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Pakistan celebrates 68th Independence Day



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Celebrations of Pakistan's 68th Independence Day kicked off on Thursday at the President House where Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, President Mamnoon Hussain, Army Chief Raheel Sharif, Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq along with other prominent leaders attended a August 14, related ceremony.

"The nation is grateful to our officers and we salute them for their bravery," the president said during his speech.

A 21-gun salute was fired in provincial capitals, while a 31-gun salute was given in Islamabad to commemorate the.



In Lahore, Chief Minister Punjab Shahbaz Sharif hoisted the national flag at the mausoleum of Allama Iqbal, while Chief Minister Sindh Qaim Ali Shah and Governor Sindh Dr Ishratul Ibad did the same in Karachi at Mazar-e-Quaid.

A 2400-square-foot flag has also been prepared that will be hoisted in Islamabad later during the day.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

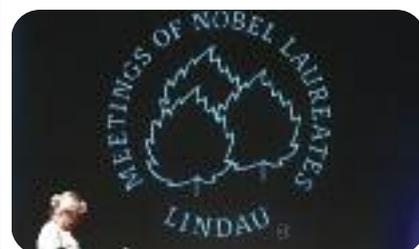
Pakistani woman scientist attends Nobel Laureate Meeting in Germany



Shehroze Sohail
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A young Pakistani scientist, Dr Saima Rasheed of the HEJ Research Institute of Chemistry, Karachi University, attended the 64th Nobel Laureate Meeting of Physiology and Medicine, held in Germany recently.

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Ziarat Residency: Restoring the house that Mr Jinnah called home



Muhammad Asim
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"We have a tradition in our Pashtun culture," says Feroze, the manager of a guest house in Ziarat. "When there is a shaadi or a baby is born, we get out our guns. We're happy! We fire!" A little after 1 am on June 15, last year, Feroze woke to the sound of gunfire.

"I thought someone had their first baby boy because it was so intense," he said. A few minutes later, he learned that Ziarat Residency, Mohammad Ali Jinnah's home in his last few days in 1948, had been

attacked by militants.

The bomb disposal squad removed six more bombs planted inside the house, but not before furniture, artifacts and photographs inside were burned and one police official lost his life.



Within a month, architect Nayar Ali Dada was approached to oversee the Residency's restoration. While he has a record of such

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The Greenwichian's bear the witness to their soil Told everyone how they Toil



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The Entire Greenwich student body and faculty stood in unity to pay respect to the motherland and joint hands to celebrate the Independence Day with patriotism and enthusiasm sharp 9 am on August 14, 2014. Every year the level of enthusiasm for Independence Day just multiplies by many folds. Each and every student was proud and full of energy to show their love for their country. The Greenwichian's celebrated the day by giving lots of respect to the green and white flag and raising up while singing the Na-



tional Anthem, every word was full of energy and touching the strings of peoples heart. After the flag raising ceremony the students and management paid respect to their country and expressed their love for their country by giving speeches and singing patriotic songs for the country in which Ayesha, Nasir, Laraib, Samir and many other singers took part. Participants also included "Iss Parcham k Saey talay hum eik hain" with loads of love for his country .

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Story of Pakistan, its struggle and its achievement, is the very story of great human ideals, struggling to survive in the face of great odds and difficulties.

— Quaid e Azam

Our greatest happiness does not depend on the condition of life in which chance has placed us, but is always the result of a good conscience, good health, occupation and freedom in all just pursuits. The sole end for which mankind are warranted, individually or collectively, in interfering with the liberty of action of any of their number is self-protection. The only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilized community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, either physical or moral, is not sufficient warrant.

Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome. Pakistan was created after a lot of suffering and sacrifices. We have a homeland today because in 1947 many people sacrificed themselves for us, we should honour them and not let their sacrifices go in vain.

We need to bind the entire community together remove all obstacles that stand in the way of progress.

We need to support each other and pave ways for prosperity, happiness and unity. This month Greenwich University celebrated independence day with great enthusiasm, Green was celebrated in many ways, including the renovation of Ziarat residency.

India and Pakistan came together for sports and independence songs.

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Google adorns Pakistan's homepage with nationalistic doodle



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Today Pakistan celebrates its Independence Day and Google has contributed to our celebration by gracing Pakistan's Google homepage with a nationalistic doodle for Independence Day. The doodle depicts the Pakistan Monument, a blooming flower-shaped symbol of Pakistan.

