



PAKISTAN WATCH

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POLITICAL ISSUES

Egypt

1. Acting President stresses for further strengthening multi-faceted ties between Egypt and Pakistan

Islamabad, Tuesday, 1 November 2011

Acting President Farooq H. Naek, stressed the need for further strengthening multi-faceted bilateral relations between Egypt and Pakistan.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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Iran

2. Iranian FM calls on Zardari

Istanbul, Wednesday, 2 November 2011

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi, who is in Istanbul to attend regional conference on Afghanistan, called on President Asif Ali Zardari.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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3. Iran great friend of Pakistan: Dr. Firdous

Islamabad, Thursday, 3 November 2011

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan said that Iran was a great friend and Pakistan highly valued its relations with the brotherly Muslim country.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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4. Pak-Iran Border officials meeting on Nov 20
Chaghi, Friday, 11 November 2011

A meeting of Pak-Iran border official has been convened for November 20 to discuss the issue regarding the reopening of zero point.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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5. Pakistan-Iran officials to discuss opening of Zero Point on Nov 30
Dalbandin, Friday, 18 November 2011

Pakistan-Iran border officials would meet on November 30 to discuss the opening of Zero Point trade Gateway.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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Iraq

6. Pakistan to improve relations with Iraq: Khar
Islamabad, Thursday, 17 November 2011

Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar said relations between Pakistan and Iraq were historical and there was a great potential for enhancing cooperation between the two countries in a number of fields. The Minister was talking to Ambassador of Iraq to Pakistan Dr. Rushdi Mahmood Al-Ani who called on her.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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Israel

7. Israel must stop building settlements on occupied lands: Pakistan
United Nations, Wednesday, 9 November 2011

Reiterating its support to the Palestinians' right to self-determination, Pakistan in United Nations called on Israel to cease all settlement activity on occupied Palestinian territories to promote peace in the Middle East.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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Lebanon

8. PM greets Lebanese counterpart on Independence Day **Islamabad, Monday, 21 November 2011**

Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani has sent a message of greetings to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lebanon Najib Mikati on their Independence Day falling on November 22.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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Libya

9. Pakistan recognizes Libya **Islamabad, Thursday, 3 November 2011**

Pakistan on Thursday accorded formal recognition to the new government of Libya.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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Morocco

10. PM greets Moroccan counterpart on Independence Day **Islamabad, Thursday, 17 November 2011**

Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani has sent a message of greetings to Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco Mr Abbas El Fassi on their independence day falling on 18 November.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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Oman

11. PM greets Sultan of Oman on National Day **Islamabad, Thursday, 17 November 2011**

Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani has sent a message of greetings to Sultan of Oman Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al-Said on their National Day falling on Friday 18 November.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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12. Foreign Minister, ambassador of Oman discuss bilateral ties

Islamabad, Wednesday, 23 November 2011

Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar and ambassador of Oman Mohammad Said Mohammad Al-Lawati discussed bilateral relations and ways and means to strengthen the existing cooperation between the two brotherly countries in various fields.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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13. Rehman Malik arrives in Oman on day long visit

Islamabad, Wednesday, 23 November 2011

Interior Minister, Rehman Malik on Wednesday said Pakistan attached great importance to its ties with Oman and efforts would be made to further enhance and broaden bilateral cooperation in all areas of common interest.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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14. Malik calls on Omanese Deputy PM

Islamabad, Wednesday, 23 November 2011

Interior Minister, Rehman Malik called on Deputy Prime Minister of Oman Sayyid Fahad bin Mahmood Al-Said in Muscat.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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Saudi Arabia

15. Saudi Ambassador meets Hina Khar

Islamabad, Friday, 4 November 2011

Ambassador of Saudi Arabia Abdul Aziz bin Ibrahim bin Salih Al-Ghadeer called on Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar. The Foreign Minister lauded the efforts being made by the Ambassador in further strengthening the existing fraternal relations between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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16. Saudi officials to distribute relief assistance in Mirpurkhas

Karachi, Thursday, 10 November 2011

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan along with Saudi Ambassador in Pakistan, Abdul Aziz Bin Ibrahim Al-Ghadeer, would distribute relief goods among rain and flood victims in Mirpurkhas district.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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17. Dr Firdous, Saudi envoy distribute relief goods among flood victims

Jhuddo (District Mirpurkhas), Friday, 11 November 2011

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan said that the foreign assistance, particularly of brotherly countries, would help the government in relief work and early rehabilitation of flood hit people in Sindh.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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18. Saudi Ambassador distributes relief goods among people of Juddo taluka

Jhuddo (District Mirpurkhas), Friday, 11 November 2011

Abdul Aziz Al Ghadeer, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, distributed relief goods among inhabitants of Juddo taluka in Mirpurkas, one of the worst affected districts in lower Sindh during current year's torrential rains.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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19. Saudi ambassador to Pakistan calls on President

Islamabad, Thursday, 24 November 2011

Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Aziz Ibrahim Al-Ghadeer called on President Asif Ali Zardari to discuss Pak-Saudi bilateral relations.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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Turkey

