

AQ KHAN'S ON THE LOOSE

Does it bother anyone that—at a time when Pakistan's Interior Ministry is raising concerns about the Taliban taking over significant chunks of Pakistan, the father of Pakistan's nuke program is on the loose? [Thanks to Mimikatz for the spelling correction.]

Authorities have eased the virtual house arrest imposed on A.Q. Khan, the disgraced scientist who sold Pakistan's nuclear secrets to Iran, North Korea and Libya, officials said Monday.

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However, two senior government officials told the AP that the restrictions were eased several months ago and that Khan could now meet friends and relatives either at his home or elsewhere in Pakistan.

"He is virtually a free citizen," said one of the officials, who is attached to the nuclear program.

It just seems to me that the conjunction of these two events—Al Qaeda's state ally taking over Pakistan at the same time as Pakistan's chief nuclear proliferator goes free—that would raise the concerns of the same people who brought us to war against Iraq because of Saddam's phantom nukes and phantom ties to Al Qaeda.

But apparently Dick Cheney (and the non-experts he's got in charge of our Pakistan policy) has it all under control, and we don't have to worry about countries that could give Al Qaeda nukes anymore. Gosh, that's a relief.