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POLITICAL ISSUES

EGYPT

1. Pakistan expressed concern on death sentence to former President of Egypt

Islamabad, Tuesday, 19 May 2015

Pakistan showed concern on the death sentence awarded to former President of Egypt Mohammad Morsi and some of his supporters.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=339158&Itemid=1

IRAN

2. Iranian envoy called on Raza Rabbani

Islamabad, Monday, 25 May 2015

Chairperson of Pakistan Senate Mian Raza Rabbani discussed bilateral relations with the Iranian ambassador Ali Reza Haghighian who called on him.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=340016&Itemid=1

See also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/top-news/1-front-top-news/243367-iranian-envoy-calls-on-raza-rabbani.html>

KUWAIT

3. Pak-Kuwait speakers discussed enhancing parliamentary, economic ties

Islamabad, Tuesday, 12 May 2015

Speaker of the National Assembly of Kuwait Marzouq Ali M. Al-Ghanim met the Pakistani Speaker of the National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and discussed ways to enhance parliamentary and economic ties.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=337880&Itemid=1

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/islamabad/13-May-2015/pak-kuwait-speakers-agree-to-enhance-mps-ties>

4. Sartaj Aziz met Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister

Islamabad, Wednesday, 27 May 2015

Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz met Sheikh Sabah Al- Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait and discussed bilateral issues including the difficulties faced by Pakistanis in getting Kuwaiti visas.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=340484&Itemid=1

See also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan/politics-a-policy/243710-sartaj-aziz-meets-kuwaiti-deputy-prime-minister.html>

QATAR

5. Qatari envoy called on PM

Islamabad, Tuesday, 19 May 2015

Pakistan's Ambassador to Qatar Saqr Bin Mubarak Al-Mansouri called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and discussed bilateral relations.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=339137&Itemid=1

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/islamabad/20-May-2015/qatari-envoy-calls-on-pm>

6. NA Speaker to lead Parliamentary delegation to Qatar

Islamabad, Friday, 29 May 2015

A parliamentary delegation headed by Speaker of the National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq left for a three-day official visit to Qatar.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=340847&Itemid=1

SAUDI ARABIA

7. Advisor on Foreign Affairs met Saudi Foreign Minister

Islamabad, Thursday, 28 May 2015

Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz met with Saudi Foreign Minister Adel bin Ahmed Al Jubeir and reiterated Pakistan's support for the security and territorial integrity of Saudi Arabia on the sidelines of the 42nd Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Council meeting of foreign ministers.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=340565&Itemid=1

See also: The Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1184743>

See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/893677/sartaj-aziz-reiterates-pakistans-unequivocal-support-to-security-territorial-integrity-of-saudi-mofa/>

8. Pakistan condemned terrorist attack at mosque in Saudi Arabia

Islamabad, Friday, 29 May 2015

Official statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned a terrorist attack that took place at a mosque in Saudi Arabia.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=340853&Itemid=1

See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/890651/pakistan-condemns-terrorist-attack-at-saudi-mosque/>

TURKEY

9. Pak envoy, Ankara mayor discussed bilateral ties

Islamabad, Saturday, 30 May 2015

Ambassador of Pakistan to Turkey Sohail Mahmood while visiting Altindag Municipality of Ankara discussed bilateral ties with Mayor Veysel Tiryaki.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=340940&Itemid=1

ECONOMIC ISSUES

BAHRAIN

10. Pakistan attached importance to its ties with Bahrain: PM

Islamabad, Wednesday, 6 May 2015

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif met Commander of the National Guard of Bahrain Lt Gen Sheikh Mohamed Bin Isa Bin Al-Khalifa and discussed ways of enhancing cooperation in trade, investment, energy, defence and manpower.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=336833&Itemid=1

See also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/top-news/1-front-top-news/241137-pakistan-attaches-importance-to-its-ties-with-bahrain-pm.html>

See also: Daily Times, Lahore

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/06-May-2015/pakistan-attaches-importance-to-its-ties-with-bahrain-pm>

QATAR

11. Speaker for enhanced cooperation between Pak-Qatar legislatures

Islamabad, Friday, 8 May 2015

Qatari Ambassador Saqr Bin Mubarak Al-Mansouri called on the Speaker of the National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and the latter urged the Qatari investors to invest in various sectors of Pakistan especially in the energy and manufacturing sectors.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=337253&Itemid=1

See also: Daily Times, Lahore

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/08-May-2015/na-speaker-qatari-ambassador-discuss-bilateral-ties>

DEFENCE ISSUES

TURKEY

12. Rana Tanveer met counterparts, defence sector executives in Istanbul

Islamabad, Wednesday, 6 May 2015

Minister for Defence Production Rana Tanveer Hussain led the Pakistani delegation to the 12th International Defence Industry Fair 2015 in Istanbul and held a number of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from around the world.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=336881&Itemid=1

See also: The Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1180464>

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

TURKEY

13. Pak. envoy exchanged views with faculty members of Turkish university

Islamabad, Friday, 22 May 2015

The ambassador of Pakistan to Turkey Sohail Mahmood visited the Urdu Department of Ankara University and exchanged views with its faculty members.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=339668&Itemid=1

14. Pakistan Ambassador visited Turkish language institution in Ankara

Islamabad, Wednesday, 27 May 2015

Pakistan's Ambassador to Turkey Sohail Mahmood visited the Turkish Language Institution in Ankara and met with its President Mustafa S. Kacalin.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=340469&Itemid=1

UAE

15. UAE funds helped open up Pakistan polio programme, Khaleej Times

Islamabad, Tuesday, 19 May 2015

Pakistan received funding campaigns from UAE to help with the polio epidemic. The funding campaigns allowed health workers to reach areas that were formerly inaccessible.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=339047&Itemid=1

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