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## Major changes made in FCR: FATA people get political rights

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Islamabad: President Asif Ali Zardari signed on

Friday amendments made to the century-old Frontier Crimes Regulation (FCR) which will give the people of Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) for the first time the right of appeal against decisions of the political agent.

The president also signed the Extension of the Political Parties Order 2002 to the tribal areas where, after appropriate regulations to be framed later, political parties can operate



freely and present their socio-economic programmes.

The amendments envisage setting up of a three-member Fata tribunal headed by a chairman. It will exercise the powers of revision against orders/judgments of an appellate

authority having powers similar to a high court under Article 199 of the Constitution — a provision dealt with the jurisdiction of the high court.

One member of the tribunal will be a senior civil servant of

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## Pakistan's first Satellite PAKSAT-1R launched

By: Samar Fatimah  
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Islamabad: Pakistan's first Communications

Satellite PAKSAT-1R, as a part of Pakistan's Space Programme 2040, was launched on board China's Satellite Launch Vehicle from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.

Besides others, the launch was witnessed by Secretary Defence Lt Gen Syed Athar Ali (R), Secretary Foreign Affairs, Salman Bashir, Director General, Strategic Plans Division Lt Gen Khalid Ahmed Kidwai (R) and Ambassador of Pakistan to

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## Pakistani Professor among 35 World's Top Young Innovators

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Lahore: A LUMS professor Dr Umer Saif, for technology has been named by the MIT Technology Review as one of their 35 World's Top Young Innovators for the year 2011.

This is the first time in the past decade that a Pakistani has been recognised by the MIT Technology Review. He now joins an elite group of researchers and technologists including the likes of Google's Seregy Brin and Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg.



"The TR35 recognizes the world's top 35 young innovators that are radically transforming technology as we know it. Their work – spanning medicine, computing, communications, energy, electronics and nanotechnology

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## Pakistani wins International Female Police Peacekeeping Award

By: Kumail Soomro  
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New York: Deputy Superintendent Shahzadi Gulfam of Pakistan received the 2011 United Nation's award for International Female Police Peacekeeper

Award on Sunday.

The United Nations Police Division in the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI), Department of Peacekeeping Operations

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# Electronic media emerges as fastest growing sector

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Islamabad: Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority Chairman Dr Abdul Jabbar presented the authority's performance report to President Asif Ali Zardari during a meeting held at the President's House.

He said by the end of FY 2010-11, the authority issued 85 licences for indigenous satellite TV. Out of which 48 licences are of entertainment category, 29 news and current affairs, six educational TV, one health and one agro TV channel while 26 landing rights

permissions have been issued and 2,341 cable TV, six MMDS, one IPTV and three mobile TV licences have been issued by the Pemra, according to the report.

It added that new vistas have opened up for investment and employment in the broadcast arena. To a safer estimate, this buoyant sector has observed cumulative investment of about \$2.5 billion in distinct forms and has provided direct employment to more than 200,000 people of diversified qualification and skills whereas about 7 million people have been accommodated through indirect employment.

The report said if this brisk continued, it is estimated that the cumulative investment would touch \$4 billion mark by the end of financial year 2011-12. Thus the direct and indirect employment would tend to multiply.

This has paved for opportunities in allied businesses like production houses, advertising agencies, music and performing arts that was never witnessed before. It has been concluded that the electronic media today has emerged as one of the fastest growing and competitive sectors in Pakistan.

*Courtesy: The Nation*

# Pakistan breaks world record for largest number of people singing national anthem

Syeda Sherbano Abbas  
VS 38 3336

Karachi: Pakistan achieved the world record for most



# BIKE MAKERS PLAN HEAVY INVESTMENTS



Hira Agha  
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Karachi: The local motorcycle producers are planning further investment of up to \$150 million in their existing units to cope with domestic demands and successful launch of their products in global markets, a statement said quoting industry executives.



The motorcycle industry analysts have pointed out that despite numerous hiccups the economy had during past four years the growth in motorcycle production has been robust at 15 percent, the statement said.

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

The first Issue of the "Positive Post" newspaper was appreciated by many. We are indebted to them for their praise. We would like positive criticism about the paper and will always seek guidance from our readers.

We would like to mention that the students are the contributors, and it is their discretion to choose positive news items about Pakistan. They have shown tremendous enthusiasm and it is with their support that we are trying to give a better look to the paper.

