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Pakistan-China ties' strategic content to be bolstered



Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in Islamabad on his maiden visit to Pakistan on Monday. The much anticipated visit is the first by a Chinese president to Pakistan after nine years. The government rolled out the proverbial red carpet when the Chinese leader landed at Chaklala Airbase, where President Mamnoon Hussain, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Raheel Sharif, Defence Minister Khwaja Asif and members of the prime minister's cabinet received him. Earlier Eight PAF JF -17 Thunders escorted Chinese president's aircraft when it entered Pakistani Airspace. A twenty-one gun salute was presented to the Chinese leader as he alighted from the plane. He was later presented a guard of honour by a contingent of armed forces and PAF jets did the fly past.

A historic ceremony was organised at the Prime Minister's Office on Monday, where Pakistan and China signed 51 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) relating to diverse aspects of bilateral relations, including the Pakistan China Economic Corridor.

The ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Chinese President Xi Jinping and high-level officials from both sides. A few agreements were signed by dignitaries from both countries in front of media personnel, after which Nawaz Sharif and Xi Jinping shared their views on the historic gathering and bilateral relations.

In his speech, Nawaz Sharif welcomed the Chinese leader and referred to China as an all-weather friend. "There have been critical changes in China and Pakistan, and major regional and international development, but our ties have remained robust. Four generations of our leaders and people have sustained them with passion and wisdom."

President Xi Jinping in his address said China is prepared and willing to help strengthen Pakistan's capacity to fight terrorism. Pakistan and China have agreed to continue bilateral cooperation in civil nuclear energy under IAEA safeguards, in line with their respective bilateral and multilateral commitments.

"China appreciates and supports steps taken by Pakistan towards its mainstreaming into the global non-proliferation regime," a joint communiqué issued from foreign office said.

The communiqué said China welcomes Pakistan's engagement with the Nuclear Suppliers Group, and is ready to strengthen communication and coordination with Pakistan. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to multilateral non-discriminatory arms control and non-proliferation endeavours.

Heads of armed forces including the chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff committee (CJCSC) met President Xi Jinping and discussed with him matters related to defence and security.

Prominent political leaders including Asif Ali Zardari of Pakistan Peoples Party, Liqat Baloch of Jamaat-i-Islami, Chaudhary Shujjat Hussain of PML-Q, Farooq Sattar of Muttahida Qaumi Movement, Imran Khan of Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf, Aftab Sherpao of Qaumi Watan Party, Maulana Fazlur Rehman and Balochistan Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch met visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping in Islamabad.

They welcomed Chinese president on his first ever visit to Pakistan and discussed with him issues related to bilateral relations and cooperation between Pakistani and Chinese parliamentarians.

Courtesy: Dawn

Shahzaib Khan
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The long, arduous journey of a woman artisan and her daughter



After the death of her husband about two decades ago, Fouzia needed a sustenance for her daughter Ambreen Fatima, who was only two years old at that time. But Fouzia's craftily handmade dolls took her from the narrow streets of Rawalpindi to London where her art was admired. Fouzia, a resident of Rawlapindi, who runs her business with the help of her daughter, spoke to Dawn at the Islamabad Expo-2015 organised by the Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IWCCI) at the Convention Centre.

"After the death of my husband, my in-laws disowned me. I was upset as I had nothing to even feed my daughter.

Somehow I managed Rs250 and purchased old jackets from the Lunda Bazaar and started making dolls, puppets and toys to feed my daughter."

Due to the strong determination, her business kept on growing and in 2007 she got a chance to represent Pakistan at an international exhibition held in the United Kingdom.

"It was a wonderful experience. I used to sell the dolls in the narrow streets of Rawalpindi but all of a sudden I got a chance to sell the same products in London." Recalling her old days, she started weeping.

"I still remember how difficult it was for me to walk in the streets of Rawalpindi with a bag of dolls and Ambreen on my shoulder."

She said after the death of her husband, she was forced to move to her parents' home where she also faced lots of difficulties.

Her daughter, who is now 23, and assisting her in the business, she said despite financial difficulties her mother paid special focus on her education.

