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National Assembly passes landmark women's rights bill



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The twice-rejected bill proposes severe punishment for 'anti-women' practices.

November 15, 2011: The historical bill was tabled by Member of National Assembly Dr Donya Aziz. The bill is aimed at prohibiting exploitation and discrimination against women. On Tuesday, the assembly passed a twice-snubbed landmark private bill demanding

greater social protection for women. The Prevention of Anti-Women Practices (Criminal Law Amendment) Act 2011,

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Pak-India ties in positive zone



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Islamabad: Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar said on Sunday ties between Pakistan and India had entered a positive zone, stressing that the two countries had spent too much time engaged in hostility and it was now time to seek peace through an uninterrupted and result-oriented dialogue process.

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Pakistan, Turkey sign \$1b currency swap accord



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Karachi: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and the Central Bank of Turkey on Tuesday reached a \$1 billion currency swap arrangement in Istanbul.

The currency swap arrangement has

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3G Technology Likely to Be Approved Soon



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Islamabad: Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani has convened a high-level meeting on November 17 where he is expected to approve the Third Generation (3G) telecommunications policy and give a nod to the information technology (IT) ministry to take appropriate measures to introduce the technology in the country.

An official said that once the policy is approved, the IT ministry would direct Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to invite interested parties to invest and bring 3G technology into the country.

Courtesy: Express, Tribune

Malala Yousufzai to get National Peace Award



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Islamabad, November 24: Malala Yousufzai, a brave Pakistani girl living in militancy-hit Swat, will be awarded with National Peace Award as announced by Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani Thursday, Geo News reported. She will also be awarded with Rs500,000 prize money, an official statement added.

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Pakistan widens trade with India

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Will notify negative trade list by Feb. Both countries to examine feasibility of electricity, oil tread. To open road trading post.

New Delhi (Agencies) – Pakistan took further straps towards normal trade and travel ties with India on Tuesday, agreeing to open most commerce with its larger neighbor by February and ease visa rules in the latest sign of a thaw in relation between the two countries.

Earlier, India's trade secretary Rahall Khullar said Pakistan would notify India by February of a "negative list" of items. He said both sides hope to do away with the list by end of next year; in a concrete between the two countries.

Courtesy : The Nation

Mari Gas makes major oil discovery

Zaid Raees Dhedhi
BS32 3821



Karachi: Mari Gas Company Limited (MGCL) has made a significant crude oil discovery with the additional potential of Associated Gas, during the drilling of Halini Well (near the village Kamar Sar, Tehsil Essa Kheil) in its operated Karak exploration block. The flow rates from the well are expected to increase with further testing and stimulation treatment which is planned to be conducted, shortly. The prospect is estimated to spread over a large area and the Company is planning to drill additional wells to delineate the exact extent, size and reserves potential of this oil discovery.

Courtesy: Business Recorder

Agriculture investments in Pakistan

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From international venture capitalists to global and local conglomerates to private equity firms, there has been a small but growing trend towards investing in the Pakistani agricultural sector, one of the largest in the world in terms of its production of several key commodities.

One company that has done more than most to bring in foreign investment into Pakistani agribusiness is Indus Basin Holdings, a new venture capital firm that has amongst is investors financial and industrial luminaries from Europe and the United States.

The Boston University and LSE-educated Sarfraz has managed to bring in Tim Draper, the founder of Draper Fisher Jurvetson, one of the largest Silicon Valley venture capital firms



that was an early investor in firms like Hotmail and Skype. He also brought in Baron Lorne Thyssen-Bornemisza, a Swiss aristocrat whose family owns the ThyssenKrupp, a German technology conglomerate with over 670 subsidiaries and 200,000 employees worldwide.

"I am very excited about the agricultural sector in Pakistan. There are excellent opportunities that provide sustainable growth. Being Swiss, this is a familiar sector," said Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza.

Courtesy: Express, Tribune

EDITOR'S NOTE

The graph of success of Positive Post is going up with every issue. Nevertheless, we want more input from the readers. It is our endeavor to make it more vibrant and meaningful. In this issue you will find the news of Passing of Women's Rights bill by the National Assembly and a significant crude oil discovery in Karak. Both pieces of news are positive and of national importance.

