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## The world stands on the brink of catastrophic global war

**Honourable Mr. Jamal A. Qaiser**  
DC Commissioner for UN Affairs



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Mian Fazal Elahi



At a time when our arch rival India is at the forefront in hatching conspiracies to disrupt the multi billion dollars China Pakistan Economic Corridor project, the Pakistani side took the right initiative by holding a summit and expo on the mega project to transmit a loud and clear message to all that the project will go ahead as per plan. The entire nation has pinned great expectations with this mega project which in fact has the potential to change the economic landscape of the country. Chinese Ambassador Sun Weidong's expressing satisfaction over the pace of work on the corridor project.

In Delhi, the India-US Strategic and Commercial Dialogue; in Washington, the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement, one of four so-called foundational pacts the US signs with defence partners. Inside Pakistan, the developments are sure to be keenly followed in security circles, though perhaps India's internal political opposition to deepening military ties with the US and concerns about unduly antagonizing China are likely to be discounted. While it is to be regretted that not only has the US ignored the violence in IJK and India has aggressively tried to blame Pakistan for allegedly seeking to stoke trouble inside IOK. Recently, The UN Chief has lauded Pakistan's resolve for peaceful settlement of the dispute and deplored loss of precious human lives in Occupied Kashmir.

This should be an eye-opener for India, which has been trying to hide behind the excuse that trouble in Occupied Kashmir stems from terrorism and cross-LoC infiltration and that Kashmir is its integral part. New Delhi once again ruined the process at the SAARC Interior Ministers' conference, when Indian Home Minister Rajnath left the meeting in the midway after accusing Pakistan of terrorism. In fact, when Interior Minister Chaudhary Nisar Ali Khan showed the Indians their real face, it became difficult for Rajnath to digest and he had to leave the moot setting aside all the decorum and courtesy.



Mian Assad ullah

### Important Announcement

It has been announced for the general information that Mr. Mian Assad Ullah has been appointed as Editor In Chief of the Monthly "Diplomatic Focus" for the UK/EU Edition. He is entitled to participate official /non-official diplomatic engagements, events, national days, social evenings/gatherings, press conferences/interviews and can be contacted for all kinds of stuff including articles, supplements and advertisements etc). It is requested to all Diplomatic missions and government high officials of UK, please contact with Mr. Mian Assad Ullah on His mailing address, 4 Ipswich Road, SW17 9RH, London. Cell number: +44-7961005954/ 2087694850. Email: uk.diplomaticfocus@gmail.com, assadmian1@gmail.com

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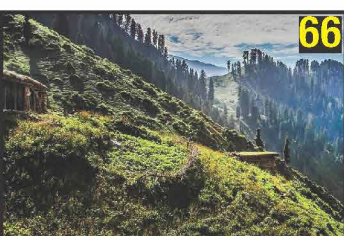
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Mr. Jamal Ahmad Qaiser is a Diplomatic Business Ambassador and DC Commissioner for UN affairs. CEO of Monthly Diplomatic Focus Mr. Mian Fazal Elahi congratulated Mr. Jamal Ahmad Qaisar on his appointment as DC Commissioner for UN Affairs

**39 Rajnath leaves Saarc meeting abruptly amid bitterness**

Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh left the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) Interior Ministers' meeting halfway through after losing a war of words with his Pakistani counterpart Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan.

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We team of the "Diplomatic Focus" express profound grief on the sad demise of veteran journalist and Editor-in-Chief of Pakistan Observer

**Mr. Zahid Malik**

and Paying tribute to the late eminent journalism and pillar of Journalism. Zahid Malik was a noble and gifted person who rendered commendable services in the field of journalism. We prayed for salvation of the departed soul and commiserated with the bereaved family.

**Mr. Mian Fazal Elahi**

Editor, CEO, Publisher "Diplomatic Focus"





Ambassadors-Designate of Denmark, Malawi and Slovak presenting their credentials to president Mamnoon Hussain at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad.

## Envoys designate of Denmark, Malawi and Slovak Presented their credentials to President Mamnoon Hussain

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

**E**nvoys designate of Denmark, Malawi and Slovak presented their credentials to President Mamnoon Hussain at an impressive ceremony held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Earlier, each envoy-designate arrived at the main gate of the Aiwan-e-Sadr in a horse driven carriage. On the occasion, the National Anthem of Pakistan and their respective countries were played and the envoys designate were also presented Guard of Honour.

Later, the Ambassadors separately called on the President. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Pakistan is desirous of further promoting friendly and brotherly relations with all countries particularly with its neighbours for peace, stability and prosperity in the region. The President stated that Pakistan offers great investment opportunities and urged the foreign investors to avail them. Talking about Pakistan's efforts against terrorism, the President said that Pakistan has rendered great sacrifices in fight against terrorism and is committed to end this menace. He stated that Operation Zarb-e-Azb is progressing successfully emphasizing that the operation would continue till elimination of the last terrorist.

The President felicitated the newly appointed Ambassadors to Pakistan and hoped that they would work for further cementing the existing ties of their respective countries with Pakistan. The President also wished the newly appointed envoys a comfortable and pleasant stay in Pakistan.

The envoys who presented their credentials included Mr. Ole Thonke, Ambassador of Denmark, Mr. Wilfred Ali, Ambassador of Malawi (Resident in Kuwait) and Mr. Lubomir Golian, Ambassador of Slovak Republic (Resident in Iran).



# PM Nawaz & Mohammed bin Salman Meeting: Both leaders pledged to further enhance bilateral ties between the two brotherly countries

By Hassam Ahmed Siddiqi

**S**audi Deputy Crown Prince and Defense Minister Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdul Aziz al Saud came to Pakistan after he made stopover on his visit to China. He was greeted by his Pakistani counterpart Khawaja Muhammad Asif and officials of the Foreign Office on his arrival at the Nur Khan Air Base.