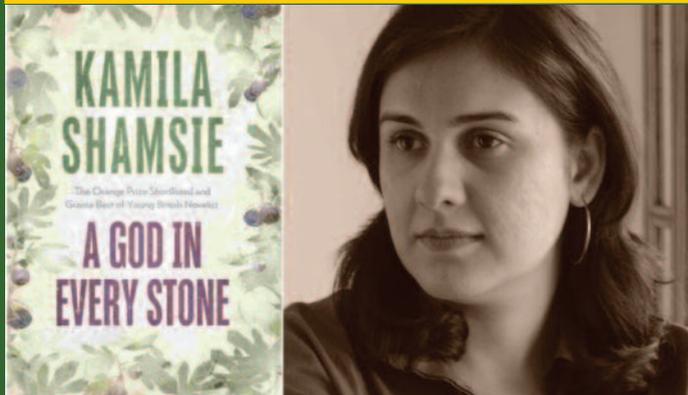
"Now I am preparing for the BA examination," she said.

In 2013, Ambreen also represented Pakistan in an exhibition held in Manchester, UK.

Courtesy: Dawn

Nimra Arshad
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Kamila Shamsie shortlisted for Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction



Pakistani novelist Kamila Shamsie of Kartography and Salt and Saffron fame has been shortlisted for the 2015 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction for her novel A God in Every Stone.

Published in 2014, The Guardian described A God in Every Stone as a story that "follows a young Londoner, Vivian Rose Spencer, from an archaeological dig in Turkey back to Britain where she works as a Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse during the First World War. After a crucial betrayal, she travels on to Peshawar."

Critics have called the book 'evocative' and 'beautifully composed'. Six books were shortlisted for the prize, announced on the awards website. The Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction is the UK's only annual book award for fiction written by a woman.

Courtesy: Dawn.com

Sehar Nadeem
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Young artists explore 'Diverse Dimensions' in new exhibition



Asma Rashid Khan, Director of Satrang Gallery, said: "Satrang Gallery is proud to usher in its fourth year brimming with possibilities and progress. We continue our tradition of promoting talented young artists and bringing the best in contemporary art to our audience. Diverse Dimensions showcases the work of nine painters - selected artists from the National College of Arts' graduating class of 2015." Umer Farooqi, a visitor to the Gallery, said: "I enjoyed the show. Till recently art in Pakistan used to be calligraphy or landscapes and it is inspiring to see young artists doing subjective work. It seems like they have taken their innermost thoughts and placed them on canvas."

Azmeh Ansari said: "Each of the artists has a very strong individualistic style that comes through clearly."

Courtesy: Dawn.com

Adeel Qureshi
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Minorities receive domicile rights in Fata

In a historic move on Saturday, the government has allowed for domiciles of members of religious minority communities in the country's northwestern tribal areas. The move came about as Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sardar Mehtab Khan

approved a summary forwarded by the secretariat of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) in this regard.

Minorities in Fata can now get domiciles issued wherever they may be residing, sources said. Before the summary's approval, members of religious minority communities living in Fata were only allowed resident certificates. However now, members of the Hindu, Sikh and Christian communities can submit domicile forms to concerned political agents.

