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Pakistan Becomes Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council



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Washington: Securing 129 out of 193 votes in the United Nations General Assembly – exactly the two-thirds majority required to win the seat, Pakistan will now be a non-permanent member, replacing Lebanon, of the United Nations Security Council in a term that begins on January 2012 and will end in December 2013.

(The seat is on the Asia-Pacific and Africa group, where Pakistan will join India

amongst other countries as non-permanent members. Morocco was also elected as a member of the non-permanent seats in the UNSC. Pakistan's sole competitor for the Asia-Pacific seat Kyrgyzstan managed to garner 55 votes.

According to reports, Pakistan had secured support from India, China and the UAE amongst other countries to help it win the election.

Pakistan's earlier terms on the Council were in 2003-04, 1993-94, 1983-84, 1976-77, 1968-69 and 1952-53.

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Pakistan emerges as second best performing market in Asia



Mohammad Anum Karim
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Karachi, October 20: Despite security concerns, tense relations with the US and economic slowdown, Pakistan's stock market has managed to rank as the second best performing market in Asia after

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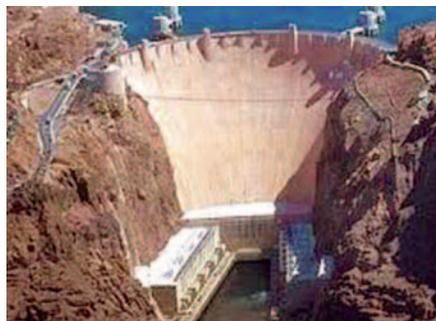
Foundation stone laid for Diamer-Bhasha dam



Kumail Soomro
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CHILAS: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani said that the \$12 billion Diamer-Bhasha dam on the Indus would produce 4,500MW of electricity and store over 8 million acre feet of water and help meet the country's future power and agricultural requirements.

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Foreigners visit Pakistan Auto Show



Jansher Hassan
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October 26, Lahore: More than 10 thousand visitors, leading foreign delegations and auto industry's representatives from China, Japan, Germany, Italy, Australia, Holland, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates and India on Tuesday visited the Pakistan Auto Show 2011 at the Expo Centre on the second day of the three-day event,

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'Doing business in Pakistan is 25% cheaper than China'



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Karachi, October 21: Edward Hertzman, Director of business development at Synergies Worldwide, a global apparel sourcing company, said that doing business in Pakistan costs 25%

less than doing business in China and about 15% cheaper than other countries. Addressing the 'Multilateral Investment and Trade Conference, 2011' here on Thursday, he said that "Although strikes and instability affect production, Pakistan offers the lowest cost alternative in the region".

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7th Wage Board Award: Supreme Court announces verdict in favour of journalists

Journalists' right to fair wage endorsed by the Supreme Court

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Islamabad, October, 20: After a decade-long battle, journalists fighting for the implementation of the seventh wage board award finally emerged victorious when their right to a fair wage was endorsed by the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry directed that the wage board award be imple-



mented in letter and spirit and dismissed the petitions filed by the All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) and Pakistan Herald Publications. The petitioners will have to pay a penalty for the contentious litigation.

In a 75-page judgment, the chief justice has seconded that The Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) Act, 1973 is within the legal domain of the constitution. Consequently, the Seventh Wage Board Award announced in 2001, will stay effective until it is modified by the board. The chief justice announced the reserved verdict in a courtroom packed with journalists. On September 29, the bench had reserved its verdict after hearing arguments from counsels for newspaper proprietors who had challenged the Sindh High Court verdict of May 31 upholding the seventh wage board award.

After 10 years of lobbying for the award, the Pakistan Federation of Union Journalists (PFUJ) has won the case.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Expo Pakistan: TDAP urged to help exporters in materializing foreign deals

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Value-added textile manufacturers-cum-exporters, who put their products on display at the sixth Expo Pakistan on Monday, urged

Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) to help them materialize the millions of dollars trade deals made during the fair with foreign buyers.

