



# Positive Post

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## September in History

*September 30, 1947 :*

Pakistan becomes member of UN by a unanimous vote of the Security Council.

*September 16, 1959:*

Government establishes Islamic Research Institute.

*September 9, 1960:*

Pakistan achieved its first Gold Medal in Olympics, defeating India in hockey by 1-0 at Rome.

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## Defence Day



The Defence Day is celebrated on 6th September every year in the memory of the national heroes – who sacrificed their lives for the defence of country and it is celebrated to tribute our valiant soldiers, jawans and officers of our gallant Armed forces – the Pak Army, Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Air Force. It is celebrated to memorize the bravery of Pakistan nation too.

On 6th September 1965, India

attacked Pakistan without warning and tried to occupy our homeland but our forces did not allow the enemy to come forward. Our forces crashed their planes, destroyed their tanks and defeated them at every step. Pakistani nation encouraged the morale of the Armed forces. The singers sang patriotic songs which inspired the morale of the soldiers, fighting for the defence of the motherland.

India had to request UN to stop the war and with UNO interference the war stopped and India had to accept its defeat. We salute our brave forces, our brave nation and our brave leaders who spearheaded the nation to win the war. We should be strong, united and brave to face any critical situation.

Pakistan Zindabad!

*Courtesy:Pakistan Observer*

## Pakistani professor selected for international body

The International Chemistry Olympiad (ICHO) has selected a senior Pakistani professor as a member of the ICHO's steering committee.

Prof. Dr. Khalid M. Khan, who is serving at International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS), University of Karachi (UoK), has been selected from the outsized pool of officials belonging to 82 countries in the world. The steering committee is the body assisting Olympiad organizers and coordinating efforts for future Olympiads.

The organising committee of the 49th International Chemistry Olympiad invited the Pakistani scientist to attend

the ICHO steering committee meeting that is going to be held during January 11 to 15, 2017 at Mahidol University, Salyaa Campus Nakron Pathon Province, Thailand. It is pertinent to mention here that Prof Khalid Khan is also serving as a coordinator to the National Chemistry Talent Contest (NCTC).

Vice Chancellor University of Karachi Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser, the Patron-in-Chief of the ICCBS Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman and Director ICCBS Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary have congratulated Prof. Dr. Khalid M Khan for his achievement, and said that this is an honour for the country.



## 'Pakistan regaining investors' confidence'



Federal Commerce Minister Khurram Dastgir Khan has said that Pakistan – with an improved economic and political outlook – has started regaining the confidence of international investors and the government is willing to work with and help all industries including poultry to unlock their export potential.

This week, SBP revealed that there was a 53% year-on-year decline in foreign direct investment for the first two months of the current fiscal year. However, such facts have had very little bearing on the enthusiasm exuded by the commerce minister. Investment opportunities: German companies complain of uneven playing field

While speaking to foreign and local delegates and representatives of poultry industry at the Pakistan Poultry Association's international exhibition IPEX 2016, the minister said that in-

vestments of terrorism had seriously hurt Pakistan's economy but the situation was very much in control now.

He said the participation of over 200 foreign delegates in the poultry industry's show was evident of the fact that foreigners now feel safe to come here and explore business opportunities and the country was ready to enter into next phase of economic development, growth and prosperity.

Other countries pull out, China increases investment in Pakistan Dastgir added that the industry now has a stable supply of energy resources, better law and order and encouraging business conditions and businessmen should exploit the country's export potential. Additionally, the government is willing to work with them to resolve the problems it faces.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## Picture of the day: 10 September 2016

A sheep is on sale at a market ahead of the Eid al-Adha festival in Karachi, Pakistan. Eid al-Adha is the holiest of the two Muslims holidays celebrated each year, it marks the yearly Muslim pilgrimage (Hajj) to visit Mecca, the holiest place in Islam.

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## Pakistan win second T20 to claim series victory vs West Indies

Pakistan played good all-round cricket to beat world champions West Indies by 16 runs in the second Twenty20 in Dubai on Saturday, taking an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

Skipper Sarfraz Ahmed hit a rapid 32-ball 46 not out to guide Pakistan to 160-4 before pacemen Sohail Tanvir (3-13) and Hasan Ali (3-49) restricted the West Indies to 144-9 at Dubai Stadium.

The victory over the world champions gave Pakistan reasons to smile in their campaign to build a new team after they thumped England, also by nine wickets, in Manchester earlier this month.

