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Malala's name submitted for Nobel Peace Prize 2013



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Members of Norway's Parliament from the ruling Labour Party Fredy de Ruiter, Gorm Kjernli and Magne Rommetveit submitted the name of Malala Yousufzai to the Norwegian Nobel Committee that awards the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Labour Party's website described Malala as "a Pakistani pupil and blogger who attained global fame when she was shot in the head by Taliban in October for criticising the militant group on her blog" Malala was "engaged in children's, espe-



cially girls', right to education," the website said.

The group of Norwegian MPs recommended that "Malala receive the Nobel Peace Prize 2013 for her courageous fight for girls' right to education.

Courtesy: Pakistan Today

Balochistan expected to earn \$321 million profit



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Renowned scientist Dr Samar Mubarakmand said during a briefing to Balochistan Governor Nawab Zulfiqar Ali Magsi that the provincial government has won the Reko Diq case in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and will now implement the project.

"Work will first begin on 2.2 billion tonnes of ore and gold reservoirs worth \$400 billion," he said.



According to Dr Mubarakmand, the Geological Survey of Pakistan spotted the Reko Diq reservoirs in 1978 and an agreement was reached with Australian company Tethyan in 1993. Now, however, this agreement has come to an end and Balochistan has also won the case in the ICJ.

He further said that, under this project, as many as 15,000 tonnes of raw material will be excavated annually worth \$411 million and government of Balochistan is expected to earn an annual profit of \$321 million.

The provincial government allocated Rs1,400 million for this project whereas only the water supply will take Rs1,980 million, being completed in a span of a year and a half.

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Pakistan's inflation lowest in region



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Pakistan has managed to restrict the inflation rate to a single digit during last year, which is lower than

other regional countries, including India and Sri Lanka. Pakistan's year on year inflation rate or Consumer Price Index (CPI) registered an increase of 7.9 per cent in December 2012 as compared to that of the last year. The CPI in India was 9.2 per cent followed by 9.2 per cent in Sri Lanka. However, it increased by 7.2 per cent in Bangladesh, official sources told APP.

The price comparison of essential consumer items, such as wheat, wheat flour, rice, sugar and red chillies as on December 27, 2012 show that their prices were

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Pakistan, India working for peace



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India and Pakistan are both working for peace, says the US State Department, disagreeing with the suggestion that the two governments are exploiting an already explosive situation in the region.

"I think we're all for peace, and what's important is that the governments are talking", said the department's spokesperson.

Courtesy: Dawn



EDITOR'S NOTE

In the prevailing situation of the country, the call for positive thinking is required more than ever. Our current publication "Positive Post" is a small drop in the ocean, and is a catalyst in a humble way to promote positive thinking. The publication has very important and many positive news about our country which will certainly generate good feelings and positive thinking among the readers.

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45 wind power projects under process



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As the commercial production of 106 megawatts of electricity comes into effect, Minister for Water and Power, Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar is confident that Pakistan will have power generation from 'waste products', small hydropower projects and 'sugar co-generation' schemes by 2014. 'Forty-five wind power projects of around 3,200 MW capacity are under process and the Fauji Fertiliser Company will be adding 10MW solar generation to its 50MW wind project, making this a hybrid plant,' the minister said at the launch of a commemorative postal stamp about Pakistan's first wind energy project. He said the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) had been asked to announce the feed-in-tariff for



solar plants early so that producers would not have to wait long for the same. The minister announced that another 150MW wind project was under construction. 'The next year will see at least ten more projects at an investment of over \$2 billion,' he said. The commercial operation of FFC wind farm is seen as a breakthrough for wind power generation at the GharoKeti Bandar Wind Corridor and the experts believe that the corridor offers power generation potential of 50,000MW.

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Pakistani surgeon lands in Guinness Book

Sehar Nadeem
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Dr Naeem Taj, a surgeon of the Capital Hospital CDA, has earned fame and prestige for the nation by gaining entry into the Guinness Book of World Record by removing a 25.5 cm long gallbladder through an 1 cm incision. Dr Naeem after operating on a 70-year-old patient Rasheeda Bibi at CDA hospital, removed a 25.5cm long gallbladder from her body. This is the longest ever gallbladder removed laparoscopically in medical history. Guinness Book of World record has



awarded Dr Naeem Taj of CDA with the certificate of "world's longest gallbladder removed through laparoscopy".

