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August in History

August 14, 1947: Pakistan came into existence.

August 21, 1952: Pakistan and India agree on the boundary pact between East Bengal & West Bengal.

August 22, 1952: A 24 hour telegraph telephone service is established between East Pakistan and West Pakistan.

August 16, 1952: Kashmir Martyrs' Day observed throughout Pakistan.

August 7, 1954: Government of Pakistan approves the National Anthem, written by Abul Asar Hafeez Jullundhri and composed by Ahmed G. Chagla.

August 17, 1954: Pakistan defeats England by 24 runs at Oval during its maiden tour of England.

August 1, 1960: Islamabad is declared the principal seat of the Government of Pakistan.

August 24, 1967: Pakistan's first steel mill is inaugurated at Chittagong.

August 29, 1971: Rashid Minhas awarded Nishan-i-Haider, Pakistan's highest gallantry award.

August 11, 1973: Chaudhry Fazal Ilahi is elected as President.

August 28, 1973: Return of Pakistan POWs (prisoners of war) Accord signed in New Delhi.

August 6, 1976: Z. A. Bhutto lays the foundation-stone of Port Qasim.

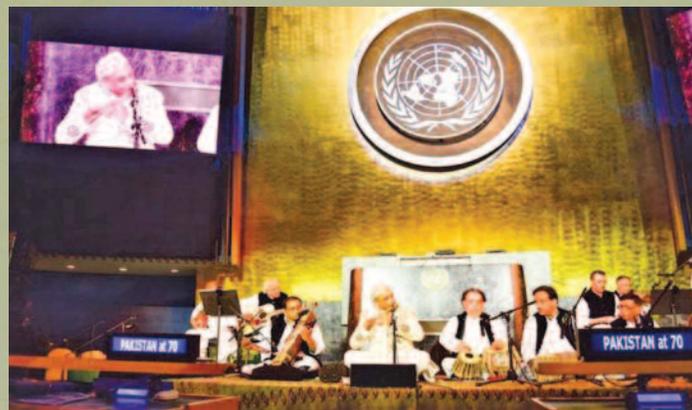
August 31, 1981: Pakistan Steel Mills starts functioning.

August 14, 1991: Nawaz Sharif lays foundation-stone of Bab-i-Pakistan at Walton Lahore.

August 14, 2000: President Musharraf introduces Local Government Ordinance.

August 14, 2001: New Local Government system installed, after holding of elections in three phases.

Independence Day celebrated with jazz concert at UN



Pakistan marked its Independence Day at the United Nations (UN) on Monday with a performance by the Lahore-based Sachal Jazz Ensemble in the General Assembly hall.

The iconic hall resounded with slogans of "Pakistan Zindabad" and "Jeeway, Jeeway Pakistan" as Pakistan's Ambassador Maleeha Lodhi welcomed guests to the concert.

The hour-and-a-half-long performance was titled 'Music Beyond Borders' and was aimed at spreading the message of international peace and harmony. UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Moham-med, who was present as chief guest, praised Pakistan's contribution to the UN.

"We commend Pakistan's remarkable dedication to the United Nations peacekeeping with more than 7,000 Pakistanis serving as blue helmets

today and more than 170,000 who have served over the decades," she said.

Talking about Nigeria, Ms Mohammed said that she was raised in the same place that later saw the rise of the Boko Haram militant group. "I know what it's like to see your home maligned and misunderstood because it was hijacked by those who sought to give us a face that is not ours but that of extremists... lost souls," she added.

Led by master flutist Baqir Abbas, the performance of the ensemble mesmerised the audience with its popular tracks, including its founder Izzat Majeed's Shalamar, Dave Brubeck's Classic Take Five, Lahore Jazz and Tere Ishaq Nachaya.

The evening was rounded off by the highly popular track Shahbaz Qalandar that brought the

audience to their feet.

The concert, organised by the Pakistan Mission to the UN, was oversubscribed and attracted people from all walks of life and across all nationalities. It was largely-attended by diplomats, UN officials, members of civil society organisations and institutions of performing arts, international media and Pakistani diaspora.