Pakistan were ousted in the first round of the World Twenty20 held in India in April this year, forcing Shahid Afridi to step down as captain.

Pakistan's unassailable lead leaves the third and final match in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday of academic interest.

Tanvir rocked the West Indies top order with the wickets of Evin Lewis (three) and Marlon



Samuels (one) before he later dismissed Nicholas Pooran (four).

He also completed 50 wickets in the shortest format and now has 52 victims in 53 matches.

Afridi is the highest wicket-taker in Twenty20 cricket with 97 while two other Pakistanis, fast bowler Umar Gul and spinner Saeed Ajmal, have 85 each.

Sunil Narine top-scored with 30 while Andre Fletcher made 29 but the West Indies for the second day failed to find the batting skills which earned them two World Twenty20 titles, the first in 2012.

Ali dismissed Fletcher, Kieron Pollard (18) and Carlos Brath-

waite (eight) in a daring spell of bowling.

Narine hit four boundaries and a six during his 17-ball knock but 74 runs in the last five overs proved too much for the champions.

Ahmed said the series win means a lot to this young team.

"We have made good strides and it's awesome to win the series against the champions," said Ahmed who has won three in three since taking captaincy.

"The conditions were tough because of the dew. The ball was slipping, but we finished it well. It is a great sign for Pakistan cricket."

Brathwaite lamented poor batting by the West Indies.

"We didn't come to the party as we would have liked," said Brathwaite who replaced World Twenty20 winning captain Darren Sammy last month.

"It is what it is. We should have batted well in the first six-seven overs. As a result, Pakistan are the series winners."

Earlier Pakistan scored at a fast pace after they were put into bat.

Skipper Ahmed hit a rapid 46 not out and added 69 runs for the third wicket with Shoaib Malik (37 off 28 balls) to lift Pakistan.

Ahmed's knock featured five boundaries while Malik smashed a six and three fours as Pakistan kept the same tempo which earned them a win in the first match.

Opener Khalid Latif made a 36-ball 40 with three boundaries and a towering six. Babar Azam made 19 and Sharjeel Khan two.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

### Pakistani movie Mah-e-Mir shortlisted for Oscar Awards nomination

Pakistan's Academy Selection Committee (PASC) short listed the film Mah-e-Mir for Oscar Awards 2017 for Best Movie in foreign Language category.

According to details, Pakistani film Mah-e-Mir nominated for 89th Oscar Awards. Fahad Mustafa and Iman Ali played central role in the film. Anjum Shehzad and Sarmad Sehbai directed the movie.

It is the story of a young man who was inspired of famous Urdu poet Mir Taqi Mir and he rose up against the circumstances.



## Pakistani scientists discover 30 new genes causing mental retardation

A group of Pakistani researchers has discovered some 30 genes causing mental retardation in the local population, paving the way for preventive measures to reduce intellectual disabilities in the future generations. The landmark discovery has been made by a team of 12 professors from the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University (SZABMU) of Islamabad working in collaboration with scientists from the Netherlands and the US.

To teach or not to teach: Legislators want PIMS separated from university

The groundbreaking research was announced by the Pakistani scientists on Tuesday. The paper has already been published in *Nature's Molecular Psychiatry* – a prestigious international journal with an impact factor of 13.3.

Researchers from SZABMU, Netherlands' Radboud University Medical Centre and University of Maryland School of Medicine had been working on the research for the past five years.

“This is a landmark discovery for Pakistan as mental retardation is comparatively high in the country owing to cousin marriages,”



said SZABMU Vice-Chancellor Dr Javed Akram, who was the principal investigator from Pakistan.

The elevated level of endogamy in Pakistan has led to increased prevalence of genetic disorders, including autosomal recessive intellectual disability (ARID) with an average of 1.1 cases of severe ID and 6.2 cases per 100 live births of mild ID.

The researcher from Netherlands, who joined the press briefing via video conferencing, said the new findings further expand the existing repertoire of genes involved in mental retardation, and provide new insights into the molecular mechanisms and the transcriptome map of the condition. Capital hospitals' issues: SC asks govt to appoint eight administrators in a week

These findings together with results expected to be released during the next eight months will have a significant role in improving the existing diagnostic procedures as well as treatment strategies especially of Molecular deafness, said Prof Hans van Bokhoven and from Radboud university Medical Centre.