This is our second issue and we hope that it is an improvement on the first one. Our team is endeavouring to achieve high standards of authentic reporting. Your guidance and support will act as a source of inspiration for us.

We have taken the initiative to inform readers that Pakistan is a place where many good things are happening. How far we are successful is for you to say.

people singing a national anthem together on the eve of independence day when 5,857 Pakistanis chanted the national anthem here at the Defence Stadium.

The most noteworthy part of the achievement was that the event was arranged by two jingoistic youngsters, Abid Beli and Waqas Pai with a vigorous campaign on social and digital media without any sponsorship or support from the public or private sector.

*Courtesy, The Nation*

*Courtesy: The News*

## Sindh Madrassatul Islam to get University status soon



Samar Fatima Rashid  
BS30 2488

Sindh Education Secretary Mohammad Siddique Memon has said that Sindh Madrassatul Islam is a premier institution of Sindh and the government is interested in restoring its past glory by resolving its problems and giving priority to its quality education.

The Sindh government and provisional education department were

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## Creating Awareness: Radio, TV stations in FATA planned

By Kumail Soomro  
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Islamabad, August 24: The government is planning to set up radio and television stations in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) to provide tribesmen a window of opportunity to show the world their culture and traditions, and to counter extremism.

The services of FM Radios and television stations will be located in Wana and Jandola in South Waziristan; Mandan in Orakzai Agency; Landi Kotel in Khyber Agency; Miranshah and Razmak in North Waziristan; Parachinar in Kurram Agency and Khar in Bajaur Agency. Pakistan Television (PTV), Radio Pakistan, the information ministry and the Khyber-

Pakhtunkhwa government will finalise the recommendations to kick off work on the proposed projects. The communication system will telecast and broadcast its transmission in various local languages.



The government wanted to change the mindset of people by curbing extremism from the region. "We need social change through media technology," said Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Firdous Ashiq Awan.

*Courtesy: Express, Tribune*

## 6-day training course for fish farmers



Syeda Sherbano Abbas  
VS 38 3336

Rawalpindi: Fisheries Research and Training Institute, Punjab Fisheries Department is arranging a six-day fish farming training course for fish farmers

Participants of the training course will be given latest and scientific information about fish farming. Awareness regarding modern techniques for fish farming will also be created during the course.

Under the course, the fish farmers will be imparted training to

establish new farms, upgrade old ones. Latest technologies would also be introduced.

The course will be held in Fisheries sub-training center situated at Rawal Town Islamabad.

*Courtesy: Business Recorder*



## Government measures empowered provinces

Syeda Sherbano Abbas  
VS 38 3336

Peshawar: Information and Culture Minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain on Sunday said that the government's measures have strengthened the country by delegating more powers to the federating units after the 18th Amendment.

Speaking as a chief guest at an Independence Day function at the Nishtar Hall organized

by the Directorate of Culture, he said the policy of strong federation led to dismemberment of the country in 1971.

The minister said the Independence Day coincided with the extension of Political Parties Act to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas and provided the people an opportunity to celebrate all these achievements together.

*Courtesy: The Nation*

## PAF museum opens for public after three months..

Hira Agha  
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Karachi, August 24: The PAF museum, which had been closed since may 22-23 audacious armed attack on naval aviation base PNS mehran, has been opened for public after temporary closure for around three months.

Officer commanding PAF

museum group captain (retd) Usman Ghani told THE NEWS on Tuesday that the PAF museum had been opened for the public for the last three days and from now onwards would continue to function normally.

He said that due security measures had been taken including raising extra security walls.

*Courtesy: The News*



## Pakistan to be made strong, self-sufficient and a prosperous country — President Zardari

Syeda Sherbano Abbas  
VS 38 3336

Islamabad: President Asif Ali Zardari has said that the government had embarked upon a mission to make the country a strong, self-sufficient and prosperous state to ensure bright future for the young generation

The president said he was hopeful for the bright future of the country, adding that there was no reason for despondency as the government had

been effectively facing the challenges and making progress in all the sectors.

The president said, "I promise with the nation today on the occasion of celebrating the Independence Day that following the vision and thoughts of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto, I will make Pakistan a strong, self-supported, and self-reliance state."

*Courtesy: The Nation*

## Huge investment potential in Gilgit Baltistan



Muhammad Ali Asif  
BS 29 2316

Islamabad, August 24: Gilgit-Baltistan has great potential for investment in different sectors: mining, minerals, gems, tourism, water and power, hoteling and hospitality.