Courtesy: Dawn

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Pakistan, China agree to up efforts for peace in Afghanistan

Pakistan and China have agreed to strengthen cooperation in the ongoing efforts for facilitating peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan as well as promoting meaningful engagement among the three neighbourly countries.

The development came during a meeting of Chinese Special Envoy on Afghan Affairs Ambassador Deng Xijun with Foreign Secretary Tehmina Janjua on Monday, an official statement said.

The two also discussed regional

and international efforts for lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan.

China defends Pakistan after Trump criticism

The Chinese envoy reaffirmed Beijing's continuing and firm support to Islamabad's commitment and efforts for peace and stability in the war-torn country.

Emphasizing that there was no military solution to the conflict, Deng Xijun underlined the need for a politically negotiated settlement through an Afghan-led Afghan-owned peace process.

The Chinese official lauded Pakistan's contribution and sacrifices made in the fight against

terrorism. "Pakistan's efforts towards eliminating the scourge of terrorism should be fully recognised by the international community."

Agreement Signed: Pakistan, China to build oil refinery

While underlining the importance of Pak-China strategic partnership, Tehmina Janjua emphasized the need of close cooperation and coordination between the two countries for promoting the shared objective of peace and stability in the region.

In this regard, she expressed satisfaction at the productive deliberations held between the two sides during her recent visit to Beijing.

Courtesy: Express Tribune



World XI tour to give Pak cricket new identity: Zaheer

Former Pakistan cricket captain Zaheer Abbas Monday said that the World XI tour will give new identity to Pakistan cricket and will serve as an effective medium for the resumption of international cricket in Pakistan.

Zaheer praised the efforts of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and the International Cricket Council (ICC) for taking collective measures for ensuring the return of international cricket in the country. "Both (PCB and ICC) worked hard together in close coordination to address this issue (return of cricket) and it is good to see that finally these efforts have yielded productive results as the World XI is visiting Pakistan to play three T20 games," said the former batting great.

Zaheer, a former ICC president, pointed out that during his stint with games ruling body, he also encouraged and supported the



moves of the PCB for the resumption of international cricket in Pakistan. He said it was unfortunate that Pakistan was deprived of international cricket during the past nine years and its cricket arenas wore a deserted look and cricket suffered a lot.

Zaheer appreciated the efforts of newly-elected PCB chairman

Najam Sethi for taking constructive measures for making it possible that foreign teams agree to visit Pakistan. The former batting icon said due to PCB's persistent efforts Sri Lankan and West Indies have also agreed to visit Pakistan in coming months which will be making Pakistan cricket 'memorable' as watching three foreign teams playing quality cricket

will have a greater impact on our national cricket.

PCB BOG MEMBER NADEEM WELCOMES WORLD XI TOUR: PCB Board of Governors (BoG) member and LCCA president Khawaja Nadeem Ahmad has welcomed the World XI tour to Pakistan and two other foreign team including Sri Lanka and West Indies for bringing back international cricket to the country in coming months.

Nadeem said the World XI is a star-studded team, which has the representation of top notch cricketers of seven countries and its presence in Pakistan will mark the resumption of international cricket on a high note. "Lahore will be hub of international cricket activities in coming months and lovers of the game will be watching quality cricket in their own backyard," he added.

Courtesy: The Nation

Foreign scholars to help promote higher education

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between University of Education (UoE) and American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) to promote higher education through faculty training by foreign scholars.

A ceremony was held at UoE on Monday to sign the MoU. According to the agreement, UoE and AIPS will cooperate on activities to promote higher education. They will focus on faculty training by foreign scholars and ensure their academic placements. The agreement states that both parties will share information and use their resources more efficiently and effectively to promote research, specifically in the field of social sciences.

For Pakistani scholars: Britain

to introduce another fellowship. Additionally, UoE and AIPS will arrange master training workshops to develop an effective pool of trainers for university staff in Punjab. The American Institute of Pakistan Studies will help University of Education bring senior US faculty to conduct training and develop linkages with American universities.

UoE and AIPS will organise a series of academic seminars in which American scholars will exchange ideas with their Pakistani counterparts at UoE different campuses.

According to the agreement, AIPS will encourage and facilitate the academic partnership between UoE and AIPS member universities. The partnership will include faculty exchange



and exchanges as well as split degrees and collaborative research programmes on topics of common interest. The American Institute of Pakistan Studies will also assist University of Education in finding suitable placement for doctoral and post-doctoral scholars at US universities.