Pakistan second best performing market in Asia

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Karachi: Despite security concerns, tense relations with the US and economic slowdown, Pakistan's stock market has managed to rank as the second best performing market in Asia after Indonesia in 2011 so far, according to a Topline Securities

research note. Corporate earnings and reduction in interest rates helped equities so far in 2011 amongst the Asian Emerging and Frontier markets tracked by MSCI, adds the note. Interestingly, Pakistan with a fall of 5% is so far the second best performing market amongst these 12 countries.

Courtesy: www.goodnews.pk

Hydro-Plant to Ease Nationwide Power Shortage



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

The ADB Board of Directors' approval of the \$97 million

loan for the 147-megawatt (MW) run-of-the-river Patrind hydropower plant, between the Kunhar and Jhelum rivers near Muzaffarabad, will help mitigate power shortages and diversify Pakistan's energy mix.

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

Courtesy: Dawn News



Pakistan secures two gold, five silver awards at APICTA 2011



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Pakistan has won two gold and five silver awards at the 11th annual Asia Pacific ICT Awards (APICTA) in Pattaya, Thailand.

ICT firms from Pakistan secured two gold awards in the e-Health and e-Logistics & SCM categories, and five silver awards in the Communication, Financial, Security, e-Inclusion & e-Community and e-Government categories.

The Pakistani team had 18 products competing with 162 products from the Asia Pacific region.

The Center for Advanced Research in Engineering (CARE) once again swept the awards with gold in e-Health and silver in the Communication, Security and e-Government categories.

Lumensoft Technologies went for gold in the e-Logistics category, with the Infotech Group taking silver in the Financial

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Youth enterprise project launched

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British Council and YES Network Pakistan launched Youth Enterprise Generator Project to inspire and equip young people to become agents of positive change through their involvement in civil society, economic development and their communities, says a press release issued here Thursday.

The purpose of the project is to provide social entrepreneurship education, infrastructure, skills orientation, access to interest free credit, business management skills, local and international exposures and peer networks.

British Council and YES Network Pakistan have been working together for the last four years to promote youth social entrepreneurship and self-employment through engaging youth in the technical and vocational training colleges. Now, British Council and YES Network Pakistan geared-up to build local capacity to provide social entrepreneurship education and services by setting up 'Youth Enterprise Generator' in universities and technical education institutions in Pakistan.

Salman Shehzad, Regional Skills and Business Development Manager, British Council said at the occasion, "The Youth Enterprise Generator will support students to become self-reliant and contributing members of the society by enhancing their technical and entrepreneurial skills/careers and providing support for start-up as a pathway to productive livelihood."

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SINDH CULTURE DAY

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LARKANA: In a meeting of general bodies which was led by Abdul Qadir Malgani, was held here on Tuesday at the Labour Hall, Lahori Mohalla, Larkana. Matters of Sindh were discussed which where to promote the culture of Sindh. The chief guests on the

occasion were leaders of the All Pakistan Trade Union Federation, Manzoor Ahmad Aheer and Raushan Ali Kalhoro. The meeting decided that there will be huge participation on November 19 in the celebrations of the Culture Day. Social welfare activists Ilyas Qambrani, Gul Muhammad Chandio and Sajid Ali will take out awareness rally and arrange a programme of Sindh folk songs, dances. Sindh caps while Ajraks would be worn on the day. They said they will celebrate the Culture Day like Eid days.



Courtesy: The News (International)

Innovation dialogue hails Jobs as role model for young entrepreneurs

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Lahore, November.24: The Apple founder, Steve Jobs, is a role model for all young entrepreneurs because of his passion for continuous learning, creativity and innovation, said US Counsel General Nina Maria while addressing an interactive dialogue, "Break-through and Innovation - A Tribute to Steve Jobs." The event was organised by Manager Today, a largely circulated corporate magazine, at a local hotel on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Nina said that Steve Jobs was a legend whose vision of innovation completely changed the concept of using technology, bringing in the perspective of enjoying technology and not just using it for work.