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Pakistan facilitating Afghan peace efforts

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Pakistan is working with the United States to facilitate an Afghan-owned and -led reconciliation process, says Ambassador Sherry Rehman while also assuring American lawmakers that Islamabad is equally determined to fight terrorists inside its borders.



In an article in *The Hill* newspaper, which is distributed among US lawmakers, the Pakistani ambassador also emphasised the need to move the bilateral relationship from aid to trade. 'The economic impact (of such a move) on our side will be incalculable,' she wrote.

Ms Rehman assured the lawmakers that Pakistan was on their side as they try to make an important security and political

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Rs 229m livestock projects completed



Maheen Farid
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The provincial government has completed development projects worth Rs. 229 million in livestock and dairy development sector during the last four and a half years in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Provincial Minister for Livestock and Cooperatives Hidayatullah Khan claimed this while briefing media persons about the performance of his department.

He said that his department was responsible for application as well as basic research to improve health

and production of animals, development of potent and effective vaccines against infections/contagious livestock diseases and surveillance, diagnosis and control of such diseases.

The development projects completed by the research wing of Livestock and Dairy Development Department include introduction of Neeli Ravi and Azakhel buffaloes at livestock research and development station Surezai, Peshawar, enhancement of livestock productivity through improved research and development methodology in D.L Khan.

Courtesy: Dawn

The University of Agriculture will set up satellite campus



Deepak Kumar
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The University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) has announced that it will establish satellite campuses in regional centres across the country. A satellite campus or branch campus is a campus of a college or university that is detached from the main

campus. "We saw the need for branches while keeping in view the difficulties and problems faced by small and depressed farming communities, which comprise 86% of the farmers," said UAF Vice Chancellor Dr Iqar Ahmed, while talking to The Express Tribune. He said though knowledge and technology campuses

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TCF wins prestigious international award

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The Citizens Foundation (TCF), Pakistan has won the prestigious Skoll Award.

The Skoll Foundation announced the winners of its 2013 Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship (SASEs) on Thursday, it said. Chosen from hundreds of applicants, the award recog-



nises a highly selective group of the world's most promising social entrepreneurs.

While Skoll's new awardees focus on different issues, they share what Skoll believes is key to accelerating large-scale change: an entrepreneurial approach, a proven innovation with

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Imran Khan – Asia's Person of the Year



Ameer Hamza Asif
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Imran Khan, chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, swept the online Asia's Person of the Year 2012 reader poll conducted by the Asia Society.

According to final results, Imran Khan whizzed past everyone else by securing 87.78% of the online votes, Pakistani child activist Malala Yousafzai secured 3.29%, Myanmar leader Aung

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Pakistan wraps up its rotational presidency of UN Security Council

Kumail Soomro
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Pakistan wrapped up the Security Council's rotational presidency for January after an eventful month marked by its efforts to forge consensus and bridge differences in the course of deliberations.

Diplomats gave high marks to Pakistan's UN Ambassador Masood Khan for smooth and efficient running of the 15-nation Council, the world body's power centre, and for his leadership during discussions of some of the key issues that it dealt with.

During the month, two important open debates were organized one on counterterrorism and the other on UN peacekeeping operations, in which Pakistan is a leading troop contributor. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened both the debates, which were held at a high level.

The counter terrorism debate was presided over by Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar.

Courtesy: Business Recorder

Musharraf Ali Farooqi shortlisted for Man Asian Literary Prize

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Pakistani writer Musharraf Ali Farooqi's debut novel *Between Clay and Dust*, were among five books shortlisted for Asia's most prestigious literary prize on Wednesday, with entries across the region from Turkey to Japan.

The shortlist for the \$30,000 Man Asian Literary Prize was drawn from a longlist of 15 published works, after 108 entries were submitted to a panel of judges led by literary critic and journalist Maya Jaggi.

Professor David Parker, executive director of the Asian Literary Prize, the organising body of the award, hailed



what he called a "remarkable" selection of books that bring together regional publishers with larger international houses.

"Several of these writers have been celebrated in their own countries and recognised internationally, but never before have we viewed them collectively as Asian writers," said Parker.