'Jobless' PhD scholars draw HEC's attention

University of Education Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Rauf-i-

Azam and American Institute of Pakistan Studies President Dr Kamran Asdar Ali signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organisations. On the occasion, Dr Rauf-i-Azam expressed his confidence that the signing of such MoUs would open new vistas of research and exchange of ideas between the academic leaders of both nations and would boost the relationship between Pakistan and America.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune

Flying Officer Marium Mukhtiar Shaheed Women Vocational Training Centre inaugurated

Flying Officer Marium Mukhtiar Shaheed Women Vocational Training Centre was inaugurated at PAF Camp Badaber on Thursday.

Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pervez Khattak was the chief guest at the occasion.

Asad Qaisar, Speaker Provincial Assembly, provincial ministers, members of provincial assembly and high ranking civil and defence officers also attended the ceremony.

Air Marshal Shahid Akhtar Alvi, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (Training), gave the welcome address and spoke about the salient features of this institute.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said, "No country can progress without technical and professional education. We have a vision to equip our youth,



both male and female, with technical education so that they can have respectable opportunities for earning their livelihood".

He lauded Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force for his personal involvement in extending PAF's full support to the provincial government not only in terms of financial resources but also manpower and infra-

structure.

He further said that 13 technical institutions have been handed over to PAF for quality education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which has resulted in an unprecedented upward trend in enrolment of students in these institutions.

This institute has been named after the first martyred lady pilot of Pakistan Air Force, Fly-

ing Officer Marium Mukhtiar Shaheed, who embraced shahadat while flying a training mission near Mianwali in 2015. The training centre has been established at PAF camp Badaber by Pakistan Air Force in collaboration of TEVTA (Technical Educational and Vocational Training Authority, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa).

The centre would offer quality training to women of the area in different disciplines such as embroidery, driving, computer, cooking, baking, tailoring, dress designing, beautician and art & craft. It will impart free of cost technical education and practical training to local women, which will equip them with adequate knowledge and skills for getting respectable jobs as well as help them in starting their own small businesses.

Courtesy: The News

Pakistan qualify for 2018 men's Hockey World Cup

Pakistan men's hockey team have become the latest team to qualify for the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018.

The Greenshirts, currently ranked 14th in the FIH Hero World Rankings, finished in seventh position in the Hero Hockey World League Semi-Final in London, meaning they faced an anxious wait to see if that was good enough to earn them qualification to the blue riband event that will take place in India next year from November 28 to December 16, said an official statement.

The results at the Rabobank EuroHockey Championships, which are currently taking place in Amsterdam, Netherlands have gone very much in favour of Pakistan, with all four of the

semi-finalists having already qualified for the World Cup via the Hockey World League route.

Under FIH regulations, the team that wins its continental qualifier automatically qualifies for the World Cup.

However, the semi-finals of the European continental qualifier will be contested by Germany, England, Netherlands and Belgium, teams that have already achieved World Cup qualification thanks to top five finishes in the Hockey World League Semi-Finals.

Former players lambast Greenshirts

This means that the World Cup ticket goes to the highest placed finisher from the Hockey World League Semi-Finals that has



not already achieved World Cup qualification.

Pakistan are the higher ranked of the two seventh place finishers from the Hockey World League Semi-Final events that took place in London and Johannesburg, with 16th ranked France next in line for that all-important World Cup ticket.

Pakistan become the 13th team to qualify for next year's global showpiece, joining host nation

India, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, Germany, Ireland, Malaysia, Netherlands, Spain and New Zealand.

The final three men's World Cup qualification places will be decided by the outcomes of the upcoming Continental Championship events in Oceania (Oct 9-15), Asia (Oct 17-22), and Africa (Oct 19-29).

Courtesy: Dawn

CM to perform Karachi Circular Railway groundbreaking on Quaid's birthday

Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah will perform groundbreaking of the Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) on the birthday of Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah (Dec 25) at a ceremony to be held at Wazir Mansion the residence of the founder of the nation.

The initial estimated cost of the project, which has been included in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), is about \$2 billion.