They said that the response from the visiting businessmen to the country's biggest trade show was 'positive', and urged the government



to follow up the millions of dollars business deals struck between the local and foreign traders and mature them without any delays.

"Brazilian, Chilean, Argentinean, Polish and Russian were the key buyers who agreed to enter in trade deals with Pakistani textile garments exporters at the show," said Chief Co-ordinator, Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (Prgmea), Ijaz Khokhar.

Khokhar, who had also put his garment items on display at the fair, said that the selection of buyers by the government was good and hoped that the deals would lead to growth in exports.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Positive Post with each issue is getting positive response from various walks of life, specially students. we are very grateful to them for reposing confidence in our efforts. We are endeavoring to make it more interesting for the readers. Our success depends on your guidance.

In this issue you will find a story on laying of Foundation of Diamer-Bhasha dam, Pakistan winning a seat as a non-permanent member of United Nations Security Council and world famous wax museum Madame Tussauds has expressed its wish to include statue of a Pakistani actor, Moin Akhtar.

Pak-China friendship: Colours of harmony and peace bringing cultures together

Kumail Soomro
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Islamabad: The opening ceremony of the Chinese Cultural Show at the Pak-China Friendship Center on Tuesday attempted to highlight the strong strategic alliance between the two countries.

The programme consisted of an exhibition of 60 traditional paintings, which were exclusively created for the event, by eight well-known Chinese artists. Stalls set up on the side featured artwork by Chinese painters including hand-painted souvenirs of warriors; on-the-spot artworks were also prepared showcasing the talent of the artists.

Speaking on the occasion, Me Jeng Ying, Chairman of the Chinese Heritage Foundation,



said, "This is a special year [the declared year for Pak-China friendship]. This is why we have invited painters to celebrate the historic relationship."

Additional Secretary Sajjad Khurrul who served as the chief guest for the event hoped to achieve "greater cultural and economic interaction during this special year."

A documentary depicting Chinese culture was also

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Moin Akhtar to be waxed for Madame Tussauds



Mohammad Anum Karim
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London: The world famous wax museum Madame Tussauds has expressed its wish to include a statue of a Pakistani actor for the first time. The actor who has made up to the list is none other than the legend comedian late Moin Akhtar.

The one of its kind museum is famous for displaying waxworks of historical and royal figures, film stars, sports stars and fa-

mous murderers.

Considering Akhtar's extensive work in the field of arts, the museum has contacted his family in Pakistan.

With his unmatched acting skills, production and singing, Moin Akhtar entertained the audiences for 44 long years.

The late actor will become the first Pakistani whose statue will be included in the Madame Tussauds.

Courtesy: The News

Pakistan offers aid to Turkey

Kumail Soomro
BS33 2808

Islamabad- President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Monday expressed solidarity with the Turkish leadership and people on the devastation caused by the recent earthquake.

A 7.3 magnitude earthquake hit eastern Turkey, killing more than 217 people and injuring many others.

"The president and the prime minister expressed sympathy with the Turkish leadership,

government and people of Turkey on the destruction caused by the earthquake," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"The government and the people of Pakistan stand in full solidarity with their Turkish brothers and sisters and are ready to send any assistance to help overcome the effects of this enormous natural calamity," the statement said. "Pakistan mourns the loss of precious lives and expresses deep sympathy and condolences to all those who lost their loved ones," it added.

Courtesy: Pakistan Today



Oscar Nomination: Sharmeen keeps her fingers crossed

Kumail Soomro
BS33 2808

Karachi: Pakistani journalist and documentarian Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy's latest venture Saving Face has been short-listed for Oscar nominations under the category 'Best Documentary, Short Subject'.

Recipient of Emmy award for her documentary Pakistan: Children of the Taliban in 2010, Obaid is now hoping to make it to the Oscar nominations list which will be announced on January 24. The final awards will be announced on February 26, 2012.