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Pakistan shine at rowing event with six medals, trophy

Kumail Soomro
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Karachi Boat Club (KBC) successfully defended their title at the International AREA-FEARA Regatta Trophy when the team outpaced clubs from India and Sri Lanka in the men's fours event, while the women's team bagged silver medal in the coxed-fours event at the Paoay Lake in Manila.

KBC clinched the title for the eighth time in a row at the tournament that featured nine countries and more than 100 rowers in nine events that ran through January 13 to 20.

Captain Arif Ikram, whose team consisted of Benney, Khurram Khwaja and Asghar Ali said the excitement of winning the trophy is still the same for him as it was eight years ago. The 12-member squad returned to Karachi on Friday after the win.

"We have been competing in this event for the past eight years now," Ikram told *The Express Tribune*. "I hope our win would also motivate other amateur rowers in the country to do better. With this win we have showed them that there is plenty of scope in this sport. Meanwhile, there is a lot of activity on the

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Faldo Series returns

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The Faldo Series Championship has returned to Pakistan for the second time and held at Defence Raya Golf and Country Club course from Jan 18 to 20.

At the end of the champi-

onship, four top players of the event will join Sir Nick Faldo at the seventh Asia Grand Final, to be staged in Shenzhen, China from March 13 to 15.

'The inaugural Faldo Series Pakistan Championship that took place in Karachi last

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Hunter claims the first trophy of 2013 by hunting an ibex with 40 inch horns in GILGIT



Sehar Nadeem
BS41 3607

In the first week of December 2012, the Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B) government announced a quota for trophy hunting in the region for 2013, inviting national and international hunters to the region, which is known as a "living museum" for its varied wildlife and natural beauty.

It is home to a number of exotic animals which makes hunters flock the area for trophy hunting, a male-dominated sport

which sees them hunt wild game animals.

Such an opportunity was not passed up by an American national, who became the first hunter of 2013 to claim an ibex as a trophy when he hunted the animal in G-B's Gojal Valley.

"Mr Jerry Otis Bush has hunted an ibex trophy at the junction of rivers Khunjerab and Ghewjerav," said Rahman Posh, Chairman Khunjerab Village Organisation [KVO], an umbrella organisation of seven villages in Gojal Valley.

Courtesy: Dawn



Pakistani novelist among finalists for Man Booker International Prize

Shoaib Usman
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Pakistani novelist Intizar Husain is among the 10 finalists nominated for the 5th Man Booker International Prize 2013.

The list was unveiled on Thursday by the chair of judges, Sir Christopher Ricks, at the DSC Jaipur Literary Festival.

The other finalists are U R Ananthamurthy (India), Aharon Appelfeld (Israel), Lydia Davis (USA), Yan Lianke (China), Marie NDiaye (France), Josip Novakovich (Canada), Marilynne Robinson (USA), Vladimir Sorokin (Russia) and Peter Stamm (Switzerland).

Chinese author Yan Lianke and Russia's Vladimir Sorokin stood out from a list of nominees from nine different countries in the running for the £60,000 prize for global writers whose fiction is written in or translated into English.

"These are writers who we have found ourselves enduringly grateful to, who we will re-read," said Christopher Ricks, chairman of the five-man judging panel, at the Jaipur Literature Festival in India where the list was released. "They write in ways that are astonishingly different."

Around 150 authors were considered for the prize, which will be awarded on May 22 in London, Ricks added.

The Man Booker International Prize is awarded every two years to a living author who has published fiction either originally in English or whose work is generally available in translation in the English language.



The judging panel for the Man Booker International Prize 2013 consists of the scholar and literary critic, Christopher Ricks; author and essayist, Elif Batuman; writer and broadcaster, Aminatta Forna; novelist, Yiyun Li and author and academic, Tim Parks.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Pappa Roti launches flagship cafe at Dolmen City Mall

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PappaRoti, an international chain for buns and flavoured tea, opened its doors to the mall-trotting audience at Karachi's seafront shopping mall.

PappaRoti's flagship café opened at the ground floor of Dolmen City Mall, next to Debenhams. The new eatery serves freshly-baked buns that have a crisp, thin crust topped with a mild coffee-caramel coating and a butter-filled centre. The signature buns are made with a special recipe that contains flour and omega-3 enriched eggs.

First launched in Malaysia in 2003, the brand boasts a decade-long success story and has a presence all over the world, with 400 outlets and kiosks across Malaysia, China, Vietnam, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Oman, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, United Kingdom, Australia and now in Pakistan. PappaRoti has been brought here by the Zahdan Group.