The chief minister formed a task force under the Karachi commissioner for removal of encroachments from the project area, where 67 acres have been encroached upon. He directed planning and development chairman Mohammad Waseem to expedite the paper work and ensure that international tenders for the project were invited in October.

The chief minister issued the directives while presiding over a meeting on the KCR at the CM House. The meeting was attended by Minister for Transport and Information Syed Nasir Shah, Mohammad Waseem, CM's principal secretary Sohail Rajput, transport secretary Saeed Awan, energy secretary Agha Wasif and others. Top officials of Chinese firms were also present. Initial estimated cost of the project is about \$2 billion

CM Shah asked the transport department to float international tenders for KCR so that work on it could start on Dec 25. "It is the most important project which has been included in the CPEC after our constant efforts. I want to perform groundbreaking of the project on the birthday of the Quaid-i-Azam and, therefore, plan should be made accordingly," he said.

The transport minister informed



the meeting that the KCR project had been approved by the Capital Development Working Party in May this year and it would now be placed before the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council for approval.

At this, the chief minister directed the planning and development chairman to make necessary paper work in this regard.

Nasir Shah said there were some encroachments on the KCR right of way (RoW), adding that some factories located between Wazir Mansion and Manghopir were releasing effluent there,

while cattle pens and dense bushes also emerged along the RoW. "This causes serious problems in survey work which is in progress," he said.

The transport secretary said that according to a survey carried out by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), 4,653 households would be affected by the project. He said the railway land required for KCR was 360 acres, PR land on KCR loop 260 acres and railway land on UP mainline 100 acres. He said there were 2,997 structures and 4,653 households (encroachers) along the KCR RoW.

Courtesy: Dawn

Chinese envoy appreciates Pak Army role in strengthening ties

Chinese Deputy Chief of Mission, Lijian Zhao Wednesday visited the office of Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) and appreciated Pakistan Army role in strengthening militaries ties of the militaries of two brotherly countries.



Director General Major General Asif Ghafoor welcomed the dignitary at the ISPR directorate and discussed matters of mutual interest.

'Looking forward to continue strengthening Pak-China Friendship,' the DG ISPR said during the meeting.

Courtesy: The News

Agreement Signed: Pakistan, China to build oil refinery

Pakistan and China have reached an agreement on building an oil refinery in Dera Ismail Khan. WAK group from Pakistan and Guangdong Electrical Design Institute from China will build the refinery and have signed an agreement in this regard in Dubai. The refinery, expected to be Asia's largest, will be established in Yarak area of Dera Ismail Khan in two and a half years at a cost of around Rs400 billion. The plant will have a capacity to re-



fine 100,000 barrels of oil per day.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune

Polio eradication drive kicks off in four districts today

A five-day polio eradication campaign will begin in Quetta, Pishin, Qila Abdullah and Mastung districts on Monday.

Syed Faisal Ahmed, Coordinator of the Emergency Operation Centre, told reporters on Sunday that 127 union councils in the four districts would be covered by the campaign.

He said that 800,000 children would be administered vaccination drops during the campaign.

The drive will include 3,824 teams, among them 3,239 mobile teams, 371 transit points



and 214 fixed sites with police, Levies and FC personnel providing security cover to health workers taking part in the campaign.

He requested parents to cooperate with health teams during the drive.

Courtesy: Dawn

Eid ul Azha to be celebrated in Pakistan on September 2

The Zil-Haj crescent sighted on Wednesday in Pakistan, which means Eid-ul-zha will be on September 2 (Saturday) this year, according to Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee which met Mufti Munibur Rehman in the chair for sighting of Zil-Haj moon.



sheep and goats.

Eid ul Azha is one of the two most important festivals of the Islamic calendar.

The meat is shared among family and friends and also donated to the poor.

Earlier, The federal government announced four holidays on account of Eid ul Azha falling on September 2.

The announcement was made by Mufti Munibur Rehman who presided over the meeting of the body that decides the sighting of moon after collecting evidence from across the country.

According to the interior ministry notification all public and private offices would remain closed from September 1 to 4 (Friday to Monday).

The meeting took place at the Met Office. Regional and Zonal Ruet-e-Hilal committees that help the central committee collect evidence also held their meetings in their respective areas, according to Geo News.

