



# Positive Post

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## March in History

**March 15, 1955:** *The biggest post-independence irrigation project, Kotri Barrage is inaugurated.*

**March 23, 1956:** *1956 Constitution is promulgated on Pakistan Day. Major General Iskander Mirza sworn in as first President of Pakistan.*

**March 23, 1956:** *Constituent assembly adopts name of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and first constitution.*

**March 8, 1957:** *President Iskandar Mirza lays the foundation-stone of the State Bank of Pakistan building in Karachi.*

**March 23, 1960:** *Foundation of Minar-i-Pakistan is laid.*

**March 14, 1972:** *New education policy enforced. Free education in all private and public schools.*

**March 1, 1981:** *National population census starts throughout the country.*

**March 29, 1983:** *Foundation-stone of Satellite Earth Station is laid near Rawalpindi.*

**March 8, 1998:** *Population census begins in the country.*

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## 77th Pakistan Day: Spectacular display of military might

With fighter jets zooming across the sky, Pakistan on Thursday showcased its military might in a grand parade marking the 77th Pakistan Day that has for the first time involved the contingents of foreign armies.

Pakistan Day commemorates



the passing of the historic Lahore Resolution on March 23, 1940, when Muslims of the Subcontinent demanded the establishment of a separate homeland to safeguard their rights in the then British colony of India.

The government authorities made stringent security

arrangements to deter any untoward incident. Cellular phone networks in the capital were suspended and roads leading to the Parade Ground near Shakarparian were heavily guarded.

The special feature of this year's parade was the participation of troops from China's People's Liberation Army and Saudi Army, besides Turkish Jannisary Military Band (Mehteran) that showed deepening of ties between Pakistan and the "brotherly" countries.

The march-past, weapons display, cultural and aerial shows captured the imagination of the public.

*Courtesy: Express Tribune*

## International cricket returns to Pakistan

Fresh from hosting the Pakistan Super League final, there is more good news for Pakistan cricket as the International Cricket Council (ICC) is considering sending a World XI side to Lahore to play a four-match T20 series in September.

The series, which will be another giant leap towards restoring foreign players' confidence in visiting Pakistan, has been named 'The Independence Cup'.



"The desire is to give cricket-starved Pakistani supporters the chance to see some of the world's finest players in live action," said the ICC's Pakistan Task Force head Giles Clarke. "The world of cricket needs to help Pakistan, who cannot continue to play their home

fixtures overseas.

"The youth need inspiring, and the national teams need far more cricket played in familiar terrain. Furthermore, the terrorists cannot win and cricket must not give up on Pakistan."

The announcement also gave PSL mastermind Najam Sethi an opportunity to gloat and show his critics how wrong they were when they doubted that the PSL final in Lahore would do nothing.

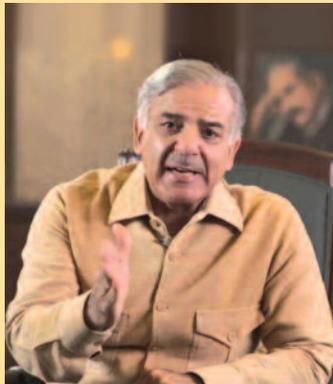
*Courtesy: Express Tribune*

## CPEC will 'pave way for development

Punjab Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has laid a strong foundation of lasting development in Pakistan. The chief minister expressed these views during a meeting with Federal Railways Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique on Tuesday.

Shehbaz said under the leadership of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan was on track of progress and prosperity.

He said CPEC would prove to be a game-changer in the real sense. The project would pave way for development in the country. "The political elements who were hatching conspiracies against the progress of the country and prosperity of the people, have become isolated," Shehbaz remarked. He said the



people of Pakistan have rejected the negative politics of the 'defeatist elements'. He said the people want to see development and prosperity in the country.

"Promises made with the masses will be honoured and no one will be allowed to create hurdles in the way of public service," the chief minister said.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## International Women's Day is being observed today

International Women's Day is being observed across the world, including Pakistan today (Wednesday). It has been observed since the early 1900s and is now recognised each year on March 8.

In Pakistan working women in formal and informal sectors celebrate International Women's Day every year to commemorate their ongoing struggle for due rights, despite facing many restrictions.

International Women's Day is a worldwide event that celebrates women's achievements from the political to the social while calling for gender equality.

International Women's Day, originally called International Working Women's Day, is celebrated on March 8 every



year. It commemorates the struggle for women's rights.