SZABMU's Dr S Riazuddin said the aim was to help bring in new legislations for a battery of tests for postnatal screening of infants and prenatal screening for mental retardation and other hereditary diseases.

The team is also going to propose the government to make mandatory pre-marriage screening for families having genes that cause blindness, deafness and intellectual disability.

The Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (Pims), he said, has already registered some 3,000 such families from interior Sindh and south Punjab having such genes to consult before contracting within family marriages.

The paper published in the *Molecular Psychiatry* journal can be viewed at [www.nature.com/mp/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/mp2016109a.html](http://www.nature.com/mp/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/mp2016109a.html).

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## Patari to participate in Facebook Music Stories

Patari, a Pakistani music streaming platform, akin to Spotify and Saavn achieved a milestone as it partnered up with Facebook to participate in Facebook's Music Stories.

A press release by Patari on Thursday announced that Patari will join a small number of streaming sites, such as Spotify, which are testing a new feature on the Facebook app, “Music Stories”. The new post format on the Facebook app allows users to listen to a 30-second preview of a shared song or album.

“This collaboration marks a watershed moment for the local



music industry, and especially for Patari. Our participation in this product is proof that it is possible to set up a sustainable platform for Pakistani music, that can have a global reach,” said Patari's CEO Khalid Bajwa, an Islamabad-based en-

gineer-turned-entrepreneur.

“The collaboration with Facebook is a fantastic way for our users to access our vast database of Pakistani music, and further enrich the social and cultural value of one of Pakistan's most vibrant art forms,” Ahmer

Naqvi, the Director of Content at Patari noted.

According to analysts, due to the high retention rates for media which can be played on Facebook, the new Music Stories feature will lead to higher engagement levels among users.

Patari claims to have become the first Pakistani digital media platform to pay royalties to its artists, with Rs1.25 million paid out last December. The platform available on iOS and Android as an app was launched in September last year and boasts of over a hundred thousand monthly active users.

*Courtesy: Dawn*



## 'Janaan' seeks positive global spotlight for Pakistan

The filmmakers behind "Janaan" are a young group who want to take a positive look at their country.

(Reuters) - The cast and crew behind new film "Janaan" are hoping to showcase the positive side of Pakistan as they look to bolster international investment and interest in the country's small movie industry.

In comparison to Hollywood and Bollywood, the Pakistani industry is still in its infancy. Films are made with much smaller budgets and are not often premiered widely around the globe.

"Janaan", a romantic comedy released over the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha, is hoping to help change that. It has already made it to No.8 in the UK Box Office Top Ten, and it has been released in 17 different countries.



"The revival is still very, very new. I think it's going to take time to develop. But just the fact that here we are, competing at an international level, with Bollywood and Hollywood films, even in Pakistan, I think it's very refreshing," the film's lead actor Bilal Ashraf told Reuters.

Ashraf said that more people needed to be educated about the

Pakistani film industry and that wider support, as well as advances in technology and special effects, would help it develop.

The filmmakers behind "Janaan" are a young group who want to take a positive look at their country. While the film tackles serious issues including child molestation and adoption, it also shows the rich cultural side of the country's ethnic Pashtun tribe.

Shot in Swat Valley, the same area where Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai survived an assassination attempt by the Taliban, the film captures some of the region's breathtaking scenery. Ashraf and fellow cast members Ali Rehman Khan and Armeena Rana Khan said they'd felt safe while shooting in the area and that security had improved.

"The main purpose behind Janaan was to put a light on the good things of Pakistan, globally, rather than just, you know, showing the negative things," said Hareem Farooq, a Pakistani actress who is also one of the producers behind the film. "This is what we want people to see, that we Pakistanis are not just terrorists. There's more to it. We're like good people - as crazy as others."

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## Pakistan's former health minister among top contenders for WHO chief post

Pakistan's former health minister Dr Sania Nishtar is among six candidates nominated for the post of World Health Organisation chief.

Pakistani doctor wins prestigious entrepreneurship award in London

Dr Nishtar is one of only two women in the running for the post. In addition to being the founder and president of Heartfile, a health think tank, and co-chair of the WHO's commission on ending childhood obesity, Nishtar was formerly a federal minister. She is the only candidate with a website devoted exclusively to her bid.

