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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### IRAN

**1. Prime Minister Sharif and Iranian President Rouhani discussed energy cooperation**

**United Nations, Wednesday, 25 September 2013**

During the UN annual session Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani discussed bilateral issues including energy cooperation and neighbouring countries' support for Afghan peace.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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### LIBYA

**2. Envoys of Libya and Egypt felicitated President Mamnoon Hussain**

**Islamabad, Wednesday, 18 September 2013**

Ambassador of Egypt to Pakistan Mohamed El Said Hindam and Charge D'Affaires of Libya Abdul Wahid A. Abu Jila separately called on President Mamnoon Hussain and felicitated him on assumption of his office. President thanked them and expressed hope that Pakistan's relation with these countries would strengthen further during his tenure.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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### PALESTINE

**3. Ambassador of Palestine called on President**

**Islamabad, Tuesday, 24 September 2013**

Ambassador of Palestine to Pakistan Walid A.M. Abu Ali called on President Mamnoon Hussain to felicitate the President for assuming office and conveyed his best wishes for the future.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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### SAUDI ARABIA

**4. Saudi Ambassador called on President**

**Islamabad, Thursday, 12 September 2013**

Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan Abdul Aziz Ibrahim Al-Ghadeer called on President Mamnoon Hussain and felicitated him on assuming the presidency.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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#### **5. Saudi Ambassador and Interior Minister discussed bilateral ties**

**Islamabad, Thursday, 19 September 2013**

Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan Abdul Aziz Ibrahim Al-Ghadeer called on Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control Chaudhary Nisar Ali Khan and discussed matters of mutual interest.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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### **TURKEY**

#### **6. Pakistan, Turkey agreed to consolidate relations through enhanced political and economic cooperation**

**Ankara, Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Prime Minister of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan signed a Joint Declaration on Turkey-Pakistan Joint Strategic Cooperation whereby both agreed that the High Level Cooperation Council would be renamed as the High Level Strategic Cooperation Council (HLSCC).

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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#### **7. Pakistan, Turkey agreed to intensify cooperation in diverse fields**

**Ankara, Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

In a joint press conference with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif said that both the countries had agreed to intensify cooperation in diverse fields including trade, energy, infrastructure development, security, education, culture and science and technology as well as enhance efforts for peace in the region.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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*See also: The Dawn, Karachi*

<http://dawn.com/news/1043545/pakistan-turkey-agree-to-intensify-cooperation-in-various-sectors>

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#### **8. Pakistan and Turkey shared pride of upholding ballot box's sanctity: PM**

**Islamabad, Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif offered his compliments to Abdullah Gul, President of Turkey and Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan for strengthening democratic institutions in their country and for taking very strong initiatives for economic development

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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#### **9. Pakistan, Turkey signed 12 MoUs, agreements**

**Ankara, Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

Pakistan and Turkey signed 12 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements to enhance cooperation in various fields. The MOU's include cooperation in the field of education, technical and vocational training, security and tax matters; renewal of cultural exchange programme and establishment, activities and functioning of cultural centres.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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**10. Pak-Turkey enjoy people-to-people contacts: Pervaiz Rasheed**

**Islamabad, Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

Federal Information and Broadcasting Minister Pervaiz Rasheed told Radio Pakistan said that Turkey had helped Pakistan especially in the infrastructure-building. He added that both the countries would jointly take steps for the economic development of Pakistan.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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**11. Pakistan committed to take strategic partnership with Turkey to new heights: PM**

**United Nations, Saturday, 28 September 2013**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif met with the Turkish President Abdullah Gul during the UN General Assembly and discussed economic, regional and international issues of mutual interest between the two countries.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=242152&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=242152&Itemid=2)

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**UAE**

**12. Pak-UAE Parliamentary Friendship Group to be established soon: Ayaz Sadiq**

**Islamabad, Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

The speaker of National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, while talking to Essa Abdullah Al Basha Al Noaimi, the Ambassador of UAE to Pakistan said that Pak-UAE Parliamentary Friendship Group would be shortly established in National Assembly which needed to be reciprocated in UAE Federal Council.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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**ECONOMIC ISSUES**