Saving Face is a story of two women from Southern Punjab who are victims of acid vio-



lence. "It's a positive story about Pakistan on two accounts: firstly, it portrays how a Pakistani-British doctor comes to treat them and it also discusses, in great depth, the parliament's decision to pass a bill on acid violence," explains Obaid-Chinoy. According to the Acid Control and Acid Crime Prevention Bill, the perpetrators of acid violence will be punished with imprisonment for life, and Obaid-Chinoy has captured that aspect

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New Pakistan Hydro Plant to Ease Nationwide Power Shortages



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Manila, Philippines: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide \$97 million to help fund a new private sector hydroelectricity plant in Pakistan, which will ease power shortages and create thousands of new jobs.

Takeo Koike, Principal Investment Specialist of ADB's Private Sector Operations Department said: "This new, renewable energy generating plant will power businesses and light homes across the country."

Pakistan has an acute shortage of power, estimated at over

4,200 MW during peak demand, which has led to worsening brownouts and blackouts across the country, necessitating power rationing.

Most of Pakistan's energy is generated from imported oil, putting a severe strain on the country's finances as global oil prices rise and the local currency depreciates.

The ADB Board of Directors' approval of the \$97 million loan for the 147-megawatt (MW) run-of-the-river Patrind hydropower plant, between the Kunhar and Jhelum rivers near Muzaffarabad, will help mitigate power shortages and diversify Pakistan's energy mix.

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Diwali celebrated across Pakistan

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Karachi: After sunset on Wednesday, October 26, Hindus lit up their homes with earthen lamps and decorated their doorsteps with colourful Rangolis and set thaalis for pooja.



Smoke billowed out of the Shri Swaminarayan Temple on MA Jinnah Road. Inside, it was lit up with firecrackers, diya and incense. Children lit firecrackers and threw them down at the feet of the horde of people walking in and out of the temple. Vendors, taking advantage of the occasion, thronged the temple to sell the firecrackers, sweets and incense. Women decked out in red saris and gold jewellery told their young daughters to keep their heads covered by dupattas.

It was time for the festival of lights, Diwali, to begin, to mark the beginning of a new year for the followers of the Hindu faith. The word diwali derives from a sanskrit word "deepavali"

which means a row of lamps. The five-day festival commemorates the triumph of good over evil of Ram over Ravana, as described in the Ramayan. Ram returned to his home in Ayodha after 14 years of exile and defeated the demon Ravana.

The people believe that the goddess of wealth and prosperity, Lakshmi, visits the home of every follower. Thus, they set up poojas, with thaalis decorated with sweets coloured by yellow sandoor, flowers and a clay lamp, and do aartis in her honour.

The pooja usually begins after sundown and with respect to Ganesh – the lord

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UN-HABITAT to ensure 33,000 shelters for flood-hit victims

Kumail Soomro
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Islamabad: United Nations Agency for Human Settlement (UN-HABITAT) will provide 33,000 shelters to address the growing housing problems of flood victims in Pakistan.

The agency took up the challenge during last year's flood and developed technical housing guidelines and this year too, is committed to help the people in need and ensure better housing for them.

A UN-HABITAT official on Tuesday said basic community infrastructure requirements will be addressed to promote sustainable rehabilitation at a community level.



The official said that communities will be encouraged to take part in the rehabilitation process.

He said UN-HABITAT is currently providing technical assistance to UNHCR funded shelter project being executed by six implementing partners.

The official said in an emergency response phase UN-HABITAT last year constructed almost 5,000 shelters with the support of government of Japan under Pakistan Settlement Flood Recovery Project.

The agency is now supporting 422 villages in 20 districts along Pakistan main rivers, the construction of 30,000 housing units, around 2,420 water and sanitation schemes, 1,200 community facilities in villages and rehabilitation of more than 36,770 households.

