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POLITICAL ISSUES

Egypt

1. Egyptian envoy felicitates PM on non-permanent seat in UN

Islamabad, Tuesday, 25 October 2011

Ambassador of Egypt Said Muhammad Al-Said Hindam called on Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani and congratulated him on Pakistan's winning of a non-permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council with comfortable majority.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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Iraq

2. Envoy of Iraq calls on Rehman Malik

Islamabad, Saturday, 29 October 2011

Ambassador of Iraq to Pakistan Dr Rushdi Al Ani Saturday called on Interior Minister Senator A Rehman Malik and discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral relations with him.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=161789

Iran

3. Iranian envoy pays farewell call on President Zardari

Islamabad, Tuesday, 4 October 2011

President Asif Ali Zardari said that Pakistan and Iran are poised to play a key role in promotion of intra-regional and inter-regional connectivity for region's socio-economic development.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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4. Visit of Zaireen to Iran be regulated: Rehman Malik

Islamabad, Wednesday, 5 October 2011

Minister for Interior Rehman Malik directed the concerned authorities to regulate visit of Zaireen to Iran and ensure their protection.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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5. Pakistan to import electricity, gas from Iran: Gilani

Islamabad, Wednesday, 19 October 2011

Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani said Pakistan was very keen to overcome shortage of energy by importing gas and 1000 megawatts electricity from Iran.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=160255

6. Fourth meeting of Iran-Pakistan Joint Consular Commission

Tehran, Monday, 24 October 2011

The fourth session of Iran-Pakistan Joint Consular Commission was held in Tehran in the presence of consular officials of the two countries.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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7. Pak-Iran Gas Pipeline project to be completed before 2014

Islamabad, Thursday, 27 October 2011

Dispelling the foreign pressure over Pak-Iran Gas Pipeline Project, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Dr Asim Hussain informed the Senate that work has been expedited on the project and said that it would be completed by end of 2013, before the scheduled time.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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8. Iranian envoy meets General Wynne

Rawalpindi, Monday, 31 October 2011

Mashallah Shakeri, Ambassador of Iran, called on Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, General Khalid Shameem Wynne at Joint Staff Headquarter, Chaklala.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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Kuwait

9. Kuwaiti PM condoles death of Begum Nusrat Bhutto

Islamabad, Thursday, 27 October 2011

Prime Minister of Kuwait Shaikh Nasser Al Mohammed Al Sabah telephoned President Asif Ali Zardari and condoled with him over the death of Madre Jamhooriyat Begum Nusrat Bhutto.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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Qatar

10. Gilani for strengthening Pak-Qatar ties

Islamabad, Wednesday, 26 October 2011

Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani said that Pakistan attached great importance to its relations with Qatar and desired to further expand the existing cooperation in various fields.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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Jordan

11. President of Jordanian Senate meets President Zardari
Jordan, Saturday, 22 October 2011

President of the Senate of Jordan Taher Al Masri called on President Asif Ali Zardari and discussed matters of mutual interest.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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Saudi Arabia

12. Saudi Arabia needs services of Pakistani doctors
Islamabad, Monday, 3 October 2011

The Saudi Ministry of Health required the services of Pakistani medical professionals on the urgent basis.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=157239

13. Saudi Land Forces Commander calls on Army Chief
Rawalpindi, Wednesday, 5 October 2011

Prince Lieutenant General Khalid Bin Bandar Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, Commander of Royal Saudi Land Forces called on Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani at General Headquarters.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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14. Confers HI (Military) upon Prince Khalid Bin Bandar
Islamabad, Thursday, 6 October 2011

President Asif Ali Zardari conferred Hilal-i-Imtiaz (Military) upon Prince Lieutenant General (Staff) Khalid Bin Bandar Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud, Commander Royal Saudi Land Forces, during a special investiture ceremony.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=157947