20. Pak-Turk bilateral talks begins

Istanbul, Tuesday, 1 November 2011

Bilateral talks between Pakistan and Turkey started in which President Asif Ali Zardari is leading Pakistan's delegation while Turkish President Abdullah Gul is leading his country's delegation.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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21. Pakistan, Turkey agree to upgrade track for Gul Train

Istanbul, Tuesday, 1 November 2011

The proposed Gul Train project took a step forward when the Presidents of Pakistan and Turkey agreed to further upgrade it so as to cover the distance between Ankara and Islamabad in just 11 days instead of 16 days.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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22. Pakistan, Turkey vow to expand cooperation for regional progress

Istanbul, Tuesday, 1 November 2011

Pakistan and Turkey vowed to further expand their strong, friendly and brotherly ties to play more active and pivotal role in peace, progress and stability in the region and for the welfare of the people of two countries.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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23. Pakistan, Turkey sign currency swap agreement

Istanbul, Tuesday, 1 November 2011

President Asif Ali Zardari and President Abdullah Gul on Monday witnessed the signing of the currency swap agreement between the two countries.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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24. Turkey vows to continue supporting Pakistan: Turkish Foreign minister

Islamabad, Thursday, 3 November 2011

Turkish Foreign minister Ahmet Davutoglu has said that Turkey would continue supporting Pakistan in every venture to maintain its good friendly relations.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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25. NDMA sends Second Relief Consignment to Turkey

Islamabad, Thursday, 10 November 2011

National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) sent second relief consignment to Turkey, aimed at providing relief and express solidarity with the distraught quake victims of Turkey.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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26. Turkish organization distributes sacrificial meat among deserving people

Islamabad, Thursday, 10 November 2011

Yardimeli (Helping Hand), a Turkish-based civil society organisation, has sacrificed 130 bulls on Eidul Azha and distributed meat among 30,000 deserving people of Charsadda, Malakand and Kashmir in Pakistan.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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27. Turkish Foreign Minister expresses solidarity with FM Khar

Islamabad, Sunday, 27 November 2011

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu called Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar to express solidarity with the people and Government of Pakistan on NATO/ISAF attacks that have led to the Shahadat of 24 Pakistani soldiers and caused injury to 16 soldiers.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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28. Proclamation of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus celebrated

Islamabad, Monday, 28 November 2011

The 28th anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus was celebrated in Istanbul and Advisor to Prime Minister for National Harmony, Dr. Paul Bhatti, on the occasion felicitated the Government of the Turkey on behalf of the Government of Pakistan.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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UAE

29. Ambassador of UAE calls on acting president

Islamabad, Wednesday, 2 November 2011

Acting President, Farooq H. Naek said that Pakistan greatly values its political, economic and cultural ties with United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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30. 'Pakistan striving to double food export to UAE'

Islamabad, Wednesday, 23 November 2011

Ambassador to United Arab Emirates Jamil Ahmed Khan said that Pakistan is making efforts to double its food export to the UAE by adding value to its products and by establishing brands.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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31. UAE's Foreign Minister arrives

Islamabad, Monday, 28 November 2011

Minister for Interior, Rehman Malik said that Pakistan attaches great importance to its ties with United Arab Emirates (UAE) which would be further promoted in future. He expressed these views while receiving Foreign Minister of UAE, Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zaid Al-Nahyan at Chaklala Airbase.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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32. President, UAE FM discuss wide range of bilateral issues

Islamabad, Monday, 28 November 2011

Foreign Minister of United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zaid Al-Nahyan called on President Asif Ali Zardari and discussed with him wide range of bilateral issues.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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33. UAE demands apology from NATO over killing of Pakistani troops

Abu Dhabi, Wednesday, 30 November 2011

United Arab Emirates demanded of NATO to apologize to Pakistan for the deaths of its 24 soldiers in an airstrike at its post along the Pak-Afghan border, but denied it sought an extension from Pakistan to extend the deadline to vacate Shamsi Air Base.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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ECONOMIC ISSUES

UAE

34. UAE Expo 2011 to be held in Karachi

Karachi, Saturday, 19 November 2011

The UAE Expo 2011 would be held under the auspices of the UAE Karachi Consulate Office - Commercial Division, with the support from the UAE's Ministry of Foreign Trade. It said that the Expo is aimed at strengthening trade and commercial ties and promoting further socio-economic collaborations between the UAE and Pakistan.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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35. Karachi University to open campus in Dubai

Karachi, Monday, 21 November 2011

The University of Karachi is planning to set up its campus in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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MULTILATERAL

OIC

36. Pak envoy holds meeting with OIC Secretary General

Islamabad, Saturday, 19 November 2011

Ambassador of Pakistan to Saudi Arabia, Muhammad Naeem Khan called on the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Ekmeluddin Ehsan Oglo at the OIC secretariat in Jeddah and discussed with him matters of mutual interest.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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MISCELLANEOUS

Hajj

37. Gilani appreciates Hajj sermon for rejecting extremism, terrorism

Lahore, Tuesday, 8 November 2011

Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani highly appreciated the message in the Hajj sermon this year which called upon the Muslims of the world to forge unity in their ranks and reject extremism and terrorism in absolute terms.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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