The UN-HABITAT is also engaged in Jacobabad to help 64 villages.

Courtesy: DAWN

Zeb and Haniya appear in 'The Dewarists'

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Lahore, October, 28: For folk duo Zebunnisa Bangash and Haniya Aslam (popularly known as Zeb and Haniya), music has always been a journey — from singing at family events as children to jamming through university life, they have come a long way. Another milestone in their musical journey was the release of their single "Kya Khayal Hai" on the Indian TV show "The Dewarists" dubbed by many as the non-commercial version of "Coke Studio".



The show, which is part music documentary and part travelogue, features various artists collaborating to create original music while travelling to different locations across India. "The Dewarists" has garnered some of the biggest names from across the globe, such as Grammy

award-winning singer Imogen Heap and classical folk band Indian Ocean among others, to collaborate with stalwart Indian musicians Vishal-Shekhar, Mohit Chauhan and Shantanu Moitra. Therefore, Zeb and Haniya's inclusion seems fitting due to their impact on Pakistani music through which they have encouraged female bands to take up the profession.

The process was such that each team was given four to five days during which they got together to compose the song. Appearing in the second episode of the

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ENTERTAINMENT



Women as agents of change



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Islamabad: The British High Commission on Monday organized an event to celebrate women as agents of change ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting being held in Perth on October 28. This year the Commonwealth is celebrating women and their ability to transform societies by changing themselves. In the event, the British High Commissioner, Adam Thompson was joined by Australian High Commissioner, Timothy



George and Pakistan's Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar.

However, this was one event where they were not the stars but were directing the limelight towards the attendants of the event who were some of the most accomplished women in Pakistan.

British High Commissioner Adam Thompson praised the audience and said that they were a diverse group who had excelled in a variety of fields in Pakistan and were an inspiration, but were a very small representation of all the inspiring women in Pakistan.

In addition to those present, a video was also shown which recognised women like Fehmida Mirza, Baroness Syeda Warsi, Bina Zafar and Zahida Kazmi (Pakistan's first woman taxi driver).

The event was a celebration of women who have brought about a positive change through their actions, and it was apparent from the smiles on everyone's faces that they were happy to be representing women who are agents of change.

Courtesy: Dawn News

Third day of youth fest NCA makes audience laugh off 'the mosquito'

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Lahore: There was a considerable increase in the number of visitors on third day of the 10th Youth Performing Arts Festival where skits by National College of Arts, theatre by University of Central Punjab and Rock Night stole the show on Thursday.

The most impressive performance was by NCA students as they touched many burning issues such as loadshedding, ever increasing fuel prices, general price hike and fearsome dengue virus. The most appreciated character in the NCA's hilarious comedy was of dengue mosquito, accompanied by 'petrol' 'CNG' and 'electricity'. Directed by Saad, the performance received a standing ovation by the audience in an overcrowded hall.

The University of Central Punjab staged the play 'Khall Hath' to celebrate mothers. The play directed by Syed Arslan Bukhari was rich in its content having humour, love and dance.



NCA, Beaconhouse National University and King Edward Medical College screened short films. The music night in open air theatre was opened by Propaganda band with national anthem. The other music groups were Omer and Imran, Xahid Umer, X 2 Band, and Raees Ahmed.

On Friday (today), University of Veterinary Sciences, UMT, UET and GC Faisalabad will present their performances. NCA would pay a tribute to late singer Nazia Ilasan. There will be a dance night as well on Friday (today) in which a dance group from Netherlands would also perform along with local groups.

Courtesy: Dawn News

Capturing characters in colours

Jason Liao
BS36 3113

Lahore: An exhibition of paintings by Iqbal Hussain opened at Ejaz Art Gallery, M.M. Alam Road on Thursday.

A fresh collection is on display in the art show. Although Mr Hussain is one of the finest painters of Lahore, some puritan painters consider him controversial as most of his works depict women from red-light area.