15. Saudi Arabia key to maintaining peace in this region
Mangla, Thursday, 6 October 2011

Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani said that Saudi Arabia has played an important role to maintain peace and stability in this region especially in Afghanistan.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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16. Pak-Saudi counter-terrorism military exercise
Mangla, Thursday, 6 October 2011

Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia enjoy close brotherly and strategic relations since their inception.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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17. Pak envoy to Saudi Arabia presents credentials
Islamabad, Tuesday, 11 October 2011

Ambassador of Pakistan to Saudi Arabia Muhammad Naeem Khan presented his credentials to King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=158779

18. Pak, Saudi women gather to cherish friendly ties

Islamabad, Friday, 21 October 2011

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan stressed greater collaboration between the women of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia for strengthening socio-cultural ties between the two countries.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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19. President condoles the demise of Prince Sultan

Islamabad, Saturday, 22 October 2011

President Asif Ali Zardari expressed his heartfelt condolences over demise of Saudi Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=160751

See also: Associated Press of Pakistan

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20. Zardari to condole Crown Prince's demise

Riyadh, Tuesday, 25 October 2011

President Asif Ali Zardari flew into the Saudi capital to offer condolences to the leadership and people of Saudi Arabia over the sad demise of Saudi Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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21. Saudi response for providing relief to flood-hit

Islamabad, Friday, 28 October 2011

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan said Pakistani and Saudi people are one nation, living in two countries and Riyadh's response to devastation caused by rains and floods in Sindh and Baluchistan provinces was exemplary.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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22. Pakistan felicitates Prince Naif on elevation

Jeddah, Friday, 28 October 2011

Ambassador of Pakistan in Saudi Arabia Muhammad Naeem Khan extended felicitations to Prince Naif Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud on his elevation as Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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Syria

23. Need to explore new avenues in Pak-Syria relations

Islamabad, Friday, 21 October 2011

Deputy Chairman Senate, Mir Muhammad Khan Jamali said that Pakistan highly values its brotherly relations with Syria and there was a dire need to explore new avenues of cooperation for mutual benefit of the two countries.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=160655

Turkey

24. Firdous leaves for Turkey on 5-day official visit

Islamabad, Monday, 10 October 2011

“Pakistan and Turkey enjoy warm and cordial relations based on common faith, shared traditions and mutual goodwill”, said Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Firdous Ashiq Awan.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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25. President condoles death of Turkish PM's mother

Islamabad, Monday, 10 October 2011

President Asif Ali Zardari telephoned Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and condoled with him over the death of his mother.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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26. Exchanges views with Director Pak-Turk Foundation

Islamabad, Tuesday, 11 October 2011

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan exchanged views with Director Pak-Turk Foundation, Turget Royan at Istanbul airport for declaring Pakistani city Sialkot and Turkish city Kayseri as twin cities.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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27. Exchange of Pak-Turkey Parliamentary delegations

Islamabad, Wednesday, 12 October 2011

Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan, in a meeting with Deputy Speaker of Turkish Grand National Assembly (TGNA) Mehmet Saglam discussed exchange of parliamentary delegations.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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28. Minister launches flood appeal on Turkish media

Istanbul, Friday, 14 October 2011

Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan launched an appeal to help the 2011 monsoon flood victims of Pakistan.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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29. Turkish to highlight Pakistan's efforts on war on terror

Islamabad, Friday, 14 October 2011

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan said Turkish media can play a significant role in highlighting Pakistan's efforts on war on terror besides improving image in the world community.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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30. Gilani offers assistance, relief goods to Turkey

Islamabad, Monday, 24 October 2011

Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani offered assistance including relief goods, medicines and doctors to help Turkish brethren cope with the devastating earthquake in Eastern Turkey.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=160865

See also Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=161079

See also: Associated Press of Pakistan

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31. Turkey accepts quake reconstruction technical assistance

Islamabad, Tuesday, 25 October 2011

Turkey accepted technical assistance of Pakistan for carrying reconstruction and rehabilitation activities in earthquake hit areas.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=161067