Google puts a lot of thought into its Google doodles, producing between 300 and 400 doodles each year — around 50 of these tend to be moving or interactive. Google often plans what doodles it will embellish its homepage with months in advance and often illustrators take weeks to perfect the selected designs. The Pakistan Monument is one of Pakistan's most prominent monuments.

Before its construction, the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) held a competition to find the



design which best represented Pakistan and its people and Arif Masood's design was ultimately selected.

The giant granite structure is comprised of petals resembling a blooming flower which is meant to be a symbol of Pakistan's blooming progress as a nation.

The four main petals represent the four provinces of Pakistan — Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the three smaller petals represent the three territories Azad Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas.

The inner walls of the petals are adorned with murals based on designs from Islamic architecture and structures.

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Barrel along: After a decade, Pakistan resumes crude oil export



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Pakistan has resumed export of crude oil after a gap of 10 years as output touched an all-time high of 98,000 barrels per day (bpd) in June 2014, an increase of 22% over the previous year, officials said.



Around 70,518 tons of ultra-light crude oil – known as condensate – has been exported in the last two months, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The export value is stated at \$60.7 million (Rs5.9 billion).

“At least one ship of 32,000-ton capacity is leaving the port every month,” said an industry official.

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Sharif vows to complete Tapi project

Muhammad Asim
BS47 5220

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has said that Pakistan attaches priority to timely completion of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project.

The project envisages transportation of 30 billion cubic meters of Turkmen gas annually to Pakistan via Afghanistan. The prime minister expressed these views in a meeting with Vice Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov.

Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Adviser to PM on National Security Sartaj Aziz also attended the meeting.

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Pairing and Wearing green



Raafe Hassan
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Khan's 'Dil Dil P a k i s t a n Azaadi Collection' is a ready-to-wear line that comprises stamp-inspired bags, stamp-design t-shirts and kurtas for men, women and children to sport with their heads held high. "It is the only comprehensive collection by any high-street brand in Pakistan that caters to everyone," says Khan. "It is a reflection of Gulabo's 'Proud to be Pakistani' ideology."



By incorporating green camouflage kurtas into the collection, Khan pays homage to

the armed forces of Pakistan. She states that her collection does not merely target fashion forward customers. "It's for patriots everywhere who shout out 'Pakistan zindabad' from the heart!" she comments.

The collection, which flaunts "irresistibly patriotic" pieces, has been in stores with a special "Azaadi promotion" for the past week. If you haven't found anything yet to project your patriotism in style, this collection might just work for you.

Mahin Hussain's Independence 2014 bags

Hussain's 'Independence 2014' totes and clutches hit the right note. Paying a tribute to the Quaid's motto: 'Unity, Faith, Discipline'. Hussain says she has drawn

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Real 'Azadi' march taking place in Balochistan, says Nawaz

Nimra Arshad
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Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said on Thursday that the 'real' Azadi march is taking place in Balochistan, where the civilian and military leadership are jointly celebrating the 68th Independence Day of the country.

Addressing a crowd during the inauguration ceremony of Quaid-e-Azam's residence in Ziarat, the premier who was accompanied by the Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif, said negative politics should come to an end and everyone should work towards the development of the country.

In an apparent reference to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT), Nawaz said the marches are diverting the government's attention from national issues, such as the

operation against militants in North Waziristan.

"Those [PTI and PAT] who are doing long marches should also focus on the establishment of peace and development in the country."



Ziarat residency
In June 2013, three rocket propelled grenades slammed into the Quaid-e-Azam Residency.

Expressing pleasure for being present at the Quaid's residency on Independence Day, the prime minister appreciated the efforts of those who worked on the renovation of the heritage site.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Modi congratulates Pakistanis on Independence Day

Shehroze Sohail
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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday congratulated Pakistan on the country's Independence Day. Referring to August 14, Modi, in a message posted on micro-blogging website Twitter, said: "I convey my greetings to the people of Pakistan".

The Indian premier's message comes days after he accused Pakistan of waging "a proxy war" in Kashmir.

Kashmir, the disputed Himalayan valley, remains a running sore between India



and Pakistan who have fought three wars since gaining independence from United Kingdom.