"In addition to Jobs' contribution to the invention of iPod and iPad, he was a revolutionary service provider," Nina said. She then spoke a few



words about how Jobs was unique in a long line of American innovators, saying that Jobs taught the people that innovation was as much about strength of will and character as it was about intelligence or innovation. In this regard she cited a story narrated by Jobs' sister about how he relearned to walk after his initial battle with cancer. Replying to a question, Wateen Telecom CEO Naeem Zamindar said that three qualities were essential for all young entrepreneurs to have; inspiration, ability to inspire others and thirdly, enthusiasm and passion.

Courtesy: Daily Times

PDSF awards contracts to 31 technical training organisations

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Lahore, November.24: Punjab Skills Development Fund (PSDF) organised a contract signing ceremony at the Punjab Institute of Language, Art and Culture (PILAC) Auditorium on Thursday (today). The event was organised to award contracts worth Rs 400 million to 31 technical and vocational training organisations. These technical providers will offer demand-driven training facilities to around 17,000 trainees from four targeted districts in 71 sectors.

The ceremony began with a welcome note by PSDF CEO Ali Sarfraz who briefed the participants about the progress of its newly launched training

product, "Skills for Employability," and gave a detailed presentation on the contract process. The ceremony was attended by Department for International Development (DFID) Advisor Sarah Saeed, PSDF Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ali Sarfraz, renowned social activist Salima Hashmi and representatives of different technical training providers. PSDF CEO Ali Sarfraz said that while following a competitive model, PSDF was procuring services from private and public sector training organisations for the provision of skills and vocational training opportunities to the poor and vulnerable population of Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Lodhran and Muzzafargarh.

Courtesy: Daily Times

Night Navigation Achievements

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Karachi: Port Qasim Authority is pleased to announce the historical achievement of berthing the largest container ship during the night.

M.V. Maersk Utah Container Ship with a length of 292 meters and draft of 11.7 meters was berthed at 0130 hours on 14th November, 2011.

Since the start of Night Navigation facility at PQA in 2004, this vessel with the largest L.O.A. was berthed due to im-



maculate planning of Port Operations Department, Ship Agent and Qasim International Container Terminal (DP World) and the induction of three ASD tugs and one fast pilot boat in the craft of PQA during the last two years.

Courtesy: Asianet Pakistan

Sherry Rehman appointed Pakistan's Ambassador to the US



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Islamabad: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader and MNA Sherry Rehman has been appointed Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States.

The appointment comes after Husain Haqqani was asked to resign by Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani in the wake of the Memogate scandal. Gilani has approved the appointment.

"The prime minister is pleased to appoint Sherry Rehman as the new ambassador to the United States," said spokesman for the Prime Minister's office, Akram Shaheedi, Reuters reported.

Rehman, a former journalist, was information minister for Zardari after the restoration of civilian rule following a 2008

election.

But she resigned in March 2009 over a crisis in which the government was refusing to reinstate judges sacked under the military regime of President Pervez Musharraf.

Her appointment was a surprise, with many analysts and media pundits expecting someone seen as closer to the military.

Rehman has been a strong advocate of women's and minority rights and faced death threats for her calls to reform the country's blasphemy laws. But she is also the author, through her role as president of the Jinnah Institute, of a report on Pakistan's foreign policy goals in Afghanistan, staking out views widely seen in Pakistan as dovetailing with those of the powerful military establishment.

Rehman had recently assumed the charge of Chairperson Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), for a period of three years. She was appointed by Asif Ali Zardari, who is also the society's president.

Courtesy: Express, Tribune

ENTERTAINMENT



USTAD GHULAM ALI KHAN A MAESTRO'S VOICE CROSSES BORDERS

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In an illustrious career span of 50 years, Pakistani ghazal singer Ustad Ghulam Ali Khan is, for the first time, rendering his voice for a patriotic song. The track is for an Indian film, 498A -The Wedding Gift, which is being directed by Suhaib Ilyasi. Khan says, "I am sure it will tug a chord in every Indian's heart."