32. PM greets Turkish counterpart on national day

Islamabad, Friday, 28 October 2011

Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani has sent a message of greetings to Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the occasion of 88th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Turkey, falling on October 29.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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33. Zardari's visit to Turkey to promote bilateral relations

Islamabad, Sunday, 30 October 2011

Pakistan and Turkey are expected to sign a currency swap agreement during the visit of President Asif Ali Zardari to Istanbul. This was stated by Pakistan's Ambassador to Turkey Muhammad Haroon Shaukat during an interview with APP.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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34. Zardari to attend trilateral summit on Afghanistan

Islamabad, Sunday, 30 October 2011

President Asif Ali Zardari arrived here on the invitation of Turkish President Abdullah Gul to participate in the sixth trilateral summit being hosted by Turkey to find a peaceful and everlasting solution of Afghanistan issue.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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See also: Associated Press of Pakistan

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35. COAS leaves for Turkey to attend Istanbul Conference

Rawalpindi, Monday, 31 October 2011

Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani left for Turkey to participate in Istanbul Conference.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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36. To deepen, broaden and strengthen partnership

Istanbul, Monday, 31 October 2011

President Asif Ali Zardari and his Turkish counterpart Abdullah Gul agreed to finalize the currency swap agreement between the two countries this week to further deepen broaden and strengthen their partnership in every field.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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UAE

37. UAE assures support for UNSC non-permanent seat

Islamabad, Wednesday, 19 October 2011

United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ambassador Essa Abdulla Al Basha Al Nuaimi called on Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani and assured that his country was committed to support Pakistan's candidature for the UN Security Council's non-permanent seat.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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ECONOMIC ISSUES

Iran

38. Acknowledges Iran's assistance for flood victims

Islamabad, Monday, 3 October 2011

Chairman Senate, Farooq H. Naek thanked government and people of Iran for their US \$ 100 million assistance to ensure relief for flood-affected people in Pakistan.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=157243

Jordan

39. President arrives to attend World Economic Forum

Jordan, Friday, 21 October 2011

President Asif Ali Zardari was accorded a red-carpet welcome when he arrived in the Jordanian capital on Friday to attend the World Economic Forum special meeting on Economic Growth and Job Creation in the Arab World being held at the Dead Sea resort from Oct. 21 to 23

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=160675

Saudi Arabia

40. Contract for 380KV transmission line in Mecca

Riyadh, Monday, 24 October 2011

National Power Construction Company (NPCC) of Pakistan and Saudi Electric Company (SEC) signed a contract worth Saudi Riyals 288 million for 380KV transmission line in Mecca.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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MISCELLANEOUS

Palestine

41. Pakistan continue support to Palestinian cause: Naek

Islamabad, Monday, 3 October 2011

Chairman Senate Farooq H. Naek has said that Pakistan fully supports Palestinians' demand for an independent state with Al Quds as its capital.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=157247

Turkey

42. International support for BISP

Islamabad, Monday, 3 October 2011

Turkish President Abdullah Gul assured to continue Turkey's contribution to Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and said that the international support for BISP shows transparency of the Programme.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=157379

See also: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=157663

43. Pakistan, Turkey inks media cooperation agreement

Ankara, Wednesday, 12 October 2011

The Anadolu Agency of Turkey and Associated Press of Pakistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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44. Turkish media delegation visits PNCA

Islamabad, Monday, 17 October 2011

A four-member media delegation visited Pakistan National Council of the Arts and appreciated the modern and contemporary art presented in different galleries.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

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45. Turkish delegation for bilateral exchange with APP

Islamabad, Thursday, 20 October 2011

A three-member Turkish delegation visited the headquarters of the Associated Press of Pakistan and discussed future prospects of bilateral cooperation between the media outlets of the two countries.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=160441

UAE

46. UAE pledges full support for BISP

Islamabad, Tuesday, 11 October 2011

Various ministries and organizations working in the social sector of United Arab Emirates (UAE), on behalf of UAE government, have shown their agreement to take various measures aiming to enhance support base for Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=158723

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