The disputed territory is divided between India and Pakistan by a de facto border known as the Line of Control (LoC) but it is claimed in full by both countries.

Courtesy: Dawn

Remittances rose to \$1.65bn in July

Ujala Nadeem
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The first month of the new fiscal year saw over 17 per cent more remittances compared to the same period of last year, the State Bank reported.

The ever-increasing remittances are now the biggest support to the economy which helps to reduce the huge trade deficit and dilute the impact of the current account deficits.

The State Bank reported that the overseas Pakistanis sent \$1.649 billion in July which was 17.45 per cent higher than July 2014.

Pakistanis had sent \$15.83bn in FY-14 which not only helped the country continue to payback the debt to IMF but supported the exchange rate to gain strength against the US dollar.

Currency experts said if remittances kept growing with a rate of 17pc, the country could get more than \$18bn at



the end of the current fiscal year.

The inflow of remittances during July 2014 from Saudi Arabia, UAE, US, UK, GCC countries (including Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Oman) and EU countries amounted to \$454.47m, \$352.89m, \$257.08m, \$247.96m, \$179.76m and \$44.32m, respectively, compared with the inflow of \$410.73m, \$252.41m, \$233.06m, \$221.93m, \$161.44m and \$38.59m respectively in July 2013.

Remittances received from Norway, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Japan and other countries during the last month amounted to \$112.91m as against \$86.23m received in the same month of the last fiscal year (FY14).

Courtesy: Dawn

Sindh encouraging private sector

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Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah said the provincial government was able to win the confidence of local and foreign investors by improving the law and order situation in the city.

He said this after inaugurating the International Expo, organised by the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (Abad) at the Karachi Expo Centre.



The chief minister said that the Sindh government had made remarkable progress in a short time by maintaining law and order with the efforts of law-enforcement agencies. At the same time, it has also been able to bring in huge investment from local and foreign investors in the province, he added.

The CM asked Abad and the

managements of participating construction companies, engineers and technocrats to bring innovative ideas of construction and conceive projects which would be commercially viable and add to the city's beauty.

He stressed that his government was encouraging the private sector to invest, build and facilitate the people of Sindh.

The chief minister, who was accompanied by minister for livestock Jam Khan Shoro, special assistants Waqar Mehdi and Rashid Rabani, soon after inaugurating the expo, visited various stalls where latest architectural designs and styles of construction were displayed.

Abad Chairman Mohsin Shekhani, Senior Vice Chairman Saleem Qasim Patel, and Abad Expo 2014 organiser Haris Mithani briefed the chief minister about aims and objectives of International Expo-2014 in which construction companies from various other countries are participating.

Courtesy: Dawn

Independence Day celebrations: PM vows to protect democracy at all costs

Muhammad Asim
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As he kicked off Independence Day celebrations in the federal capital late Wednesday night, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif vowed that his government would protect democracy at any cost and ensure the rule of law in the country.

In his speech at an impressive Independence Day ceremony at the premises of the Parliament House, the premier urged the nation to build Pakistan as a democratic, moderate and progressive country, "in accordance with the vision of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah."

Prime Minister Nawaz also condemned Israeli aggression against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and urged the international community to take notice of it. "Institutions like the UN will lose credibility in the eyes of the public if they cannot do anything about such aggression," he said.

After a prolonged hiatus, the government arranged a cere-



mony to celebrate the country's independence this year – a move many have seen as a bid to counter protest marches being organised by PTI and PAT.

A highlight of the ceremony was a special parade by the armed forces of Pakistan for the first time in several years. The parade included a fly past by fighter jets of the Pakistan Air Force.

The ceremony was attended by members of Parliament, the three services chiefs and diplomats, along with other key personalities and officials.

spokesperson for the Prime Minister's Office said on Wednesday. The premier's visit to the northern district of Balochistan is part of the 30-day celebrations announced by the government to mark the 68th Independence Day.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

August 14: Pakistani Rangers, Indian BSF Exchange Sweets at Wagah

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Pakistani Rangers exchanged sweets with personnel from the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) to celebrate Pakistan's 68th Independence Day at the India-Pakistan Wagah border post on Thursday.

Punjab Rangers Director General, Major General Khan Tahir Javed Khan, and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) Deputy Inspector General (DIG) M F Farooqui exchanged sweets during the ceremony and also offered



good wishes to each other.