Huge investment opportunities also exist in agricultural and medicinal herbs sectors. Climate and abundant water resources make it ideally suitable for marvellous growth of both these sectors. Private sector has the ability to write new success stories in Gilgit Baltistan, where immense potential is yet to be exploited.

Prospects for the foreign investment are equally high and the investors could launch in different alluring sectors. Meanwhile, Indonesia has expressed desire to extend maximum co-operation to Gilgit Baltistan government in its efforts aimed at bringing progress and prosperity in the area. The Indonesian government is keen to help Gilgit Baltistan government in exploitation of coal and mining. Indonesia has the expertise in these areas and the sharing of technical skills could create a win-win situation. Agriculture is one of the potential areas for investment in the shape of production, and preservation.

Courtesy: The Nation

## Medical Advancement: First liver transplant in Pakistan

By: Mohiuddin Abro  
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LAHORE: The first liver transplant in Pakistan was successfully conducted at Sheikh Zayed hospital.

The surgery, headed by the Chairman of the Sheikh Zayed hospital Amir Raza, was carried out by a team of doctors including Dr Tariq Bangash.

The 12-hour long transplant was done on a resident of Sialkot.

The liver transplant centre at



the Sheikh Zayed was inaugurated a year ago by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) with the total cost of Rs400 million.

Before this, India was the nearest place to get the transplant done from.

Courtesy: The Nation

## Anti-Dengue awareness drive launched

By: Muhammad Ali Asif  
BS 29 2316

Islamabad, August 24: District Health Department of ICT Administration had launched a week-long public health education drive in the rural areas of Islamabad on Tuesday to create awareness about the preventive measures against the dengue mosquito, a spokesman of the Administration informed.

He said that Deputy Commissioner of Islamabad Amer Ali Ahmed had directed DHO Islamabad and local government officials to immediately launch a full-scale public awareness drive in the rural areas and educate the local community about the precautionary and preventive measures against the dengue mosquito. Deputy Commissioner himself would monitor the progress of the drive on daily basis while DHO Islamabad would submit daily progress reports to his office without fail.



The sanitary inspectors of the health department were also starting fumigation drive in the rural areas of Islamabad from today as part of precautionary measures.

The fumigation would be carried out under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Rural Islamabad Saba Asim and Magistrate Rural Kamran Cheema who would furnish their progress reports to Deputy Commissioner office on daily basis without fail. Fumigation would be carried out in the rural areas including Rawat, Korla areas etc.

Courtesy, The Nation

## To get roads fixed One woman started by paying garbage pickers to fill the potholes and the rest followed her lead

KARACHI: Some of the women of Clifton decided a solution to get rid of the potholes and ditches if they wanted the job done, they would have to do it themselves. For one or two hundred rupees a day these women have found an initial although workable solution to get rid of the potholes and ditches. "We promise the garbage pickers on the road that if they fill up the ditches in an hour or two we will give them cash," explained one of the women living in Block 5 of Clifton.

The women were surprised to learn that the garbage pickers are usually more than happy to perform the task. They fill up the hole with mud and then top it off with stones and pebbles to secure it. It may be a temporary solution that lasts till the end of the month or the next heavy rain, whichever comes



first, but at least something has been done.

The lady started this alone, she did not ask for anyone's help, and she did not advertise her idea to the rest of the women in the building. But over the course of three years, that's how long she has been doing this, her neighbours, other women, began to follow her example.

The ditches and potholes, which suddenly appear out of nowhere when you are driving, make it dangerous to drive at night, especially since the

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## ENTERTAINMENT



## Art exhibition from Pakistan gets positive press reviews

By: Muhammad Ali Asif  
BS29 2316

A standing Bodhisattva Maitreya (3rd-4th century CE) made of gray schist from Pakistan is seen in this undated handout photo below.

NEW YORK: An exhibition of the splendors of the ancient Buddhist civilization of Gandhara from Pakistan, which opened at Asia Society on Wednesday, has received positive reviews in the press.



"After what seemed like an endless run of geopolitical roadblocks, 'The Buddhist Heritage of Pakistan: Art of Gandhara' has finally come, six months late, from Pakistan to Asia Society. Is the show worth all the diplomatic headaches it caused? With its images of bruiser bodhisattvas, polycultural goddesses and occasional flights into stratosphere splendor, it is," said The New York Times.

