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BOB SCHIEFFER, host:

Today on FACE THE NATION, the crisis in Pakistan and presidential candidates Mike Huckabee and Ron Paul.

President PERVEZ MUSHARRAF: Thank you, sir. Good morning. Good morning.

SCHIEFFER: Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said this morning he would move up elections, but not lift the state of emergency. Will that be enough to convince opposition leader Benazir Bhutto to stop protests planned for this week? We'll go first to CBS correspondent Sheila MacVicar in Pakistan.

Then we'll turn to two presidential candidates, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee and Texas Congressman Ron Paul. Developments on the campaign trail last week are suddenly causing them to be taken more seriously. Finally, I'll have the inside story, sort of, on Pat Robertson's endorsement of Rudy Giuliani.

But first, the crisis in Pakistan on FACE THE NATION.

Announcer: FACE THE NATION with CBS News chief Washington correspondent Bob Schieffer. And now, from CBS News in Washington, Bob Schieffer.

SCHIEFFER: And good morning again. There've been overnight developments in the crisis in Pakistan. President Musharraf says a general election will be held by early January, and if the Supreme Court drops the challenge to his election, he will resign from the army and be sworn in as a civilian president. He would not say when he would restore the constitution. He spoke at a news conference, and CBS News correspondent Sheila MacVicar was there. Sheila:

SHEILA MacVICAR reporting:

Good morning, Bob. It was a lengthy news conference, a lengthy statement from General Musharraf. He said some things that people were a little surprised to hear at such an early stage from him. One thing he said would not be happening, and that would be any easing of the emergency rules imposed last Saturday.

President PERVEZ MUSHARRAF: The emergency contributes towards better law and order, better fight against terrorism itself. So therefore all that I can say is I do understand that emergency has to be lifted, but I cannot give a date for it.

MacVICAR: Now, this news conference comes after a meeting General Musharraf had yesterday with his military commanders. At that meeting, they talked about the threat, if you will, posed by these opposition demonstrations, the risk posed by opposition leader Benazir Bhutto. It was quite clear that she was gathering momentum. Not so much momentum on the streets, but certainly political momentum. And the recommendation was that he had to move to try to drag some of that back towards him to regain some control. And that's the unexpected announcement today of elections in early January; absolutely on the record saying he will take off his uniform and become a civilian president as soon as the way is constitutionally clear. And, of course, the one thing that he says is not going to happen is removal of those emergency laws.

SCHIEFFER: Sheila, is there a concern that if these demonstrations go forward that Mrs. Bhutto is calling for, that they could turn violent this time?

MacVICAR: Mrs. Bhutto is in the eastern city of Lahore. She says that she's going to lead what she calls a long march to Islamabad, a great cavalcade. Equally, the government in Lahore has said they will not permit that to happen. We're back to where we were on Friday where Mrs. Bhutto was under house arrest, where she was detained in her house, where we had supporters being arrested by plain clothes police working the crowd, and where there were clashes. Now, in all of these demonstrations, they have been short, sharp, but there has been no blood spilled, and that is very important to the government of Pakistan. It is something that is very much on their minds. They do not want blood on the streets.

SCHIEFFER: Sheila MacVicar. Thank you so much, Sheila.

About 10 minutes ago, Mrs. Bhutto issued a statement and called Musharraf's action today a good, positive first step. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said this morning, in perhaps the understatement of the week, 'This is not a perfect situation.'

Turning now to politics back home, developments on the campaign trail last week are causing long-shot Republican presidential candidates Ron Paul and Mike Huckabee to be taken more seriously. Paul has barely scratched in the polls, but in one day on the Internet last week he raised more than \$4 million. Huckabee hasn't raised much money, but suddenly he is running second in Iowa where the first votes will be cast. We'll talk to Paul shortly, but first, Mike Huckabee.

The New York Times said the other day, Governor, you've become the flavor of the week. And I noticed that the executive director of the Republican Party out in Iowa now says that you could--you could win Iowa, in his estimation. Has anything changed in your campaign? Or why this sudden attention that you're getting?