Saudi Prince was warmly welcomed by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at the Pm House. In his meeting with the Prime Minister, the relations between Pakistan-Saudi Arabia, situation of Middle East and other affairs of mutual interest were discussed. PM Nawaz said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have been great friends and Pakistan will stand with Saudi Arabia in case they face any danger. Saudi Arabia's defense minister called Pakistan an important country of the region and said that Pak-Saudi friendship is getting stronger with time. Both the leaders pledged to further enhance bilateral ties between the two brotherly countries and strengthen their cooperation in diverse fields. Federal ministers, parliamentarians and Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif were also present on the occasion.

Defense Minister and Deputy Crown Prince of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Prince Muhammad bin Salman also met with Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Raheel Sharif. During the meeting, regional security with particular focus on Middle East, issues of bilateral relations including defense cooperation and collaboration came under discussion. A senior diplomat from Pakistan has expressed joy and optimism on the royal visit. Prince Mohammad also discussed issues related to mutual cooperation in different sectors. The visit is part of the regular exchange of visits of top Saudi and Pakistani officials. The matters of mutual concerns figured on top of the agenda. The diplomatic observers are of the view that the visit is significant keeping in view the role of Pakistan, which is seen critical to efforts directed to ensure peace and security in the Middle East and in its extended neighborhood.

The bilateral relations between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are historically close and exceptionally friendly, occasionally described as constituting a special relationship. Pakistan has been called "Saudi Arabia's closest Muslim ally". Pakistan affirms its relationship with Saudi Arabia as its most "important and bilateral partnership" in the current foreign policy, working and seeking to develop closer bilateral ties with Saudi Arabia. It is the largest country on the Arabian Peninsula and host to the two holiest cities of Islam, Mecca and Medina and the destination of Muslim pilgrims from across the world. Millions of People from Pakistan visit Saudi



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif shaking hands with Prince Muhammad Bin Salman Abdul Aziz Al Saud Defence Minister Saudi Arabia at PM House.

Arabia to perform Hajj and Umrah annually and this is the very reasons Pakistanis have strong affiliation with the Saudi Arabia.

Pakistan's current Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif enjoys exceptionally close ties with senior members of the Saudi royal family. In 2014, Pakistan announced to sell JF-17 Thunder jets to Saudi Arabia, after the kingdom had given a grant of \$1.5 billion to Pakistan. Pakistan was also included in the crosshairs of Middle Eastern politics as Saudi Arabia named it as part of its newly formed 34-nation military alliance of Muslim countries meant to combat terrorism. The deputy crown prince had conceived 35 Muslim countries alliance against terrorism and

Pakistan is one of the influential members of the alliance. He had discussion about the global efforts for eradication of terrorism with the prime minister. He eulogized Pakistan and its Armed Forces' efforts for eliminating terrorism. Pakistan shares strong political economic and cultural ties with Saudi Arabia and has pledged to continue its bilateral cooperation with Saudi Arabia in its vision 2030. Saudi Arabia has recently announced their Vision 2030 which transforms and expands their oil led economy to the other sectors as well. Pakistan can play a better and active role in facilitating Saudi Arabia with their vision by enhancing bilateral trade and terms of other mutual interest.



General Raheel Sharif shaking hands with Prince Muhammad Bin Salman Abdul Aziz Al Saud Defence Minister Saudi Arabia





# CPEC a game-changer for Pakistan, faith-changer for region: PM Nawaz

**CPEC offers an opportunity to integrate this region into a joint market of three billion people, which makes almost half of world population**

By M.Saeed Yousafzai



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif said the China Pakistan Economic Corridor would not only serve as a “game-changer” for Pakistan, but also for entire region by helping it rid of deprivation and bringing peace and prosperity.

While addressing the inaugural session of the two-day China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Summit and Expo to enhance awareness about the ambitious project, the Prime Minister termed it a “new concept in diplomacy” and said it would help in elimination of poverty and unemployment.

Prime Minister Sharif said CPEC was not merely a strategic agreement, but culmination of a decade-long friendship between Pakistan and China. He said it was an advanced stage of relationship in the history of cooperation and collaboration between the two countries on issues of global importance.





Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif in a group photo with the participants of CPEC Summit and Expo held at Pak-China Friendship Centre Islamabad.

**CPEC is a new concept of diplomacy based on shared goals of prosperity and a project to eliminate poverty, unemployment and underdevelopment: PM Nawaz**

The Prime Minister said the two sides never left each other in times of distress and recalled Chinese assistance to Pakistan following the

**It was a “win-win” project for both the countries: Ambassador of China**

devastating earthquake in 2005 and floods in 2010.

He said during his visit to Pakistan, President Xi Jinping told the parliament that Pakistan stood by China when it was isolated. He said now China has reached out to the country

when Pakistan stood economically isolated. He termed the relationship between the two countries as “very special” and said the two countries have always supported each other at international fora and was based on basis of trust and honesty.

He termed CPEC most important initiative of 21st century and said it perfectly compliments Pakistan’s vision 2025.

Sharif said Pakistan was an emerging economy and was rich in natural resources. He mentioned the highest GDP in last eight years, with best performing stock market, doubling of the foreign exchange reserves, and improvement of security environment.

He said the economic value of the project was US 46 billion dollars, however added that the real impact was many times more and would have a longer lasting effect.

He said the project would not only improve Pakistan’s own infrastructure but would also provide it the much needed know how, knowledge and expertise in new technologies.

He said US 35 billion dollars would be invested in energy sectors alone to produce 10400 MW of electricity. He said it would help the growth of Pakistan’s economy.

The Prime Minister said the project would benefit all regions of Pakistan and equally benefit Gilgit Baltistan, remote areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan.

He described development of Gwadar as the “jewel project” of the entire CPEC, with its own power generation, road, rail and air links and would serve as a model smart port city.

The Chinese ambassador appreciated the steps taken by Pakistan for the security of workers and officials working on the CPEC. He said that it was a “win-win” project for both the countries. “We want to see Pakistan [as] a peaceful and prosperous country” and China is ready to help the country in this regard, he said.

The event was attended by Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal, Advisor to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz, Chairman Parliamentary Committee on CPEC Mushahidullah Khan, Chinese ambassador to Pakistan Sun Weidong and leading

**Development of Gwadar as the “jewel project” of the entire CPEC: PM Nawaz**

industrialists, ambassadors, businessmen.