The maestro doesn't see how his patriotic number for Indians can ruffle feathers in his homeland. "The musical chords have always remained strong between the two nations. As a man and a singer, I have been trying to bridge the gap and blur the barriers between the two countries," the website quotes Khan as saying. He adds that, "India and Pakistan were one till 'siyasat' played its dirty game and created a siyasi border in 1947. We are like brothers and while brothers may disagree, they are bound by strong ties and so are Pakistan and India. How does it matter, then, if I sing a nationalist song for India or Pakistan?" Khan is venturing into a new territory with this song; he will make his debut on the silver screen at the same time. "I agreed to do a cameo on Ilyasi's insistence. There are great dialogues that I



have to deliver in the film but the thought of coming on camera is making me nervous," he confesses. Glamgold.com quotes director Ilyasi as saying, "When I first heard the mukhda (initial version) of this song, I could only think of Ghulam Aliji. We really had work hard to convince him because he has not sung for any Hindi film for a long time, but once he heard the melody, he immediately agreed. The song has come out so beautifully." According to timesofindia.com, Khan, who holds Punjab close to his heart, says he is in constant contact with Asha Bhosle, Daler Mehndi, Hans Raj Hans, Nouman Saheb and "my Indian fans."

Courtesy: Express Tribune

PTV celebrates evening with Rahat Fateh Ali In Karachi

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Karachi October 23, 2011: Pakistan Television Karachi Centre recently hosted a melodious feast for the music lovers titled 'Aik Shaam Rahat Fateh Ali Ke Naam' at the aesthetically decked Mohatta Palace. The world famous classical singer Ustad Rahet Fateh Ali Khan enthralled the audience with his hit songs, ghazals and raags for many hours and made the evening a fascinating and memorable event for the guests comprising actors, singers, politicians, statesmen, media icons and socialites.



Sara Khan successfully supported Rahat Fateh Ali in performing live the duets that he has sung with Indian singer Shreya Ghoshal. The program, hosted by Anwar Maqsood, got under way with the popular song 'Tere Mast Mast Do Nain' while actress Resham danced to it and added spunk to the ceremony.

Courtesy: Express, Tribune

ISPR documentary bags first Prize at International Film Festival

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A documentary by the Pakistan's Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), titled as "Glorious Resolve" received the first prize in the International Film Festival "Eserciti-e-Popoli" (Army and People) held at Bracciano.

More than 60 films, produced by the NATO and other 24 countries were presented at the film festival.

According to an ISPR press release, Glorious Resolve received the Jury's Special award from the President of the Italian Senate.

"(It is) a technically outstanding and emotionally powerful dramatization of the story of the courageous soldiers under fire in a



dire combat situation," the President said.

The award was received by a representative of the Pakistani Embassy in Rome.

Glorious Resolve is based on a true story about the infantry soldiers "who fought against all odds when 1500 miscreants raided one of the section level outpost of an Infantry Battalion in South Waziristan Agency on the night of 29 May 2009."

The documentary highlights "not only the

sacrifices and achievements of the Pakistan Army in War against Terrorism but also its glorious resolve to uproot the menace of terrorism from Pakistan."

Glorious Resolve recreates the sacrifice of 43 soldiers of the Punjab Regiment who laid their lives during the attack.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

"A creature that cuts trees and makes paper, and on those papers writes SAVE TREES"

Anonymous

Javid Nama mural a major achievement

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Lahore - Prominent artist and social worker Jimmy Engineer has said that he regards mural on great poet and philosopher Allama Muhammad Iqbal's collection of Persian poetry "Javid Nama" as his major artistic achievement.

In a telephonic conversation with group of his journalist friends here, Jimmy Engineer said that he has been painting for about four decades and has created hundreds of paintings over the years but he considers doing mural to transform "Javid Nama" in colours and series of Pakistan Movement paintings to highlight Muslims exodus to their new Motherland as his major artistic achievements which had given him recognition and appreciation, both nationally as well as internationally.

He said that it had taken him about one year to transform "Javid Nama" into a mural of 10 x 15 feet size on the wall of bungalow of Dr Javed Iqbal on the Main Boulevard in Gulberg here.

He said that he had started this challenging task in 1981 and completed in 1982 and all this time, he had stayed at Dr Javed Iqbal's residence.