Former Governor MIKE HUCKABEE (Republican, Arkansas; Presidential Candidate): Well, we like to think that maybe the Chuck Norris endorsement. People are now afraid not to vote for me. But whatever the reason, I can tell you this, Bob, it's on fire. And in Iowa earlier this week, we would have two and three times--sometimes four times the size of crowds we were anticipating or prepared for. In New Hampshire it's been the same thing. And these are not just people who kind of come casually. These are folks who are ready to sign up, and who are ready to walk through eight feet of snow to get to the polls. We've had to upgrade our Web server three times in one week. We've had to hire people to answer the phones and come in and open the mail. So something's working. I don't know all to explain it myself. I think it's a combination of a lot of people praying and a lot of people working, but it's really happening, and it's pretty exciting for us.

SCHIEFFER: And for those who don't follow these things as closely as I do perhaps, Chuck Norris, of course, is the kickboxing champion who was the star of "Walker, Texas Ranger." You're also getting attacked by some of the other candidates now, Governor. I noticed that Fred Thompson said the other day that you are just a pro-life liberal. What's your response to that?

Fmr. Gov. HUCKABEE: Well, Bob, as you know, the Hollywood writers are on strike, and Fred's kind of hurting for some lines, and that's the best he could come up with. He's only half right. I am pro-life, but far from a liberal, and he certainly should know that. I mean, I managed the state budget, every year balanced it, left the state with a surplus, cut taxes 94 times, passed pro-life, family-friendly legislation, strong defender of the Second Amendment. Give me a litmus test of conservative issues, and I pass the test.

But you know what? This is a sign that we're very alive. It's a real form of flattery when you start getting attacked because no hunter points his gun at a dead carcass. You only shoot for the things that you want to put on the wall, so--Abraham Lincoln once said, Bob, that when he got ran out of town on a rail, 'If it weren't for the honor of it, I'd just as soon pass.' I kind of feel that way about some of the attacks we've endured over the past couple of weeks. And frankly, they're going to get worse. We understand that. We're braced for it. But, you know, I survived Arkansas politics, became an elected Republican, which is a pretty oddity--a pretty rare oddity in that state. And I'm sure we'll be seeing some more of that before it's over.

SCHIEFFER: Governor, you were also a Baptist minister at one point in your life. You've obviously have been seeking the evangelical vote. What do you make of Pat Robertson endorsing Rudy Giuliani?

Fmr. Gov. HUCKABEE: I can no more explain that than I can, you know, him saying he prayed the hurricane off the coast. I just don't fully understand it. I salute Rudy for getting it, wish I'd had it, but I don't. But here's the good news for me. I believe that, if you look at the value voter debates over the past several weeks, we've won every one of them, not just by a squeak, but got more votes than all the other candidates put together. In Washington, in South Carolina and in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. So if--even if so that some, not all, but a few of the leaders of some in the Christian movement are confused and not sure who to support, the followers are pretty clear about it, and they have overwhelmingly rallied to us. And frankly, I'd rather have thousands of supporters than just one of the leaders from time to time.

SCHIEFFER: Well, do you think that this means that abortion is not going to be an issue, at least in the race for the Republican nomination? Are evangelicals and others--because I noticed various leaders in the evangelical movement are endorsing different candidates at this point--do you think that this is not going to be the issue that it has been in the past?

Fmr. Gov. HUCKABEE: It's a moral position. And one of the things that becomes troubling is when candidates say, 'Well, I believe in the sanctity of life, but I want the states to decide it.' You know, Bob, when you put it in those terms, that's really the logic of the Civil War to say that morality has geographical boundaries. For those of us who believe that life is precious, that it is really representative of the heart of our society and culture, that each life has equality of worth and intrinsic value that can't be compromised, once you've made that commitment to life as one of those very special, inalienable rights that our forefathers talked about, you really don't have the opportunity to say, well, it can be different in one state than it would be in another.

SCHIEFFER: Well, let me ask you this. There's been some talk that you might be a good running mate for Rudy Giuliani if he--if he got the nomination because you're pro-life, he's pro-choice. Could you be on a ticket with Rudy Giuliani or someone else who is pro-abortion?