The Summit held here at the Pakistan China Friendship Centre was hosted by Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform and marks the inking of historic US\$ 46 billion CPEC programme.





## Celebration of the 65 years diplomatic relations between Pakistan & China: A symbol of everlasting friendly bilateral relations

By Hassam Ahmed Siddiqi

Pakistan's leading diplomatic magazine "Diplomatic Focus" hosted a seminar on July 21st, 2016 on the occasion of completion of 65 years diplomatic relations between Islamic Republic of Pakistan and People Republic of China. The event was organized in a local hotel at the Federal Capital Islamabad and was graced by the high level diplomats, Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Government officials, Armed Forces officers and Chinese Business Community. Chinese Ambassador Sun Weidong and Madame Bao Jiquing were also the dignitaries on the occasion. Federal Minister for Defense Production Rana Tanveer Hussain was the Chief Guest of the event. The speakers emphasized on the importance of strong bilateral relations between the two countries and spoke on the project of CPEC between Pakistan and China. The challenges that Pakistan and China face in the completion of this project and how it will benefit the people of both the countries. Ambassador Masood Khan who has also served as the





Pakistan's Ambassador to China from 2008 to 2012 gave a very detailed and broad visioned speech on the occasion and emphasized on the smooth progress of Pak-China Economic Corridor. He said that millions of people will benefit from this project. He cherished a notion at the end of his speech that "The future is ours". Brig (R) Asif Minhas also spoke at the occasion and discussed the possibilities of several economic ventures at the Gwadar. He cherished the notion in his speech, "Dubai was then, Gwadar is now", which was much appreciated by the Chinese Business community. Mr. Zia-ur-Rehman Zabeeh, Chairman Zabeeh group of Companies who was also the sponsor of the event, spoke on the occasion and emphasized on the Chinese cooperation with Pakistan in terms of CPEC project as it will not only benefit Pakistan, but will also give a huge benefit to China as well as their export to Gulf countries will be now much cost efficient and timely. Mr. Zia-ur-Rehman very specifically thanked the Chinese Ambassador and Chinese Embassy in Pakistan for their collaboration and support for conducting this event.

Amb (R ) Hassan Javed who is currently head of the department at the Chinese Language Center at the NUML University Islamabad on the occasion gave a very high impression by giving his speech in the Chinese Language which was very much appreciated by the Chinese audience on the Occasion. He is also the Author of four books which are basically for learning the Chinese language for the Pakistani people.

Mian Fazal Elahi, CEO of Diplomatic Focus, was the lime light of the occasion. He kept audience alive through his charming personality and





hosting style which was very appreciated by the audience. He invited local singer during the event, who sang National songs and entertained the distinguished guests. Mian Fazal Elahi also emphasized on the importance of Pak China Economic Corridor and thanked the Chinese Ambassador for cooperation in organizing such a prestigious event.

Chinese business community and other distinguished guests present in the event were also very keenly involved in the proceedings of the event and responded the speaker guests by applauding them on every important note. Chinese Ambassador also spoke about the significance of CPEC project to China and the importance of bilateral relations between both the countries which are termed as higher than Himalayas and deeper then sea.

Chief Guest of the event Federal minister for Defense production Rana Tanveer Hussain also highlighted the significance of the CPEC project in the wake of the progress and development of Pakistan. He thanked the Chinese Ambassador for playing a very optimistic role in paving better relations between Pakistan and China. He further congratulated Mian Fazal Elahi and Diplomatic focus for organizing such a prestigious event which will further promote bilateral relations between Pakistan and China.

After the guest speakers delivered their speeches, a cake was cut down by all the distinguished guests to formally celebrate the historic diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China. Later on a group photo graph was also captured which included all the dignitaries of the event. Dinner was served and informal interaction among the audience was supported by the back ground music by the local singer. Dance performances were also presented which enlightened and refreshed the mood of the distinguished audience.

Diplomatic focus has the credit of promoting bilateral relations of Pakistan with the other countries of the world and it is a moment of immense pleasure for the people of Pakistan that it has been blessed with people like Mian Fazal Elahi who worked very hard to take an initiative by promoting investors and Business Community from Pakistan to take them to Shanghai Trade festival in China and promote their bilateral trade with the Chinese people which will not only enhance the relations between both the countries but also people from both the countries will have broad economic opportunities and hence progress will be achieved. This event was a trademark and symbol of highly optimistic relations between both the countries which will further boost up as CPEC project will be implemented.











H.E. Mrs. Akja Nurberdiyeva, Chairperson of the Majlis of Turkmenistan called on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif at PM House, Islamabad.

## TAPI, a flagship project for regional integration: PM Nawaz

By Mian Fazal Elahi

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif said Turkmenistan- Afghanistan- Pakistan- India (TAPI) gas pipeline is a flagship project of great significance for both

"I convey my warmest congratulations to President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow and the brotherly people of Turkmenistan on the occasion of 25th anniversary of your country's independence,"  
Prime Minister  
Nawaz Sharif

### Pakistan & Turkmenistan Entering Into A New Era Of Unparalleled Cooperation: Speaker NA



chairperson of Majlis (Parliament) of Turkmenistan Mrs. Akja Nurberdiyeva called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House.





President Mamnoon Hussain in a meeting with the Chairperson of Majlis (Parliament) of Turkmenistan led by Mrs. Akja Nurberdiyeva at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad. Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq is also present on the occasion.

the countries as well as for the whole region. The earliest realization of this Gas Pipeline project would advance the shared goals of energy security and regional prosperity, he said. The Prime Minister said "Apart from helping Pakistan in the fulfillment of its gas requirements, the project will integrate the region economically and politically."

The Prime Minister was talking to Chairperson of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan Mrs. Akja Nurberdiyeva who along with a delegation called on him at the PM House.

Prime Minister Sharif said that frequent exchanges of parliamentary delegations would prove enormously beneficial for strengthening



Chairperson of Majlis (Parliament) of Turkmenistan Mrs. Akja Nurberdiyeva signing the remarks on visitor book in Parliament House.