The first International Women's Day was observed on February 28, 1909 in the United States following a declaration by the Socialist Party of America.

International Women's Day was first observed worldwide as a popular event after 1977 when the United Nations General Assembly invited member states to proclaim March 8 as the UN Day for women's rights and world peace.

*Courtesy: Dunya News*

## Pakistan's economy witnesses positive turnaround, growing rapidly: PM

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has asked the party members to work hard to resolve the problems being faced by the people in their constituencies.

Addressing the parliamentary party meeting of PML-N in Islamabad on Tuesday, he said Pakistan's economy has witnessed a positive turnaround and growing rapidly.

Prime Minister said that speedy work is underway on various projects under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

He said the government has initiated mega energy and infrastructure projects to address the issue of power shortage and increase connectivity in the country.



Nawaz Sharif said the government has overcome the issue of power shortages to a great extent and load shedding will be part of history by the end of next year.

Referring the overall law and order situation, especially the

situation in Karachi and Baluchistan he said that we have improved it.

Prime Minister emphasized that our government is paying special attention to the development of Balochistan.

He said we have ensured com-

plete transparency in the execution of the projects and never compromised on standard.

Earlier, Finance Minister Mr. Ishaq Dar briefed the participants on financial stability and economic growth achieved by the government during last four years.

Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique briefed on projects and performance of Pakistan Railways while Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, gave a briefing on energy projects.

Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif briefed the participants on achievements of the Water and Power Ministry during the last 4 years.

*Courtesy: Samaa TV*

## Mela Chiraghan begins Traditional activities set devotees afire

The three-day Mela Chiraghan (festival of lights) began with traditional zeal at the shrine of Madhu Lal Hussain at Baghbanpura on Saturday.

A number of devotees from all over the country attended the first day of the annual Urs celebrations of subcontinent's famous saint Shah Hussain. The day's proceedings began with 'Rasm-i-chadarposhi' at the shrine around 11am by Religious Affairs Director General Tahir Raza Bokhari.

Speaking to Dawn, Mr Bokhari said thousands of people are expected to visit the shrine which would have traditional rituals and devotional activities during



three days.

Security arrangements have been made for the festival and according to SP Ibadat Nisar, there are three layers of security for the festival along with

deputation of Quick Response Force. He said two SPs, four DSPs and six SHOs had been deputed to ensure security of the event, where walk-through gates had also been installed.

The devotees showered rose

petals on the shrine of Shah Hussain and Madhu Lal and performed dhamal to the beat of drums. Many lit candles as a ritual for fulfillment of their wishes and distributed sweets and other food items. Fire torching and lighting candles are an integral part of the event.

This festival has great significance in Lahore's history and during the three days food stalls do a roaring business. Qawwali and na'at recitals are another major attraction for devotees. For children, swings and merry-go-round are installed and the festival will also feature cultural show, puppet show and magic show on a daily basis.

*Courtesy: DAWN*

## Motorcyclists advocate forest protection

Two motorcyclists reached here on Saturday on a campaign 'save forests - save lives' to create awareness among people against deforestation.

Talking to media persons, one of the campaigners, Mukaram Tareen Jahan Gard said they had started the journey from Lahore and visited different cities.

The visit is sponsored jointly by Cross Route Motorcycle Travellers Club of Pakistan and Rotary Club Pakistan.

The 11-day tour, he said would end on their return to Lahore after completing 3,200 kilometres journey.

He said the cities so far visited were Okara, Khanewal, Bahawalpur, Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Loralai, Ziarat, Quetta, Zhob, Dera Ismail Khan, Kohat, Peshawar and Islamabad.



Mukaram Tareen said they also observed the situation of forests in different areas like Changa Manga, Ziarat, Kohat, Attock, Bahawalpur and in Islamabad and also participated in a special event arranged at Ziarat Balochistan in connection with the International Forest Day on March 21.

"We talked to the people about the significance of thousands of years old forests, especially about the juniper (snobar) trees, and urged them to extend co-

operation to each other in protection of forests, particularly rare trees.

He stressed the need for the federal and provincial governments to take effective steps for protection of forests as the trees were extremely essential for human beings.

He said it was duty of every citizen to plant new saplings and protect the existing trees.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

## Burj Khalifa lit up with Pakistan's flag



Dubai's Burj Khalifa was lit up with the colours of Pakistani national flag Thursday evening.

"We congratulate Pakistan on their 77th Reapublic Day," the building's Twitter account said.