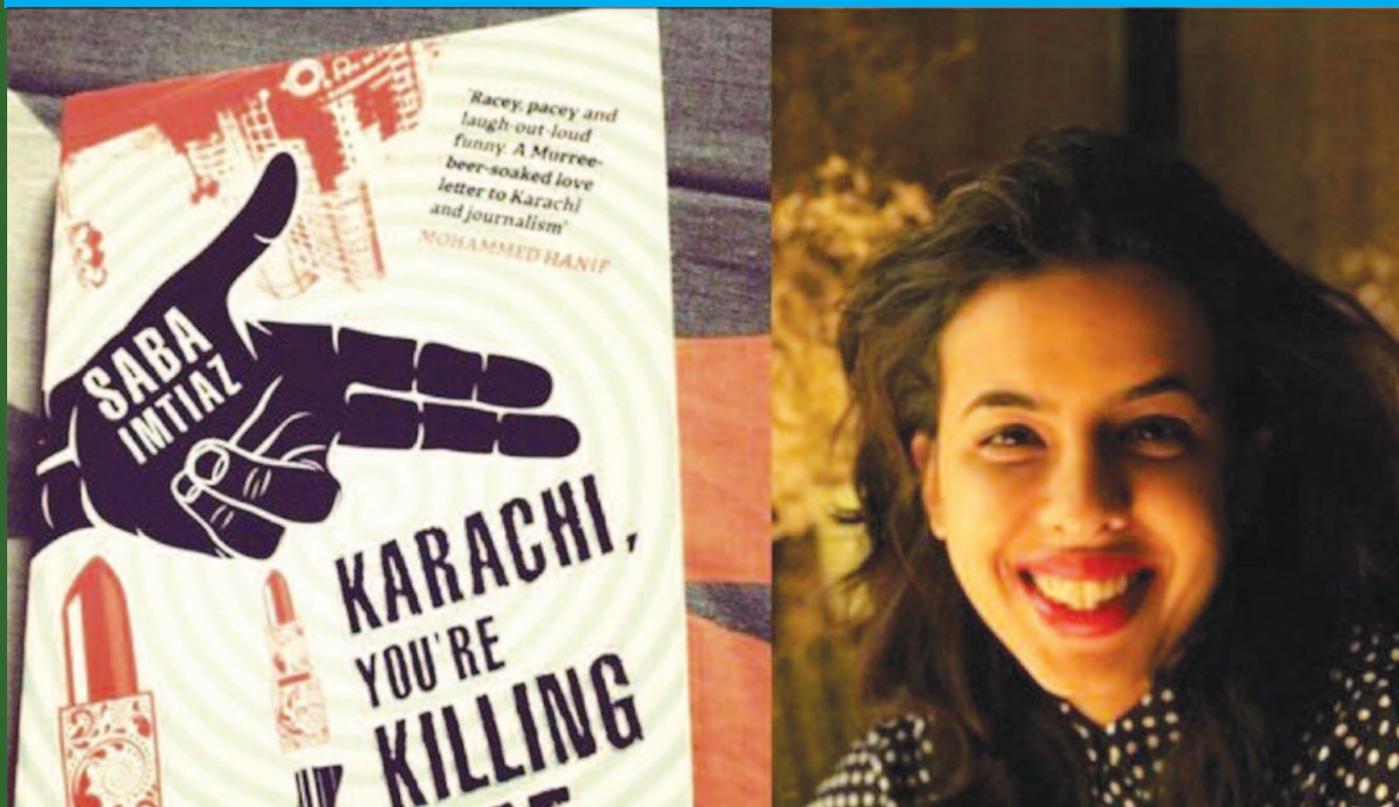
Referring to ordeals of internally displaced persons from different tribal areas, the minority members had said that Muslims had been provided camps, relief items and registration facilities, but members of minority communities had been kept deprived of these.



Courtesy: Dawn

Ujala Nadeem
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Karachi you're killing me goes to Bollywood!



The bestseller which left celebrated writer Mohammed Hanif laughing in fits has now come to the attention of Bollywood. Karachi You're Killing Me, a novel written by Pakistani journalist Saba Imtiaz is soon to become a Hindi film. Makers of the upcoming Bollywood movie, Airlift, have bought film rights from the young journalist and plan on putting the project to work by the end of this year. The novel, which centers on Ayesha Khan, a journalist, and chronicles her life in Karachi, is a Bridget Jones's Diary meets the Diary of a Social Butterfly, "a comedy of manners in a city with none," as Saba describes it.

The author, Saba will be working closely with the production team to help develop the film. However, the makers are planning to revise the novel to fit an Indian context. "It's tentatively called Delhi, You're Killing Me and will be entirely set in the Old Delhi environment. The hunt for a young female actress to play Ayesha is currently on," said a source close

to the development.

In an interview with Mumbai Mirror, Malhotra could hardly contain his excitement, "The story excited me just the way Queen had when Vikas Bahl had first narrated it to me."

The book, which became a roaring success upon its release, illustrates the life of a progressive-thinking journalist in her late twenties, who drinks and smokes, putting her modern attitude in contrast to the city's orthodox elements. "I have full faith that Karachi You're Killing Me will translate into a film that will resonate with today's audience, especially women as they will see a slice of their lives in it!

Work is in full swing on adapting the book into a film and we will finalise the cast soon," said Malhotra.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Raafe Hassan
BS41 3607

There's no stopping the pop star



Very few Pakistani artists have released albums, let alone singles. Only a handful of singers continue to make music in the dwindling Pakistani music industry and one of them is Faakhir. Faakhir's knowledge and understanding of local music trends is testament to the time and effort he has invested into the industry. Always on the lookout for a new challenge, Faakhir got his wish when he was asked by his friend, director Asim Raza, to produce two songs for his upcoming film *Ho Mann Jahaan*. The two songs that Faakhir has composed for the film include a reproduced version of Asrar's 'Shakar Wandaan Re' and 'Khusâh Peya Wussain'.