Fmr. Gov. HUCKABEE: Well, that's a question I hope I don't have to face, and after we do so well in Iowa and New Hampshire that I get the nomination, then I won't have to face it. But it's going to be asked, and my only answer is that that's a question that is months away. Right now, Mike Huckabee's trying to be in the center ring getting the gold medal. My goal is not to see the silver or the bronze.

SCHIEFFER: But you're not ruling out something like that if something like--if you should be offered it, you're not saying right now that `I wouldn't under any circumstances accept'?

Fmr. Gov. HUCKABEE: I'd rather say, would I consider Rudy to be my running mate than would I be Rudy's.

SCHIEFFER: OK.

Fmr. Gov. HUCKABEE: And I just don't know. I haven't figured that one out yet. But, you know, I have respect for him. At least Rudy does tell us what he thinks, and that's refreshing and that he's honest and forthright about his positions.

SCHIEFFER: Let's talk about one thing. You've been a governor, you've dealt with domestic issues. Do you have any experience whatsoever in the area of foreign policy?

Fmr. Gov. HUCKABEE: You know, most governors have more experience than people realize. I mean, I've traveled to nearly 40 countries. I've dealt with not only multinational trade agreements with corporations, but also with heads of state. So it's not that uncommon for governors to do trade missions and to engage in conversations with, both from a diplomatic perspective as well as a trade and cultural exchange perspective, with people across the globe, whether it's in Asia, the Middle East, where I've traveled extensively.

SCHIEFFER: Sure.

Fmr. Gov. HUCKABEE: I've been to virtually every country in the Middle East, including Iraq and Afghanistan and Kuwait and Israel and Lebanon, and even Syria and a host of countries over the course of my lifetime.

SCHIEFFER: Well, let me--let me just ask you this question. If you were president right now, what would you do about Pakistan and the situation there?

Fmr. Gov. HUCKABEE: Pakistan presents a unique problem. We've spent \$10 billion since September 11th supposedly trying to find bin Laden and bring some level of cooperative agreements. I think President Bush has done a good job of bringing the Pakistan government and Musharraf back to reality that the suspension of the constitution is not acceptable to us. We have to understand that there is a real threat to us in Pakistan in that, if we have another terrorist attack, Bob, there's a good likelihood that it's going to be postmarked Pakistan. That's where Osama bin Laden is hiding, somewhere in those caves.

SCHIEFFER: All right. Well governor, we want to thank you for being with us this morning. We'll be back in just a moment.

(Announcements)

SCHIEFFER: With us now, Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul, congressman from the Houston area.

Representative RON PAUL (Republican, Texas; 2008 Presidential Candidate): Thank you.

SCHIEFFER: Congressman, I have to be honest with you. Until you got on the Internet last week and raised about \$4 million, I don't think a lot of people took you very seriously. How in the world did you do that?

Rep. PAUL: I guess the first confession I have to make is I didn't do it. My campaign--people did it, the people who volunteered, put it altogether. Our campaign...

SCHIEFFER: Did you know this was going to happen?

Rep. PAUL: We knew it was going on, and of course we didn't discourage it, but we had no control of it. We didn't organize it. And one individual decided to have a special day, which was November 5th.

SCHIEFFER: And who was that? This person.

Rep. PAUL: His name is Lyman, and he's from Miami. I've talked to him once on the phone to thank him, but I've never met him. He's never been involved in politics, and he heard about me, about the war issue, looked up the Web site, he said, 'Boy, I agree with everything he says.' It's the first time he's ever gotten involved and he says, 'I think I'll raise him some money.' And he did it, and it just goes to show, I think, how powerful the message is that we have. I don't think it's me, myself, I don't think it's the organization as much as the philosophy of limited government and freedom that people are just starved for.

SCHIEFFER: Let me just ask you--you and I are probably close to the same age--did you know anything about the Internet or much about it when you got into this campaign?

Rep. PAUL: I was pretty much--I wouldn't say that I was anything like a computer expert. I don't know how to program or anything. But I've used a computer, especially since I went back to Congress in '97. That's when I got my first computer, and I used it a lot for basically research. I mean, it's just, to me, unbelievable what you can find out on the Internet.