The paintings on display convey the

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Potohar Folk Festival: Farewell to the frolic

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Potohar: With celebration reigning high, the Potohar Folk Festival came to a close here at Shakarparian, said a press release issued by Lok Virsa.

The six-day festival, aimed at preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the Potohar region, featured captivating music and dance performances by various folk artists.

Prominent among these were the Arshad Mehmood group, Potohari poetry by Khadim Ali, Namberdar Ghulam Murtaza on chimta, traditional dhol performance by Bashir and Amjad, traditional poetry recitals by Malik Shamshas, Malik Zeeshan Sadiq, chit chat

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He said now it was the turn of local businessmen to visit these important countries and finalise the export deals.

He urged TDAP to help the apparel textile exporters take part in the annual fairs in Brazil, and other South American countries so that they could be able to introduce their products in new markets.

He said the fair on which millions of rupees were incurred should prove as result-oriented and give the country's economy a boost in terms of business activities and global trade.

"Timing of the show timing was perfect allowing the foreign buyers and local exporters make future trade contracts for the main Christmas and New

Year celebrations in the West for 2012, 2013, and beyond," Khokhar said.

He said Pakistan had successfully come out of the bad-patch of uncertainty and managed to air its stability across the globe with a positive begging of such mega shows, which had left the international delegates largely inspired as they showed interest in visits of the manufacturing units in different industrial cities of the country. "The government should also provide uninterrupted supply of gas and electricity to the manufacturing units to ensure timely production so that the export consignments could sail off without any delays," Chief Co-ordinator, Prgmea demanded.

Courtesy: DAWN

Contd. New Pakistan Hydro

The loan is being provided to Star Hydro Power Limited, which is jointly owned by Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-water), along with Daewoo Engineering and Construction Company and Sambu Construction Company, which are both listed on the Korea Stock Exchange.

The project marks the first investment in Pakistan's power sector by a consortium of companies from the Republic of

Korea. The independent power producer (IPP) – which will revert to government ownership after 30 years – is expected to create 2,700 local jobs and generate over \$240 million from purchases of local goods and services. It will also avoid about 280,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions a year. The plant is expected to be up and running in 2016.

Courtesy: DAWN

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shown and guests were encouraged to view the paintings after the opening ceremony.

The Chinese Ambassador, Liu Jian spoke about the unique relationship between Pakistan and China and said, "Pakistan has made great contributions towards counterterrorism and the world should respect that."

It was attended by officials from the Chinese Embassy, China Heritage Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The exhibition has been organised by the Pakistan National Council of the Arts and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Potohar Folk Festival

by Raja Amjad Mahmood, dhol performances and luddi and sammi dances.

"I got the opportunity to enjoy true Potohar culture after a very long time," said Jabbar Hussain, a visitor. A number of visitors could also be seen purchasing traditional shawls of Swat and hand-made clothes from Sindh. Muhammad Lal Khan, a stall

holder from Swat selling shawls, said he got a great response from visitors.

Lok Virsa Executive Director Khalid Javaid said, "The festival contributed significantly in documenting, preserving and projecting the rich cultural and musical heritage of the Potohar region."

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Foundation stone laid for

Speaking at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the world's highest concrete dam, he said he had undertaken consultations with various quarters to ensure that the project did not suffer the same fate as the Kalabagh dam which had fallen victim to political bickering.

The prime minister praised the local people who would have to sacrifice their ancestral land for a great national cause. But, he said, the project would play a great role in alleviating their sense of deprivation.

He praised the people of Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir and their political leadership for their united stand in favour of initiating the project.

The prime minister said matters relating to land compensation had been settled by a committee and any other issue cropping up would be resolved in consultation with the local leadership.

The prime minister said that China would construct the 165-km Jaglot-Skardu and 135-km Jaglot-Sazin roads. On this oc-

casion, Mr Gilani announced Rs300 million grant for Diامر and said an engineering faculty would be set up at the KKH University which would be eventually upgraded to an engineering university.

