



This story ebbed and flowed across the wires all night, last night, as **Pawn** drifted in and out of sleep to the dulcet tones of the BBC news readers. The *New York Times* however, came up with the most disarming of headlines, “Musharraf Decides Against Emergency”:

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Thursday decided against declaring a state of emergency in Pakistan and will press ahead with plans to hold free and fair elections, a government minister said.

Pakistani media have been reporting that the military leader would impose a state of emergency to deal with rising violence and political instability — a move that a senior government official confirmed was under consideration.

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PS – If you like the photo above, or are simply intrigued by it, check out the whole Vogue Italia photo-spread, “State Of Emergency” by Steve Meisel at [Foto Decadent](#).