SCHIEFFER: It's very interesting. You have advocated pulling out of Iraq.

Rep. PAUL: That's right.

SCHIEFFER: What do you feel about Iran? Do you see that as a threat to this country?

Rep. PAUL: No. I think...

SCHIEFFER: You don't?

Rep. PAUL: No. I think Iran--I think our policy towards Iran is a threat. That's what I fear. You know, I fear that tomorrow we might bomb Iran. That really scares me. But Iran doesn't have a nuclear weapon. Our CIA says they might, and they're thinking about it. But they've committed no crimes. As a matter of fact, the UN inspectors say that they have no evidence that they're working on a nuclear weapon. So the fact that we might bomb them, that our other candidates say that they won't take anything off the table, even a nuclear first strike, that's what really scares me. If you don't--if we don't like \$100 oil, wait till it hits \$200 if we bomb Iran.

SCHIEFFER: So we just leave them there and let them go about their business, and if they get a nuclear weapon...

Rep. PAUL: No, we have a more sensible policy. We talk to them, and we trade with them. We remove the sanctions. I mean, the Soviets had 40,000 of them. And you know, I was called to military duty in 1962 during the Cuban crisis, the height of the Cold War, and we won the Cold War. We didn't have to go to a nuclear war. We won that by being strong and talking to the Soviets. We talked to Khrushchev. At the height of that crisis, we agreed to take missiles out of Turkey.

SCHIEFFER: We also had as many nuclear weapons as they had.

Rep. PAUL: Right, and we have a lot more than Iran has.

SCHIEFFER: And--well, what about...

Rep. PAUL: Iran has none.

SCHIEFFER: What about Pakistan? They've got a bunch.

Rep. PAUL: Yeah, and look...

SCHIEFFER: Do you see them as a threat?

Rep. PAUL: I see our policy as a threat, because we've been subsidizing. And here we have evidence that they've been turning over information to the North Koreans. We reward people who get nuclear weapons. The Pakistanis have had a nuclear weapon, they have a military dictatorship, they overthrew an elected government, but what do we do? We send them \$11 billion. So why shouldn't Iran want to get a nuclear weapon? We might send them more money. I mean, the Indians have some, so we give them money. So I think we need to not reward people with nuclear weapons, and we need to neutralize our hostility, because we build up incentives for those individuals who want to get a nuclear weapon, and I think the whole thing backfires on us.

SCHIEFFER: Well, let me--I want to just get your take on what you think the government ought to do. I--you've already said you're anti-war, we know you're anti-abortion. You're anti-drug administration, you're anti-Medicare. I wrote all this down. Let's see. You're anti-income tax, you want to do away with that. You're anti-United Nations, you're anti-World Bank, you're anti-International Monetary Fund. And there must be some other things that you're anti.

Rep. PAUL: Well...

SCHIEFFER: What is it that you see that the government ought to do besides deliver the mail?

Rep. PAUL: Everything that you have said, you could turn that into a pro. I'm pro-Constitution, I'm pro-liberty, I'm pro-sound money, I'm pro-state's rights, I'm pro-liberty. I want people to take care of themselves. I'm pro-free markets and private property, I'm pro-Second Amendment. So every time I say you're anti something, it means you have to be pro something. And I think that what is happening today is that people have lost confidence in the government, and they see that what I stand for and what our campaign stands for, this is what has made America great. Freedom is what made America great, not welfarism and socialism and government controls and invading our homes and loss of our privacy. That is what the people don't like.

SCHIEFFER: We're going to take a little break here. We'll come back and talk about this some more in a minute.

(Announcements)

SCHIEFFER: Back again with Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul.

You do not see the threats to this country that so many others see. Do you think we ought to even have a military, Congressman?

Rep. PAUL: Oh, obviously. That's one of the responsibilities we have is national defense, and that's where we have fallen down. We defended Seoul, Korea, better on 9/11 than we did Washington, DC. So I think we're in the wrong places, and we forget about our own country, and I think we're bankrupting our country today because we're every place. We have an empire. We're in 130 countries, we have 700 bases overseas, and we're building new ones, 14 new ones in Iraq. This is why we're in trouble. We have a weakened national defense, and also we're antagonizing those people that we sort of invade and occupy.