He ordered the work on a cadet college in Chillas to be speeded up and announced an additional amount of Rs1 billion for the government of Gilgit-Baltistan for immediate overhauling of the KKH and other roads.

The prime minister directed Wapda to initiate work on upgrading the DHQ hospitals in Chilas and Skardu and a public school in Ganche.

He said talks were also under way with the governments of Afghanistan and Tajikistan for construction of a road to provide connectivity with Central Asian Republics.

Former federal minister for water and power Raja Pervez Ashraf told PTV that the government had already earmarked Rs16 billion in the budget for the Diامر-Bhasha dam which would be completed in 10 years.

Courtesy: DAWN

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in her latest venture.

The documentary, which is filmed across Islamabad, Rawalpindi and the small towns of Punjab, is scheduled to be released in the US next month and then in the UK in March in 2012, following which it will be released in Pakistan. When asked why her documentaries are so hard to find here in Pakistan, Obaid-Chinoy states, "There is really no documentary market here in Pakistan. Documentaries are not produced on a large scale." However, bursting with excitement that her documentary is shortlisted for an Oscar, she adds, "You can come from anywhere but if you produce

quality work, you will be noticed and appreciated."

Obaid-Chinoy began her career with New York Times Television in 2002 where she produced Terror's Children, a film about Afghan refugee children, which won her the Overseas Press Club Award, the American Women and Radio and Television Award and the South Asian Journalist Association Award. Since then, she has produced more than 12 films around the world. Obaid-Chinoy also became the first non-American to win the Livingston Award for International Reporting in 2004

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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where visitors showed their keen interest in products of local auto manufacturers and parts makers. The product range includes complete built up vehicles, cars, trucks, buses, tractors, motorcycles and auto components in

thousands at 128 different stalls outside and inside two separate halls of the event place, where international and domestic manufacturers and part makers have been taking part.

Courtesy: Daily Times

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Indonesia in 2011 so far, according to a Topline Securities research note.

Corporate earnings and reduction in interest rates helped equities so far in 2011 amongst the Asian Emerging and Frontier markets tracked by MSCI, adds the note.

Resurgence of US crisis coupled with headwinds in eurozone saw huge selling in global equity markets as risk-averse offshore investors moved to safe heavens. The MSCI All Country World Index has slumped by 8% in 2011 till October 18 on concerns about the world economy and the lack of any credible solution to Europe's debt issue, the reason also why most Asian

Emerging and Frontier markets have posted negative returns so far in 2011.

Moreover, except the Indonesian market, all markets in MSCI Asian Emerging and Frontier markets are down 5% to 39% with India and China, the two leading markets falling by 26% and 24%, respectively.

Interestingly, Pakistan with a fall of 5% is so far the second best performing market amongst these 12 countries.

Due to fear of another recession, the benchmark MSCI World Index is down 8%. Emerging and frontier market indices also followed by falling 18% and 25%, respectively

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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emotions of these 'extraordinary' characters from red-light area. His paintings of sex workers have won him international recognition.

Mr Hussain has displayed his works in Lahore after two years; eighty-one paintings depict characters from red-light area. Their dresses, hairstyles, their way of living, their surroundings and houses of that area have been captured.

US Counsel General Nina Maria Fite also visited the exhibition along with some other US consulate officials. Commenting on the exhibition, Ms Fite said it's a beautiful exhibition. 'Lahore is fortunate to have such a talented artist,' she said.

Asad Farooqi, a senior artist, said Hussain's fresh work was bold and different compared to his previous works. He said the difference was that this time Hussain had also put an element of design in his paintings.

Najam Pirzada was of the view that the artist had repeated his old works with a new dimension.

Another exhibition of paintings by a Karachi-based artist, Nisar Ahmed opened at Collectors Art Gallery at the Alhamra Cultural Complex on Thursday.

