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POLITICAL ISSUES

BAHRAIN

1. Pak welcomes formation of Pak-Bahrain Parliamentary Friendship Society in Bahrain parliament

Islamabad, Wednesday, 26 October 2016

In his meeting with Speaker of Bahraini Parliament Ahmed Al Mullah in Manama, Pakistan envoy Javed Malik welcomed the establishment of Pakistan Bahrain Parliamentary Friendship Group which would hold its first session on 7 November.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/pakistans-ambassador-meets-speaker-bahraini-parliament/>

See also: Press Information Department, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.pid.gov.pk/?p=28475>

IRAN

2. Judicial delegation calls on Chief Justice of Pak

Islamabad, Wednesday, 26 October 2016

Iranian delegation headed by Jafar Montazeri, Attorney General of Iran met Chief Justice of Pakistan Anwar Jamali in Islamabad on 25 October to discuss scope for enhanced cooperation in judiciary and legal sector, and matters pertaining prisoner exchange.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/pak-chief-justice-for-promoting-pak-iran-cooperation/>

See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/1210345/seven-member-delegation-iranian-delegation-meets-cjp/>

SAUDI ARABIA

3. Saudi govt. to set up special courts to resolve Pakistani labour issues

Islamabad, Monday, 31 October 2016

Saudi Arabia has decided to establish separate courts in Jeddah, Damam, Riyadh, Mecca and Medina, and prepare a team of 99 specially trained assistant judges to resolve the ongoing issues of stranded Pakistani labour community.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/special-saudi-courts-to-help-reslove-issue-of-pakistani-labourers/>

TURKEY

4. Turkey displays solidarity with Pak over Kashmir issue in meetings and panel-discussion

Islamabad, Tuesday, 11 October 2016

In a meeting with Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim on October 10 in Ankara, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's Special Envoys Pervez Malik and Mohsin Ranjha discussed the situation in "occupied Kashmir", urging for international intervention. On 27 October, Turkish think-tank "South Asia Strategic Research Centre" organized a panel discussion titled "Kashmir in Global and Regional Politics" in Istanbul, to reiterate support for Pakistan on Kashmir issue.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/turkey-reaffirms-strong-support-for-kashmir-cause/>

See also: Radio Pakistan, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.radio.gov.pk/29-Oct-2016/turkey-supports-kashmiris-right-to-self-determination>

See also: Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1289684>

5. Pak PM sends felicitation message on Turkey's National Day

Islamabad, Monday, 31 October 2016

Pakistani embassy in Ankara celebrated Turkey's 93rd National Day to commemorate formal foundation of the Turkish nation in 1923. Nawaz Sharif also conveyed his message of felicitation to his Turkish counterpart Binali Yildirim.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/turkish-embassy-hosts-reception-to-mark-93rd-national-day/>

TURKEY

6. Yemen envoy lauds Pak's support for Yemen

Islamabad, Monday, 31 October 2016

In a meeting with Yemen's new ambassador to Pak Motahar Ali-Shabi, Pakistani Prime Minister's Special Assistant on Foreign Affairs Tariq Fatemi condemned the involvement of Houthis in destabilizing Yemen's security situation, while former appreciated Pakistan's role in supporting Yemen.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/pakistan-concerned-over-yemen-situation-fatemi/>

See also: Radio Pakistan, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.radio.gov.pk/31-Oct-2016/peaceful-yemen-imperative-for-regional-international-peace-fatemi>

DEFENCE ISSUES

QATAR

7. Doha plans to buy combat aircrafts from Pak

Islamabad, Thursday, 27 October 2016

In a meeting between Nawaz Sharif and Qatar's Defence Affairs Minister Khalid Al Attiyah in Islamabad, Qatar expressed interest in buying Super Mushshak and JF-17 thunder aircraft from Pakistan and other matters concerning economic, strategic and military cooperation were discussed.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/pak-qatar-ties-to-be-strengthened-into-sustained-economic-cooperation-pm/>

See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/1211929/doha-expresses-interest-buying-mushshak-jf-17-thunder-aircraft-pakistan/>

TURKEY

8. Turkey to import trainer jets from PAC

Islamabad, Tuesday, 4 October 2016

Chairman of standing committee on Defence Production Abdul Qayyum announced that Pakistan Aeronautical Complex (PAC) would export 100 trainer jets (Mushshaq) to Turkey in the next two years.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/pakistan-to-export-100-mushshaq-aircraft-to-turkey-gen-qayyum/>

See also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan/business-economy/321425-pakistan-to-export-100-mushshaq-aircraft-to-turkey-gen-qayyum.html>

9. Pak-Turkey conduct naval exercise

Islamabad, Saturday, 29 October 2016

Turkish and Pakistan navies conducted a joint maritime exercise at North Arabian sea involving Anti-Air Warfare Operations and Communication drills.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/pak-turkey-bilateral-naval-exercise-drills-conducted-at-north-arabian-sea/>