"That all but a handful of the 75 sculptures are from museums in Lahore and Karachi is in itself remarkable," art critic Holland Cotter wrote in the newspaper's art section.

The Times paid tributes to Pakistan's U.N. Ambassador Abdullah Hussain Haroon for his role in facilitating the release of the precious objects from the museums in Pakistan to New York. "Without (his) persistent effort ... the exhibition would almost certainly never have happened," the newspaper said.

"So the show has a cliffhanger back story as an attraction, and some monumental work, like the fantastic relief called "Vision of a Bud-

dha's Paradise." (Dated to the fourth century A.D., it's a kind of flash-mob version of heaven.)

The highlight of the exhibition, organized by Adriana Proser, a curator at Asia Society, is "Vision of a Buddha's Paradise."

"The big Buddha seated at its center wears an off-the-shoulder robe ... while a couple dozen of mini-bodhisattvas around him mix and match international fashions, with no two outfits, or gestures, or poses, quite the same,"

the New York Times' art critic observed. "Two figures gaze raptly up at the Buddha; another, chin propped on hand, looks day-dreamingly away; far below, two tiny observers feed lotuses to fish in a stream."

ARTINFO quoted Asia Society Museum director Melissa Chiu as saying that the exhibition will provide not only an important counterpoint to the prevailing perceptions of Pakistan in the United States, but also an art-historically significant reevaluation of the ancient objects themselves.

For Chiu, the Asia Society's exhibition reflects a reappraisal that is currently underway in the entire discipline of art history. "Gandharan art has undergone a new appreciation now with scholarship being developed around the idea of a global culture rather than a national culture," she explained.

"The sculpture is generally acknowledged to be the finest example of Gandharan art ever found..."

## LOHAR A TRENDSETTER IN FOLKLORE

By: Naeem Ali Chandio  
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Gujrat: Muhammad Alam Lohar was a prominent Punjabi folk music singer of Pakistan. He died in 1979 in an accident. Alam Lohar was born in a poor family in small village of Aach Goach in Gujrat district, in Punjab in a family of blacksmiths. He was gifted with a beautiful voice and started singing in the childhood age. He developed a new style of singing the Punjabi Vaar, an epic or folk tale. He is famous for his presentation of Waris Shah's Heer, which he has memorised in 36 styles and forms. He recorded his first album at the age of 13 and has outsold all other singers in Pakistan (verified in records kept with HMV Pakistan 1979).

He started going to festivals and gatherings on regular basis and with these performances he rose to become one of the most listened singers in South Asia. In 1970s, it was the Queen's Jubilee event in the UK and there was a singing competition between all the Commonwealth countries in which Alam won the award of best performance and was also presented with a gold medal award.

Throughout the period of 1930's and until his passing away in 1979, he has dominated folk singing in Pakistan and been a major singer in Punjabi and Sufi singing throughout the entire world. At that time many rural villages people called him 'Sher-e-Punjab' or 'Heerah'. With his God-gifted voice and singing in difficult high and low pitches, he made a unique impression in singing with his Chimta. Apart from being a famous singer, He was also a great poet and wrote many of his songs. He also had another quality that he used books of Sufi saints and stories and brought them in song format which gave his songs a great lyrical content which could make people cry and enjoy at the same time. The word 'Jugni' was his creation and he created this term from reading many Sufi writings and represented this word as a spiritual feeling of one's experience of the world. Furthermore, he was the pioneer of introducing the writings of Saiful Malook and Mirza Shabana in song format.

Courtesy: Dawn

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## Contd. Sindh Madrassatul Islam.....

fully committed to raise its status to university because this Alma mater of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah deserved such status, said Memon while addressing a gathering of the students and faculty members at the Madrassatul Islam Sir Shah-nawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

He said the teachers of the Mad-darsa were imparting quality education to the youth adding that, we must improve it further.

Memon exhorted the students to devote themselves to modern education as they had to lead the country in the future.

*Courtesy: The Nation*

## Contd. Pakistani wins .....

(DPKO), and the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) International Scholarship Committee had awarded the 2011 International Female Police Peacekeeper Award to Deputy Superintendent Shahzadi Gulfam from Pakistan.

She is currently deployed in the United Nations Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) as the United Nations Police (UNPOL) Team Leader posted in the Timor-Leste National Police (PNTL) Vulnerable Persons Unit (VPU) in the capital Dili.

After completing her studies, Officer Gulfam had joined the Punjab Police in March 1985. During her career of over two decades, she performed equally well at the national and international level.