"Shakar Wandaan Re' became a little challenging for me because there are a few other versions of the song as well. With the other song 'Khush Peya Wussain', however, I had complete freedom to do whatever I liked. We need to have our own infrastructure, through which we can push our artists to success. This is the first time I've actually made music for a film. It's a new beginning for me. It was something different, especially as I wasn't singing myself. This time around, I got other singers to sing and produce. It was a new line of work for me, which is why I enjoyed it so much," told Faakhir.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Arish Hussain
BS41 3665

With hope, Chinese-run Gwadar Port set to operate



The Chinese-run Gwadar deep-sea port will commence operation formally from this month, said The Managing Director (MD) Dostain Khan Jamaldini.

"The first commercial ship will dock at the port and a new ship lane will be in operation thereafter. Our target is to make the port fully operational this year," said the MD. The port authorities acquired possession of 2,231 acres of land at the beginning of the year from Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Coast Guard for establishing free-trade zones. The ECC also approved a 23-year tax holiday for Gwadar Port in an attempt to make it a commercial hub by attracting investors. Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is scheduled to visit Pakistan this month, is also expected to discuss port-related issues and sign a number of agreements in this regard. Last year, only 2.99 million tons of business was undertaken through the Gwadar port as compared to 64.57 million tons from Karachi port and 41.44 million tons from Port Qasim.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Muhammad Shoaib
BS41 3609

'We are proud of being one of the best six teams in the world'



The men in green had qualified for the main event courtesy of being crowned regional champions in October in China after defeating India, and although they failed to progress in Chile, they are now a part of the top six teams in the world with Chile, Argentina, England, US and Brazil ahead of them. Khakwani said they had been proud of their efforts at the world championship after playing a closely-contested group match against the hosts, which they lost 11-10.

"Pakistan proved that they have a competitive side with this performance," the skipper told *The Express Tribune*.

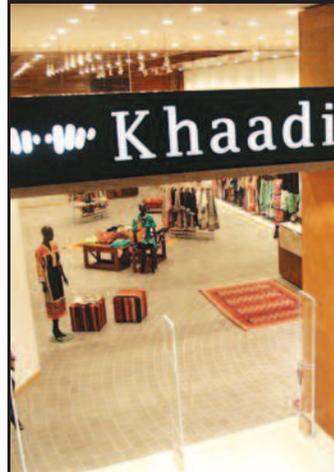
Khakwani added that they had taken the match into extra-time, which showed they had great potential as they came close to winning against the now world champions.

"This was also the first time that Pakistan finished among the top six teams in the world; it's already an honour for us." Pakistan has qualified for the main round twice before — in 2003 and then again in 2011. However, the format was different back then and featured 10 teams.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Samad Shamsi
BS41 3663

The rat-race to London – Khaadi strides ahead, the others just sell lawn



In the sycophantic avenues that fashion often trundles through, everybody and anybody is proclaimed to be a leading designer or brand. Actions speak louder than words, though, and that's why Khaadi's CEO, Shamoan Sultan, is the veritable kingpin of fashion retail. Let the others blow their trumpets and pose at umpteen red carpet affairs. Shamoan would much rather expand from one store after the other, each following the standard Khaadi interior décor with wooden planks, earthy color schemes and varnished wooden cash-counters.

He'd much rather delve from unstitched lawn to menswear to affordable prêt, children's clothing, shoes, bags, jewelry and luxury-wear; all the many colors that encompass the ever expanding Khaadi umbrella.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Laraib Rajput
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5 Pakistani movies to look forward to in 2015



With a promising start, we've compiled a list of 5 Pakistani movies to look forward to this year:

1. Ho Mann Jahan

Starring the gorgeous Mahira Khan with Shehriyar Munawwar and Adeel Hussain, Ho Mann Jahan is all set to be the next big thing in Pakistani cinema. Directed by Asim Raza, the film follows the life of three college friends from distinct social backgrounds, all aspiring towards one combined goal: becoming musicians. The film features sound tracks by Atif Aslam, Zeb Bangash and Tina Sani. With the shooting wrapped up, Ho Mann Jahan is set to release later this year on Eid ul Azha.

2. Yeh Jawani Phir Nahi Aani

Thanks to Hamza Ali Abbasi's provocative statements, Humayun Saeed's star-studded Yeh Jawani Phir Nahi Aani has already gathered enough publicity even before the release of its trailer. YJPNA promises to be another comedy drama movie about dominating wives ruling over their husbands. Shot in Bangkok, the film is scheduled to release this Eid ul Azha. YJPNA stars Hamza Ali Abbasi, Ahmad Ali Butt, Wasay Choudary and Mehwish Hayat in lead roles, with Omar Shareef and Javed Sheikh in supporting roles.

