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POLITICAL ISSUES

SAUDI ARABIA

1) Pakistan's Army Chief held meeting with Saudi King and Staff Chief of Saudi Forces

Islamabad, Tuesday, 3 November 2015

During the two-day official visit to Saudi Arabia, Pakistan Army Chief Raheel Sharif met King Salman and Chief of General Staff Rehman Saleh separately to deliberate over matters related to counter-terrorism, security cooperation and regional security situation.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=367466

See also: Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1217466>

See also: The News International, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/print/15540-gen-raheel-meets-saudi-forces-chief>

TURKEY

2) Pakistan conveyed best wishes to Erdogan on AKP victory

Islamabad, Monday, 2 November 2015

President Mamnoon Hussain and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif conveyed over phone congratulatory greetings to Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the victory of the Justice and Development Party (AKP) in the parliamentary polls held on 1 November 2015.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=367262

See also: The News International, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/print/15514-nawaz-congratulates-erdogan-on-partys-victory>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

IRAN

3) Issues relating economic cooperation discussed between Iranian envoy and Pakistan's Finance Minister

Islamabad, Sunday, 15 November 2015

Iranian ambassador to Pakistan Alireza Haghighian highlighted the need to enhance trade and economic cooperation while paying a farewell call on Pakistan's Finance Minister

Ishaq Dar in Islamabad. He further conveyed Iran's eager interest in holding the 20th Pak-Iran Joint Economic Commission (JEC) meeting in Tehran.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=369878

See also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/general-news/599:/1246901:iranian-envoy-pays-farewell-call-on-dar/?date=2015-11-16>

See also: Pakistan Observer, Islamabad

<http://pakobserver.net/detailnews.asp?id=279251>

See also: Frontier Post, Peshawar

<http://www.thefrontierpost.com/article/352944/iranian-ambassador-pays-farewell-call-on-finance-minister/>

See also: Press Information Department, Islamabad

<http://pid.gov.pk/press15-11-2015.htm>

4) Lifting of sanctions against Iran to strengthen Pak-Iran bilateral ties

Islamabad, Wednesday, 18 November 2015

In a conversation with the outgoing Iranian ambassador Alireza Haghighian in Islamabad, President Mamnoon Hussain welcomed the lifting of sanctions and emphasized on improvement in investment culture, energy and economic ties.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://app.com.pk/video/preview.php?id=96961>

See also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/top-news/108/261843-lifting-of-sanctions-against-iran-to-open-new-avenues-of-pak-iran-cooperation-president.html>

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/national/18-Nov-2015/pakistan-greatly-values-fraternal-ties-with-iran-president>

See also: The Frontier Post, Peshawar

<http://www.thefrontierpost.com/article/353923/pakistan-greatly-values-fraternal-ties-with-iran-president/>

See also: Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1220752>

SECURITY ISSUES

IRAN

5) Border violation by Iran criticized by Pakistan

Quetta, Monday, 16 November 2015

In a meeting with the Iranian authorities, senior officials of Pakistan's Frontier Corps protested the firing of mortar shells from Iranian side on the border town of Kachao in Chagai district of Baluchistan.

Source: The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/islamabad/12-Oct-2015/pm-calls-erdogan-extends-condolences>

See also: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=362849

JORDAN

6) Pakistan Air Force's role in anti-terrorism activities lauded by Jordan

Islamabad, Wednesday, 4 November 2015

In a meeting with Pakistan's Chief of Air Staff Sohail Aman in Amman, King Abdullah appreciated Pakistan's contribution in combating terrorism and underlined Jordan's keenness to increase defence cooperation with Pakistan.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=367625

See also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/general-news/172:pakistan/1243432:war-against-terrorism-jordans-king-abdullah-lauds-pafs-role/>

QATAR

7) Commander of Qatar Naval Forces expressed desire to enhance naval relations

Islamabad, Tuesday, 3 November 2015

In a meeting with Defence Minister Muhammad Asif at Joint Staff Headquarters in Rawalpindi, commander of Qatar Naval Forces Naseer Mubarak underscored the need to strengthen naval relations and extend cooperation in military training.

Source: The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/islamabad/03-Nov-2015/qatari-commander-desires-to-enhance-naval-relations>

See also: Daily Times, Lahore

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/03-Nov-2015/qatar-desires-to-enhance-naval-ties-with-pakistan>

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

KUWAIT

8) Kuwait-based firm withdrew anti-Pakistan USD 650 million claim against Pakistan's Federal Board of Revenue

Islamabad, Saturday, 14 November 2015

Kuwaiti software company MS Agility Pvt Ltd withdrew its case against Pakistan Government filed before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in 2010 on termination of Pakistan automated Customs Clearance Software (PaCCS) contract.

Source: The Express Tribune, Karachi

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/991102/agility-withdraws-case-against-pakistan-days-before-hearing/>

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/business/14-Nov-2015/fbr-successfully-defends-650m-claim-against-kuwait-based-company>

See also: Pakistan Today, Lahore

<http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2015/11/13/business/dar-lauds-fbrs-legal-team-for-defense-against-ms-agilitys-650m-claim/>

See also: The News International, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/print/73169-foreign-company-withdraws-case-against-pakistan>

LEBANON

9) Pakistan condemned bomb blasts in Beirut

Lahore, Friday, 13 November 2015

A statement was issued by Pakistan's foreign office to condemn the twin suicide bomb blasts in a busy street in the southern suburb of Burj al-Barajneh in Beirut and condoled the loss of 43 lives in the tragedy.

Source: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan/general-news/261072-pakistan-condemns-beirut-bomb-blasts.html>

See also: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=369623

PALESTINE

10) UN's inability to act on Palestine criticized by Pakistan

Islamabad, Saturday, 14 November 2015

Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN Maleeha Lodi highlighted the plight of Palestinians and criticized UN Security Council's failure to resolve the Israel-Palestinian conflict while discussing a report by a special UN committee on Palestine.

Source: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/top-news/109/261185-un-security-councils-failure-to-deal-with-palestinian-question-inexcusable-pakistan.html>

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=369683

Source: Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1219618>

UAE

11) Pakistan Air Force jets participated in Dubai Air Show 2015

Islamabad, Monday, 9 November 2015

Light trainer Super Mushshak aircraft of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) and JF-17 thunder fighter were exhibited by Pakistan Aeronautical Complex (PAC) for static and aerial display at the Dubai air show held during 8-12 November 2015.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=368528

See also: Pakistan Today, Lahore

<http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2015/11/09/national/pakistani-jets-garner-interest-at-dubai-air-show/>

See also: Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1218523>

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