Marking the willingness of Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S) to sacrifice his son on God's command, Muslims mark the holiday by slaughtering animals such as

Courtesy: The News

Karachi: PM Abbasi inaugurates LNG Terminal at Port Qasim

Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi inaugurated Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal Two at Port Qasim Karachi.



ergy.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony here, the Premier said the government has ensured transparency in all the development projects in the country. He said the bidding for LNG terminal was also completely transparent. Abbasi went on to say that the terminal has been completed within the record time of 330 days.

Abbasi said that so far 100 cargo ships loaded with LNG have arrived at the first terminal. The terminal has a capacity to handle 750 million standard cubic feet gas per day.

He said that the terminal is second of its kind and will facilitate in transporting LNG to power house for producing cheap en-

He said that by end of November this year load shedding throughout the country will become history.

Courtesy: The News

Pakistan skipper Sana Mir named among 'Asia 21 Young Leaders'



Sana Mir, captain of the Pakistan women cricket team, is among 30 remarkable professionals named "Asia 21 Young Leaders" by Asia Society, a non-profit organisation that focuses on educating the world about Asia.

Mir was selected for the 2017 class of Asia 21, Asia-Pacific's foremost network of young leaders, with Asia Society noting that the cricket star had challenged attitudes about women's participation in Pakistan's male-dominated world of sport.

Mir will travel to Melbourne, Australia in December for the Asia 21 annual summit, where she will meet members of the 2017 class from 20 other countries as well as Asia 21 alumni. The summit's goal is to explore

opportunities for collaboration to create positive impact and change across the Asia-Pacific region.

Now in its 12th year, the Asia 21 Young Leaders initiative has grown into a network of more than 800 young leaders from 40 nations, working together to shape a brighter future for the Asia-Pacific region.

A number of Pakistanis have been named Asia 21 Young Leaders in the past. They include The History Project founder Qasim Aslam, Mishermayl Productions Creative Director Madiha Gul, filmmaker Adnan Malik, Academy Award-winning filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, Aman Foundation's Mohsin Mustafa and Slumabad Founder Muhammad Sabir.

Courtesy: Dawn

Malala gets accepted to Oxford University

Renowned activist for women education Malala Yousafzai has successfully been accepted to Oxford University for undergraduate studies after acquiring her A-level result.

The Nobel Prize laureate, who was shot in the head by Taliban for her ambitions a few years back, confirmed the tidings by tweeting out the message she received from her new university.

Courtesy: The Express Tribune



When the man who wrote Pakistan's national anthem saw the divine in Hindu god Krishna



This year, Pakistan's 70th Independence anniversary and Janmashtami (the Hindu festival celebrating Krishna's birth) fell on the same day: August 14th. With that coincidence in mind, I want to share a very unique Urdu poem: Krishn Kanhaiya.

This nazm is by Hafeez Jalandhari, the Urdu poet most well-known for composing the lyrics to Pakistan's national anthem, the Qaumi Taranah. Born in the Punjabi city of Jalandhar (now in India), he moved to Lahore following India and Pakistan's independence and Partition in 1947.

As its title suggests, Krishn Kanhaiya is a poem about the Hindu god Krishna. Today, the mere idea of a Muslim poet writing about a Hindu deity raises all sorts of emotions among different groups in South Asia: surprise, joy, curiosity, suspicion, anger.

However, there is much more depth to Krishn Kanhaiya than meets the eye. This is no ordinary devotional poem. Jalandhari, ever a politically-minded thinker and writer, draws upon the mythology and persona of Krishna in order to produce a poem that is simultaneously devotional and political in

nature.

It is, in fact, a call to liberate India from British colonial rule. Moreover, this poem, especially when examined in comparison with Jalandhari's more famous work, the Qaumi Taranah, can tell us a great deal about the cultural politics of South Asia in the 20th century and today.

What does it mean that the same person wrote both Krishn Kanhaiya and the national anthem of Pakistan works which have such radically different cultural rootings?