SCHIEFFER: So what you do--you know, we build a wall around this country and put all our military here? Or you don't want them anyplace else?

Rep. PAUL: Well, it wouldn't hurt to bring the military home, but I'm not...

SCHIEFFER: Bring them all home?

Rep. PAUL: Sure. Korea. How long should we stay in Korea? How long should we stay in Europe? Why should we give them that subsidies? Why are we in Japan? I'd bring them home. But I'm not an isolationist. I don't believe in walls. I believe in free trade and maximum travel, the sharing of ideas, diplomacy and talking to people. It's actually opposite of isolationist. Today we have a sort of a neo-isolationism. We have less friends and more enemies. We go...(unintelligible). We don't talk to people, and I think that's the wrong way to go. I think we could have a much stronger national defense if we changed our policy.

I'm not just for changing tactics in Iraq, I'm changing for--changing--I'm for changing our foreign policy that has gone astray, not in this administration, but maybe over the last 100 years.

SCHIEFFER: You also want to go back to the gold standard.

Rep. PAUL: Yeah.

SCHIEFFER: Why?

Rep. PAUL: Because paper doesn't make any sense. You know, people sort of make fun of the gold standard, but what people should be making fun of is this idea that if government comes up short they just print it. And that's what we've been doing, essentially, since 1971. It encourages big government. It is the creation of inflation. It causes the business cycle, it causes all our bubbles, and it undermines the middle class. It makes poor people pay an invisible tax, which is called inflation. There's a transfer of wealth, when you have paper money, from the middle class and the poor to the wealthy. That's why you have billionaires on Wall Street and you have people in the middle class, now they can't--they can't make ends meet, and why people on retirement benefits, their cost of living is going up much faster than their income. So inflation, that is fiat money, the opposite of gold, is very, very destructive to the political and economic process.

SCHIEFFER: One final question. Are you going to go back to the Internet and have another of these fund-raising days?

Rep. PAUL: I'm not, but I hear there's another one coming on the 16th. I think it has something to do with the Boston Tea Party. So I'll tell you what, there may be another big day. But--and I will be encouraging them, but just because of the laws, they're independent expenditures, I don't know what they're doing. But, I mean, it sounds great. So if we have another \$4 million day, I guess it won't hurt our campaign.

SCHIEFFER: About 30 seconds left. Do you really, sincerely believe that you have a chance to get the nomination?

Rep. PAUL: Well, I really believe if your name is on the ballot there is a chance, you know, that that might happen, but I'm very realistic. But compared to 12 months ago, I would say that it's much more likely now. But I also know what the odds are. But I'll tell you what, don't try and tell my supporters that there's not a chance, because they believe it, and, matter of fact, they're making me a more credible candidate and--by convincing me that, you know, I'm taking that risk. My name is out there. I may well win.

SCHIEFFER: All right. Congressman, thank you so much for joining us.

Rep. PAUL: Thank you.

SCHIEFFER: Back with a final word in just a minute.

(Announcements)

SCHIEFFER: Finally today, back in 2004, when Pat Robertson said that God had told him George Bush was going to win the election in a blowout, I decided to check it out. Now, I've never claimed to have inside information on God's thinking, but I did reach a source who

considers himself very close to the Lord. He agreed to talk on the condition of anonymity since he is not authorized to speak for God.

Well, the way he told it, Robertson must've had a bad connection or just didn't hear it right. Of course God knows how these things are going to come out, my source said, he knows everything. But he never tells how elections or football games are going to come out. If he did, he'd be inundated with people trying to find out the winning lottery numbers and things like that. It's just more trouble than it's worth.

So when Robertson announced he was supporting Rudy Giuliani, who is for so many of the things that Robertson has spent his life railing against--gay rights, abortion rights, to name just two--I decided to go back to my high-level source with the obvious question: Why? There was a long pause. Finally, my source said, 'God only knows.'

That's it for us. We'll see you next week right here on FACE THE NATION.