Courtesy:Dawn

Picasso in Pakistan

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How do you introduce a person for whom adjectives have been exhausted by his admirers and critics alike? His very name conjures up an image that has a universal appeal.

Anyone who is not even remotely interested in art would be familiar with someone by the name of Pablo Picasso.

The artist himself has become the very definition of art. It is but natural that art lovers have been visiting the Gandhara Art Gallery where an exhibition of prints by Picasso titled 'Picasso in Pakistan' is under way.

'Le Deux Femmes Nues' (lithograph on arches wove paper) is an exceptional

work of art. It does not matter who the artist's subject is (someone he lived with or adored etc) because the magic lies in the stern face of the woman and the gesture that hints at an apparently blasé attitude to life.

In other pieces the artist plays with the same face and body equations. The eyes of one of the models that he makes are prominently elliptical. Their shape gels well with the rest of the body marked by pronounced contours. In one exhibit, the face of the woman looks a bit reticent, but the rest of the body belies the facial expression and is livelier than the countenance. In another artwork the master plays a trick and creates an image where the body of the characters merges into its own physical self.



'Picador et Taureau' (linocut) takes the exhibition on to a different tangent not just subject-wise but also on the level of skill. The lines in one of the two linocuts are exciting to behold. The viewer can see them moving in and out of the frame as if they went out of the control of their creator, the artist. And yet, the subject (the matadors) never goes out of sight.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Pakistan skiing...

Hussain Khan, who is also the President of the Ski Federation of Pakistan (SFP), congratulated the athletes.

Air Marshal lauded the achievements of the skiers for winning gold and silver medals in the event and hoped that their success would significantly boost the SFP's ventures in the upcoming national and international ski events.

'It shows that we have made huge progress since our joining the Dream Training Programme just two years ago,' he said.

He also acknowledged the contributions and efforts of Embassy of Korea in Pakistan and thanked the South Korean Ambassador, His Excellency Mr Choong-joo Choi, for extending his full support and co-operation in materialising these ski training sessions in Korea. Later on, Pakistan skiers also visited the Embassy of Republic of Korea to meet His Excellency Mr Choong-joo Choi who appreciated the outstanding performance of the contingent in Dream Programme 2013.

'Dream Programme' was launched by Gangwon-do which will also be the host of Pyeong Chang 2018 Winter Olympics.

The purpose of the programme is to expand the base of winter sports internationally. Since 2004, the province is inviting young people from countries where winter sports facilities are not fully developed.

This year about 150 participants from 40 different countries participated in the training programme after which the athletes were divided into groups and skiing competitions were held among them.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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demonstrated impact that can be scaled, focus on a pressing issue that is at an inflection point, and an ability to catalyse systems change, according to the statement.

Some of the previous international winners of Skoll Award include Pratham, Teach for All, INJAZ Al-Arab, Barefoot College and Kashf Foundation.

TCF is an internationally acclaimed, not-for-profit organisation, which was set up in 1995 by a group of Pakistani citizens. It is now one of the country's leading organisations in the field of formal education for less privileged children.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Musharraf Ali Farooqi...

Set in an unnamed Pakistani city after the partition of India, *Between Clay and Dust* was described by Prize judges as having "mythic resonance" in following a former champion wrestler and his younger brother.

Born in 1968 in Hyderabad, Farooqi is an author, novelist and translator who divides his time between Toronto and Karachi and has published both adult and children's fiction.

The winner of the prize will be announced on March 14. Winning translators are awarded \$5,000.

The Man Asian Literary Prize began in 2007 and is given to the best novel by an Asian writer, either written in English or translated into English.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Pakistani surgeon lands ...

Executive Director Capital Hospital, Dr Saddique Akbar Satti on the occasion said that he was proud of his surgeon Dr Naeem Taj and expected much more on his credit due to his sheer courage and expertise.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Imran Khan — Asia's ...

San Suu Kyi 1.98% and the Indian film actor Aamir Khan 1.81%.

The final tally revealed that Imran had more than 11,000 votes, 88 per cent of the total. According to a press release, the Asia Society is a nonpartisan, non-profit institution with its headquarters in New York. It was founded in 1956 by John D Rockefeller III.

It is the leading educational organisation dedicated to promoting mutual understanding and strengthening partnerships among people, leaders and institutions of Asia and the United States.