A Pakistani Ranger also unfurled the national flag as BSF personnel watched during a ceremony to celebrate the country's Independence Day on August 14, 2014.

Pakistan was celebrating the 67th anniversary of its independence from British rule.

Courtesy: Dawn

Private schools, language centres reopen in Panjur

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Private schools and language centres in Panjur which were closed in the middle of May because of threats from



an unknown religious organisation have reopened after the government assured them of providing protection to them against such threats.

"All the 23 private English medium schools and language centres started functioning from Wednesday in the entire Panjur district," a senior official of the local administration told Dawn, adding that all possible protection would be provided to teachers and students of these institutions.

The unknown organisation had sent threatening letters to authorities of these institutions, asking them to discontinue the facility for female students. Unidentified men attacked at least three schools and torched vehicles

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Pakistani, Indian artists jointly release song on Independence Day

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With many Pakistani actors crossing over to Bollywood, India has taken the opportunity to help bridge the gap further between the two nations - this time through music.

On Independence Day, Indian band, "Maati Bani" launched a melodious song, "Rang Rangiya" in collaboration with various Pakistani music artists, to celebrate the unity in diversity between both nations.

The word "Maati Bani" literally means language of the earth.

Originally formed in 2012 in Mumbai, by guitarist Kartik Shah and classical singer, Ni-



rali Kartik, the vision behind the band is to transcend borders and connect people through music despite their differences.

"Rang Rangiya" is a humble offering to friendship between India and Pakistan, noted the group, especially when the leaders of both countries are making such strong efforts to foster peace between the nations.

Evelyn D'souza, one of the main members of the production team and head of talent search and coordination, said, "Everything was online."

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Top Pakistani designers showcase at Lakmé Fashion Week.

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Pakistan's top fashion designers Rizwan Beyg, Zara Shahjahan and Sania Maskatiya were amongst the 86 designers participating to showcase their collection at the prestigious Lakmé Fashion Week (LFW), in Palladium Hotel in Mumbai, from August 20 to August 24.

The designers marked their LFW debut with a grand show on August 22.

Sania Maskatiya displayed her latest collection, 'Sakura', which draws from the grace of the cherry blossom, the stark romance of the Japanese landscape, tea houses, turtles and treasure chests, all finding their way onto the



brand's design canvas.

The collection showcased an array of bespoke mixed prints and hand embroideries across a diversity of textures in cuts and patterns that are quintessentially Sania Maskatiya.

Rizwan Beyg displayed his truck art inspired collection, for which he has previously received international acclaim. Madhubani paintings have especially inspired his focus on flora and fauna in this collection.

Courtesy: Dawn

Eid Shopping : Fashion's virtual wheels

Muhammad Asim
BS47 5220

Great fashion's just a click away you've probably heard that before. For as Pakistani fashion has pirouetted and spun into a razzling dazzling behemoth, it's extended its feelers into the massive reaches of cyberspace. Online e-stores are the order of the day with mainstream multi-labels, hot stepping designers and high-street brands launching onto the web, one after the other.

stores. Uploaded, in high-resolution graphics onto the Internet, fashion becomes accessible globally.

For designers, the Internet offers an extremely cost-effective merchandising outlet. Not all designers may be able to afford a standalone store but they can certainly put up a virtual one. And apparel featured at a multi-label's e-store tends to benefit from the clientele attracted in by the other designer-wear also stocking at the store. Yet an-



It's about time! The Internet is now a well-acknowledged lucrative avenue for selling anything and everything; fashion as well as less glamorous necessities like groceries, books and used cars!

From traipsing the high-street with mass-oriented Topshop and ZARA to the exclusive walkways of Parisian haute couture; for ages now, the whole world's been cruising the Internet for its sartorial needs.

All it takes is a click of the keyboard and a credit card, of course. Life moves too fast for avant-garde styles to be limited to physical stock in

other well-trafficked site is the Khaadi e-store, with masses of online aficionados buying into the brand's ethno-funk ethos on a daily basis. "Physical stock often runs out at our mainstream stores very quickly. Rather than search for an outfit at a Khaadi outlet located further away from their homes, customers prefer to just make their specific purchases in their preferred size online," observes CEO Shamoos Sultan. "The price is the same as at the store and the clothes conveniently get delivered to their doorsteps." The universal popularity of Khaadi makes customers confident of the exact size and fabric quality that they're buying.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 5: Pakistani, Indian artists jointly....