Jimmy said that the great poet and philosopher in a letter to his son Dr Javed Iqbal had written that in the first instance, no artist will ever be able to transform "Javid Nama" in colours on the canvass or a mural and if anyone accomplishes this, then he will attain international fame and reputation.

He said that a number of foreign and local artists had tried their hands during the life time of Allama Muhammad Iqbal and even afterwards but had failed to accomplish the task.

He said that he had undertaken

the task as a challenge and was able to complete it one year with the blessings of Almighty Allah.

As regards his famous and popular Pakistan Movement series of paintings, Jimmy Engineer said that in early 1970s, he had started having bad dreams of bloodshed and violence for days together. He had mentioned this to many people including Sufi Barkat of Risalewala near Faisalabad who advised him to start paintings what he was seeing in dreams. He said that accordingly he had created several big paintings showing different aspects of Muslims sufferings and sacrifices while migrating from undivided India to their new motherland Pakistan which they had achieved in 1947 under the inspiring leadership of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

He said that when he was working on a huge canvass, after already completing a number of them, dreams stopped coming and he had left that canvass incomplete there and then.

Jimmy maintained that he is proud of being the artist who had transformed "Javid Nama" into a mural and having done series of paintings which are now known as the Pakistan Movement paintings though all his art work is internationally and nationally recognized and appreciated.

He said that huge Pakistan Movement paintings carry heavy price in the international market and as such to ensure their security and to preserve them as well, he mostly exhibits canvass prints of these paintings within the country and abroad. When asked about his activities as a social worker and peace activist, Jimmy Engineer told his journalist friends that about that, he would be talking to them some other time.

Courtesy- The Nation

A Rupee for a life

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Parveen Rao was discouraged from going to university — not only did she educate herself, she now makes sure that even the least privileged get a shot at an education.

Parveen explained that the objective of the one rupee fee is to assure the students and their parents that they're not getting an education for free. But since the fee was merely nominal, Parveen's next objective was to raise finances. "This might sound strange, but I couldn't possibly have gone



around asking people to donate money so I could fulfil my dream!" She laughs matter-of-factly. "By the time I opened the school, I was a married woman. I was too proud to ask others for help!"

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Pakistan starts producing Japan's rice variety

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Japonica gave 100 per cent more output per acre compared to basmati and non-basmati varieties cultivated in the country.



Karachi, October 15th, 2011: Pakistan has entered the ranks of those few countries which are cultivating prime Japanese rice variety called "Japonica" and the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) is targeting to export this variety to Japan which has a market of 500,000 tons, a trade official said.

Talking to the media at his office here on Friday, TDAP Chief Executive Tariq Iqbal Puri said Pakistan undertook the project of cultivating Japonica following a visit of President Asif Ali Zardari to Japan in February this year when Japanese buyers highlighted the importance of this variety. He said TDAP pro-

vided technical assistance to rice exporters in cultivating Japonica and now a prominent rice exporter Metco had started producing the variety.

Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam and the US are already producing Japonica, which is very popular among consumers of China, Japan, Far East, Europe and other countries. Japan has a 500,000-ton market for the rice, of which 90 per cent is supplied by the US.

Puri said efforts were under way to export 100,000 tons of Japonica to Japan and the variety would also be put on display in the upcoming Expo Pakistan exhibition later this month. "A Japanese delegation of rice buyers is also coming to attend the exhibition," he said.

Comparing yields given by different rice varieties, Puri said Japonica gave 100 per cent more output per acre compared to basmati and non-basmati varieties cultivated in the country. "To further enhance production, efforts are being made to purchase high-quality seeds from Japan."

He said Japan had also a big
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Contd. Pak-India ties in positive

Khar was holding a media conference at the Foreign Office on her return from the 17th Saarc summit in the Maldives. She emphasised that Pakistan would not shy away from investing in the region, whether it was India or Afghanistan, because it had a selfish interest in seeking peace and would not hesitate to bend over backwards in the process.

"We have invested far too much in seeking hostility towards each other and too little in seeking peace. I told my Indian counterpart that I would compete with him, but not on the basis of negativity but positively," Khar said, speaking after Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told the Indian media that after a long time the Pakistan army was on board about the recent peace initiatives between the two countries.