Officer Gulfam was the first Pakistani female to be deployed in the UN Mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1997, and subsequently served in UN Missions in Kosovo in 1999 and Timor-Leste in 2007.

Officer Gulfam was redeployed in 2010 in the United Nations Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT).

Speaking on Gulfam, UNMIT Police Commissioner Luis Carillho said, "UNPOL Shahzadi

Gulfam has shown enthusiasm, diligence and zeal in her work with the Vulnerable Persons Unit in Dili. Despite working in difficult conditions, Officer Gulfam has played an exceptional role in supporting and protecting vulnerable persons".

Currently, Officer Gulfam is responsible for facilitating the referrals to shelter and medical assistance to victims of domestic violence, as well as for reporting on missing persons and human trafficking. Her duties include liaising with the Justice Ministry to provide legal redress to victims. She also coordinates with health institutions on the provision of psychological support to victims.

The International Female Police Peacekeeper Award was delivered at the opening ceremony of the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) annual training conference on 21 August 2011 in Lexington, Kentucky, USA.

Twelve award applications, which represent female police officers from 11 countries serving in seven United Nations peace missions worldwide, were submitted for this competitive award.

*Courtesy: Express, Tribune*

## Contd. Lohar a trend setter .....

Alam Lohar had another quality that no other singer had, he could sing all night long and at times without music. In rural Punjab, he used to sing from village to village and without any modern music technology.

Alam died in an accident near Sham ki Bhaitiyan on July 3, 1979. He was laid to rest in Lala Musa. He was given the Pride of Performance award in 1979 by General Ziaul Haq and had also received numerous awards.

Many of the punjabi folk singers have greatly been influenced from him. Therefore he has left a great legacy of a unique style of singing which is

still followed in Pakistan by Punjabi as well as other folk singers. He is seen and remembered through his son Arif Lohar who has continued in the same tradition.

He is a pioneer in cultural and folk style singing. He is known for many of his famous songs and few of them are Dharti Panj Daryavan Di, Dil wala dukhra nahin kisse noon sunayee da, Saiful Malook, Qissa Hazrat Yousaf, Mar ke modha hauly jaye sorry akh gaye, Bol mitti diya bawiya, Jugni, Mirza, Qissa Karbala, Kalam Baba Bulley Shah, Sohni Mahiwal and others.

*Courtesy: The Nation*

## Contd. Pakistan's first Satellite.....

China, Muhammad Masood Khan, said a press release issued here. PAKSAT-1R has a total of 30 transponders, 12 in C-band and 18 in Ku-band.

The satellite will be deployed at 380E in the Geo-stationary orbit and it will replace the existing satellite PAKSAT-1.

PAKSAT-1R has a design life of 15 years and will provide TV broadcasting, Internet and data communication services across South and Central Asia, Eastern Europe, East Africa and the Far East. This satellite now enables extending of communication services to all areas of Pakistan.

The National Command Authority (NCA) recently approved Pakistan's Space Programme 2040 during its meeting at the Strategic Plans Division (SPD) on July, 14.

Earlier, the contract for the development of PAKSAT-1R was signed between Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) and China Great Wall Industry Corporation (CGWIC) in October 2008 during the visit of the President of Pakistan to China.

Pakistani engineers have worked closely with their Chinese counterparts during



all stages of development of the satellite in China. Some experimental units developed at SUPARCO have also been integrated on the satellite for technology evaluation.

China and Pakistan have enjoyed more than 20 years of cooperation in Space Science, Technology and Applications.

The launch of Paksat-1R Satellite is a major milestone for both countries towards strengthening of this cooperation.

SUPARCO will continue its efforts for launching of other satellites including Remote Sensing Satellites, to ensure that the space technology applications fully contribute to socio-economic development and national security in Pakistan.

*Courtesy: Express, Tribune*

**"The Only disability in life is a bad attitude".**

— Jimmy Scott Hamilton

**Contd. major change made in FCR .....**

not less than BPS-20 and with experience of tribal administration and the other should be qualified to be appointed as a judge of the high court though well conversant with the local Rewaj (customs).

Considered always a black law the FCR was devised by British colonialists in 1848 as an instrument of subjugation meant to discipline the Pakhtun population and establish the writ of colonial authority. Innocent men, women and children became victims of the draconian regulations. Even family members were handed a jail term for no crime of their own under the FCR.

