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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### IRAN

#### 1. Abbasi left for Tehran to attend PUIC meeting

Islamabad, Tuesday, 22 July 2014

Deputy Speaker of National Assembly Murtaza Javed Abbasi left for Tehran to attend the meeting of the Parliamentary Union of OIC Members Countries (PUIC).

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=293696&Itemid=1](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=293696&Itemid=1)

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### ISRAEL

#### 2. Israeli atrocities against Palestinians unacceptable: PM

Islamabad, Wednesday, 9 July 2014

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said that Israeli atrocities against Palestinians are violating human rights and expressed Pakistan's support for the Palestinian cause.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=292118&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=292118&Itemid=2)

*See also: Daily Times, Lahore*

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/10-Jul-2014/israeli-atrocities-against-palestinians-unacceptable>

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#### 3. CM condemned Israel's attacks

Lahore, Saturday, 12 July 2014

Punjab Chief Minister Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif has expressed grief over Gaza situation and conveyed Pakistan's support to the cause of Palestinians. He criticized Israel's violation of the human rights guaranteed by the United Nations charter.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=292505&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=292505&Itemid=2)

*See also: The Nation, Lahore*

<http://nation.com.pk/national/13-Jul-2014/shahbaz-condemns-israel-s-attacks-on-gaza>

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#### **4. Senator Sehar condemned Israeli strikes on Gaza**

**Islamabad, Saturday, 12 July 2014**

Senator Sehar Kamran condemned Israeli assaults on Gaza which caused the death of a number of innocent Palestinians.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=292457&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=292457&Itemid=2)

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#### **5. Day of mourning observed against Israeli oppression**

**Islamabad, Friday, 25 July 2014**

Upon the appeal of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, 25 July 2014 was observed as day of mourning in Pakistan to protest against the human rights' violation of Israel in Gaza.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=294164&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=294164&Itemid=2)

*See also: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=294062&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=294062&Itemid=2)

*See also: The Dawn, Karachi*

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1121332>

*See also: Pakistan Today, Lahore*

<http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2014/07/25/national/pakistan-mourns-israeli-oppression-in-gaza/>

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#### **6. President condemned Israeli atrocities against innocent Palestinians**

**Islamabad, Friday, 25 July 2014**

President Mamnoon Hussain expressed grief over the atrocities being committed by the Israel against Palestinians.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=294224&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=294224&Itemid=2)

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### **PALESTINE**

#### **7. Palestinian Ambassador hailed PM Nawaz for condemning Israeli aggression in Palestine**

**Islamabad, Saturday, 12 July 2014**

Palestine Ambassador to Pakistan Walid Abu Ali hailed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif for condemning Israeli aggression against Palestinians. At the end of a conference, a declaration was issued, condemning Israeli aggression and killing of innocent people and calling for an independent Palestinian state.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=292508&Itemid=38](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=292508&Itemid=38)

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## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **8. Ambassador Naeem Khan called on Saudi Crown Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud**

**Islamabad, Tuesday, 8 July 2014**

Ambassador Muhammad Naeem Khan, also currently serving as Assistant Secretary General at Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) called on Crown Prince Salman to convey Ramadan greetings from the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=291899&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=291899&Itemid=2)

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### **9. PM to leave on a private visit to Saudi Arabia**

**Islamabad, Saturday, 19 July 2014**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif would leave for Saudi Arabia on 20 July with 12 members of his family. He would discuss with Saudi leadership bilateral ties and the evolving situation in the Middle East especially Gaza, Syria and Iraq.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=293480&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=293480&Itemid=2)

*See also: The Dawn, Karachi*

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1120474>

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### **10. PM discussed Pak-Saudi cooperation**

**Islamabad, Monday, 21 July 2014**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif discussed Pak-Saudi cooperation with Saudi Crown Prince Salman.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=293681&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=293681&Itemid=2)

*See also: Pakistan State Times, Karachi*

<http://www.pstimes.com/2014/07/22/pm-discusses-pak-saudi-cooperation/>

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### **11. PM called on King Abdullah**

**Jeddah, Friday, 25 July 2014**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif called on King Abdullah and discussed the challenges being faced by the Islamic Ummah and called for unity and solidarity in these critical times.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=294098&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=294098&Itemid=2)

*See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi*

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/740834/saudi-arabia-will-always-stand-by-pakistan-king-abdullah/>

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## **TUNISIA**

### **12. Tunisian ambassador paid farewell call on President**

**Islamabad, Monday, 28 July 2014**

Tunisian Ambassador Mourad Bourehla paid farewell call on President Mamnoon Hussain and discussed Pakistan-Tunisia bilateral relations.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=294425&Itemid=2](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=294425&Itemid=2)

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## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

## **IRAN**

### **13. Dar for removal of hurdles in Pak-Iran trade**

**Islamabad, Sunday, 6 July 2014**

Pakistan decided to revive the process of barter trade with Iran, which got stuck last year. According to Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar, this step is important to clear outstanding payments for electricity purchases from Tehran and to build confidence between the two countries.

*Source: The News International, Karachi*

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-31404-Dar-for-removal-of-hurdles-in-Pak-Iran-trade>

*See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi*

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/731735/clearing-hurdles-govt-to-renew-focus-on-barter-trade-with-iran/>

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### **14. Dar chaired inter-ministerial meeting on facilitating Pakistan-Iran trade**

**Islamabad, Thursday, 17 July 2014**

Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar chaired an inter-ministerial meeting on Pakistan- Iran trade, within the ambit of UN sanctions. Finance Secretary Dr Waqar Masood said in the meeting that National Transmission and Dispatch Company, Lahore would try to clear all dues of Iran. There were discussions also on the commodity exchange between the two countries.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=293153&Itemid=49](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=293153&Itemid=49)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **15. Saudi Arabia gifted Pakistan 13.5 million polio vaccine**

**Islamabad, Saturday, 5 July 2014**

Spokesman of Anti-Polio Campaign, Mazhar Nisar said that Saudi Arabia had gifted 13.5 million polio vaccines to Pakistan.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

[http://www.app.com.pk/en\\_/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=291611&Itemid=1](http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=291611&Itemid=1)

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