The President [Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow] was personally supervising each project to ensure quality and timely completion: Chairperson of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan

of democracy in the two brotherly countries. He further said that Pakistan and Turkmenistan enjoyed friendly relations, but there were huge



Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Shaking hand with Chairperson of Majlis (Parliament) of Turkmenistan Mrs. Akja Nurberdiyeva in Parliament House.





Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq during a meeting with Chairperson of Majlis (Parliament) of Turkmenistan Mrs. Akja Nurberdiyeva in Parliament House, Islamabad.

opportunities to further expand the scope of bilateral relationship, especially

the economic ties. "We wish to see close collaboration between our parliamentarians, parliamentary committees and parliamentary friendship groups.

I convey my warmest congratulations to President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow and the brotherly people of Turkmenistan on the occasion of 25th anniversary of your country's independence," the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister also conveyed his utmost regards to the President for his good wishes.

Akja Nurberdiyeva thanked the Prime Minister for extending warm welcome to the visiting delegation in Pakistan. "Let me convey the most sincere wishes and congratulations of the President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow on your successful surgery", the press release quoted the Chairperson as saying. She further said the President was personally supervising each project to ensure quality and timely completion.

Tachmuhammet Gulamuhmmededov, Deputy Minister of Energy Turkmenistan, informed the participants of the meeting that the TAPI gas pipeline project would be completed and made operational by December 2019. He further added that 15km pipeline had already been laid while geological and technical work was currently underway for another 80km pipeline.

The meeting was also attended by Sardar Muhammad Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly, Tariq Fatemi, Special Assistant to PM on Foreign Affairs, Shakila Luqman MNA and other senior officials. Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has said that

Pakistan is set to open a new chapter in vibrant Pak-Turkmenistan inter-Parliamentary relations. He was speaking to the Chairperson Turkmenistan's Parliamentary delegation led by his counterpart Mrs. Akja Tajiyewna Nurberdiyeva.

He outlined that Pakistan is proud of its brotherly relations with Turkmenistan and added that shared strategic calculations and mutuality of

**Turkmenistan considers  
its partnership with  
Pakistan highly essential  
for promoting peace in  
the region:  
Mrs. Akja Tajiyewna**

interests have brought the two nations ever closer. The Speaker termed Turkmenistan as "Pakistan's partners" in its endeavors for the regional peace and prosperity. He said that Pak-Turkmen cooperation at various multilateral and bilateral forums is highly imperative for achieving shared objectives of regional and global peace. Referring to the repeated meetings of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Turkmenistan's President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov during the last 14 months, he added that top leadership of both countries is determined to forge deeper cooperation. Appreciating the repeated meetings of Pak-Turkmen Parliamentary Friendship Group, he urged the need for adding a new vigor to Pak-Turkmenistan inter-Parliamentary ties and exploring other avenues for furthering people to people contacts between the two

brotherly countries. The Speaker outlined that Turkmenistan's energy potential may greatly assist in restraining Pakistan's power shortages and reciprocally Pakistani sea ports as well as expertise in agriculture sector, food processing and textiles will potentially benefit Turkmenistan. Referring to the 8 MoUs signed between the two nations during the visit of Turkmen President to Pakistan in March, 2016, he urged the need for boosting bilateral trade and diversification of economic relations for mutual prosperity. He remarked that the completion of TAPI Pipeline would open a new chapter of energy cooperation between Asian nations to ease energy deficits in South Asia.

Chairperson of the Mejlis of the Turkmenistan Mrs. Akja Tajiyewna Nurberdiyeva said that Turkmenistan is determined to foster robust ties with Pakistan through enhanced bilateral and multilateral cooperation. She remarked that Pakistan-Turkmenistan bilateral cooperation will unleash a new wave of connectivity in the region.

She added that Turkmenistan consider its partnership with Pakistan highly essential for promoting peace in the region. Mrs. Akja Tajiyewna endorsed Ayaz Sadiq's proposal for expanding people to people contacts and exchange of Parliamentary delegations. Later on, the Turkmen Speaker also signed the visitor's book along with her comments. The delegation also visited the Solar Power Plant installed in the premises of Parliament to meet the energy requirement of Parliament House.

The visiting delegation also included Maksat Babayev, Deputy Chairman of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan, Atadjan N. Movlamov, Ambassador to Pakistan and other parliamentarians.



# Diplomatic Focus Thru Lens



Ambassador of Kuwait Nawaf Abdulaziz Alenezi paid a farewell call on President Mamnoon Hussain at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad.



Ambassador of Japan Mr. Takashi Kurai called on Federal Minister for Finance Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar in Islamabad.



Ambassador of Kuwait Mr. Nawaf Abdulaziz Alenezi paid a farewell call on Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz in Islamabad.



Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz in a meeting with the Ambassador of Japan Mr. Takashi Kurai in Islamabad.



Dr. Dong-Gu Suh, Ambassador Republic of Korea called on the Federal Minister for Science & Technology and Defence Production, Rana Tanveer Hussain in Islamabad.

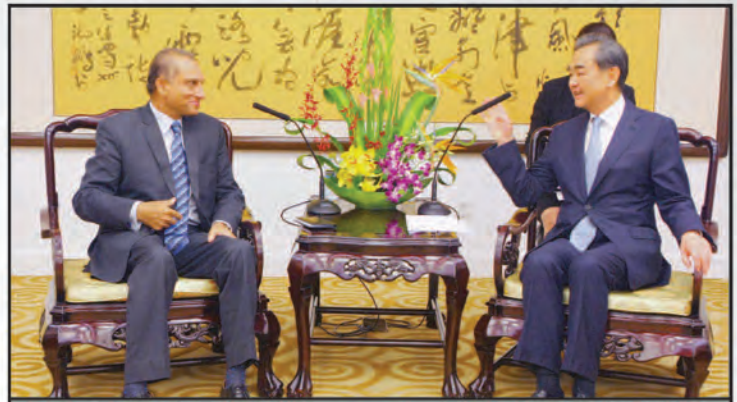


German Ambassador, H.E. Ms. Ina Lepel called on Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research, Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan in Islamabad.