Six candidates are in the running for the post. Other than Nishtar, the candidates nominated for the position are Dr Philippe Douste-Blazy of France, a former health and foreign minister,

Italy's Dr Flavia Bustreo - currently the WHO's assistant director general for family, Hungary's former minister of health, the UK's Dr David Nabarro, a sustainable development adviser to UN secretary general Ban Ki-moon, Dr Miklós Szócska Ethiopia's foreign minister - and former health minister - Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesu.



In a first, 12 Pakistani students set to compete in iGEM world championship

"The next DG has a narrow window in which to change the narrative about the WHO," said Ashish Jha, director of the Harvard Global Health Institute and co-author of a report calling for urgent reform within the agency. "It has become an organisation

that, when faced with real challenges, cannot perform."

"The world needs an effective WHO - there's no way around that," he added. "There are things only the WHO can do. Instead of thinking about creating entities that will fill in the gaps, it is in our interest to make sure the WHO can fill those gaps itself." Pakistani woman wins global humanitarian award

The director general is the WHO's chief technical and administrative officer, and oversees the organisation's international health work. The successful candidate will take office in July 2017 and replace the incumbent Dr Margaret Chan, who has held the position since 2006.

This article originally appeared on Guardian.

# IMF outlook: 'Pakistan's economy to be on new sustainable course'

International Monetary Fund (IMF) Mission Chief to Pakistan Harald Finger has voiced hope that Pakistan's economy will set on a new and sustainable course, breaking from past cycles of near-crisis and aborted stabilisation programmes.

"With stronger buffers, improved sentiment, gradually recovering growth, prospects of more energy supply and additional impetus from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, there is hope that Pakistan's economy will set on a new and sustainable course," he wrote in an article.

The IMF mission chief termed the completion of three-year Extended Fund Facility by Pak-



istan a notable achievement. "This is a notable achievement in itself, particularly so for a country that has had to resort to IMF support regularly and often abandoned its reform programmes before completion," he said.

He recalled that just three years ago, Pakistan's economy was running out of steam and resources, however, with the oil windfall and improving external sentiment, Pakistan was able to

triple its foreign reserves buffer, through State Bank of Pakistan's foreign exchange purchases and foreign borrowing, which strengthened the country's shield against economic shocks.

A significant headway had been made under the programme, he said, adding a lot also remained to be done to put the economy on a more resilient footing and create conditions for more job creation and higher living standards for wide segments of society.

To make it a success, Finger underlined the importance of arriving at a consensus that economic reforms needed to be an ongoing process and difficult

reforms that had been embarked upon needed to be completed.

"While a lot of progress has been made in strengthening Pakistan's economic resilience, more is needed to adequately prepare the country for future economic shocks," he wrote in the article.

He also emphasised the importance of continuously building the international reserve buffers given future debt repayment obligations and contingent liabilities, which would help to safeguard against risks to exports, remittances, oil prices and international capital flows.

*Courtesy: Express Tribune*

## Pakistan anticipates surplus electricity in mid-2018

In an interesting claim that may spark excitement among load-shedding-weary consumers across the country, the Ministry of Water and Power has declared that Pakistan will have surplus electricity of 1,224 megawatts in June 2018 – around the time when next general elections will be held.

Water and Power Secretary Younus Dagha said this in a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Energy on September 15, chaired by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

He pointed out that the historical record showed that annual increase in electricity demand had not exceeded 4%. However, the current production estimate was based on an annual 5% increase in demand.

The prime minister gave directives that the production requirement should be reviewed as consumption was likely to rise due to increase in industrial growth and economic activities.

Dagha told the cabinet body that keeping in view the realistic power demand and generation, the surplus would be 1,224MW in June 2018 and in case of high demand, the surplus would be 502MW.



He suggested that the growth in demand could be managed by increasing the duration of load-shedding in areas where theft incidents were high and bill recoveries low.

However, the prime minister considered it an inappropriate solution and told the Ministry of Water and Power to take necessary measures to bring such areas into the mainstream system and improve the bill recovery rate.

Earlier, the cabinet committee in its meeting on August 30 had decided to cut power outages by half from November 2016 under a new supply management plan for the consumers paying their electricity bills regularly.

However, the consumers of areas where the recovery of power bills was low or electricity

theft was high would not be able to enjoy the supply management plan.

Earlier, K-Electric, which serves the consumers of Karachi, had introduced the formula and it is now being adopted for the consumers of state-owned power distribution companies across the country.