*Courtesy: www.tribune.com.pk*

## International skiers stunned by Malam Jabba's sublime beauty

Foreign visitors attending skiing championship call Malam Jabba a skier's paradise.

Foreign skiers at a skiing championship held on Malam Jabba's slopes were left stunned by the hill station's ethereal beauty, with some calling it "a skier's paradise" and others honouring it as "one of the most beautiful slopes in the world".

The 'Malam Jabba International Alpine Ski Cup', held between January 26 to February 3, 2017, marked the first international ski championship held at Malam Jabba in the hill station's history.

Sixty skiers 50 men and 10 women from nine countries, including Pakistan, Morocco, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Greece, Afghanistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Tajikistan, participated in the championship.

"This is no doubt a very beautiful ski slope surrounded by beautiful forest, and I really like it. It is FIS [International Ski Federation] standard and a world-class ski slope," Antonios, an official from the



International Ski Federation who was present during the championship, told Dawn.

He pointed out, however, that the government must reconstruct the road leading to Malam Jabba as it was in really bad shape.

Fatima, a skier from Afghanistan, said she was inspired by the scenic beauty of Malam Jabba. "Its slope is splendid, and the environment is serene," she said.

"It is a really dazzling sight with the green forest surrounding [it] and the people are really well-mannered and hospitable," she told Dawn.

Bahrudin, a skier from Tajik-

istan, also praised the beauty of Malam Jabba and the facilities provided for skiers.

"Swat valley is really a paradise. I have never seen such a paradise-like ski slope in other parts of the world. Everything in Malam Jabba is heart warming and I wish to come here again and again," he told Dawn.



Skiers from Afghanistan not only praised the scenic beauty of Malam Jabba, but were also impressed by the hospitality of

the people.

"I found real hospitality and love in the people here. It seems we have entered a splendidly perfect place on earth," said Mohammad Dawood Kargar, a skier from Afghanistan.

The organisers of the championship said that the successful event proved that Pakistan and Swat valley were not only highly beautiful, but also peaceful.

"We have shown the world that Pakistan is one of the most beautiful and safe countries now. Tourists from across the world can come and can enjoy the scenic beauty and hospitality of the people here," said Air Commodore Shahid Nadeem, one of the organisers of the event.

"This year, Naltar [another popular destination for skiers] saw very little snow, and it is also very far, so we shifted the ski events to Malam Jabba. It is good to know that we now have two international standard ski slopes and we can hold events at both sites," he added.

*Courtesy: DAWN*

## 'PSL pushing Pakistan's young blood to the front'



Karachi Kings skipper Kumar Sangakkara said Pakistan Super League is helping Pakistani youngsters to showcase their talent and come into the lime-light.

"PSL is helping youngsters. We have the case of Usama Mir and

Babar Azam. They have performed well in the tournament,"

Sangakkara said. He further said that he enjoyed playing in the league and leading Karachi Kings.

He motivated Karachi Kings to defend a modest total of 126 runs against defending champions Islamabad United to qualify for the final playoff after taking a highly athletic catch of Dwayne Smith behind the wicket.

*Courtesy: The News*

## Good news for Pakistan cricket

Pakistan will play an additional two Twenty20 internationals on their tour of the West Indies which gets underway later this month and stretches through April and into May.

"Twenty20 is an exciting format and this is another opportunity for our fans to indulge in the thrilling atmosphere that



surrounds these matches," said Roland Holder, the West Indies Cricket Board's manager for cricket operations.

The series between world champions West Indies and Pakistan will start at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown on March 26 with three further games at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad on March 30, April 1 and 2.

Both teams will also play three one-day internationals and three Tests. AFP

*Courtesy: Samaa TV*

## Passion for cricket conquers fear

Extraordinary security measures because of a surge in militant violence last month did not stop thousands of cricket-starved fans from flocking to the 25,000-capacity Gaddafi Stadium to watch the Pakistan Super League (PSL) final between Peshawar Zalmi and Quetta Gladiators on Sunday.

“Even if we have to pass through a dozen security checkpoints we won’t mind,” said Mohammad Afzal, a smiling 25-year-old Peshawar fan.

“It’s not a matter of who wins or loses tonight, it’s a big day for Pakistan as we wanted to show the world we can host international matches too,” said 18-year-old student Iftikhar Ahmed, who arrived at the venue hours before the game was due to start.

PSL chairman Najam Sethi, who also heads the Pakistan Cricket Board’s executive committee, said he looked at the PSL final as the opening for Pakistan to bring back international cricket.