Nisar is a budding artist. His artworks cannot go unnoticed by the fanciers. His subject is females. His paintings are a good combination of decorative patterns and designs.

In the words of art critic Prof Dr Mohammad Ali Bhatti, 'female figures are juxtaposed by the image of sparrow like imaginative birds. He believes that women and birds have similar anguish in our society; both struggle to come out of cage.'

'Nisar follows a particular kind of method and techniques for achieving the desired effects.

The paintings on display in the exhibition have the imagery of flowers, birds, pottery and other traditional ornaments used as complimentary elements for narrating the stories inspired from local literature.

Courtesy: DAWN

Contd. Diwali Celebrated

of beginnings and obstacles. People come to the temple to be blessed by the gods, according to Vijay Kumar, the Maharaj at Darya Lal temple in Kharadar. While cele-

brating they did not forget their countrymen and held a special prayer for dengue patients and flood survivors at the temple, he said.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Pakistan Becomes Non-Permanent.....

The Pakistan delegation, led by Ambassador Abdullah Hussain Haroon, appeared to be confident of victory. "We have worked very, very hard over the past months," Ambassador Haroon said.

According to a press release, Haroon said Pakistan's election to the Security Council is the acknowledgement by the international community of its services and its capabilities to contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security which is the main function of the Security Council.

Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar thanked the international community for reposing trust in Pakistan. "Pakistan will play its constructive role in the Security Council for the maintenance of

international peace and security," a press release quoted the minister as saying.

Mian Jahangir, the press officer for Pakistan's mission to the UN, said that the President of Pakistan and the Prime Minister had also congratulated Ambassador Haroon on Pakistan's victory at the UN Security Council.

Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar has congratulated the nation on this victory. Pakistan will assume its seat on the Security Council from January 1, 2012.

She also congratulated the Foreign Office and Pakistan's Permanent Mission in New York for their hard work in projecting Pakistan's constructive role in the world.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Doing Business in Pakistan.....

Newly appointed Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan, Yaseen Anwar said Pakistan had made great progress in the past three years in increasing foreign exchange reserves and remittances while reducing the current account deficit.

He said there was huge investment potential in small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) and housing and agriculture sectors. Terming them "engines of growth," Anwar said Pakistan needed to develop its capital market to promote investment in the three sectors.

He further said that a Pakistani cow produced 1,000 litres of milk a year on average. "However, the average yearly milk production of a cow in the United States is 10,000 litres." He said Pakistan should also use modern ways to enhance milk production.

Anwar said Pakistan topped the microfinance regulatory framework ranking by The Economist. He said the State Bank had taken measures to promote branchless banking in Pakistan to help those people who couldn't afford conventional banking.

Multinational companies (MNCs) operating in the coun-

try had never faced any problem in repatriating their profits, he said, adding that even during the bad financial period in the late 1990s, MNCs had easily repatriated their profits. Nestle Pakistan Managing Director James Donald said that the company had consistently doubled its turnover every three years during the two decades of its operations in Pakistan. He said he was "bowled over" by the work ethic of Pakistanis. "I've been with Nestle for 40 years. But nowhere have I witnessed such a strong work ethic."

Donald said Nestle operated the world's largest milk factory in Pakistan, whose performance standards were used as global benchmarks. He said the share of packaged milk in Pakistan's milk industry was only 10 to 15%.

"The sale of packaged goods is directly proportional to the rise in per-capita GDP, which means the potential for growth in this sector is astronomical," he added.

Delegates from Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, United States and United Kingdom participated in the conference.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

SPORTS



Manchester United's best to aid Pakistani footballers

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Karachi: Some 32 young footballers between the ages of 10 and 18 from all over Pakistan can look forward to training by Manchester United players and coaches, including Sir Alex Ferguson, thanks to an arrangement between the world-famous professional football club and a mobile telecom company here.