**SAUDI ARABIA**

**13. Saudi Ambassador called on Ishaq Dar**

**Islamabad, Thursday, 12 September 2013**

Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan Abdul Aziz Ibrahim Al-Ghadeer called on Federal Minister for Finance and Senator Ishaq Dar and discussed the economic situation of Pakistan. He also informed the Finance Minister that a delegation of Saudi Development Fund would be soon visiting to discuss economic cooperation and assistance for projects in Pakistan.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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**TURKEY**

**14. Turkish investment in Pakistan's energy sector assured**

**Islamabad, Monday, 9 September 2013**

Turkish Minister for Energy and Natural Resources Taner Yildiz, in a meeting with Ambassador of Pakistan to Turkey, Muhammad Haroon Shaukat assured full support of his government for initiating various developmental and investment projects in the energy sector.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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**15. Turkish private investment in Pakistan to benefit people: Aizaz**

**Islamabad, Wednesday, 18 September 2013**

Foreign Office Spokesperson Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhary told Radio Pakistan that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's visit to Turkey would give new dimensions to bilateral cooperation and bring both countries further closer.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=239671&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=239671&Itemid=2)

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**16. Prime Minister for joint ventures with Turkish companies**

**Istanbul, Wednesday, 18 September 2013**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif stressed on initiating joint business ventures between Turkish and Pakistani companies and hoped that it would help to strengthen cooperation between the two countries.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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**17. Prime Minister woos Turkish entrepreneurs to invest in Pakistan**

**Istanbul, Wednesday, 18 September 2013**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif invited Turkish businessmen and entrepreneurs to explore the investment opportunities in Pakistan, especially in the areas of energy, housing, construction and infrastructure, textile, agro industry and the oil and gas.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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*See also: The Dawn, Karachi*

<http://dawn.com/news/1043804/pm-woos-turkish-entrepreneurs-to-invest-in-pakistan>

*See also: The Nation, Lahore*

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/19-Sep-2013/pm-woos-turkish-entrepreneurs-to-invest-in-pakistan>

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**UAE**

**18. Ambassador of UAE called on Finance Minister**

**Islamabad, Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

Ambassador of United Arab Emirates (UAE) to Pakistan Essa Abdulla Al Basha Al Noaimi called on Federal Minister for Finance Muhammad Ishaq Dar and discussed economic relations between the two countries.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=238162&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=238162&Itemid=2)

*See Also: The Nation, Lahore*

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/islamabad/17-Sep-2013/pakistan-attaches-high-value-to-ties-with-uae-na-speaker>

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**MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

**IRAN**

**19. Iranian Ambassador expressed condolences over loss of lives in earthquake**

**Islamabad, Thursday, 26 September 2013**

Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan Alireza Haghighian offered condolences over the earthquake in Baluchistan.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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## **TURKEY**

### **20. PM conferred Turkey's prestigious 'Jamhuriyet Nishan'**

**Ankara, Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

Turkish President Abdullah Gul conferred on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif Turkey's highest civil award 'Jamhuriyet Nishan'.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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### **21. PM Nawaz visited Turkey's low cost housing scheme**

**Ankara, Wednesday, 18 September 2013**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif visited Turkey's low cost housing project Toki, with a view to establish similar housing schemes in Pakistan. Turkish Minister for Housing Erdogan Bayraktar briefed the Prime Minister about housing project which provided houses to low income families at affordable price.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=239683&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=239683&Itemid=2)

*See Also: Pakistan Today, Lahore*

<http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2013/09/19/news/profit/pm-visits-turkeys-low-cost-housing-project/>

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### **22. Turkish Prime Minister expressed condolences on recent earthquake**

**Islamabad, Saturday, 28 September 2013**

The Prime Minister of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan called Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to express his condolences on the loss of life and property caused by the recent earthquake in Pakistan.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

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