In the end, we are left with more questions than answers. Part of this is due to gaps in the historical record. Frustratingly, we don't know when Krishn Kanhaiya was written, or in what written work it was published. Did Jalandhari write it before he became involved with the Pakistan movement and was exposed to the Two-Nation Theory? Did he write the poem after migrating from India to Pakistan? Without knowing these details, I admit that it is hard to make an argument about cultural politics using this poem.

Courtesy: Dawn

Pakistan, India conclude water talks in Washington

Pakistan and India concluded the much-delayed water talks in the US capital on Tuesday, raising hopes that they would avoid further tensions over an issue that has far-reaching consequences for both.

Secretary Water and Power Yousaf Naseem Khokhar led the Pakistani delegation, which included technical experts from his ministry.

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhary also attended the two-day talks held at the World Bank headquarters in Washington.

Secretary Ministry of Water



Resources Dr Amarjit Singh headed the Indian delegation, which also included representatives of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

The Washington meeting was part of the World Bank's efforts to resolve a dispute over Kis-

hanganga and Ratle hydroelectricity projects that India is building in the occupied Kashmir. Pakistan opposes the two projects, saying that the plans violate the 1960 Indus Water Treaty that distributes waters of the river Indus and its tributar-

ies between India and Pakistan. The negotiations are part of World Bank's efforts to resolve a dispute between the two countries over India's hydroelectricity projects in Kashmir

The two countries last held talks over the two projects in March this year during the meeting of Permanent Indus Commission in Pakistan.

The last round of the World Bank-supervised talks was held in November 2016, and the World Bank intended to hold another round in April this year but could not do so, as India refused to accept its arbitration.

Courtesy: Dawn

Transgender people having no information about their parents can now obtain CNICs: Nadra

The National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) has upgraded its policy for registration of transgender people and now even those who do not have information about their parents can also obtain CNICs (Computerised National Identity Cards).

gender people did not possess valid documents or did not have information about their biological parents because they were abandoned by their families at a very young age.

Under the new policy transgender people having no informa-



Earlier Nadra allowed only those transgender people who had documents of their parents duly attested by a social welfare officer and those without such documents could not obtain CNICs.

A Nadra spokesperson said on Tuesday that a number of trans-

gender people having no information about their parents can apply for registration at Nadra by showing their gurus (leaders of transgender groups who take abandoned transgender children into their care) as their guardians. Names of their parents will randomly be selected from the Nadra database.

Courtesy: Dawn

Passing out parade of 61st batch of Frontier Corps Balochistan held



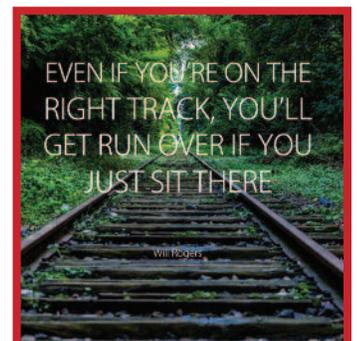
Passing out parade of 61st batch of Frontier Corps Balochistan was held at School of FC Training Centre in Loralai on Tuesday, a statement issued by the military's media wing said.

was chief guest at the occasion, distributed awarded prizes among outstanding cadets of the course.

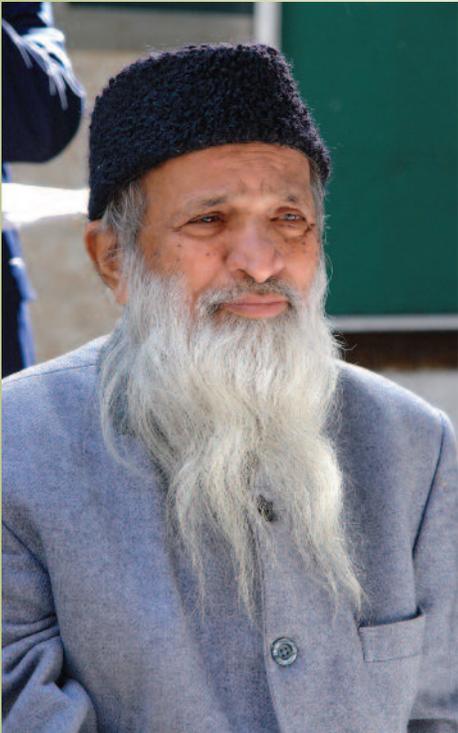
Courtesy: Dawn

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), some 2,453 recruits, including 700 Baloch youngsters, have graduated.

