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POLITICAL ISSUES

IRAN

1. Iranian Consul General called on Shahbaz Sharif

Lahore, Thursday, 7 August 2014

Iranian Consul General Muhammad Husain Bani Asadi called on Punjab Chief Minister Mohammad Shahbaz Sharif and discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral cooperation.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=295991&Itemid=2

See also: *The Nation, Lahore*

<http://nation.com.pk/lahore/08-Aug-2014/iranian-envoy-calls-on-shahbaz>

2. Mamnoon condoled with Iranian President on loss of lives in plane crash

Islamabad, Monday, 11 August 2014

President Mamnoon Hussain expressed grief over loss of lives in a plane crash in Tehran.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=296639&Itemid=2

See also: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=296648&Itemid=2

PALESTINE

3. Pakistan to continue efforts for peace in Gaza

Islamabad, Monday, 4 August 2014

Advisor to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs and National Security Sartaj Aziz stated that Pakistan would continue to work for the resolution of Palestine issue.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=295250

4. Pakistani nation supports Palestine freedom struggle: Siraj-ul-Haq

Islamabad, Sunday, 10 August 2014

Addressing party workers Ameer Jammat-e-Islami Siraj-ul-Haq expressed support for Palestinians' freedom struggle against the occupation of Israel.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=296480&Itemid=2

See also: *Pakistan State Times, Karachi*

<http://www.pstimes.com/2014/08/11/pakistani-nation-supports-palestine-freedom-struggle-siraj-ul-haq/>

TURKEY

5. PM felicitated Erdogan on his election as Turkish President

Islamabad, Monday, 11 August 2014

Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif and President Mamnoon Hussain felicitated Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his election as the president of Turkey.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=296594&Itemid=2

See also: *The Nation, Lahore*

<http://nation.com.pk/national/11-Aug-2014/president-pm-felicitate-receptayyip-erdogan-on-winning-the-presidential-election>

6. President left for Turkey to attend Erdogan's presidential handover ceremony

Islamabad, Thursday, 28 August 2014

President Mamnoon Hussain left for Turkey to attend the presidential handover ceremony of the president-elect Recep Tayyip Erdogan who was elected as the 12th President of Turkey in the first ever direct elections.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=299312&Itemid=38

See also: *The Dawn, Karachi*, <http://www.dawn.com/news/1128320>

7. Erdogan's elevation as President to strengthen Pak-Turkey ties: President

Ankara, Thursday, 28 August 2014

President Mamnoon Hussain while attending the Presidential handover ceremony for Turkish President-elect Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that the elevation of Erdogan as president will further develop the relationship between Pakistan and Turkey.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=299411

8. PM felicitated new Turkish counterpart

Islamabad, Friday, 29 August 2014

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif felicitated Ahmet Davutoglu, on his assumption of the office of Prime Minister of Turkey and said he would look forward to further expanding the horizons of growing partnership.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=299549&Itemid=2

ECONOMIC ISSUES

IRAN

9. Pak-Iran Trade gate opened in Taftan

Chaghi, Saturday, 9 August 2014

Iranian authorities opened trade gate on Pak-Iran border in the town of Taftan which had been closed during Eid-ul-Fitr.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=296324&Itemid=49

See also: *The Nation, Lahore*

<http://nation.com.pk/business/10-Aug-2014/pak-iran-trade-gate-opens-in-taftan>

TURKEY

10. Turkey ready to sign PTA with Pakistan: Turkish Envoy

Karachi, Wednesday, 6 August 2014

At a meeting of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Commercial Attaché of Turkey Murat Mustu said that Turkey was ready to sign the preferential trade agreement (PTA) with Pakistan.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=295703&Itemid=2

See also: *The Nation, Lahore*

<http://nation.com.pk/business/07-Aug-2014/turkey-ready-to-sign-much-awaited-pta-with-pakistan-envoy>

11. FPCCI President for early PTA between Pakistan, Turkey

Karachi, Thursday, 7 August 2014

Zakariya Usman, President of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) in a meeting with Murat Mustu, Commercial Attaché of Turkey suggested that there is a need of early signing of PTA between two countries.

Source: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=296051&Itemid=2

See also: *Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

http://www.app.com.pk/en /index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=296051&Itemid=49

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

PALESTINE

12. Young tennis player called on Palestinian ambassador to express sympathy

Islamabad, Sunday, 3 August 2014

Pakistan female tennis player Kainat Khan called on Palestinian Ambassador to Pakistan Walid Abu Ali and expressed sympathy with Palestine.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en /index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=294911&Itemid=305

See also: Pakistan State Times, Karachi

<http://www.pstimes.com/2014/08/04/young-tennis-player-calls-on-palestinian-ambassador-to-express-sympathy/>

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