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POLITICAL ISSUES

EGYPT

1. Nisar hoped Egypt to be normal soon

Islamabad, Saturday, 6 July 2013

Pakistan's Minister for Interior Nisar Ali Khan expressed his hopes for normalcy to return in Egypt and said that the recent events in Egypt were an internal matter of the country.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241838&Itemid=2

See also: Business Recorder

<http://www.brecorder.com/top-news/1-front-top-news/126648-nisar-hopes-egypt-to-be-normal-soon.html>

2. Pakistan urged restoration of Democratic Institutions in Egypt

Islamabad, Friday, 26 July 2013

Foreign Office spokesperson Aijaz Ahmad Chaudhary urged for restoration of democratic institutions in Egypt and expressed his concern for the loss of innocent lives due to violence. He called upon all the sides on Egypt to take legal and constitutional approach and peaceful manner to deal with the issues and called for the immediate release of President Mohammad Morsi.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=244334&Itemid=2

See also: The Dawn

<http://dawn.com/news/1032090/pakistan-calls-for-morsis-release-urges-return-to-democracy-in-egypt>

SAUDI ARABIA

3. Saudi Ambassador called on Sartaj Aziz

Islamabad, Friday, 5 July 2013

The ambassador of Saudi Arabia called on the Adviser to the Prime Minister and felicitated on the victory of PML (N) in the general elections and wished him great success in his assignment.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241718&Itemid=1

4. Saudi Ambassador calls on Prime Minister

Islamabad, Thursday, 11 July 2013

The Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan paid a courtesy visit to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and discussed issues related to mutual relation and Saudi Arabia's role in promoting global peace and security.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=242354&Itemid=2

5. Minister discussed arrangements for Hajj with Saudi officials

Medina, Wednesday, 24 July 2013

Minister for Religious Affairs Sardar Mohammad Yousuf discussed issues regarding Hajj 2013 with the Governor of Medina. The Minister also suggested free medical camps in Pakistan house on a weekly basis.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=244220&Itemid=2

SYRIA

6. President condemns attack on shrine in Syria

Islamabad, Monday, 22 July 2013

President Asif Ali Zardari condemned the attack on the shrine of Hazrat Bibi Zainab and said that such actions hurt the sentiments of the Muslims in all over the world and asked all the parties involved in conflict in Syria to ensure the sanctity of holy shrines and places of worship.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=243770&Itemid=2

See also: The Nation

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/23-Jul-2013/pakistan-condemns-attack-on-bibi-zainab-s-ra-shrine>

7. Pakistan condemned attacks on Holy sites in Syria

Islamabad, Monday, 22 July 2013

Foreign Office spokesperson Aijaz Ahmad Chaudhury expressed condemnation for the attacks on the holy sites in Syria and called upon the government of Syria to ensure security of the holy shrines.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=243761&Itemid=2

Also see: The Nation

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/22-Jul-2013/pakistan-condemns-attacks-on-holy-sites-in-syria>

8. 'Syria is burning', Pakistan tells United Nations while urging end to arms supplies to parties

United Nations, Tuesday, 23 July 2013

Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Masood Khan argued in Security Council to stop arm supplies to all sides of the Syrian crisis.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=244031&Itemid=2

9. Pakistan appeals to world community to end relentless carnage in Syria

United Nations, Monday, 29 July 2013

Masood Khan, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations requested the government of Syria to stop hostilities and urged the international community to act decisively.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=244721&Itemid=2

TURKEY

10. Turkish President felicitated President-elect of Pakistan

Islamabad, Wednesday, 31 July 2013

President of Turkey Abdullah Gul felicitated the President-elect of Pakistan Mamnoon Hussain and assured him continued support of Turkey.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=244937&Itemid=2

See also: The Nation

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/islamabad/01-Aug-2013/turkey-felicitates-president-elect-mamnoon>

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=245036&Itemid=2

ECONOMIC ISSUES

IRAN

11. Iranian diplomat reiterates offer of 1000 MW electricity

Peshawar, Monday, 22 July 2013

Hassan Darveshwan, the Iranian Consul General in Peshawar, reiterated that Iran would supply 1,000 Megawatt of electricity to help during the ongoing energy crisis in Pakistan.

Source: Associated press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=243836&Itemid=2

QATAR

12. National Assembly Speaker urged Qatar to invest in energy, manufacturing sectors

Islamabad, Wednesday, 31 July 2013

During a meeting with the Qatari Ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Rehman al Moawada, the speaker of National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq emphasized that the investors of Qatar should take the opportunity of business in Pakistan and invest in various fields specially the energy and manufacturing sectors.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=244946&Itemid=2

TURKEY

13. Pakistan to start exporting mangoes to Turkey next year: Haroon Shaukat

Islamabad, Sunday, 7 July 2013

Pakistan's ambassador to Turkey Muhammad Haroon Shaukat said during a 'Mango Festival' in the embassy of Pakistan in Ankara that Pakistan and Turkey would sign a Preferential Trade Agreement under which Pakistan would export mangoes to Turkey from next year.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241919&Itemid=2

14. Turkish investment in Pakistan's energy, infrastructure and municipal services

Islamabad, Monday, 29 July 2013

In a meeting with Pakistan's ambassador in Turkey, Mayor of Istanbul Kadir Topbas assured full support of Turkey in development and investment projects especially in energy, low cost housing, infrastructure and municipal services in Pakistan.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=244583&Itemid=2

See also: The Nation

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/business/29-Jul-2013/turkish-investment-in-pakistan-assured>

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

SAUDI ARABIA

15. Saudi Arabia extends rectification period for illegal immigrants till 4 November

Islamabad, Tuesday, 2 July 2013

Saudi Arabia has extended the rectification period for the illegal immigrants including the labourers from Pakistan till 4 November 2013.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241202&Itemid=2

16. Pakistanis in Saudi Arabia got extension

Islamabad, Thursday, 4 July 2013

Foreign Office Spokesperson welcomed Saudi Arabia's stance of extending the grace period for Pakistanis in the country to correct their residence and labour status under the new labour laws.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241547&Itemid=2

17. Saudi Arabia allocates US\$ eight million for 1025 shelter homes in FATA

Islamabad, Friday, 5 July 2013

The Saudi Government donated US\$ eight million in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) to build 1025 shelters for internally displaced refugees.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241616&Itemid=2

TURKEY

18. Punjab government, Turkey in agreement to modernize police system

Lahore, Monday, 15 July 2013

The Chairman of Police Reforms Committee Col. (Retd.) Shuja Khanzada disclosed that the Punjab Government and Turkey have signed an agreement for modernizing the police system to improve law and order in the province.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=242786&Itemid=2

UAE

19. UAE food assistance project to support 30,000 displaced Pakistani families

Islamabad, Friday, 19 July 2013

UAE announced a food assistance project through which 2,400 tons of food would be distributed among 30,000 Pakistani families in camps displaced by floods and military operations to provide humanitarian and food aid.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en/_index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=243464&Itemid=2

See also: The International News

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-3-191008-UAE-assistance-to-support-Pakistanis>

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