The foreign minister appeared in an upbeat mood at the outcome of the summit, saying Indo-Pak

relations had moved forward from 'Thimpu spirit' to 'Addu hope.' "I return much more hopeful for the future of Saarc. Within ten years, Saarc will create a new model to lead Asia and will itself become so important that a meeting between a Pakistan and Indian prime minister will not be the main event or take centre stage and they can meet each other like they meet other leaders," she said.

Khar emphasized several times that her confidence came from the reality that the trust deficit had dropped on both sides. "There is reason for hope and confidence because we have been successful in reducing the trust deficit and today are in a positive zone. Now we need to start building on this trust and need a conducive environment to take us towards a result-oriented dialogue. This is what the two prime ministers said, and

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which had remained stuck for three years, first in various NA committees and then the house itself. However, after a couple of amendments were incorporated into the final draft, the bill was unanimously passed by the lower house, which is incidentally headed by a woman Speaker Dr Fehmida Mirza. The act, hailed by commentators as a show of collective resolve by political parties to fight social taboos against women, deals with issues such as depriving women their inheritance and forcing them into marriage to

settle disputes. The bill outlines strong punishments for social practices like wanni, swara or budla-i-sulh, wherein women are traded to settle personal, family or tribal disputes. For the first time, the bill proposes a minimum benchmark for penalising those involved in "anti-women practices". However, the bill does not propose a mechanism to ensure that such cases are reported and reach a court of law, which is a necessity as these crimes often go unchecked and unreported.

Courtesy: The Nation

Contd. New Academy in

"This is only the first of a chain of academies that we plan to open up shortly. The next one will be set up at Sukkur in mid Nov followed by another one in Khairpur," informed Diya Club owner and General Secretary Sadia Sheikh, who is also a Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) executive and congress member.

"We are aiming to impart training at the grassroots level for a minimum fee and I am blessed to be getting help

in the endeavour from the best of coaches of the likes of Tariq Lutfi, junior coach Mehwish Khan and M. Shamim along with ZU Academy President Rafiq Malik and DPE Sukkur Zulfiqar Abro," she added.

"With such support, I am hopeful that the talent generated from these academies will also participate in our forthcoming national championship," she concluded.

Courtesy: Nationwide News

they mean it. They discussed all outstanding issues. We have to move towards a result-oriented dialogue," she said.

When a journalist asked her that she had so far not mentioned the 'buzz word Kashmir,' Khar took exception and said, "Kashmir is not a buzz word. It is a dispute. We aspire for good relations with India."

Referring to the prime minister's meetings with his Russian and Chinese counterparts on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Saint Petersburg, the foreign minister said both were useful, constructive and forward-looking. "Certainly we have achieved new heights in our relations with Russia," she said. "We are actively pursuing getting gas from wherever possible and the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline and TAPI are included in this pursuit."

Courtesy: The News

Contd. Malala Yousufzai to

Malala Yousufzai has also been nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize 2011 for raising her voice for girls' education in troubled Swat, where girls were not only banned from attaining education but their schools were also destroyed by the militants.

While congratulating Yousufzai's family, the prime minister also instructed the Cabinet division to distribute the National Peace Award every year to children less than 18 years of age.

Courtesy: The News

Contd. Pakistan Turkey

been concluded in Pakistani rupees and Turkish lira with a size amounting to \$1 billion in equivalent of local currencies.

The core objective of the arrangement, which will be for three years, is to finance bilateral trade in local currencies of the two countries.

The central bank said this was a landmark transaction between the two central banks and was the first time they had executed such an arrangement.

Courtesy: Express, Tribune

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Apps category and Engro-Orix taking silver in the e-Inclusion & e-Community category.

This is the second consecutive year that Pakistan's ICT firms have stunned the world with their innovative and creative products and apps in different fields of life and businesses.

The APICTA 2011 awards were announced by the Association of Thai ICT Industry and supported by the Software Industry Promotion Agency (SIPA).

APICTA provides the region's ICT entrepreneurs with valuable networking and product benchmarking opportunities, fosters ICT innovation and creativity, promotes economic and trade relations and facilitates technology transfer.