The United Nations Secretary General's Special Representative for Afghanistan Ambassador Tadamichi Yamamoto called on Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz in Islamabad.



Foreign Secretary Mr. Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry in a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Mr. Wang Yi in Beijing, China.



The newly appointed High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Mr. Tarik Ahsan paid a courtesy call on the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Syed Tariq Fatemi in Islamabad.



Federal Minister for Safront Lt. Gen. Abdul Qadir Baloch in a meeting with Mr. Mevlut Cavusoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister in Islamabad.



H.E. Mr. Tadamichi Yamamoto, Special Representation of Secretary General For The United Nations Assistant Mission in Afghanistan called on National security Advisor, Lt. Gen (Retd) Naseer Khan Janjua in Islamabad.



A Polish Delegation led by the Deputy Minister of National Defence of Poland, Mr. Bartosz Kownacki called on Secretary Defence Production, Lt. Gen (Retd) Syed Muhammad Owais, at Rawalpindi.



Ambassador of Turkish Mr. Sadiq Babur Girgin called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at Parliament House, Islamabad.



Ambassador of Romania Mr. Emilian Ion called on speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at Parliament House, Islamabad.





Vice Administrator of Chinese National Energy Administration (NEA), Mr. Li Fanrong called on Federal Minister for Water & Power and Defence, Khawaja Muhammad Asif at Ministry of Water and Power in Islamabad.



Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz in a meeting with the Ambassador of Sudan Mr. Tageldin Altahir in Islamabad.



Mr. Takashi Kurai, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan called on Interior Minister Ch. Nisar Ali Khan at Punjab House, Islamabad.



H.E. Sadik Babur Girgin, Ambassador of Turkey in Pakistan called on SAPM/Minister of State for Law and Justice Zafarullah Khan in Islamabad.



Ambassador of Argentina Mr. Ivan Ivanishevich called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at Parliament House, Islamabad.



US Congressman Mr. Chris Stewart called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at Parliament House, Islamabad.



Federal Minister for Defence Production, Rana Tanveer Hussain called on Foreign Minister of Romania Mr. Lazar Comanescu at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest.



Mr. Edward Ssekandi, Vice President of Republic of Uganda welcoming Mr. Irfan Siddiqui, Advisor to the Prime Minister on National History and Literary Heritage, on arrival at his office in Capital City Kampala.



# The world stands on the brink of catastrophic global war

**Hon. Mr. Jamal Ahmad Qaiser**  
DC Commissioner for UN Affairs

Interview By Mian Fazal Elahi

**M**r. Jamal Ahmad Qaiser is a Diplomatic Business Ambassador and DC Commissioner for UN affairs.

Mr. Jamal Ahmad Qaiser, we welcome you and congratulate you on your rank as Diplomatic Business Ambassador and your appointment as DC Commissioner for UN affairs, a highly reputed position for outstanding civil service.

A. Thank you very much. I am delighted. Yes, I will be involved in the endeavor to bring together different cultures and promote international understanding.

**Q. Could you share your profile, career and experiences that brought you to contributing to international politics?**

A. Sure. Since several years I have been counseling the German government on the Euro crisis, demographics, integration and immigration. I gave my stake on Brexit to the European Parliament and very recently I wrote a book on foreign policy regarding Syria and due to that the influx of refugees and immigrants.

Furthermore, I advised several NGOs, humanitarian organizations such as the Friedrich Naumann foundation, the Diplomatic Council, Westerwelle foundation etc. and international governmental institutions.

**Q. How did graduating from Harvard nurtured your thoughts and vision**







#### both in Business and Politics?

A. Graduating OPM from Harvard Business School has definitely nurtured my thoughts as someone who can definitely make a difference globally. As I believe that education is associated with more liberal opinions on a number of issues.

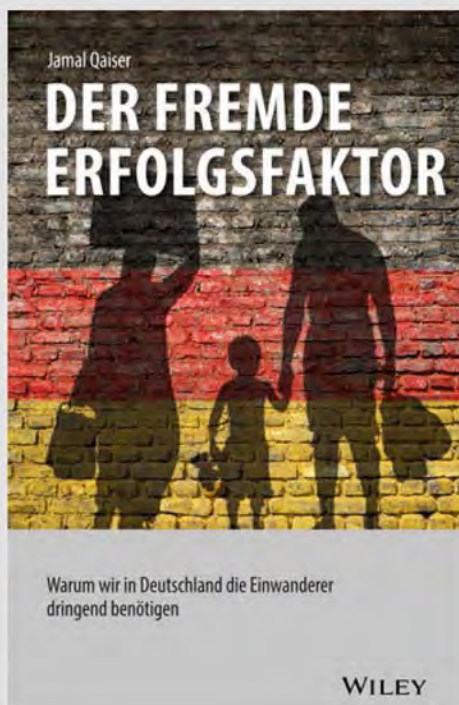
At the age of eight I came to Germany and first experienced the difficulty of new language, not to be welcomed at that time. It took some time to understand the new school system, to master the language and to grasp the decisive

### CEO of Monthly Diplomatic Focus Mr. Mian Fazal Elahi congratulated Mr. Jamal Ahmad Qaisar on his appointment as DC Commissioner for UN Affairs

knew that I could excel a lot more if I pursue further education.

So I started in 2009 with a Post-Graduation in Management and Leadership at the Globe Business College Munich. In 2014, I graduated from the Transition to Leadership Program from University of Oxford Said Business School and finally I became OPM graduate from Harvard School from 2013-2016.

**Q.What are your views on current world politics? What do we have to look at?**



factors to excel in the business and educative world. I founded a textile company at the age of 19, continued my way without hesitation and grew it to large and internationally successful size.

In 2006 I started to convert my company into a private equity firm.