Courtesy: Dawn

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transition in Afghanistan. She noted that even at the lowest ebb of Pakistan-US relations earlier this year, 'we made a conscious effort to shield the Pakistan-Afghanistan-United States trilateral-process from adverse impact'. Commenting on US Pakistan relations, the ambassador noted as relations improve, 'we seek greater market access to the US'.

While the impact of greater market access to Pakistan on US jobs will be negligible, it will generate great economic progress in Pakistan, she said.

'It will spur economic activity, generate employment, give the country's enormous youth cohort an avenue to earn a living, and above all, give ordinary Pakistanis a stake in an enduring Pakistan-US relationship, she said. The ambassador reminded the US Congress that it had a leading role to play in this effort.

Underlining Pakistan's efforts to fight terrorism at home, the ambassador noted that in an historic joint session, Pakistan's parliament had adopted unanimously resolution condemning terrorism.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. 45 wind power projects

We are celebrating launch of the First Wind Farm in Pakistan, and Pakistan Post is also with us in celebrating a landmark in our energy sector,' Chaudhry Mukhtar said.

He acknowledged that Pakistan is an energy-deficient country and with fast-growing population as well as the economy the energy demand has increased significantly.

'There is a gap between demand and supply and we have made a comprehensive plan to change our energy mix to generate cheaper electricity by using indigenous resources like wind, coal and hydel,' he added.

FFC Managing Director Lt-Gen (retd) Khalid Naeem Lodhi said that his company was planning to invest more capital in the power sector and other wind projects with the collaboration of Chinese companies.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Pakistan inflation

lower in Pakistan than those in the neighbouring countries, including India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Balochistan...

Furthermore, Dr Mubarakmand said the local people of Balochistan will be recruited for the project's non-technical positions.

Balochistan Governor Magsi stressed upon timely execution of the project so that the masses can benefit as soon as possible and directed both the chief secretary and the finance secretary to ensure an efficient provision of funds. Additionally, he, too, emphasised the need for the local people to be given more jobs, and for project offices to be established in Quetta instead of Islamabad.

Furthermore, Magsi directed the authorities concerned to guarantee foolproof security arrangements.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Lahories celebrate...

countries before the series began. Pakistani team played with unity and with a positive frame of mind and every player was doing genuine efforts for the win. 'Mohammad Aamir, another cricket enthusiast, said while celebrating the win at the Liberty Market. Meanwhile, some aerial firing was also reported in some areas of the city soon after Pakistan completed the win in Kolkata. The routine rush of road traffic was also comparatively less as people preferred to watch the match amid cold weather which is now at its peak in Lahore. And while the mobile phone service was also suspended owing to security on the occasion of 'chehlum' of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), and there was a local holiday in Lahore due to the annual 'urs' of Hazrat Data Gunj Bukhsh, the cricket match remained the main focus of Lahoreites.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. University of...

existed across the country, education regarding the goods and services sector stayed untapped due to lack of communications amongst stakeholders concerned.

Punjab Agricultural University in Ludhiana, India was an example as it was educating local farmers in their mother tongue. The UAF was also trying to copy their model and striving hard to provide innovative solutions and education at the doorsteps of farmers in native language. "This will bring an agriculture revolution in the country."

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif inaugurated the UAF's sub-campus at Burewala, southern Punjab on February 13. Giving details, Ahmed said the inaugural ceremony was held at the Regional Agricultural Development Centre.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Pakistan shine at ...

local front as well and we are prepared to compete with the best clubs in the region."

The KBC squad won six medals in the eight events of the tournament. Apart from the gold and silver medal in the fours event, the men's team also won bronze in men's pairs, single scull and fours race in the AREA (Amateur Rowing Association of the East) Trophy while women's team won bronze in the AREA Women's Double Scull event.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Pakistan top snooker

The country has accumulated 120 points for last year's performances to take their total to 172 to attain top position in the new Men's Snooker Ranking for the year 2012. Pakistan had 52 points after 2011's championship and were sitting back in eighth position.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. Pakistan clinch silver medal

beaten team in the tournament bagging the gold medal with Pakistan winning three of their four matches to take second position. The Pakistan team will return home.

The championship featuring South Asian teams was played on round robin basis in Dhaka's Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium with the exception of India, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka.