Courtesy: Express, Tribune

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YES Network Pakistan Chief Executive Officer Ali Raza Khan said, "It is commonly known that jobs in the private and public sectors are not growing fast enough to keep pace with the growing youth populations. It is therefore essential that we support efforts of educational institutions to create youth-centred and youth-led enterprises and opportunities for self-employment."

Courtesy: The News

Contd. Pakistan starts producing

market for value-added rice products and exporters could also target this by making value addition in Japonica rice.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Adviser K Tamaki, while appreciating the cultivation of Japonica variety, said Japan could become a major market for Pakistani rice as Tokyo was already importing 100 to 200 tons of basmati.

He said Gujranwala and Sialkot were the best areas for sowing of Japonica and suggested the commodity's samples should be sent to Japan for examination.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

SPORTS



Pakistan score 2nd win in Women's World Cup Qualifiers

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DHAKA (Agencies) - The second day of the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifiers saw victories once again for Pakistan and South Africa, with the two teams beating Ireland and USA respectively. It was a disappointing day for Ireland once again in its ODI against Pakistan, despite an improved batting performance from Isobel Joyce's side at Khanshaheb Osman Ali Stadium. The side managed to make 140 with Jill Whelan proving to be the pick of the Ireland batters, managing to contribute 35 runs to the total, while her team-mates didn't prove to be quite as successful. Sadia Yousuf was the pick of the Pakistani bowlers, with the 22-year-old claiming 4-19. In reply, Pakistan lost just two wickets, openers Qanita Jalil and Sana Mir with the captain departing off the bowling of 13-year-old Elena Tice. Tice tempted the Pakistani captain to edge the ball through to Whelan behind the stumps and she walked on 34 runs. Javeria Wadood and the hero of yesterday's batting, Bismah Maroof, guided the side to victory. Fritz was then joined by former captain, Cri-zelda Brits with the duo adding just three more runs before Fritz departed for 93, leaving Brits to partner new captain Mignon du Preez. The side continued to



add runs to the total and when its 50 overs were up, du Preez and her side were confident that they had set a target the Americans would struggle to chase down. Doris Francis' side made just 145-9 in its 50 overs with Joan Alexander-Serrano providing the highest score, just 29, in what was a scratchy attempt by the Americans to reach a huge target. Nadia Gruny and late-comer Triholder Marshall both failed to score runs at the top of the order while Francis managed just three. Dane van Niekerk proved the pick of the South African bowlers, with the 18-year-old from Pretoria claiming 3-29 in an economical 10 overs by the spin bowler. Francis' side did not have the batting depth to take on the South African bowling attack, nor in the end did it have the overs, falling 198 runs short of its target.

Courtesy: The Nation

Pakistan's Tennis Ace Aisam-ul-Haq

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Karachi: Pakistan's tennis ace Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi and his partner Oliver Marach of Austria defeated German duo Michael Coleman and Alexander Waske to clinch the Thailand Open men's doubles title. "On behalf of myself and the Pakistanis at home, we all support the flood victims because Pakistan has been hit by floods as well as Thailand. I wish all the Thai people and the country all the patience and courage to overcome the natural disaster," Qureshi told the official Thailand Open

Courtesy: Dawn News



Kulsoom Abdullah Makes Weight-lifting History



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Wearing a black hijab and a black short-sleeved shirt with a tan, long-sleeved undershirt and long black socks, Pakistani-American, Abdullah cleared a snatch of 41 kilograms and a clean and jerk of 57 kilograms.

"I'm really happy that I got this experience and that there's a lot of support, and I hope that it could encourage other women and people, whether it's weightlifting or another sport, to try competition because it's fun to meet people," Abdullah said.

Courtesy: The Dawn

New academy in DHA, Karachi

Muhammad Furqan Thepdawala
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Karachi, October 23: Diya Women's Football Club in collaboration with ZU Football Academy and the kind support of several football coaches is opening a football academy for children and especially girls of all ages, starting from age five at the Khayaban-e-Rahat Football Stadium in Defence Housing Authority.

