the cards, but as part of the ongoing negotiations.

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To: Feldman, Daniel F; Nasr, S Vali R; Engelken, Stephen C  
Cc: Ruggiero, Frank J; Singh, Vikram J; Nepal, Rohit S; Spykerman, John D  
Sent: Sat Jan 22 12:07:08 2011  
Subject: Re: Pak Cabinet to be dissolved

Steve, what are you hearing?

Ro, John, be prepared to mobilize with Ops, memo to S, etc.

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From: Feldman, Daniel F  
To: Nasr, S Vali R  
Cc: Ruggiero, Frank J; Singh, Vikram J; Lenderking, Timothy A  
Sent: Sat Jan 22 11:49:56 2011  
Subject: RE: Pak Cabinet to be dissolved

Thx -- just keep us informed as you hear anything.

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From: Nasr, S Vali R  
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2011 11:48 AM  
To: Feldman, Daniel F  
Subject: Re: Pak Cabinet to be dissolved

Some ministers will be same. This was a key demand of Nawaz, smaller cabinet and more competent. It could be good news for the country. No word yet on timing of reshuffle.

Vali Nasr

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From: Feldman, Daniel F  
To: Nasr, S Vali R  
Sent: Sat Jan 22 11:31:14 2011  
Subject: RE: Pak Cabinet to be dissolved

What's your assessment of that? Positive news, or too soon to tell, depending on whom will be appointed to key ministries like Foreign and Finance?

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From: Nasr, S Vali R  
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2011 11:30 AM  
To: SSRAP\_Expanded  
Subject: Pak Cabinet to be dissolved

News from Pakistan has it that Zardari and Gilani have agreed to reshuffle gov and dissolve cabinet.

Vali Nasr