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POLITICAL ISSUES

EGYPT

1. Pakistan supported Egyptian people after massacres

Islamabad, Friday, 16 August 2013

Pakistan showed its support for the Egyptian civilians and demanded the Egyptian military to release the political prisoner and condemned the use of force against the unarmed civilians by Egyptian Security Force.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-24805-Pakistan-supports-Egyptian-people-after-massacres>

2. Punjab PA flayed coup in Egypt

Lahore, Friday, 16 August 2013

Through a unanimous resolution adopted on Thursday the Punjab legislative assembly condemned the Egyptian army's ousting of a democratically elected President Mohamed Morsi and of killing of civilians.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-196190-Punjab-PA-flays-coup-in-Egypt>

3. JI staged rallies against killing of Egyptian protesters

Peshawar, Saturday, 17 August 2013

On Friday (16 August) Jamaat-e-Islami activists observed a day of protest and held rallies across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to condemn the killing of protesters in Egypt. Such protests were held in Mansehra, Batkhela and Karak.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-196377-JI-stages-rallies-against-killing-of-Egyptian-protesters>

IRAN

4. Zardari to attend Iranian President's inauguration today

Tehran, Sunday, 4 August 2013

President Asif Ali Zardari represented Pakistan at the oath taking ceremony of the newly elected President of Iran Hassan Rouhani.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-24586-Zardari-to-attend-Iranian-presidents-inauguration-today>

See also: Pakistan Today, Lahore

<http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2013/08/02/news/national/zardari-to-attend-rouhanis-inauguration-in-tehran/>

5. Pakistan, Iran to work for stability, peace

Tehran, Monday, 5 August 2013

President Asif Ali Zardari during his meeting with President Hassan Rouhani of Iran discussed bilateral issues and areas of cooperation. They discussed ways to increase physical connectivity between these two countries and emphasized on the early completion of Pakistan Iran gas pipeline.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-24600-Pakistan,-Iran-need-to-work-for-stability,-peace%3A-Zardari>

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/04-Aug-2013/pakistan-iran-to-work-for-peace>

6. Uncertainty over Iran pipeline project

Islamabad, Tuesday, 6 August 2013

According to the Pakistani officials, Pakistan is no more interested in using Iran's loans to finish the pipeline. The foreign office denied suggestions that US had conveyed to Pakistan that the gas pipeline project could invoke sanctions.

Source: The Dawn, Karachi

<http://dawn.com/news/1034420/uncertainty-over-iran-pipeline-project>

SAUDI ARABIA

7. King Abdullah wished Nawaz a successful third stint in power

Mecca, Sunday, 4 August 2013

Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif called on Saudi King Abdullah and both the leaders discussed bilateral relations and future cooperation.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-24575-King-Abdullah-wishes-Nawaz-a-successful-third-stint-in-power>

See also: The Dawn, Karachi

<http://dawn.com/news/1033870/nawaz-meets-saudi-king>

SYRIA

8. JI flayed Syrian army for killing innocent people

Lahore, Friday, 23 August 2013

Syed Munawar Hasan, ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, condemned Syrian army's killing thousands of civilians and also the fact that Arab league, OIC and UN Security Council were not taking effective action. He also urged the Government of Pakistan to play a part in stopping violence.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-197476-JI-flays-Syrian-army-for-killing-innocent-people>

TURKEY

9. Turkish President Greeted Zardari, Mamnoon

Karachi, Friday, 2 August 2013

President of Turkey Abdullah Gul called President Asif Ali Zardari to congratulate him for successfully overseeing the presidential election and for the peaceful transition of power. He also expressed hope towards strengthening bilateral relation. President Gul also facilitated Mamnoon Hussain on his election as the President.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-193841-Turkish-president-greets-Zardari,-Mamnoon>

UAE

10. UAE held grand Iftar dinner

Islamabad, Tuesday, 6 August 2013

During the Iftar-dinner held on Monday Ambassador of the UAE to Pakistan Essa Abdullah Al-Basha Al-Noaimi expressed that UAE is planning to enhance economic cooperation with Pakistan.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-194620-UAE-holds-grand-iftar-dinner>

11. UAE diplomat met Punjab CM

Lahore, Friday, 16 August 2013

Consul General of UAE Bakheet Ateeq al-Romaithi called on Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and discussed matters of mutual interest.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-196191-UAE-diplomat-meets-Punjab-CM>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

IRAN

12. Import of transformers from Iran hit snags

Islamabad, Tuesday, 20 August 2013

The import of 18 transformers from Iran to Pakistan was facing trouble over the mode of payment because of the US sanctions imposed on Iran. These 18 transformers have the capacity of 5000 MW and are valued at US\$46 million.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-24892-Import-of-transformers-from-Iran-hits-snags>

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

IRAN

13. Iran handed over 59 Pakistani deportees

Quetta, Friday, 2 August 2013

Iranian security forces handed over 59 Pakistani nationals on Pakistan Iran border on Thursday. They were living in Taftan area of Iran without valid travelling documents.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-193863-Iran-hands-over-59-Pakistani-deportees>

See also: Daily Times, Lahore

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\08\02\story_2-8-2013_pg7_8

See also: The Frontier Post, Peshawar

<http://www.thefrontierpost.com/article/31125/>

14. Iran handed over 39 Pakistani deportees

Quetta, Wednesday, 21 August 2013

Iranian security forces handed over 39 Pakistani nationals on Pakistan Iran border on Tuesday and they were living in Taftan area of Iran without valid travelling documents.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-197057-Iran-hands-over-39-Pakistani-deportees>

QATAR

15. Qatari Mufti praised Geo's Dr. Amir for handing over infants

Karachi, Thursday, 8 August 2013

Qatari religious scholar and Mufti Yusuf al-Qaradawi praised Pakistan's Geo Television's show and praised the show's welfare activities to its host Amir Liaquat.

Source: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-24676-Qatari-Mufti-praises-Geos-Dr-Amir-for-handing-over-infants>

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