Due to that, I had more time for myself and at that time I understood my full potential and

**In March 2016,  
Jamal Ahmed Qaisar  
published his first  
book  
“DER FREMDE  
ERFOLGSFAKTOR”**





A. As we all know we are going through a very difficult and dangerous time. We have to face numerous questions of cultural and religious understanding. How can we prosper with immigrants on an international scale? How

**Jamal Ahmed Qaiser  
was designated to  
this key position due  
to his outstanding  
achievements and  
tireless efforts  
for international  
understanding**

should we preserve world peace, prosperity and justice?

Since the world stands on the brink of catastrophic global war, where there is a fear

of nuclear weapons being utilized resulting in devastating effect. Therefore, I condemn the practice of regime change as previous stances like Iraq, Libya, which had terrible consequences for the world peace and stability. As we also know that ISIS is a product of Iraq war.

Let me give you some figures what happened when some forces tried to bring the so-called democracy. Three countries destroyed, millions of people were killed and over 25 million people displaced. A catastrophic humanitarian situation occurred and due to that it is not only the Muslim world that is destroyed and is always at stake, rather everyone is a target of terrorism as we have witnessed recently in Paris, Munich, Nice and Brussels and many more places. Those attacks can only be described as act of horrific brutality and are completely against any religion of the world! Whoever kills an innocent human being it shall be as if he has killed all mankind. (Chapter 5, 32 Holy Quran)

Unfortunately, the nuclear race is back on and we experience a new cold war with Russia. For me as a DC commissioner for UN



## **Jamal A. Qaiser**

DC Commissioner for  
UN Affairs

I express my heartfelt condolences and condemnation over the suspected suicide bomb attack on an outdoor wedding celebration in Turkey. I assure the people of Turkey that the Diplomatic Council shall stand firm at their side in the fight against terrorism.





affairs it is also very disturbing that those wars are not in conformity with the UN Charter. And therefore unfortunately the new World principle is "The might is right".

**Q. Coming back to Europe. As you know Europe is confronted with a new situation post Brexit. Can you**

**Germany is a meritocracy, and this achievement-oriented approach will help to integrate people, but only if it is wished by both sides.**

**give a tentative appraisal of this development also with regard to the international situation?**

A. Britain's economy is likely to lose momentum and 3 to 4 % in GDP size whereas the European Union might be faced with a regression of 1 to 0.5%. In the mid-term the EU will hardly be affected. Britain could see itself not coming back to its former strength. It is likely Britain pays a higher price for this decision to leave the EU. On the other hand, positive momentum might arise from a change of perspective or Britain might renew bonds with the Commonwealth countries.

**Q. As you now that many refugees are trying to come to Germany for asylum. What is your view on that?**



Hon. Mr. Jamal Ahmad Qaiser, DC Commissioner for UN Affairs along with Mr. Rainer Bruderle, Minister for Economics and Technology



Hon. Mr. Jamal Ahmad Qaiser, DC Commissioner for UN Affairs along with Mr. Guido Westerwelle, Minister of Foreign Affairs

A. Germany is a meritocracy, and this achievement-oriented approach will help to integrate people, but only if it is wished by both sides. If not, it will fail. It is all about finding solutions for both sides. Germany's constitution governs well, notably the aspects of freedom of speech and every right to believe in whatever religion.

Due to the war in Syria about a million people came to Germany in 2015.

It is now very important that we integrate these people and welcome them, though there is no doubt, integration can only function if it is wished by both sides.

But what is more important for Germany is that proper welcoming immigration legislation shall be introduced with whom this country can

prosper in terms of innovation and information technology.

**Q. Thank you for sharing your insights. What are your current projects?**

A. At the moment I am preparing for the United Nations Assembly in September, there will be high level meetings on 'Large movements of refugees and migrants'. We, the seven members of the Diplomatic Council, will have a strong focus to counsel the United Nations on these matters.

We wish you all the best in your continuing endeavor to bring peace and prosperity. Thank you for your time.

**Mr. Jamal Ahmad Qaiser has been invited at the UN General Assembly meeting on September 19, 2016 and it is a great honour for such a great person who is an entire institution in his self**







# Erdogan & Putin renew ties

**Erdogan praises 'dear friend' Vladimir Putin in Russian-Turkish detente**

By Mian Fazal Elahi

**T**urkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan meets his Russian counterpart in St Petersburg after months of diplomatic crisis. Russian President Vladimir Putin is hosting Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan in their first meeting since Turkey

shot down a Russian fighter jet last November, sparking a deep diplomatic crisis.

Erdogan's visit to Putin's hometown of St Petersburg on Tuesday is also his first foreign trip since a failed coup attempt last month that sparked a purge of alleged coup supporters in the military, judiciary, civil service and

education sector, and cast a shadow over Turkey's relations with the West.

"Your visit today, despite a very difficult situation regarding domestic politics, indicates that we all want to restart dialogue and restore relations between Russia and Turkey," Putin said as the two met.





Erdogan said that Turkey was entering a “very different period” in relations with Russia, and that solidarity between the two countries would help the resolution of regional problems.

Erdogan also thanked his Russian counterpart for a telephone call after the failed coup attempt on July 15, saying it “brought our people great happiness”.

The shooting down of the Russian jet by a Turkish F-16 over the Syrian border last November saw a furious Putin slap economic sanctions on Turkey and launch a blistering war of words with Erdogan that seemed to irrevocably damage burgeoning ties.

“When the Turkish military shot down a Russian fighter jet that it said strayed from Syrian into Turkish airspace last November, Moscow’s retaliation was swift,” Al Jazeera’s Bernard Smith, reporting from Istanbul, said.

“Tourist charter flights to Turkey stopped, Russian visitor numbers fell by 87 percent. Turkey’s exports to Russia, including food, fell by more than half to \$730m in the first six months of this year.”

But, in a reversal in late June, Putin accepted a personal expression of regret over the incident from Erdogan as an apology, immediately rolled back a ban on the sale of package holidays to Turkey and signalled Moscow would end measures against food imports and construction firms from the country.

Now, following the failed coup attempt, analysts say ties between the two could deepen - with Erdogan publicly making it clear he feels let down by the United States and the European Union.

“The Russian President was much quicker in his condemnation of the attempted coup than many of Turkey’s Western allies and they’ve [the Western allies] also expressed alarm at the extent of the post-coup crackdown.