Inspector General of Frontier Corps (IGFC) Major General Nadeem Ahmed Anjum, who



Edhi, Malala and Bacha Khan featured as “Peace Heroes” at Vienna Museum

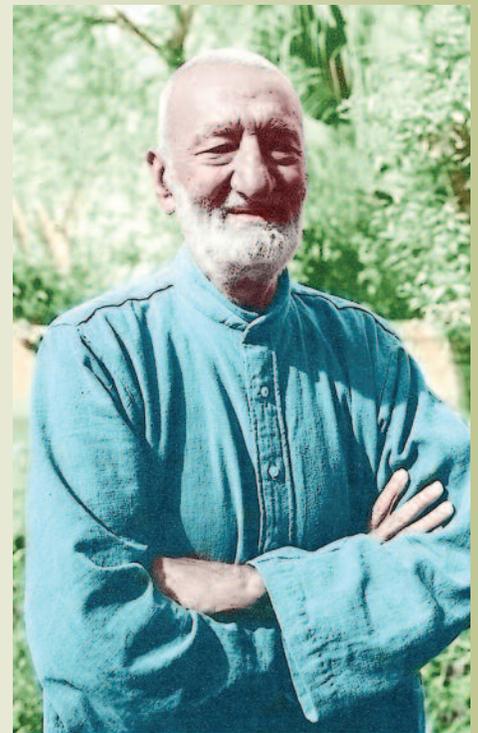


Edhi Sahab, Malala and Bacha have all made Pakistan proud.

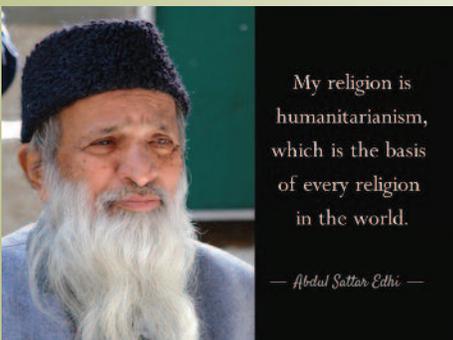
Edhi was perhaps the most charitable personality of Pakistan. He also founded the world's largest volunteer ambulance network in Pakistan, the Edhi Foundation.



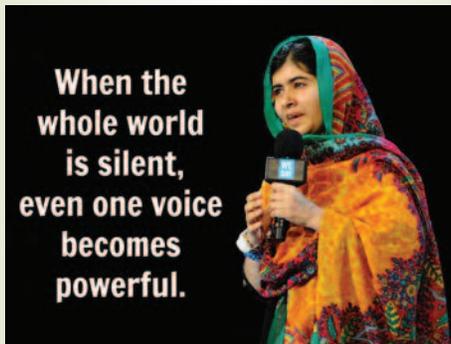
Malala Yousufzai is the brave Pakistani girl who managed to survive a terrorist attempt on her life in her pursuit of education. A bullet could not silence our young hero and today she is doing everything in her power to try to make education available to every individual in



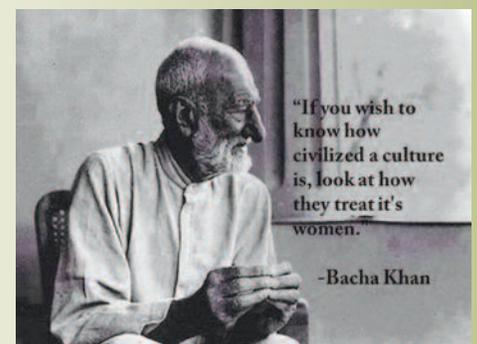
Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, widely known as 'Bacha Khan' – translating to 'King Khan'. He was a Pashtun independence activist. He is also known as the 'Pakistani nonviolent activist and the founder of 'Servants of God' movement. Bacha Khan dedicated the majority of his life teaching his fellow Pukhtuns the



He had dedicated his entire life for those in need, regardless of their gender, caste or religion.



Pakistan, especially the girls. This young girl has also earned a Nobel Prize for her efforts.



value of tolerance. His main exertion often centred on their education, mannerism, self-respect, well-being and self-reliance.

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