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POLITICAL ISSUES

IRAN

1. Iranian ambassador called on KP Governor

Peshawar, Wednesday, 9 October 2013

Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan Ali Reza Haghighian called on the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Engineer Shaukatullah Khan and discussed matters of mutual interests.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=244111&Itemid=2

See also: The Frontier Post, Peshawar

<http://www.thefrontierpost.com/article/47016/>

KUWAIT

2. First round of bilateral political consultations between Pakistan and Kuwait

Islamabad, Tuesday, 8 October 2013

The first round of bilateral political consultations between Pakistan and Kuwait were held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where the two sides agreed to diversify and enhance cooperation in areas of mutual interest including promotion of investments, regular holding of Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting and completion of development projects under Kuwait Fund. It was also recommended that linkages between the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Ministry of Labour of Kuwait may be established.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=243943&Itemid=2

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/business/09-Oct-2013/pakistan-kuwait-to-boost-cooperation-in-different-fields>

SAUDI ARABIA

3. Saudi Arabia committed support to Pakistan's candidate at OIC

Islamabad, Tuesday, 1 October 2013

Saudi Arabia had endorsed the candidature of Ambassador Muhammad Naeem Khan, Pakistan's Envoy in Riyadh and Permanent Representative to OIC in Jeddah, for the post of Assistant Secretary General from the Asian region at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Several other countries from OIC supported the decision.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=242704&Itemid=2

See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/611968/saudi-arabia-pledges-support-to-pakistans-oic-candidate/>

4. President called on Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz

Jeddah, Thursday, 17 October 2013

President Mamnoon Hussain called on King Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz of Saudi Arabia and congratulated him for being elected as the President of Pakistan. The President expressed gratitude for welcome and hospitality during his visit to Saudi Arabia.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=245095&Itemid=2

See also: The International News, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-26162-Mamnoon-calls-on-Saudi-King-Abdullah>

5. Saudi Arabia to help Pakistan in polio eradication

Islamabad, Tuesday, 29 October 2013

Saudi Health Minister Abdullah Al-Rabeeah, during his speech at the session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean Region Office (EMRO) of the World Health Organization, announced that the Kingdom would support the polio campaign in Pakistan in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=246691&Itemid=2

TURKEY

6. Shahbaz met Turkish PM

Lahore, Saturday, 26 October 2013

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan met where both the countries discussed promotion of bilateral relations, cooperation in energy and education sectors and eradication of terrorism.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=246310&Itemid=2

UAE

7. UAE Special envoy called on Prime Minister

Islamabad, Saturday, 5 October 2013

United Arab Emirates Special Envoy Khalid Suleman Muhammad called on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and discussed matters of bilateral relations.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=243562&Itemid=2

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/lahore/06-Oct-2013/pakistan-uae-enjoy-close-ties-pm>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

LEBANON

8. PM welcomed Lebanese investment in Pakistan

Islamabad, Friday, 4 October 2013

Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, during a meeting with a Lebanese business delegation, appreciated the interest shown by Lebanese businessmen to invest in Pakistan particularly in plastic pipe manufacturing.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=243370

TURKEY

9. Turkish delegates offered investment in KP's potential sector

Peshawar, Friday, 11 October 2013

A delegation of the Turkish investors led by Planning and Development Director Turgut Puyan called on the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Pervez Khattak to offer investment in various sectors including education, health, hygiene and urban development.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=244585&Itemid=2

10. Turk investors must benefit from investment scope in Pakistan: CM

Lahore, Sunday, 20 October 2013

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, while talking to a Turk investors' delegation, said that the government was making serious efforts to control energy crisis and added that foreign investors were offered special incentives for setting up energy projects.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=245347&Itemid=2

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/business/21-Oct-2013/turkish-investors-keen-to-invest-in-energy-sector>

11. Ebad for Turkish investment in Pakistan

Karachi, Monday, 21 October 2013

Sindh Governor Ishrat ul Ebad Khan asked for Turkish investment in Pakistan to help meet the economic challenges while talking to a Turkish delegation of investors and representatives of the non-government organizations. The Governor also called for collaboration in agriculture, livestock, energy and infrastructure development etc.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=245434&Itemid=2

12. Turkish Embassy, LCCI to expedite bilateral trade

Lahore, Wednesday, 30 October 2013

Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) and Turkish Embassy decided to establish a new mechanism to further trade between the two countries. The decision was made between the Turkish Ambassador S. Babur Girgin and the LCCI President Engineer Sohail Lashari.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=246883&Itemid=2

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/business/31-Oct-2013/turk-embassy-lcci-to-expedite-trade>

See also: Daily Times, Lahore

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\31\story_31-10-2013_pg5_4

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

SAUDI ARABIA

13. Pakistan's Shafiq Masih made a sterling start in Mena Golf in Riyadh

Karachi, Tuesday, 1 October 2013

Pakistan's Shafiq Masih made a great start on the opening day of the MENA Golf Tours by carding a four-under-par 68 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=242722&Itemid=40

See also: The Dawn, Karachi

<http://dawn.com/news/1046747/shafiq-off-to-great-start>

14. Pakistan's first indigenously built frigate to visit Turkish naval base

Islamabad, Monday, 21 October 2013

Pakistan's first indigenously built F-22 frigate PNS Aslat would be visiting Golcuk Naval Base in Turkey from 22 - 25 October 2013 and would participate in various harbour and sea exercises with the Turkish Navy.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=245506&Itemid=2

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/national/22-Oct-2013/pakistan-s-first-indigenously-built-frigate-to-visit-turkish-naval-base>

See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/620739/naval-exercises-pns-aslat-reaches-turkey/>

15. Turkish Airlines to start new flight from Lahore

Islamabad, Friday, 25 October 2013

During his meeting with Federal Minister for Science and Technology Zahid Hamid, Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan S. Babur Girgin said that Turkish Airlines would start flights from Lahore, in addition to Islamabad and Karachi in near future. Both also discussed areas of mutual interest, bilateral ties, and cooperation in various fields.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=246127&Itemid=2

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