This was the main reason, she said, that helped in reaching out to artists in Pakistan.

The team found Pakistani artists, Komal Rizvi (singer), Gulab Afridi (Rubab player), Omran Shafique (guitarist), Kurt Menezes (drummer) and Asfandyar Junejo (beatboxer) on YouTube. They reached out to them and started recording. No musician from either country charged any fees for working on the song.

The song incorporates beautiful lyrics and a diverse set of instruments, including some lines of poetry from the great mystic Kabir:

Preet Na Kije Panchhi Jaise, Jal Sukhe Ud Jaaye, Preet toh Kije Machhli Jaise, Jale Sukhe Mar Jaaye.

D'souza shared that this project took a lot of effort from all the members of the team and could not have been possible, had they not believed in themselves and in world peace.

"Musicians have to make an effort. [They] have to know deep down that this is what they really want to do."

"Miracles can happen if you believe in yourself and your music."

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 8: Khatri fourth among world's best

and India's Sherwin Rodrigues finished third. Beating Richards was special: Khatri

This was Khatri's best performance at any international tournament so far, and the 22-year-old believes that giving tough competition to World Champion Nigel Richards was his biggest achievement.

"I got to defeat Richards and that was a special moment," Khatri told "My target was to win six matches on the last day to finish among the top players.

"With Richards, I defeated him on day two, but he got back at me. He polarised me in our last match. He said I was better than him in the match and that is amazing, because Richards is a word machine."

Khatri said that Moiz's performance was also remarkable: "Moiz lost to the world

champion by three points. We did impress everyone here. Even nin-year-old Hasham Hadi grabbed everyone's attention with a world record spread of 878 points."

Meanwhile, Pakistan Scrabble Association Director Youth Tariq Pervez said: "It's an achievement for Khatri to finish fourth among world top players. It's special.

"Moiz also left a huge mark, being the youngest among the top 10 players here. Everyone is saying that Moiz will prove to be too good for the World Youth Championship if he is playing with such finesse among the adults."

Pakistan's 13-member squad will compete in the World Youth Scrabble Championship on August 29, and in the side event on August 26 at the scrabble festival.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Cont.. from pg 1: Polio-free Pakistan: Officials confident

An official of the International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS), Karachi University, said that Dr Saima Rasheed was one

of the 600 selected young researchers from up to 80 countries of the world to meet and spend time with 37 Nobel laureates.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 2: Barrel along: After a decade Pakistan.....

"We expect exports to rise because the output of condensate has gradually increased over the years."

The petroleum crude is coming from different fields in Sindh and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. Three multinational firms, United Energy Pakistan, which took over the assets of BP in the country, OMV and MOL are mostly involved in the exports.

Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has allocated two 55,000 capacity tanks to two of the multinational companies for storing condensate before the shipments are made, said an official.

"These companies want to sign three-year contracts with PSO for using the tanks, indicating their long-term intention to keep the exports going."

Export of crude started after the discovery of the Badin Gas field along with the by-product condensate in the

1990s. The refineries initially didn't have the capability to process the condensate but when Attock and Pak Arab refineries started consuming most of the domestic supply, government restricted exports in 2004.

The average oil production in Pakistan jumped 13% to 86,000 bpd in fiscal year 2013-14 compared to the previous year. The oil output even reached an all-time high of 98,000 bpd by the end of June 2014.

Increase in oil output is coming in shape of condensate and other light crudes, which are hard to process in local hydro-skimming refineries, officials say.

Local light crude also gives a better yield of petroleum products as Attock Refinery, which relies on domestic supply, produces 20-22% of furnace oil against other refineries that have a furnace oil composition of 30-35%.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Cont.. from pg 2: Sharif vows to complete Tapi Project

The prime minister said this project was part of the energy security plan of the government.

"We are glad that the operations agreement has been signed and all parties have showed their resolve to complete the project by target date (i.e. 2017)," he added.

Both sides also hoped to finalise export of 1000MW of Turkmen electricity to Pakistan at the earliest.