The Ministry of Water and Power also asked the prime minister to declare 23 big cities free of load-shedding from November 2016, but it has not been approved so far. Already, the industrial feeders were facing no outages across the country

Under the new supply management plan for 2016-18 approved by the cabinet committee on August 30, electricity outages would be brought down in urban areas from an average of six hours to three hours per day and in rural areas from eight hours to four hours per day from November.

When the current government came to power in mid-2013, power outages were the worst as consumers were enduring 13 to 14 hours of blackouts daily, which have now come down to 6-8 hours with further reduction planned for November this year

*Courtesy: Express Tribune*



## Paralympic medallist yet to receive cash prize from sports board

To Haider Ali, a Pakistani long jumper who won a bronze medal at the Rio Paralympics Games this year, his physical disability is a gift from God.

“Had I not been a special person, I would not have participated in the Paralympics Games and won laurels for the country,” the 31 year old sprinter, who belongs to Gujranwala and suffers from cerebral palsy, said.

A few weeks prior to the Paralympics, Pakistani athletes who competed in swimming, athletics and shooting in the Olympic Games, mainly on the basis of wild card entries, failed to impress.

Mr Ali, Pakistan's lone participant in the Paralympics, won a bronze medal in the T-37 long jump, covering a distance of 6.3 metres. Brazil's Mateus Evangelista Cardoso and China's Shang Guangxu won silver and gold, respectively.

In the 2010 Asian Para Games, which were held in China, Mr Ali won gold in the F-38 long jump, and bronze in the T-38 100 metre.



However, the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) has not yet given him a cash prize for his win in Rio.

Mr Ali said: “My disability is a gift to me from God; rather than taking it as a weakness, I'm considering it my strong point, which enables me to participate in games.”

At the sidelines of a press conference organised by the National Paralympics Committee (NPC), held at the National Press Club, the athlete told Dawn that prior to entering sports, he had problems due to his disability. Now, sports has helped him overcome any sense of inferiority.

During the press conference,

representatives from the committee Tariq Mustafa, Imran Shami, Amina Shami, Huma Mustafa and Mr Ali, urged the government to act as a patron and provide funding to the committee, saying Pakistani athletes had great potential to bring laurels for the country.

They said that while an Olympic medallist is entitled to a cash prize from the government, no such policy is in place for Paralympics medallists.

“A Paralympics medal is highly coveted by countries who want the world to recognise their citizens' outstanding performance...”

The government of Pakistan must acknowledge the outstanding performance of Haider Ali, and he should be given cash prize in accordance with the sports board's policy for the Olympic Games,” Mr Mustafa, NPC president, said.

He said the Indian government recently announced awards for their Paralympics medallists; gold medallists would receive INR 7.5 million, silver medallists would receive INR 5 mil-

lion and bronze medallists would receive INR 3 million.

According to the rules of the PSB, an Olympic gold medallist is entitled to a Rs10 million cash prize, while a silver medallist would receive Rs5 million and a bronze medallist Rs2.5 million.

When contacted, the PSB director general Dr Akhtar Nawaz Ganjera called Mr Ali an asset to the country, and said the board would provide him with the utmost financial support and facilities.

When asked about cash prizes, Dr Ganjera admitted that there were no provisions for Paralympics medallists under the existing policies.

“Earlier, the NPC was not affiliated with the PSB, however, this year the PSB – on the directive of the federal government – gave some affiliation to the NPC. Now, we will change our rules to give cash prizes to Paralympics medallists as well,” he said, adding that a Paralympics medal is worth the same respect and value as a medal won in the Olympics.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

### Afridi urges India, Pakistan to maintain peace

Former Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi has said when two neighbours fight both homes are affected.

Apparently concerned over the growing tension between the two countries, Afridi took twitter and asked both India and Pakistan to maintain peace and say no to war as tensions between the two countries continue to rise along the LoC.

Afridi said Pakistan is a peace loving country and “wants cordial

relations with everyone.” He also added that there is no need to take extreme measures when things can be resolved using dialogues.

Tensions have soared high between the two nuclear-armed neighbours over Occupied Kashmir and an attack on the Indian army's brigade headquarters in Uri, which left 18 Indian soldiers dead.

Two Pakistani soldiers embraced martyrdom when Indian



forces resorted to unprovoked firing across the Line of Control (LoC) on Thursday morning, the ISPR confirmed.

In retaliatory firing by Pakistani

forces in response to Indian aggression at the Line of Control 14 Indian soldiers were killed, sources said on Thursday.

*Courtesy: The News*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> T-20 Series Glimpses



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