The talks, however, could increase tensions with the United States and Turkey’s other NATO allies, who have expressed concerns about Erdogan’s widespread crackdown on freedom after the failed coup. Turkey is also demanding that the U.S. extradite Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen, who is living in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania, claiming Gulen and his followers were behind the coup attempt. Gulen has denied the allegations.

Turkey’s relations with its Western allies, already strained by Washington’s support for Syria’s Kurds and the EU’s unwillingness to grant visa-free travel to Turks, have deteriorated since the July 15 coup attempt.

EU countries have roundly criticised the tens of thousands of arrests and suspensions targeting suspected followers of Mr Gülen. Turkey’s leaders have also expressed frustration with Europe’s focus on the post-coup purge.

Couple of Months before according to media reports, Turkey and Israel reached a deal to restore ties, bringing an end to a six-year-long bilateral feud. Hours after this announcement, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters that Russian President Vladimir Putin received a letter from Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan expressing his “deep condolences” to the family of the pilot who was killed when a Russian jet was downed over the Syrian-Turkish border. In the same letter, Erdogan also pledged that he would

do “everything possible” to restore relations with Russia. So it seemed that Turkey was fully on reset mode and these developments seamlessly fit into the recent trajectory of Turkish foreign policy, which has strived to mend ties with old foes and friends. Some years ago Ahmet Davutoglu, Turkey’s then foreign minister and later prime minister, coined the slogan “Zero problems with all neighbours” as Turkey adapted its policy to meet the wave of changes during the so-called Arab Spring.

**“Your [President Erdogan] visit today, despite a very difficult situation regarding domestic politics, indicates that we all want to restart dialogue and restore relations between Russia and Turkey,”  
President Putin**

By the end of last year, the Turkish leadership had problems with all its neighbours and partners and a diminishing crowd of friends, because of negative developments in Syria and

**Western leaders who were criticising the Turkish government’s reaction to the July 15 coup attempt should “mind their own business”: President Erdogan**

Iraq as well as failures in Turkish policy. And as Turkey’s security interests have worsened in Syria, with Kurdish militants either side of the border, it has clearly become a strategic necessity for Ankara to bow to realities and look for opportunities for an honourable retreat.

This applies in particular to the Turkish government’s policy towards Russia. These initiatives have been flanked by a new foreign policy discourse, recently adopted among Turkey’s political elites, emphasizing the necessity of gaining friends and placating foes.





# Pakistan

## would not allow its territory to be used against any other country: PM Nawaz

By Monitoring Desk

Pakistan's ambassadors from nine important world capitals have been in Islamabad for a conference to discuss challenges - of which there are many - and opportunities. Pakistani envoys from America, Russia, China, India, Belgium, Australia and Afghanistan participated in the conference, together with other officials that are part of global organisations. Addressing the concluding session of the three-day conference, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif summed up the policy contours iterating a desire to work for peace and stability in the region, saying Pakistan cannot afford any conflict as "it would stop the pace of economic and social development." In an indirect reference to India's negative response to his peace overtures he said "our efforts for having friendly relations must not be construed as our weakness" though he hastened to add that solution to all outstanding disputes is imperative for durable peace and

prosperity in the region. Whilst Indian forces continue to resort to brutal suppression in the Occupied Kashmir, as expected, the PM repeated Pakistan's stance that resolving the Kashmir dispute in accordance with the UN resolutions and aspirations of the Kashmiri people remains the basic pillar of Pakistan's foreign policy.

Turning to the western neighbour he offered the assurance that Pakistan would not allow its territory to be used against any other country; and that peace in Afghanistan is vital for peace and stability in Pakistan. The Kabul government and the US may want to take issue with the first part of this assertion. In fact, the US continues to accuse Pakistan - even threatening to withhold economic assistance - of not doing enough to stop the Haqqani network from using its territory. The second part is unquestionable considering that this country is still grappling with the blowback from the Afghan war in the form of violent extremists challenging the writ

of this state. Pakistan has paid a heavy price for the US' two wars in Afghanistan. Nawaz Sharif also dwelt at considerable length on relations with China, pointing out that the China Pakistan Economic Corridor will prove to be a game-changer and guarantee the region's peace and prosperity. The relationship being mutually beneficial it can only be expected to grow from strength to strength. More importantly, critics have been expressing the concern that due to a foreign policy adrift Pakistan is getting isolated, and that out of its four neighbours the country has good relations only with China. To be fair, though, this government has been going out of its way, even at the cost of earning domestic opprobrium, to befriend the Modi government, which remains disinterested. It of course takes two to tango. The one relationship that can and must be improved is with Iran. Though belatedly, it has started to get some attention. It is good to note that National Security Adviser Lieutenant General





Nasser Janjua (Retd) recently went on a three-day visit to Tehran where the two sides agreed to establish institutional mechanism, including a joint commission to oversee border security, and to continue further discussions.

Some other important positives are efforts at greater engagement with Russia, and co-operative ventures with Central Asian states. On this particular score, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Sartaj Aziz, cannot

be accused of making an empty boast for claiming at the envoys' moot that Pakistan's gaining full membership of the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation will prove it is on the right side of history.







# Pakistan, Norway agree to boost cooperation in diverse sectors

## Norwegian Companies are interested to invest in solar and hydro energy sectors in Pakistan

By M.Saeed Yousafzai/Monitoring Desk

**H**.E. Mr. Borge Brende, Foreign Minister of Norway along with delegation called on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif at PM House.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister conveyed the deepest condolences on behalf of Norwegian Prime Minister and the people of Norway over the tragic Quetta incident.

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif said that eliminating terrorism from Pakistan was the topmost priority of his government. "We launched military offensive against terrorists after evolving a national consensus. The ongoing military operation "Zarb-e-Azb" has been a huge success in curtailing terrorism throughout the country. It has dismantled the

terrorists' networks who have lately resorted to hit soft targets out of sheer frustration, said the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister said that after achieving a growth rate of 4.7% in GDP last year, Pakistan hopes to cross 5% growth in the GDP in coming months. The Prime Minister further added that the government is focusing

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on all crucial sectors of economy including agriculture and industry. Inflation is at record 40 years low in Pakistan, which is the result of our prudent economic policies, added the Prime Minister.

