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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### OMAN

#### 1. Pakistan, Oman bilateral ties diversified

Islamabad, Tuesday, 11 July 2017

Pakistan embassy in Muscat underlined the bilateral relations and role played by Pakistani organizations and companies in furthering the relations.

*Source:* Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/newsletter-of-embassy-of-pakistan-at-muscat-showcases-bilateral-activities/>

*See also:* The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/national/11-Jul-2017/newsletter-of-embassy-of-pakistan-at-muscat-showcases-bilateral-activities>

### QATAR

#### 2. Investigation team advised to visit Qatar

Islamabad, Monday, 3 July 2017

Special Assistant to Prime Minister Asif Kirmani declared that Joint Investigation Team (JIT) probing corruption allegations against Nawaz Sharif would visit Qatar to record the Qatari prince's statement.

*Source:* Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/jit-should-visit-qatar-to-record-statement-of-qatari-prince-kirmani/>

*See also:* The News International, Karachi

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/214305-JIT-report-to-be-incomplete-sans-statement-of-Qatari-prince-says-Kirmani>

### TURKEY

#### 3. Failed coup attempt in Turkey commemorated

Islamabad, Thursday, 15 July 2017

The first anniversary of the coup attempt in Turkey was commemorated at Shaheen Complex, Lahore wherein Punjab Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Sanaullah Khan labelled it as “conspiracy against progress and prosperity of Turkish people.”

*Source:* Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<https://www.app.com.pk/coup-was-a-conspiracy-against-turkish-people-sanaullah/>

*See also:* Pakistan Today, Lahore

<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2017/07/16/sana-calls-coup-attempt-in-turkey-a-conspiracy/>

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## UAE

### 4. UAE condemns terrorist attack in Lahore

Islamabad, Tuesday, 25 July 2017

The UAE condemned the terrorist attack in a vegetable market in Lahore on 24 July, which left 26 people dead.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/uae-expresses-solidarity-with-pakistan-in-its-fight-against-terrorism/>

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## ECONOMIC ISSUES

## TURKEY

### 5. Turkey, Pakistan to sign FTA in August

Islamabad, Sunday, 9 July 2017

A Ministry of Commerce official informed that Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Turkey would be signed on 14 August, leading to increase and diversification of trade balance.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/7th-round-of-pak-turkey-fta-negotiation-a-milestone-to-final-agreement/>

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## MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

## OIC

### 6. OIC underlines need to resolve Kashmir issue

Islamabad, Tuesday, 11 July 2017

The 44<sup>th</sup> session of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) held in Abidjan on 10-11 July discussed the situation in Indian administered Kashmir and urged India to implement the UNSC resolutions.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/oic-calls-upon-india-un-to-implement-security-councils-resolutions-on-iok/>

*See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi*

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1455905/foreign-ministers-meet-oic-urges-india-implement-un-resolutions-kashmir/>

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## EGYPT

### 7. Pakistan, Egypt Squash series held in Islamabad

Islamabad, Sunday, 16 July 2017

Egypt won the International Squash series held in Islamabad from 12-16 July, with Army Chief Qamar Bajwa as the chief guest at the closing ceremony.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/coas-witnesses-culmination-of-pak-egypt-international-squash-series/>

*See also: The Nation, Lahore*

<http://www.nation.com.pk/sports/16-Jul-2017/coas-witnesses-closing-ceremony-of-pak-egypt-int-l-squash-series>

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## HAJJ

## **8. Hajj flights begin for a month**

**Islamabad, Sunday, 22 July 2017**

According to Ministry of Religious Affairs, Hajj scheme began flight operations to take over 7,000 pilgrims to Saudi Arabia from 24 July until 26 August through 426 flights.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/hajj-flight-operation-to-begin-from-monday/>

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## **TURKEY**

## **9. Turkey, Pakistan discuss cooperation in furniture industry**

**Islamabad, Wednesday, 5 July 2017**

Chief of Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) Kashif Ashfaq informed that Turkish ‘Inegol Business Association’ would set up modern training centres across Pakistan to share latest technology and train the local woodworkers in modern product designing.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/turkey-to-share-furniture-technology-with-pakistan/>

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## **10. Pakistan signs scientific collaboration deals with Turkey, Iran**

**Islamabad, Wednesday, 12 July 2017**

Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) entered joint collaboration with Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) and eight joint projects with Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, Iran to uplift Pakistani scientists in their scientific endeavours.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/turkish-delegation-to-visit-psf-this-month/>

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## **11. Pakistan condoles damages in Earthquake**

**Islamabad, Friday, 21 July 2017**

Pakistan expressed sympathies over the deaths and damage caused by the earthquake on 20 July in Turkey’s Mugla Province at coast with the Aegean Sea.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/pakistan-conveys-sympathies-over-injuries-damages-in-turkey-earthquake/>

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## **12. Pakistan, Turkey discuss medical cooperation**

**Islamabad, Friday, 25 July 2017**

A high-level Turkish delegation led by Director General Health Oner Guner discussed avenues of medical cooperation with special emphasis on liver transplant facilities and medical visa during a meeting with Pakistan’s National Health Minister Saira Afzal in Islamabad.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/turkey-offers-liver-transplant-facilities-for-pakistani-patients/>

*See also: The News International, Karachi*

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/218840-Turkey-offers-liver-transplant-facilities-for-Pakistani-patients>

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