Security officials from the cricket boards of Australia, Sri Lanka, England and Bangladesh, as well as the International Cricket Council were also present at the stadium to see security measures for themselves.

Thousands of security officials, including policemen and soldiers, had been deployed around the stadium and the route from the teams’ hotel as part of the beefed-up security.

In a tweet, Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) chief Maj Gen Asif Ghafoor said that sports promoted peace.

Wishing good luck to both teams, the ISPR director general welcomed the foreign players who participated in the match and foreign guests who came to Pakistan to watch the final.

Brushing off security worries, cricket-obsessed fans relished a rare chance to savour big-time cricket on home soil.

“For the last several weeks, we were not going to restaurants because of threats of terrorism. But celebration of the PSL final has brought us out,” said schoolteacher



Maleeha Rizvi, 48, dining with her family near the stadium.

“I guess this event has defeated terrorism,” she added.

The air of festivity and excitement in front of the Gaddafi Stadium was palpable. Singing national songs while clapping and dancing, the crowds waited patiently without complaint, ecstatic at being able to witness the final match in their hometown.

As special shuttle buses arrived in the designated parking lots to take the visitors inside the stadium, the large number of men and women of all ages boarded the vehicles as their festive sloganeering reached a crescendo. The extra hassle of having to wait in the parking lots was met with no complaints.

The city was lit up ahead of the big match. The Lahore Municipal Corporation (LMC) had set up fairy lights in greenbelts on major roads, especially on both sides of Canal Road.

An LMC spokesperson said the reason for this was not only to decorate the city, but also to help law enforcement agencies maintain law and order by keeping an eye on people’s movement.

“This looks more like Eid that we celebrate every year... I am very happy that my parents allowed me to come see the match,” Ahmad Iqbal, a student of Lahore Grammar School, said while heading towards the Barkat Market parking lot to catch a shuttle bus.

The energy of the youth wearing shirts bearing emblems of their favourite teams was matched by the volume of the slogans they shouted. “I support Peshawar Zalmi... it will surely win,” Auan Raza said, while Dr Sharjeel Ahmad nearby weighed in: “No no, of

course the Quetta Gladiators will win... I’m supporting it.”

“Zalmi, Zalmi, Zalmi,” shouted Aizaz, high-fiving his friends who cheered him on. “I like Zalmi... it is a strong team.”

A lot of the slogans the crowds shouted were for the country. They resonated deeply with the people who spoke about an overwhelming feeling of solidarity and camaraderie that had brought them to witness the match.

“I feel safe since [there are] many police officials here to protect our lives. We are [here] to see the match not only to support national and international players, but also those who have organised this mega event [in the face of] threats,” said Kamran Siddique, while waiting for his turn to board a bus. “The police officials’ attitude has been very good,” he added.

Faheem Chaudhry, a student who danced to national songs with his friends while heading towards a parking lot, said: “After many years, today’s scene reflects that finally we will succeed in overcoming terrorism. I hate terrorism and it must be eliminated by the government by hook or by crook.”

He added: “The time has come to revive international cricket that had stopped in the country after a terrorist attack on the Sri Lankan team in Lahore in 2009.”

“[This is] after many years that I [have gotten to] see such a wonderful activity attracting the public and [infusing them with] enthusiasm, courage and emotion. It seems as if the end of terrorism is near,” said Qayyum Zahid, a senior journalist at a news agency, while walking to the venue near the Barkat Market traffic signal.

“The people’s enthusiasm reflects that we are united against terrorism,” he added. Shujaat Anwar, another visitor, appreciated the efforts of the law enforcement agencies to provide an opportunity for such an unprecedented festivity for Lahorites. “I salute our police, the army and all those, whether in the government or not, who have done such an amazing job of converting a state of fear and disappointment to a mega festivity in the country,” Mr Anwar said.

*Courtesy: DAWN*

## Ex-WWE stars among 25 wrestlers coming to Pakistan this May

Some 25 international players, including former WWE stars, will make Pakistan their stomping grounds in May when they visit three major cities in the country, it was announced on Tuesday.

The international wrestlers will take part in the grand wrestling events in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad organised by the Pro Wrestling Entertainment (PWE). In a video footage, aired at the pre-launch ceremony, wrestlers expressed their enthusiasm for performing in Pakistan.

France-based wrestler of Pakistani origin, Badshah Khan, Tiny Iron, Yacine Osmani and wrestling legend in Europe, Flesh Gordon, along with PWE CEO Syed Asim Ali Shah and the team were present on the occasion.

