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POLITICAL ISSUES

JORDAN

1. Pak, Jordan hold bilateral talks

Islamabad, Tuesday, 22 November 2016

Pakistan's Additional Secretary (Middle East and Africa) Tasawar Khan and Secretary General of Jordan's Foreign Ministry Nayaf Al-Zidan identified potential areas of political, economic, defence and cultural cooperation during the inaugural session of Pakistan-Jordan Bilateral Political Consultations.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/pak-jordan-foreign-ministries-hold-bilateral-political-consultations/>

See Also: Pakistan Point, Lahore

<http://www.pakistanpoint.com/en/pakistan/news/pak-jordan-inaugural-round-of-political-consu-63913.html>

TURKEY

2. Turkish President addresses Pak Parliament, urges action against clerics

Islamabad, Thursday, 17 November 2016

Turkish President Erdogan addressed the joint parliamentary session during his two-day official visit to Pakistan. During his visit, matters of political, strategic, defence and economic interest were discussed and Erdogan insisted Pakistan to act against clergy network in the country.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/turkish-president-arrives-in-lahore/>

See Also: Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1296892>

3. Erdogan assures support on Kashmir issue, PoK PM expresses gratitude

Islamabad, Saturday, 19 November 2016

Prime Minister of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir Farooq Haider thanked Turkish president Erdogan for supporting Pakistan's position on Kashmir issue as the current president of OIC contact group on Kashmir.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/ajk-pm-thanks-turkish-president-for-supporting-kashmiris-struggle-for-freedom/>

See Also: Parliament Times, Islamabad

<http://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/ajk-pm-thanks-president-erdogan-supporting-kashmiris-struggle/>

DEFENCE ISSUES

EGYPT

4. Pak defence minister offers training for Egyptian armed forces

Islamabad, Tuesday, 22 November 2016

In a meeting with Egyptian Minister for Military Production Saeed Al-Assar at the ninth international defence exhibition in Karachi, Pakistan's Defense Minister Mohammad Asif offered training for Egyptian army. Scope of joint defence production was also discussed.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/nigerian-egyptian-ministers-call-on-khawaja-asif/>

See Also: Pakistan Point, Lahore

<http://www.pakistanpoint.com/en/pakistan/news/nigerian-egyptian-ministers-call-on-khawaja-64451.html>

SAUDI-ARABIA

5. Saudi Air Force commander visits Pak

Islamabad, Thursday, 17 November 2016

Commander of Royal Saudi Air Force Saleh Al Otaibi called on Rashad Mahmood, Pakistan's Joint Chief of Staff Committee Chairman at Joint Staff Headquarters in Rawalpindi to discuss bilateral matters relating military cooperation.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/commander-royal-saudi-air-force-calls-on-cjcs/>

See Also: The Times of Islamabad, Islamabad

<https://timesofislamabad.com/saudi-air-force-chief-calls-cjcs/2016/11/09/>

See Also: Pakistan Point, Lahore

<http://www.pakistanpoint.com/en/pakistan/news/commander-royal-saudi-air-force-calls-on-cjcs-57702.html>

TURKEY

6. Pak shares security perspective at Istanbul seminar

Islamabad, Thursday, 17 November 2016

Jaffar Iqbal, Pakistan's Parliamentary Defense Secretary, shared his country's experience in combating terrorism, while representing Pakistan in Istanbul Security Conference 2016 held from November 2-4, themed "Changing Nature of State: Borders of Security."

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/turkish-general-meets-pakistani-military-leadership/>

See Also: The News International, Karachi

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/165618-Turkish-Chief-of-General-Staff-meets-Pakistans-military-leaders>

7. Turkish Chief of General Staff visits Pak

Islamabad, Thursday, 17 November 2016

Turkish Chief of General Staff (CGS) Hulusi Akar met Pakistan's Joint Chief of Staff Committee (CJCSC) Rashad Mahmood at the Joint Staff Headquarters, Rawalpindi to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/turkish-general-meets-pakistani-military-leadership/>

See Also: The News International, Karachi

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/165618-Turkish-Chief-of-General-Staff-meets-Pakistans-military-leaders>

UAE

8. Pakistan, UAE discuss defence cooperation

Islamabad, Wednesday, 30 November 2016

Pakistan's Secretary Defense Zameer ul Hassan and Emirati military attaché Ghanem Al Ali held a meeting to discuss the avenues to enhance defence and military cooperation.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/pakistan-attaches-great-value-to-ties-with-uae-secretary-defence/>

See Also: Times of Islamabad, Islamabad

<https://timesofislamabad.com/uae-desirous-expanding-defence-cooperation-pakistan-uae-defence-attache/2016/11/30/>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

BAHRAIN

9. Pak, Bahrain eye for enhanced economic ties

Islamabad, Tuesday, 8 November 2016

Pakistan's National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq and the King of Bahrain Hamad Al Khalifa agreed to enhance economic cooperation during a meeting held in Bahrain.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/pakistan-bahrain-agree-to-boost-economic-cooperation/>

TURKEY

10. Pak invites Turkey to explore investment options under CPEC

Islamabad, Thursday, 17 November 2016

Addressing a Pakistan-Turkey businessmen conference organized by the Board of Investment, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif urged the Turkish business community to exploit “investment opportunities that CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) is bringing to Pakistan”.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/pm-urges-turkish-entrepreneurs-to-benefit-from-business-friendly-climate-in-pakistan/>

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

IRAN

11. Pak, Iran to enhance rail connectivity

Islamabad, Tuesday, 8 November 2016

In a meeting with the Managing Director of Iranian Railways Hossein Ashoori in Tehran, Pakistani envoy Asif Durrani highlighted the need for closer cooperation between the railways as a means to promote bilateral trade.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/pakistan-iran-discuss-prospects-of-further-enhancing-connectivity/>

See Also: Press Information Department, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.pid.gov.pk/?p=29121>

TURKEY

12. Pak health delegation visits Turkey

Islamabad, Wednesday, 9 November 2016

Health delegation from Punjab met Turkish Minister for Health Recep Akdag to discuss cooperation in healthcare planning and paramedic training.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/pakistanturkey-to-deepen-collaboration-in-health-sector/>

13. Turkey's first lady visits PRC HQ

Islamabad, Thursday, 17 November 2016

Turkey's first lady Emine Erdogan distributed electric wheel chairs and incubators to Pakistan Red Crescent Headquarters in Islamabad, during Turkish President Recep Erdogan's two-day state visit to Pakistan.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/turkish-first-lady-donates-electric-wheel-chairs-incubators-to-prc/>

See Also: The Times of Islamabad, Islamabad

<https://timesofislamabad.com/turkish-first-lady-donation-pakistan/2016/11/17/>

14. Pakistan Minister for Religious Affairs visits Ankara

Islamabad, Monday, 28 November 2016

Pakistan's minister for Religious Affairs Muhammad Yousuf met his Turkish counterpart Mehmet Gormez in Ankara to discuss matters relating religious and inter-faith cooperation between the two nations.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/religious-minister-meets-his-turkish-counterpart/>

See Also: The News International, Karachi

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/168239-Pakistan-and-Turkey-agree-to-increase-mutual-cooperation-in-religious-affairs>

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