The prime minister said that Pakistan wanted to transform its ties with Turkmenistan into

strong economic partnership. "The focus of our foreign policy is on peace for development and the main thrust of our engagement with Central Asia is on trade, investment, energy, connectivity and culture," he added.

Meanwhile, addressing the Pakistan-Turkmenistan Joint Governmental Commission here on Thursday, Mr Sartaj Aziz said the government's policy was aimed at forging comprehensive, multifaceted relationships with Central Asian states, both on the bilateral and regional planes.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 1: Pakistani women scientist attends Nobel....

The host, Mr Kamran, was radiating energy while announcing the names thus making the crowd more energized. Little kids of Sirat-UI-Jinnah were

also a prominent part of the whole ceremony their love for their country could be seen in their eyes and in their acts.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Cont... from pg 3: Paring and Wearing green

inspiration from the political situation in the country for her designs. "I felt the political turmoil in the country called for us to go back to our roots and derive strength from the wisdom of the founder of the nation," she shares. "We all are affected by the current situation and I have been able to channel my thoughts and ideas into my work."

Her collection juxtaposes her quirky signature style with patriotic messages. "There's a tote, which boldly spells out 'Faith' and it's the simplicity of this message that makes it so effective. The word 'Unity' designed on a statement clutch is a reflection of what can bring the country out of its

present chaotic state," explains Hussain.

"Muhammad Ali Jinnah's famous quote 'Expect the best prepare for the worst' has been written on pouches, make-up bags and toilet kits." She feels that her creations symbolise strong-willed, individualistic women.

The collection, which boasts 10 designs, most in two colourways, ranges between Rs2,500 and Rs7,000. If you decide to go all-white for your Independence Day look, Hussain's handbags can add the right amount of colour to your look.

Happy Independence Day!
Courtesy: Express Tribune

Cont... from pg 1: Ziarat Residency: Restoring the house.....

conservation projects, it was Dada's prior experience with the house that made him, as he puts it, a 'natural choice' – in the 1990s, the government recruited Dada to convert the Residency into a museum space after a fire.

Dada's handwritten notes from a visit to the Residency last year are telling – 'The house has been interfered with many times,' he wrote. "It was very sad," he explains. "The house had been painted red and white and it was used in a cold blooded way as a guesthouse." Additional kitchens were added, bathroom fittings ripped out and replaced. Rose pink tiles had been installed in Jinnah's bathroom, used as a guest bathroom. "The building had been mutilated," Dada says. Much of the furniture – including the Quaid's and Fatima Jinnah's beds – was in use, the wooden surfaces covered with carved out initials and messages.

It was only in May this year that the architects were able to begin work, ahead of an August 14th inauguration. "There was a great deal of in-

efficiency and bureaucracy," Dada says. "The work was done under a lot of pressure." He feels the work 'should have been done more carefully' and concedes, "The artifacts could have been created with a lot more accuracy, but we simply didn't have the time. We tried to catch that period, that ambience, and I think we've been 80 per cent successful."

The drive here from Quetta, said to take 1.5 hours, takes twice the time as the roads are potholed. Lavender and sunflowers grow along the curve of a crumbling road as you make your way to the Residency. Ahead of the PM's visit, two boys are busy paving the road that leads to the Residency. The chief minister's spokesperson Jan Mohammad Buledi says that the restoration will be accompanied by extensive road works in the area. "We have also made arrangements for strict security and FC personnel will oversee this," he says. "Now no one will be able to do any nuqsaaan to this house."

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Cont... from pg 4: Private schools, language centres reopen.....

carrying female students.

The group had also threatened to kill owners and teachers of the schools if they defied their 'instructions' and continued to educate female students. The attacks and threats forced these institutions in the entire Panjgur district to close down.

Rallies condemning the unknown group and demanding arrest of the attackers were held in Panjgur, Quetta and other towns of Balochistan.

Two days ago, Chief Minister Dr Malik Baloch visited Panjgur and held meetings with the administration of private schools and concerned parents and assured them that all possible protection would be provided to the institutions and students and teachers associated with them.

On Wednesday, all private schools and language centres in the district reopened after heavy contingents of security forces were deployed there.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 2: Google adorne Pakistan's homepage.....

The central platform is designed in the form of a five-pointed star and is surrounded by water.

When seen from above, the structure resembles a star

and crescent moon, representing the Pakistani flag, making the monument an adroit choice for a Google doodle and just perfect for Independence Day.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 8: Balochistan United look to transform.....