Pakistan coached by Imran Bashir had absolutely no difficulty in disposing of challenges of the Maldives, Nepal and Bhutan. However, they lost to hosts in a close fight.

Pakistan kicked off their campaign in an impressive fashion, brushing aside the Maldives 88-62 with green shirts dominating throughout the match.

Haris Kamal (22), Ahmad Jan (18), Mohammad Akram (17) and captain Prem Shahzad (15) played major roles in their victory.

Pakistan team were equally

good in the second match against Nepal which they won 78-67 with Taghlab Ammar (23), Mohammad Akram (13) and Prem Shahzad (12) leading their team to victory. Bangladesh defeated Pakistan in the next match 77-68.

Pakistan outscored the hosts 20-17 and 24-19 in the first and third quarters and were just two points behind going into the final 10 minutes of the game, but the home team stretched the slim lead to a nine-point advantage by the end of the match.

Pakistan overpowered Bhutan 79-63 in their last match.

Khalid Ahmed (17), Prem Shahzad (15) and Taghlab Ammar (12) were main scorers for the winning side.

SABA organised second edition of the event after the maiden tournament was held in the Indian state of Assam in 2002.

The Pakistan basketball team last took part in the 2010 South Asian Games, also held in Dhaka.

Courtesy: Dawn

Contd. Faldo series returns...

year was a great success and the four finalists benefited hugely from their time [spent] with Sir Nick in China," said Taimur Hassan, Honorary Secretary of the Pakistan Golf Federation (PGF).

"Maintaining our objective to rotate the Faldo Series [contest] around the country, this year's tournament is scheduled to take place in Lahore in collaboration with the Defence Raya Club.

Defending champion Mubariz Ahmad of Islamabad will lead Pakistan's top golfers, aged 12 to 21 years, over three rounds at Defence Raya.

With the field divided into four age groups, three boys and one girl will qualify for the

Asia Grand Final at Shenzhen's Mission Hills Golf Club.

National coach Umar Ghias will attend the second Pakistan Championship to work with the players and other local children as part of a joint drive by the Faldo Series and the PGF to combine tournament experience with expert advice, under supervision.

Established in 1996, 40 Faldo Series tournaments now take place across 30 countries worldwide with more than 7,000 golfers participating each year.

Past winners include Major champions Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland and Yani Tseng of Taiwan.

Courtesy: Dawn



Lahorites celebrate Pakistan's victory

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The people of Lahore, like those in other parts of the country, celebrated Pakistan cricket team's commendable victory in the ODI series against arch-rivals India at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata. The Lahorites, soon after Junaid Khan clean bowled Ishant Sharma to dismiss India for 165 and take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series, launched celebrations across the city. The cricket-crazy fans, who watched the high-voltage match at homes, hotels and at other public places were anxiously waiting for Pakistan's victory as they were expecting their team to wrap up the series who had restricted India to 95-5. Although Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni's patient knock (54 not out) that lasted for around two hours delayed the inevitable, his presence at the crease could not pose any threat to Pakistan team's march to victory.



'No doubt it is a remarkable victory by Pakistan and that too on Indian soil. The series triumph has made the whole nation proud. From Karachi to Peshawar and from Quetta to Lahore all Pakistanis are glad over this magnificent victory,' Mohammad Ijaz, who watched the match on TV at a public place in Gulberg, said.

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No expert predicted such [one-sided] results in the ODIs between the two

Pakistan skiing contingent bags top honours in Korea

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Pakistan's ski contingent comprising Master Noor Mohammad and Master Shah Hussain of Naltar Ski School clinched top two positions by winning gold and silver medals respectively in the 'Dream Programme-2013' held at Gangwon-do in South Korea.

An official press release of the Pakistan Air Force issued on Monday said Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Farhat

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Pakistan tops world snooker rankings

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Mohammad Asif's victory at the World Amateur Championship in December last year has helped Pakistan climb seven places up to the summit of the rankings released by the International Billiards and Snooker Federation (IBSF).

Asif defeated UK's Gary Wilson 10-8 in the final of the championship held in Sophia, Bulgaria.

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Pakistan clinch Silver medal



Shoaib Usman
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Pakistan claimed silver medal in the second South Asian Basketball Association (SABA) Championship which concluded in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

A press release issued by the national basketball federation said that hosts Bangladesh finished as the only un

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