See also: Daily Times, Lahore

<http://dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/30-Oct-16/pak-turkey-bilateral-naval-exercise-drills-conducted-at-north-arabian-sea>

See also: The Express Tribune, Karachi

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/1214833/bilateral-ties-pak-turk-naval-exercise-drills-conducted/>

See also: Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1293177/bilateral-exercise-held-between-turkish-and-pakistan-navies>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

IRAN

10. Iran-Pakistan to implement trade agreements; discuss CPEC

Islamabad, Thursday, 6 October 2016

Iranian envoy held a meeting with the Chairman of Pakistan's Board of Investment Miftah Ismail at Board of Investment (BoI) office in Islamabad to implement already signed trade agreements. While discussing post-sanction trade prospects, Iran reiterated the desire to join CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) project.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/iranian-envoy-for-preparing-roadmap-to-promote-trade-investment-with-pakistan/>

See also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan/general-news/321882-iranian-envoy-for-preparing-roadmap-to-promote-trade-investment-with-pakistan.html>

TURKEY

11. Pak-Turkey to enhance energy cooperation

Islamabad, Friday, 11 October 2016

On sidelines of 23rd World Energy Congress held in Istanbul from 9 to 13 October, Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim held a meeting with Pakistan's Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif to discuss prospects for cooperation in energy sector.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/khawaja-asif-meets-turkish-pm/>

See also: Business Recorder, Karachi

<http://www.brecorder.com/top-news/world/322601-turkish-pm-reaffirms-support-for-pakistans-energy-sector.html>

See also: Dispatch News Desk, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Lahore

<http://www.dnd.com.pk/turkey-reaffirm-its-support-for-pakistans-energy-sector/117795>

See also: The News International, Karachi

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/156798-Turkish-PM-reaffirms-support-to-Pakistan-in-energy-sector>

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

BAHRAIN

12. Bahrain to open Nursing University in Islamabad

Islamabad, Wednesday, 19 October 2016

Pakistan's National Health Minister Saira Tarar held a meeting with her counterpart in Bahrain to discuss avenues for cooperation in public health. In a meeting with Minister of Follow Up Ahmed Bin Al Khalifa, Bahrain proposed a blueprint for establishing a nursing university in Islamabad.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/pakistan-envoy-health-minister-meet-bahrain-leadership-to-finalize-nursing-university-plan/>

See also: Radio Pakistan, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.radio.gov.pk/19-Oct-2016/pakistan-bahrain-agree-to-expand-bilateral-cooperation-in-health-sector>

IRAN

13. Kashmir black day event organized in Tehran

Islamabad, Thursday, 27 October 2016

Iranian academia, scholars, writers and media persons attended the Black day event organized in the Pakistan embassy premises in Tehran. Pakistan envoy Asif Durrani, while speaking on the event, highlighted Pakistan's position on the Kashmir issue.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/kashmir-black-day-observed-in-tehran/>

See also: Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1140762>

IRAN-TURKEY

14. Iran-Turkey participate in Disaster-Risk Reduction Conference

Islamabad, Sunday, 16 October 2016

High-ranking officials from 16 Asian nations including Iran and Turkey participated in the 13th annual meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) on Disaster Management held in Islamabad from 17 to 19 October to deliberate on cooperative options for disaster risk reduction, particularly climate change.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/16-asian-nations-gather-in-islamabad-monday-to-discuss-disaster-risk-reduction/>

See also: Dawn, Karachi

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1290482>

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/national/16-Oct-2016/16-asian-nations-to-discuss-disaster-risk-reduction>

JORDAN

15. Jordan-Pak discuss bilateral ties in IT sector

Islamabad, Wednesday, 19 October 2016

In a meeting with Jordanian delegation led by Talal Ghazaleh, Chairman of Talal Abu Ghazaleh Organization in Islamabad, Pakistan's Minister of State for IT & Telecom Anusha Rahman highlighted avenues for mutual cooperation in Information Communication Technologies.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/jordan-delegation-calls-on-anusha-rahman/>

See also: The Nation, Lahore

<http://nation.com.pk/national/19-Oct-2016/jordanian-delegation-calls-on-anusha-rahman-expresses-keenness-to-work-with-moit>

TURKEY

16. Pak-Turkey to boost tourism cooperation

Islamabad, Wednesday, 26 October 2016

With the view to promote religious, sports, adventure and medical tourism in Pakistan, Managing Director Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) met General Manager Turkish Airlines in Islamabad to discuss terms and conditions for MoU on tourism cooperation.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad

<http://www.app.com.pk/mou-discussed-between-ptdc-and-turkish-airlines-on-cooperation/>

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