People were sentenced to jail for the alleged crimes of their father, uncle or any of their blood relatives.

Under the FCR, the government had the powers to raze the houses of criminals and their relatives to ground as a punishment.

The government believes that the permission to political parties to sell their programmes in tribal areas will counter the pernicious one-sided campaign of militants to impose their ideological agenda on the people.

Supreme Court Bar Association President Asma Jehangir welcomed the reforms and said it was a gift on the eve of Independence Day for the people of Fata as well as for the rest of the people in the country. The amendments, she said, were a big leap which would prove to be a stepping stone of further reforms.

Ms Jehangir, who had also headed the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, was confident that the jurisdiction of an ordinary high court would be extended to Fata, but said the collective punishment in every form should be abolished.

“The extension of the political parties order will also help generate the interest of people

who will be gradually brought to the mainstream national life because they will enjoy the right to vote, but not to a political party. The audit of political agents will also take care of bribe in Fata,” she said.

HRCP Director I.A. Rehman said the reforms had some nice features but were still short of expectations.

Contrary to the past practice, the amendments to the FCR provide right of bail to the accused, but it would be mandatory to produce them before the authority concerned within 24 hours of arrest.

Women, children below 16 years and men aged above 65 cannot be arrested or detained under the collective responsibility clause. Also the entire tribe will not be arrested under the clause whereas a step-wise action will be taken in case of a crime by first involving male members of the family followed by sub-tribe and then by other sections of the tribe.

A new section has been added which provides for action for false prosecution in civil and criminal matters while the defendants will be entitled to adequate compensation in criminal matters and compensatory costs in civil matters. Similarly, no person will be deprived of his property without adequate compensation as per prevailing market value in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Land Acquisition Act 1894 in settled areas.

For the first time, funds at disposal of political agents have been brought under the audit by Auditor General of Pakistan. Section 58A has been inserted into the FCR to make provision for jail inspection by the Fata tribunal, while the appellate authority and political agent rules will be framed for regulating the agency welfare fund.

President Zardari praised efforts of the Shaheed Bhutto Foundation which worked in Fata to pave the way for implementation of the reforms.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

**Contd. Pakistani Professor....**

– is changing our world”, according to MIT Technology Review.

Dr Umar Saif, an associate professor at the LUMS School of Science of Engineering has been recognised for two of his innovations

**Bit Mate**

The first a software, BitMate to help reduce download times using peer-to-peer technology for dial-up slow internet connections. The software released in February, has so far been downloaded 30,000 times in 173 countries.

**SMSall.pk**

His second innovation, SM-Sall.pk, is a mass SMS social network that has so far sent out four billion SMS for users in Pakistan.

The MIT Technology Review selects the top innovators after a rigorous evaluation process. Judges, who are leading experts in their fields from universities

such as MIT, Stanford and Harvard, consider hundreds of high-impact researchers and entrepreneurs from all over the world, out of which top 35 are chosen for the award.

Dr Saif has won numerous awards for his innovative technology solutions for the developing-world. He was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2010.

He is a recipient of the MIT Technovator Award (Grassroot Technologies); Mark Weiser Award for best paper award at PERCOM, the top rated conference in the field of pervasive computing; Digital Inclusion Award from Microsoft Research and the IDG CIO Technology Pioneer Award.

Before moving to Pakistan, Saif worked at MIT and received a PhD from the University of Cambridge. He is a Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust.

*Courtesy: Express, Tribune*

**Contd. To get road fixed....**

street lights rarely work and oncoming traffic uses the high-beam to blind you. They have also contributed to traffic jams.

They explained that the best job is usually done by the street children. In return, the children are promised food and drinks and they work faster than others and do a better job that lasts longer. At other times, they even ask newspaper vendors or errand boys who are employed by the grocery shops nearby to fix the roads in exchange for one or two hundred rupees. “The

biggest operation we conducted was when they tore down a building nearby and left behind a pile of rubble,” said one woman. “We went and spoke to the construction workers there and asked them if we could have the rubble. The labourers helped us load it into our cars and transport it to different roads around our houses in Block 5.” The man filled up the patches with the rubble and the women discovered that the ditches remained fixed much longer that way than with the mud and stones.

