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POLITICAL ISSUES

BAHRAIN

1. Secretary Defence met Bahraini Defence Minister, US NAVCENT Commander

Rawalpindi, Tuesday, 24 June 2014

During his two-day visit to Bahrain Secretary Defence Lt Gen Asif Yasin Malik met Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister State of Defence and discussed regional security dynamics.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=289517&Itemid=2

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://www.nation.com.pk/islamabad/25-Jun-2014/malik-meets-bahraini-minister-us-commander>

SAUDI ARABIA

2. Mushahid initiated Pakistan-Saudi Parliamentary dialogue in Riyadh

Islamabad, Wednesday, 4 June 2014

Senator Mushahid Hussain has initiated the first ever parliamentary dialogue on bilateral and Muslim world issues while leading a delegation of Senators and scholars to Saudi Arabia on the invitation of the Speaker of the Shura Council.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=285770&Itemid=2

3. PM lauded efforts of outgoing KSA envoy in further strengthening Pak-Saudi ties

Islamabad, Thursday, 5 June 2014

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif appreciated the efforts of the outgoing Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Abdulaziz bin Ibrahim bin Saleh Al-Ghadeer in strengthening the close bonds between the two countries.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=286004&Itemid=1

See also: Pakistan Today, Lahore

<http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2014/06/05/city/islamabad/sharif-likes-it-warm-and-cordial-with-ksa/>

4. President conferred Nishan-i-Quaid-i-Azam on Saudi Ambassador

Islamabad, Friday, 6 June 2014

President Mamnoon Hussain conferred Nishan-i-Quaid-i-Azam on the outgoing Ambassador of Saudi Abdulaziz bin Ibrahim bin Saleh Al-Ghadeer for strengthening Pakistan-Saudi Arabia bilateral relations.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=286223&Itemid=2

See also: Daily Times, Lahore

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/07-Jun-2014/outgoing-saudi-envoy-conferred-nishan-i-quaid-i-azam>

5. Ishaq Dar met with Saudi Finance Minister at Jeddah

Islamabad, Friday, 27 June 2014

Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar in a meeting with Saudi Finance Minister Ibrahim bin Abdulaziz bin Abdullah Al-Assaf discussed matters related to Saudi funding for new development projects in Pakistan. A Protocol was signed between Saudi Fund for Development and Pakistan for financial assistance of 100 million Saudi Riyals to Pakistan's earthquake victims and their rehabilitation.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=290393&Itemid=1

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://www.nation.com.pk/national/27-Jun-2014/ishaq-dar-meets-his-saudi-counterpart-in-jeddah>

UAE

6. UAE Deputy PM supported Pakistan in its steps against terrorists

Islamabad, Monday, 23 June 2014

UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Interior Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan conveyed his support to Pakistan in its action against extremists and terrorists in the tribal areas during a meeting with Pakistan's Ambassador to UAE Asif Durrani.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=289352&Itemid=2

See also: Daily Times, Lahore

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/23-Jun-2014/uae-extends-full-support-to-pakistan-against-terrorists>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

UAE

7. Pakistan Trade exhibition organized in Dubai

Islamabad, Monday, 30 June 2014

Pakistan Trade exhibition was organized in Dubai in coordination with Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) and Trade Development Authority of Pakistan.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=290798

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://www.nation.com.pk/business/01-Jul-2014/pakistan-trade-exhibition-to-be-organised-in-dubai>

EGYPT

8. Pakistan thrashed Egypt 4-1 in World Team Snooker

Karachi, Monday, 23 June 2014

Pakistan was victorious over the host country Egypt with 4-1 score in the IBSF World Team Snooker Championship.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=289586&Itemid=302

9. Egyptian Ambassador called on delegation of PFUJ

Islamabad, Saturday, 28 June 2014

Egypt's Ambassador to Pakistan Said Hindam received a delegation of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) regarding the trial of Al-Jazeera journalists in Egypt. The ambassador clarified that freedom of press in Egypt is guaranteed by law and that it's their action of destabilizing Egypt that led those journalists to undergo a trial.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=290501&Itemid=2

See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/728635/media-freedom-pfuj-meets-egypts-envoy-to-pakistan/>

IRAN

10. Iran handed over 38 deportees to Pakistan

Chaghi, Sunday, 1 June 2014

Iranian security forces handed over 15 Pakistani nationals to Levies force on Pak-Iran border in Taftan area of Baluchistan province for living in Iran without travel documents.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=284750&Itemid=2

See also: The News International, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-2-207734-Iran-hands-over-38-Pakistani-deportees>

See also: Daily Times, Lahore

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/29-Jun-2014/iran-hands-over-15-deportees-to-pakistan>

LIBYA

11. Pakistan routed Libya 5-0 in World Team Snooker

Karachi, Monday, 23 June 2014

Pakistan routed Libya with a score 5-0 in the IBSF World Team Snooker Championship in Egypt.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=289844&Itemid=79

See also: The Frontier Post, Peshawar

<http://thefrontierpost.com/article/180189/>

TURKEY

12. Turkish envoy assured full support to PRCS

Islamabad, Monday, 2 June 2014

During a visit to the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) national headquarters, Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan Babur Girgin said that the Turkish Red Crescent Society would support the PRCS during disasters and peacetime.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=284834&Itemid=2

See also: Daily Times, Lahore

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/islamabad/03-Jun-2014/turkey-assures-support-to-prcs-during-disasters-peace-time>

See also: The News International, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-6-253726-Turkey-assures-support-to-PRCS>

UAE

13. UAE gave US\$ 2.5 million to help displaced people in Waziristan

Islamabad, Monday, 23 June 2014

UAE spent US \$2.5 million for humanitarian assistance to help 50,000 displaced families in the Bannu district. Approximately 3,550 tons of food rations would be distributed in the form of 71kg food baskets, each containing various food products such as flour, rice, dates, sugar, salt, lentils, oil and tea.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=289406&Itemid=2

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://www.nation.com.pk/national/24-Jun-2014/uae-to-spend-2-5-million-to-help-displaced-in-waziristan>

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