Beaten finalists last year, the club are aiming to win their maiden title this year in the 10th edition of the championship.

A brainchild of Senator Rubina Irfan, the club have invested heavily this year signing the country's top striker Hajra Khan from Diya Women's FC while goalkeeper Mahpara Shahid has joined them from Young Rising Star Women's FC.

"I'd like to think that we're the best side in the championship," the club's captain Sohaila Zarrain tells Dawn as she wipes the sunscreen off her face.

"We've the best club setup as far as the women's teams are concerned in Pakistan so there is no reason why we don't go one step better than last year."

Sohaila is one of three daughters of Rubina, also the chairperson of the PFF Women's Wing, who are ac-

tively involved in promotion of women's football in the country.

She and her sisters Raheela Ahmedzai and Shahlayla Ahmedzai were the first three players to play for the club.

"It started from home," Rubina tells Dawn. "The first three players who played for the club were my own daughters and slowly and gradually we started building upon that."

Hajra became the first woman footballer from the country to move abroad when she signed up for a short stint with Maldives' Sunrise Hotels and Resorts Women's FC in June this year.

Named one of five top players in the competition during her month-long stint, she believes her move has opened a window of opportunity for Pakistan's women's footballers.

Courtesy: Dawn



India series to open ISL window of opportunity for Pakistan footballers

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Pakistan team's tour of India for a two-match friendly series could have far greater benefits for the country's footballers than just international exposure.



With the inaugural season of the money-spinning Indian Super League (ISL) a football tournament in the franchise-based pattern of cricket's Indian Premier League (IPL) set to kick off in October this year, a good performance by the Pakistan players may see them land a contract with one of the eight franchises.

Pakistan play two matches against India in Bangalore on Aug 17 and 20 and although the 'central international player draft' for the ISL set to

be held a day after the end of the series, the country's footballers might yet be picked up by the franchises.

"Representatives from the franchises would be there to see the games and to pick up the best talent," Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) marketing consultant Sardar Naveed Haider Khan told, where a press conference was held ahead of the team's departure.

"There is a verbal agreement with the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) that at least one of our players should feature in the first edition of the ISL," Sardar Naveed, who will be travelling with the team, added.

The ISL has attracted a bevy of former stars like Frenchmen Robert Pires and David Trezeguet, Spaniards Joan Capdevila and Luis Garcia and Sweden's Freddie Ljungberg.

Courtesy: Dawn

Khatri fourth among world's best

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National champion Waseem Khatri made a phenomenal comeback on the last day of the Sri Lanka International Scrabble Tournament to take fourth position in the event



that is featuring world's top 80 players in Colombo.

Khatri won 16 matches and drew one. He faced some difficult competition on day two; however, he bounced back on the concluding day and won six out of his eight matches. Reigning world youth champion Moizullah Baig stood eighth with 16 wins.

New Zealand's Nigel Richards won the tournament, while Howard Warner secured the second position

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Commonwealth Games: Waseem clinches silver in men's boxing final

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Pakistani boxer Muhammed Waseem came second in the Boxing championship. The national hero had the upper hand over his Australian opponent in the first two rounds, but could not keep it up in the final round, thereby losing and attaining the silver medal.

Waseem had managed to knock-out his opponent from Ghana in the semi-final round to make it to the finals.

The silver takes Pakistan's medals tally at the games to four including three silver and one bronze.



Waseem, reacts on his Facebook page: I'm sorry to my nation and to all my supporters. I [tried] my best, I am very disappointed with the decision. I've been waiting for four years for this moment. In the last CWG, I won a Bronze medal in India, and now after four long years when I was so close to [winning] Gold, one bad decision took it away.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Balochistan United look to transform women's football in Pakistan

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As the sun set beyond Karachi's famed Netty Jetty Bridge overlooking the KPT Football Stadium, Balochistan United wrapped up their training session.

The players ran a lap of the stadium before doing their final stretching exercises. With the last flickering ray of

sunlight entering the ground, they run towards the sidelines towards the changing rooms or to pause for a drink after an intense training session in the August heat.

Nothing fanciful about that, except for the fact that Balochistan United are a women's football club preparing for the PFF Women's Championship which kicks off next week.

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