“We want to show that Pakistanis can also do it. There is a demand and fan base for pro-wrestling in Pakistan... we are bringing professional wrestling to Pakistan now,” said



Khan.

He explained that the promotion will arrange three shows, with the first one in May where international wrestlers will perform. “And then, we plan to start an academy to train potential Pakistani wrestlers. Rest assured, whatever we do, we will do it in style.”

Mustafa Ali becomes first Pakistani to sign with WWE

Iron said he already felt he was part of the Pakistani community. “Thank you for welcoming me

with open arms. Forget the news and all the talk in the media. Pakistan is definitely one of the most beautiful countries in the world,” he said.

Gordon said he had “promoted professional wrestling in Europe for 40 years and now, it’s a pleasure to bring this international art form to Pakistan”.

The performances, according to Khan, were not just for the rich. “Everyone, rich or poor, young or old, can enjoy it and we will make sure it does. We will give out 10% of the tickets to the au-

dience for free,” he said.

FCCPI chairman Ishtiaq Baig, who was also present, spoke about Tanzilur Rehman, the 17-year-old boy suffering from muscular dystrophy, who met WWE superstar John Cena last year.

“When Rehman told Cena he was an inspiration to a lot of kids in Pakistan, Cena told him he would someday visit the country to meet his fans. So, we extend all our support and hope the WWE superstar would visit in May.”

Pro-wrestling is a combat sport that’s popular all around the world. Even Pakistan has a large fan base enamoured with interest and viewership to watch wrestling, especially WWE. As it is mostly focused on sports such as cricket, hockey and football, wrestling almost always gets lost in the shuffle. Pakistanis have so far only watched the spectacle through their television and laptop screens.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## 'Pakistan will soon be among top tourist destinations of the world'

The Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) is planning to develop a helipad at Rawal Lake viewpoint for launching an air safari in Islamabad.

Talking to APP, PTDC Managing Director Abdul Ghafoor Khan expressed hope that soon Pakistan would be among top tourist destinations of the world.

He revealed that PTDC was considering participating in international tourism and travel exhibitions in collaboration with provincial tourism organisations, airlines, hoteliers and tour operators. This will not



only create awareness of Pakistan, but will also increase influx of tourists into the country. “To increase the number of rooms in existing PTDC motels, we have contacted manufacturers of prefabricated structures and soon new rooms

will be added to Naran, Ayubia and other prominent motels,” said Khan.

PTDC says tourism business flourishing

The tourism industry business

has witnessed a 40% increase as the flow of tourists has been increasing during the current season.

Ghafoor said PTDC motels in the northern areas and Murree have been doing good business due to the rush of domestic tourists from across the country. He said the PTDC was analysing the trend of the tourism industry and at the end of the season a detailed report would be issued for bringing further improvement.

Ghafoor added that a similar situation was being witnessed in PTDC motels of others areas.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## Pakistani peacekeepers win praise

Herve Ladsous, the outgoing French diplomat who headed the UN Department for Peacekeeping for over five years, on Friday lauded Pakistan and three other South Asian nations for providing a large number of troops to the United Nations peacekeeping mission.

UN chief lauds Pakistan's role in promoting global peace, security

"The largest contributors rotate between India, Pakistan, Bangladesh," he said at his farewell news conference at the UN Headquarters in New York. Ladsous also lauded the services of Lt Gen Maqsood Ahmed, the Pakistani general who was until recently the UN Military Adviser for Peacekeeping Operations.



"I should not forget that I worked for three years during my tenure with Gen Maqsood, the splendid Pakistani general, [who] was my military adviser and I can tell you we got along very well," he said.

"Countries of the region, yes, they have been very active peacekeepers, they have paid the price, unfortunately, in terms of casualties, but I appreciated very much their role and their contribution during my tenure."

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## UK home secretary lauds Punjab govt efforts for development

UK Home Secretary Amber Rudd has said the Punjab government has taken exemplary measures for the development of the masses, particularly women.

She expressed these views during a meeting with Punjab Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

The UK home secretary said she has received profound love from Pakistan in the last two days. She said the concrete measures and efforts made by the Punjab government for the development and progress of Punjab were appreciable and she was impressed by progress in the fields of education, health and protection of women's rights.

She added the steps taken by Shehbaz Sharif were excellent. Amber also lauded steps taken for the elimination of child labour from brick kilns and congratulated the chief minister on this.

She said the Punjab govern-



ment has achieved a number of its targets under the leadership of Shehbaz.

