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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### BAHRAIN

#### 1. Pakistan Bahrain Joint Ministerial session held

Islamabad, Friday, 3 February 2017

Two-day first Bahrain Pakistan Joint Ministerial Session was held in Islamabad from 5 February to discuss prospects for political, socio-economic, developmental cooperation, with Bahraini Foreign Affairs Minister Khalid Al Khalifa and Pakistan's Foreign Affairs Advisor to Prime Minister Sartaj Aziz co-chairing the inaugural session.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/sartaj-bahraini-fm-co-chair-jmcs-inaugural-session/>

*See also: Business Recorder, Karachi*

<http://epaper.brecorder.com/2017/02/08/17-page/847069-news.html>

*See also: Daily Pakistan, Lahore*

<https://en.dailypakistan.com.pk/headline/bahraini-fm-meets-sartaj-aziz-ahead-of-jmc-session/>

#### 2. Pakistan envoy meets ministers in Bahraini jail

Islamabad, Thursday, 23 February 2017

Pakistan's ambassador to Bahrain Javed Malik visited Central Jail of Bahrain and held meetings with Pakistani prisoners and ensured them of consular support.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/javed-malik-meets-pakistani-prisoners-in-bahraini-jail/>

#### 3. Pakistan, Bahrain discuss bilateral ties

Islamabad, Monday, 6 February 2017

Bahrain's Foreign Minister Al Khalifa held a meeting with Tariq Fatemi, Prime Minister's Special Assistant on Foreign Affairs in Islamabad to discuss bilateral relations.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/bahraini-fm-calls-on-fatemi/>

### IRAN

#### 4. Pakistan, Iran to add border points

Islamabad, Wednesday, 22 February 2017

Prime Minister's Advisor on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz and Iran's Defence and Logistics Minister Hossein Dehghan reviewed opening of two additional border crossing points at Gabd Reemdan and Mand Pishin, and discussed the border security situation.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/pakistan-iran-for-two-additional-border-crossing-points/>

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## **IRAN, SAUDI-ARABIA**

### **5. Pakistan embassies in Tehran, Jeddah observe Kashmir Day**

**Islamabad, Monday, 6 February 2017**

Scholars, academicians, intellectuals, journalists, members of the Pakistani community and students in Tehran and Jeddah attended a ceremony to commemorate Kashmir solidarity day on 5 February at Pakistan embassy in Tehran and Consulate General of Pakistan in Jeddah respectively.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/tributes-paid-to-people-of-kashmir-in-tehran-ceremony/>

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## **IRAN, TURKEY**

### **6. Pakistan warmly welcomes founding members Iran, Turkey to 13<sup>th</sup> ECO summit**

**Islamabad, Tuesday, 28 February 2017**

Red carpet was rolled out for Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Turkish President Recep Erdogan at Nur Khan Air Base for the 13<sup>th</sup> Economic Cooperation Organization in Islamabad.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/eco-summit-red-carpet-rolled-out-for-rouhani/>

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## **TURKEY**

### **7. Pakistan, Turkey commemorate Kashmir Day**

**Islamabad, Wednesday, 8 February 2017**

Economic and Social Researches Centre (ESAM) and the Embassy of Pakistan in Ankara jointly organized a seminar to commemorate Kashmir Solidarity Day on 8 February, demanding a solution in accordance with UN resolutions.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/turkish-support-for-kashmir-issue-reiterated/>

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### **8. Pakistan PM attends Pak-Turk HLSCC meeting**

**Islamabad, Tuesday, 21 February 2017**

Nawaz Sharif attended the fifth Session of the Pakistan-Turkey High Level Strategic Cooperation Council's (HLSCC) meeting in Ankara during 22-24 February to discuss matters relating trade, energy, banking, communications, railways, education and culture.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/pm-to-visit-turkey-for-5th-session-of-pak-turk-hlscg-meeting/>

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## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

## **TURKEY**

### **9. Turk investor delegation visits Pakistan**

**Islamabad, Friday, 3 February 2017**

Punjab Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif held a meeting with delegation of Turkish investors for investing in various sectors including drinking water, waste water treatment and housing sectors.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/pak-turkish-relations-turning-into-sustained-economic-cooperationcm/>

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## MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

### QATAR

#### 10. Qatar gifts ambulances to Quetta

Islamabad, Thursday, 2 February 2017

Qatri Ambassador Al Mansouri handed over ten ambulances to Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) Abdul Qadir Baloch for the people of Baluchistan.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/qatar-gifted-10-ambulances-for-balochistan/>

*See also: Pakistan Observer, Islamabad*

<http://pakobserver.net/qatar-gifts-10-ambulances-for-balochistan/>

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### SAUDI ARABIA

#### 11. Pakistan dismisses reports of deportation from Saudi Arabia

Islamabad, Thursday, 16 February 2017

Media reports regarding deportation of 39,000 Pakistanis Saudi Arabia were labelled as an exaggeration and clarified that those Pakistanis who had violated local Saudi laws were imprisoned.

*Source: Associated Press of Pakistan, Islamabad*

<https://www.app.com.pk/pakistanis-deportation-from-saudi-arabia-exaggerated-fo-spokesperson/>

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