*Coyrtsey: The Express Tribune*

**“A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.”**  
— *Herm Albright*

# SPORTS



## Pakistan U-16 defy all odds to win SAFF U-16 Football Championship final

Mohiuddin Abro  
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Pakistani youth football players celebrate after winning the SAFF Under-16 football Championship after defeating India in Kathmandu on August 10, 2011. Pakistan won the match 2-1. -AFP Photo

The Dasarath Rangala Stadium in Nepal witnessed a historic moment for Pakistani football as the young green guns battled hard to beat India 2-1 in the final of 1st ever SAFF U16 Football Championship today, 10 August 2011.

Goals from midfielder Muhammad Zeeshan and star striker Mansoor Khan proved to much for India to overcome as they went down once again in the tournament to a determined and resolute Pakistan U16 side.

According to the press release issued by Pakistan Football Federation (PFF). This win marks the first time in five years that Pakistan has won a football event at any age level, since the 2006 South Asian Games football gold for Pakistan U23 under great Bahraini coach Salman Ahmed Sharida.

The Pak U16 coaching staff of head coach Sajjad Mehmood and Hassan Baloch defied all odds and hampered preparations before the tournament to guide the Green Guns to a historic win.

Earlier the day, hosts Nepal left it late to beat Bangladesh 2-1 to finish 3rd in tournament. A large Nepali crowd was in full voice and cheering on Pakistan from the first whistle as the Indo-Pak rivals began another round against each other in football.

Both sides looked determined and focused for the win, but it was Pakistan who drew first blood in 23rd minute as Muhammad Zeeshan's speculative shot completely fooled India goalie Supritam and found the back of the net to put initial tournament favourites India behind once again.

India went in hard again and managed to



score just before half time through the impressive and hardworking Daniel Lahlimpua to equalise.

But five minutes into the second half, a goalmouth scramble in India's box from a Pakistani corner saw Pak star striker Mansoor Khan sneak in a goal and shock India once again.

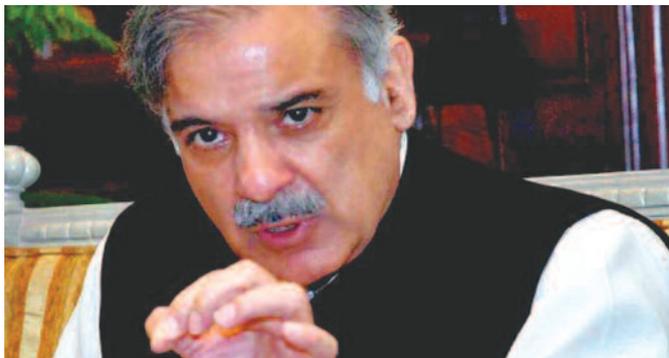
The 2-1 Pakistani lead forced India to go aggressive on Pakistan's defence and came close a few times. But Pakistani defence led by captain Muneer and goalkeeper Usman Khan held firm as they ran the clock down.

India's desperate attempts proved futile as after nery final minutes, Pakistan were crowned South Asian U16 football champions and going undefeated and only conceding one goal the entire tournament.

Mansoor Khan's performances this tournament has won him many fans across South Asia as he was declared best player overall. Pakistan U16 returned to Karachi on 11 August 2011 at Karachi airport.

The Pakistan under-16 team remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, which comes as good news for the country's football after the senior team suffered an indifferent year.

Courtesy: DAWN



## Shahbaz Inaugurates Gulshan-e-Iqbal Sports complex

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Lahore, August 31: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that promotion of healthy activities is essential for healthy society and Punjab Govt is implementing a comprehensive plan for promotion of healthy activities in the province. He was addressing the inauguration ceremony of

Gulshan-e-Iqbal Sports complex in Lahore. He said that the Govt has evolved a strategy for providing sports facilities for the youth under which a net of sports grounds is raised throughout the province. The work is carried speedily on the project for preparing more than 100 sports grounds in the city.

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## PCB-BCCI to discuss revival of cricket

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Lahore, August 29: Pakistan Cricket Board officials will meet their Indian counterparts in September during the ICC Chief Executives meeting to discuss the possibility of a bilateral series to compensate for a tour cancelled by India in 2009. Pakistan Cricket Board Chief Operating Officer Subhan Ahmed said while Pakistan had to tour India next year and had no issues doing that but India must look at playing a compensatory series. The CEO of the Pakistan Cricket Board further said 'If we can not play in Pakistan then playing the series at neu-



tral venues is also an option available to us but we want the Indian board to revive bilateral ties by compensating us for that cancelled tour'. India was due to play three Tests, five one-dayers and a Twenty20 match on the tour of Pakistan in 2009

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