3. Dekh Magar Pyar Se

A romantic comedy based in the heart of Lahore, Dekh Magar Pyar Se is Humaima Malik's second Pakistani flick after her critically and commercially acclaimed Bol in 2011. The stunning Malik stars against upcoming chef-turned-actor Sikander Rizvi, grandson of Madam Noor Jehan. Directed by Asad ul Haq, Dekh Magar Pyar Say is scheduled to hit cinemas this August.

4. Karachi Se Lahore

Karachi Se Lahore is another film that generated word of mouth publicity even before the release of the official trailer. The trailer teaser featuring a sizzling Ayesha Omar in an item number has been one of the most shared videos on social media in the past few days. Directed by Wajahat Rauf, the film stars Javed Sheikh, Ayesha Omar and Yasir Hussain. While not much has been revealed about the movie yet, Karachi Se Lahore seems to be another comedy/drama flick set to release this year.

4. Bin Roye

It seems that 2015 is Mahira Khan's year, with two Pakistani films and a Bollywood film opposite Shah Rukh Khan in the pipeline, this actress is on a roll. Bin Roye is based on an Urdu novel Bin Roye Aansoo by writer Farhat Ishtiaq, who had also penned the novel behind blockbuster drama serial Humsafar. The movie stars veteran Humayun Saeed and has been directed by award-winning director Haisam Hussain. Javed Sheikh and Zeba Bakhtiar are part of the supporting cast.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Nimra Arshad
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Islamic clothing firm opens first boutique in London



World's leading An Islamic clothing firm, 'Aab' opened its first clothing store in London's east end, where more than 2,000 shoppers arrived for its opening.

The Islamic clothing firm opened the store in London to compliment its online offering to its growing market.

Customers queued around the block as they waited for the opening and to get their hands on the new designs.

"We are very excited and delighted to be able to launch our first physical store for our clients in London," said Nazmin Alim, creative director of Aab.

"The city is a key market for us. It's one of the most important international centres of fashion," Alim added.

The company was founded in 2007 and creates original designs using in-house designers who take inspiration from global fashion trends and offers bespoke and limited edition collection.

The brand is one of the world's leading online retailers in the modest clothing sector.

Experts predicted that the UK's modest clothing market could be worth £100m a year and with customers from America, Canada, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Middle East, Aab said it is one of the world's leading online modest clothing brands.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Adeel Qureshi
BS41 3635

Pakistani Rickshaws Get a New Design and Offers free WiFi



Pakistani conventional Rickshaws are all set to be replaced by newly designed rickshaws.

Silver colored and oval shaped, this egg shaped vehicle is basically part of marketing campaign of Ufone.

This campaign has been designed by 'Brand Activate', a Karachi based marketing agency that helps companies to activate their brand names through creative ideas. These rickshaws have been designed by Ascend Engineering at Mansoorah, Lahore. These rickshaws surprisingly have 3g connections for Wifi enabled services along with GPS navigation.



Campaign is yet to be launched officially and exact features and functions of this vehicle will be announced on the press meet event, meanwhile have a look at these pictures of new-rickshaw.

Courtesy: wonderfulpoint.com

Sidra Syed
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Pakistani short film 'Baat Cheet' goes to Cannes

The 68th Cannes Film Festival is in for a treat as Pakistani short film *Baat Cheet* is set to be featured at the annual film festival in France. This may not be the first time a Pakistani film is being screened at Cannes Film Festival but it surely is a proud moment for the country once again. The short film written, produced and directed by Rayika Choudri stars Sarwat Gilani and Joshinder Chaggar in leading roles.

"In one respect, I'd say this film is an essay on coping mechanisms. The various episodes discussed show different ways in which people manage emotional crises," Choudri told *The Express Tribune*. Choudri said the inspiration for the film came from the emotional fragility of humans.

Different from drama series and films themselves, actor Sarwat Gilani said, "Mostly in drama series I have a lot of margin to influence my viewers with a dialogue-based performance with the spoken words. While in a short film one gets very little time to leave an impression on the viewer, so packing the punch is required."

"*Baat Cheet*, in particular, was less dialogues and more performance based which I thoroughly enjoyed," she added. Gilani claimed she fell in love with the story the moment Choudri told her about it.

"I am very excited to be representing the film and Pakistan at Cannes," Rizvi, an Emmy winning documentary filmmaker, added.

The 68th annual Cannes Film Festival is scheduled to be held from May 13 to May 24 May in France.

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