"The UK and the Punjab government have very good partnership and the UK is cooperating with the Punjab government in various fields," she said.

"Excellent work has been done in Punjab and we have also learnt a lot from you," she remarked. Amber thanked the chief minister for his hospitality. Amber Rudd is a British Conservative politician and has served as home secretary since 2016. She served as an MP for the East Sussex constituency of Hastings and Rye since 2010.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## Raheel Sharif allowed to lead 39-nation alliance of Muslim states: Khawaja Asif

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has revealed in an interview to private TV channel that former Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General (Retd) Raheel Sharif has been allowed to lead 39-nation military alliance of Muslim states.

The minister told that this step has been taken owing to a written request made by Saudi government and emphasized that the matter is not at all of personal level as two states are involved in it.

Khawaja Asif added that government of Pakistan has agreed to issue No-Objection Certificate (NOC) to retired General Raheel Sharif and a written reply has been sent to Saudi government as well.

Defence minister said that the structure of military alliance is yet to be made and Gen (Retd) Raheel Sharif will lay its foundation himself after taking charge. Khawaja Asif also disclosed that advisory committee session of 39-nation military alliance of Muslim states may be held in May.

## Nadra gives good news to overseas Pakistanis

National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) prepared software to facilitate overseas Pakistanis to vote in the next general elections.

According to Nadra spokesman, Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) will be briefed in this regard on March 31. Chairman Nadra will conduct the briefing.

The Nadra spokesman said overseas Pakistanis will be able to vote from home in the next general elections.

It should be mentioned here that the ECP will make the final decision to award the facility to the overseas Pakistanis.

The online voting system will be



On the other hand, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) spokesperson Fawad Chaudhry has announced to take the matter of issuing NOC to Raheel Sharif to parliament.

Fawad Chaudhry has demanded that members of parliament should be taken in confidence regarding this issue by conducting a debate as parliament had earlier decided that this is a policy decision, not Raheel Sharif's personal one.

Furthermore, the spokesperson said that parliament had also announced not to be a part of any controversy of Middle East, therefore, its permission in this matter is mandatory. Fawad Chaudhry said that PTI will take this matter to parliament according to the law.

*Courtesy: Dunya News*



prepared to facilitate 8million overseas Pakistanis.

Sources said first overseas Pakistanis would be registered with NADRA and then their biometric impression would be recorded.

The expatriates would then be issued a secret code, after which, they would be able to cast their votes through their registered mobile number using the given code.

*Courtesy: Samaa TV*

## 19 pictures that will make you a proud Pakistani

The nation celebrated Pakistan Day with national zeal and fervour on Thursday. Pakistan Day commemorates the passing of the Lahore Resolution, when a separate nation for the Muslims of The British Indian Empire was demanded on March 23, 1940.

The highlight of the day was the joint military parade which was held at the Parade Ground near Shakarparian hills in Islamabad.

We look at 19 pictures from the parade that will make you a proud Pakistani.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*



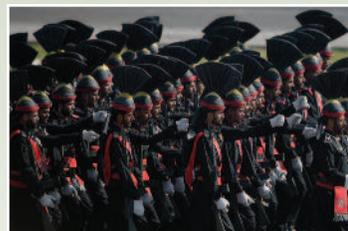
Jets perform aerobatic maneuvers during a Pakistan Day military parade in Islamabad.



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Navy helicopters fly past during a Pakistan Day military parade



Border soldiers march past during a Pakistan Day military parade in Islamabad



Women army soldiers march past during a Pakistan Day military parade in Islamabad.



Chinese troops march as they take part in Pakistan Day military parade in Islamabad



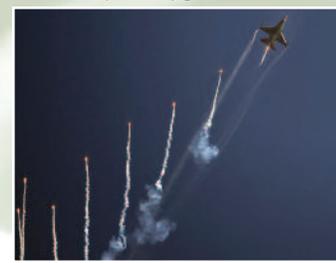
Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif (R) and President Mamnoon Hussain (C)



Air Force soldiers march past



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A Pakistani F-16 fighter jets flies past



Military personnel stand beside a drone on a transporter



Tank crews steer their vehicles



Military personnel salute as they take part in a Pakistan Day



Commandos from the Special Services Group (SSG) march



Military personnel stand beside a Shaheen III surface-to-surface ballistic missile



Military personnel stand beside short-range Surface to Surface Missile NASR



Tank crews steer their vehicles



Female Pakistani soldiers march past

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