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POLITICAL ISSUES

EGYPT

1. Pakistan, Egypt enjoy cordial relations: Naek

Islamabad, Wednesday, 25 Jan 2012

Egyptian Acting President Farooq H. Naek said that Pakistan and Egypt enjoy cordial relations both at the government-to-government level and at the people-to-people level.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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IRAN

2. Unfortunate incident shall not be allowed to mar Pak-Iran friendly ties: Rehman

Islamabad, Thursday, 5 Jan 2012

Interior Minister Rehman Malik on Thursday constituted a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) to ascertain the facts about the incident of border crossing and exchange of fire between Iranian border officials and alleged smugglers at Pak-Iran border. The team will submit its report within seven days.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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OMAN

3. Pakistan, Oman agree to strengthen cooperation in diverse areas

Islamabad, Monday, 9 Jan 2012

Pakistan and Oman agreed to cooperate in trade and commerce, finance and banking, law enforcement, education and health care during the fourth round of Pak-Oman Annual Bilateral Political Consultations held in Muscat.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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PALESTINE

4. PM greets Palestinian counterpart on 46th anniversary of revolution

Islamabad, Sunday, 1 Jan 2012

Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani greeted Prime Minister of the Palestinian National Authority Dr Salam Fayyad on the 46th anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution falling on January 1, 2012.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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SAUDI ARABIA

5. Pakistan, Saudi Arabia one nation two countries: Information Minister

Islamabad, Wednesday, 18 Jan 2012

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr Firdous Ashiq awan has said that relations between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are not confined to the government to government level but rather it is between the people of the two nations. The Minister also appreciated the help extended by Saudi Arabia during the floods of 2010.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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SYRIA

6. Pakistan cautions UNSC against any hasty decision on Syrian unrest

New York, Wednesday, 11 Jan 2012

Pakistan has appealed to the U.N. Security Council against taking any hasty decision to deal with the violent protests in Syria.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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UAE

7. UEA envoy calls on President

Karachi, Tuesday, 10 Jan 2012

Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Essa Abdullah Al-Basha Al-Noaimi discussed bilateral relations with President Asif Ali Zardari.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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ECONOMIC ISSUES

IRAN

8. Pak-Iran gas pipeline not under sanctions: FO

Islamabad, Thursday, 26 Jan 2012

Pakistan has reiterated its commitment to the Pak-Iran gas pipeline and has maintained that sanctions do not cover this project. Foreign Office Spokesman Abdul Basit clarified that the nuclear issue of Iran should be resolved peacefully through negotiations and dialogue by the international community.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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UAE

9. Steps being taken to facilitate Pakistanis in UAE: Rehman Malik

Islamabad, Sunday, 29 Jan 2012

Pakistan Minister for Interior Rehman Malik has said that steps were being taken to facilitate the Pakistanis living in the United Arab Emirates so that they could avail the passport facility in an easy manner.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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MISCELLANEOUS

TURKEY

10. Dates for invitation to Turkish PM for HLCC session

Islamabad, Tuesday, 10 Jan 2012

Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani has invited Turkish Prime Minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan to visit Pakistan to attend the second session of High Level Cooperation Council.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan*

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