"Seeing the popularity of football among youngsters in Pakistan, Zong has entered into a three-year contract with Manchester United. It is hoped that this one of a kind partnership will lead to prosperity, growth and triumph for the sport here," said the company's Director Advertising and Promotions Rizwan Akhter at a press conference called to announce the union at a local hotel here on Tuesday.

Unveiling the benefits of the contract, Rizwan Akhter said: "From next year, we will hold country-wide trials to pick 32 best footballers in the 10 to 18 age group for training by the club's players and coaches."

The partnership gives Pakistan rights to

exclusive news and footage of the English clubs activities in order to bring the 150,000 Manchester United fans here closer to the club and their favourite players.

"The move will go a long way in promoting football in Pakistan and inspiring more young players to take up the sport here," explained the company's representative.

"It will also allow us here to look more closely at the club's way of working and their formats in order to take out and follow the positive things from there to help improve the infrastructure here," he added.

"Though we are focusing on the grass-roots level for now, it is hoped that along with the inspiration gained from learning more about the famous English club with such an interesting history will come improvement in football grounds and academies here," pointed out the gentleman.

Meanwhile, to a question about the possibility of Manchester United players or coaches visiting Pakistan, the organisers said that the present security situation prevents that from happening until things improved here.

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Indo-Pak Express win Stockholm Open

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Stockholm: Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi and Rohan Bopanna won the Stockholm Open on Sunday, their second ATP doubles title of the season and third overall together, Times of India reported.



The Indo-Pak Express defeated their Brazilian opponents in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3 in a match that barely lasted an hour.

Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares were no match for the duo in the ₹60,000 hard court final. Qureshi and Bopanna split the prize money ₹29,400 each, also gaining 250 ranking points each.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Zeb and Haniya appear

series, the duo collaborated with Bollywood heavyweights like Moitra and Swanand Kirkire to produce "Kya Khayal Hai".

In the episode, Zeb and Haniya were seen exploring Mumbai and travelling through the city in a bus, in search for inspiration to create music with the Indian composer Moitra and lyricist Kirkire. The episode, which portrays how cross-border collaborations can transcend politics, also has a hilarious tinge with Kirkire disclosing his habit of writing lyrics in the restroom.

The song, which is co-composed by Haniya, maintains a certain amount of simplicity as it largely focuses on the melody and lyrics. The duo, once again, showed vocal diversity as they sang in Urdu, Hindi, Dari (the Persian court language) whereas Moitra added a touch of Bengali to the song. Haniya and Moitra provided backing vocals while Kirkire gave husky vocal performance that complements Zeb's beautiful voice.

"The track 'Kya Khayal Hai' came about very naturally when the four of us came together.

We have been listening to Shantanu and Swanand's music for a while now, and they had also heard some of our tracks from 'Coke Studio'," said Haniya. "It was a great experience as it turned out to be a true collaboration, probably because of the instant connection and mutual trust. Other than that, the process of recording in Mumbai was fun as well."

Appreciation in India

Their induction in the programme also highlights the fast-growing popularity of the Zeb and Haniya in India. Their Facebook fan page, which has over 160,000 followers, is testimony to their popularity. "Indian audiences have always appreciated and respected Pakistani artists," says Haniya who plays the acoustic guitar. "Despite the fact that most Pakistani artists don't officially release their music in India, people over there still have to access our music through the internet, hence many of our musicians and their work is well known across India," she adds. So the opportunity to appear on "The Dewarists" comes as no sur-

prise.

The cross-border collaboration also puts focus on the diminishing South Asian classical music tradition in the region. The band believes that classical music has been more in the background in Pakistan compared to India.

Meanwhile, the band is currently working out plans for the release of their latest extended-play (EP) album. "The EP is almost complete. We are still finalising the release details. We're looking at several new avenues to disseminate the new songs and videos," added Haniya.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

"Positive thinking has been discussed and studied for years. And, the results are those who keep their thoughts positive end up having a much more rewarding and satisfy life"