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POLITICAL RELATIONS

IRAN

1. Pakistan, Iran enjoying close ties: Aziz

Islamabad, Monday, 20 October 2014

Pakistan's Advisor to Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz stated that Pakistan and Iran are enjoying close relations and hoped for improvement in border mechanism.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=307010&Itemid=2

See Also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan/politics-a-policy/200756-pakistan-iran-enjoying-close-ties-aziz.html>

2. Foreign ministry engaged with Iran for early implementation of IP gas project: Senate told

Islamabad, Tuesday, 21 October 2014

State Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Jam Kamal Khan told the Senate that Foreign Ministry was engaged with Iran and international partners in exploring ways for an early implementation of Pak-Iran gas pipeline project.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=307160&Itemid=130

See Also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/top-news/108-pakistan-top-news/200941-foreign-ministry-engaged-with-iran-for-early-implementation-of-ip-gas-project-senate-told.html>

3. Pakistan, Iran to Increase Cooperation on IP Gas Pipeline

Islamabad, Monday, 27 October 2014

A Pakistani delegation headed by Oil Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi arrived in Tehran to present new proposals on the IP gas pipeline. Both the foreign ministers emphasized on increasing the trade transaction volume and strengthening cooperation between their trade and interior ministries.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=308276&Itemid=38

See Also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/business/28-Oct-2014/pakistan-iran-to-enhance-cooperation-on-ip-gas-pipeline>

4. Pakistan and Iran agreed for effective border control

Islamabad, Monday, 27 October 2014

Pakistan and Iran agreed to ensure effective border controls through enhanced communications and coordination during the Pakistan-Iran bilateral political consultations. The Pakistani side was led by Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry and Iran was represented by its Deputy Foreign Minister Ibrahim Rahimpour.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=308471&Itemid=2

See Also: The Express Tribune, Karachi

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/782175/defusing-tension-pakistan-iran-agree-to-maintain-border-peace/>

See Also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/national/28-Oct-2014/pakistan-iran-agree-for-tight-border-security>

5. Sartaj Aziz met Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif

Beijing, Friday, 31 October 2014

Pakistan's Adviser to Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz met with the Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif on the sidelines of the Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process conference and discussed bilateral issues.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=309338&Itemid=2

See Also: The News International, Karachi

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-13-33845-Sartaj-Aziz-meets-Iranian-Foreign-Minister-Javad-Zarif>

TURKEY

6. Pak-Turkish relations will remain robust as these are deep-rooted: Turkish Defence Minister

Islamabad, Wednesday, 15 October 2014

Turkish Defence Minister Ismet Yilmaz said that relation between Pakistan and Turkey could not be affected by changes in government of both countries.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=306188&Itemid=2

See Also: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

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7. Turkish PM for serious efforts to promote commercial ties with Pakistan

Islamabad, Friday, 17 October 2014

In a meeting with a delegation of Pakistan led by Minister for Commerce Khurram Dastgir Khan, the Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said that serious efforts are needed to further promote the bilateral economic and commercial relations.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

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See Also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/top-news/1-front-top-news/200202-pak-turkey-brotherly-ties-time-tested-turkish-pm.html>

See Also: Daily Times, Lahore

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/17-Oct-2014/turkish-pm-vows-to-promote-commercial-ties-with-pakistan>

UAE

8. Durrani felicitated President, PM of UAE on hosting Islamic Economic Forum

Islamabad, Thursday, 30 October 2014

Ambassador of Pakistan to UAE Asif Durrani felicitated the President and Prime Minister of the UAE for hosting the Islamic Economic Forum.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=309107&Itemid=2

ECONOMIC RELATIONS

IRAN

9. Pakistan, Iran agreed to hold JEC soon to consolidate cooperation

Islamabad, Monday, 13 October 2014

Pakistan's Finance Minister Ishaq Dar met with the Finance Minister of Iran Ali Tayyebnia on the sidelines of World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) meetings in Washington during which both agreed to hold Joint Economic Commission in Islamabad to consolidate the bilateral cooperation with particular focus on development of gas pipeline and electricity.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=305855&Itemid=1

See Also: Pakistan Today, Lahore

<http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2014/10/13/business/pakistan-iran-agree-to-hold-jec-to-consolidate-cooperation/>

TURKEY

10. Delegation of Turkish group Campak met Shahbaz Sharif

Lahore, Friday, 17 October 2014

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif met a delegation of prominent Turkish group Campak and discussed matters regarding cooperation in transport and solid waste management.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=306623&Itemid=2

See Also: Daily Times, Lahore

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/national/17-Oct-2014/cm-meets-turkish-delegation>

DEFENCE RELATIONS

TURKEY

11. First round of Pak-Turkey High Level Military Dialogue Group meeting held

Islamabad, Tuesday, 21 October 2014

A 15-member high level Turkish defence delegation headed by General Yasar Guler, Deputy Chief of Turkish General Staff, attended the first round of the 10th meeting of Pak-Turkey High Level Military Dialogue Group (HLMDG). After a meeting with Defence Secretary, a high level meeting took place between Defence Minister Khawaja Asif and General Guler.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=307199&Itemid=2

See Also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/general-news/single:/1234667:first-round-of-pak-turkey-hlmdg-meeting-held/?date=2014-10-22>

12. Pak-Turkey Military Group discussed defence matters

Islamabad, Wednesday, 22 October 2014

Working groups of 10th Pakistan Turkey High Level Military Dialogue Group discussed matters of training and defence equipment. The working group was headed by Major General Farrukh Bashir from Pakistan side and Major General Oguz Serhad Habiboglou, Head of Defence Industry Working Group from Turkish side.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=307421&Itemid=1

See Also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/business-and-economy/189:pakistan/1235050:saad-pledges-zero-tolerance-against-favouritism-corruption>

13. Turkey, Pakistan signed minutes on Defence collaboration

Rawalpindi, Thursday, 23 October 2014

The 10th Round of High Level Military Dialogue Group (HLMDG) meeting between Pakistan and Turkey concluded. Lt Gen (Retd) Muhammad Alam Khattak, Secretary Defence was leading the Pakistani delegation and Turkish delegation was headed by General Yasar Guler, Deputy Chief of Turkish General Staff.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=307598&Itemid=2

See Also: Daily Messenger, Karachi

<http://dailymessenger.com.pk/pakistan/2014/10/24/pakistan-turkey-sign-minutes-on-defence-collaboration/>

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