"We are working on fast-track basis to overcome the power shortages in Pakistan and will add up to 10,000 MW of electricity to our system by next year. We have diversified the energy mix in Pakistan and different projects of clean and renewable energy are simultaneously executed. Diamer Bhasha dam to be built on river Indus will alone generate electricity of about 4500 MW; apart from storing water and helping to mitigate floods, expressed the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister said that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), executed with the assistance of the friendly country





Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz in a meeting with the Foreign Minister of Norway H.E. Borge Brende in Islamabad. Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Syed Tariq Fatemi also attended the meeting.

China, includes major infrastructure, energy and communication projects. The project is a practical manifestation of our time-tested friendship with China, said the Prime Minister.

Appreciating the counterterrorism strategy of Pakistani government, Mr. Borge Brende said that there is a sharp decline in terrorism

related incidents in Pakistan. "We feel very happy that the security situation in Pakistan has improved a lot. The country is more stable and we look forward for even better situation in the near future. Pakistan must play its role for a peaceful Afghanistan", said the Norwegian Foreign Minister.

"Peace in Afghanistan is in the interest of Pakistan and the region as well. We will extend all possible support to the Afghan-led peace initiatives", responded the Prime Minister.

In the regional context, the deteriorating situation in the Indian Occupied Kashmir (IOK) also came under discussion. The Prime Minister said that people of IOK are struggling for freedom which is their fundamental right. The UN resolution allows the Kashmiri people to decide about their future. The people of IOK are denied their right to self-determination and ruthlessly targeted. The world must play its role to defuse the situation as per the UN's resolutions, said the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister further added that Pakistan strongly believes in peaceful negotiations to resolve the Kashmir issue with India.

Mr. Borge Brende said that Pakistan's positive role in defusing the tension between Iran and Saudi was very welcoming and was duly appreciated the world over. On this occasion, the Norwegian Foreign Minister conveyed

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the warmest regards of the Prime Minister of Norway for Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. The Prime Minister extended an invitation for the Norwegian Prime Minister to visit Pakistan.

Other members of the delegation included Mr Tore Nedrebo, Ambassador, Ms Tine Morch Smith, Mr Vebjorn Dysvik and MS Kristina Lie Revheim. Mr Sartaj Aziz, Advisor to PM on Foreign Affairs and Tariq Fatemi, SAPM were also present during the meeting.

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# President Mamnoon Hussain confers civil awards

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

On the occasion of Independence Day, President Mamnoon Hussain has conferred civil awards on 109 citizens of Pakistan and 23 foreign nationals for showing excellence and courage in their respective fields. The awards will be given to the recipients at an investiture ceremony to be held on the Pakistan Day, March 23, 2017.

Following are the titles of the awards and names of their recipients.

## SITARA-I-PAKISTAN



Late Domingo D. Lucenario Jr. (Philippines)  
Services to Pakistan



Late Hery Setyawati Burhan  
(Indonesia) Services to Pakistan;



Late Leif Holger Larsen (Norway)  
Services to Pakistan



Late Burhan Mohammad (Indonesia)  
Services to Pakistan



Late Datin Habibah Mahmud  
(Malaysia) Services to Pakistan.



## TAMGHA-I-PAKISTAN



Dr Hasrul Sani Mujtabar (Malaysia)  
Services to Pakistan



Marcel de Vink (Netherlands)  
Services to Pakistan



Ion Emilian (Romania)  
Services to Pakistan



Mpendulo Kumalo (South Africa)  
Services to Pakistan;



Dr Andrzej Ananica (Poland)  
Services to Pakistan



Zofia Ananiez (Poland)  
Services to Pakistan



Ambassador of Romania Emilian Ion paid a farewell call on President Mamnoon Hussain at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad.





Foreign Minister of Turkey Mevlut Cavusoglu called on president Mamnoon Hussain at the Aiwan-e-Saddr Islamabad

# President Mamnoon stressed on the importance of fostering unity among the Muslim Ummah to tackle modern day challenges

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

**M**r. Cavusoglu's call on the Prime Minister, both leaders expressed satisfaction at the continued expansion and deepening of bilateral relations. The Prime Minister emphasized the importance that Pakistan attaches to its relations with Turkey and underlined the need to hold regular high-level exchanges. The President, in his meeting with the Turkish Foreign Minister, stressed on the importance of fostering unity among the Muslim Ummah to tackle modern day challenges faced by it and noted that both Pakistan and Turkey had an important role to play in that regard. Both the President and the Prime Minister reiterated their strong condemnation of the attempted coup in Turkey and lauded the successful defence of democracy by the people of Turkey under the popular leadership of President Erdogan.

Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Mevlut Cavusoglu, visited Pakistan from 1-2 August 2016. During his stay in Islamabad, he called on the President and the Prime Minister and held delegation-level talks with Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign

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Affairs. He also met Minister for SAFRON.

The entire spectrum of Pakistan-Turkey bilateral relations as well as global and regional issues of mutual concern, with special emphasis on

Afghanistan, came under discussion during the bilateral meeting between Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs and the visiting Minister. The Adviser congratulated the Foreign Minister on the successful thwarting of the coup attempt on the night of 15 July 2016 and reiterated Pakistan's unequivocal support for the democratic institutions of Turkey under President Erdogan. He also expressed condolence on the loss of precious lives in recent terror attacks in Turkey and stated that he had no doubts that the Turkish nation would soon decisively overcome the scourge of terrorism. Foreign Minister Cavusoglu lauded the successes achieved by Pakistan, especially through Operation Zarb-e-Azb and the National Action Plan. Both leaders agreed on the need for intensified efforts in the international fight against terrorism.

Expressing satisfaction at the ever-growing cooperation between the two fraternal





H.E. MR. Mevlut Cavusoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister called on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif at PM House, Islamabad.



Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz in a meeting with the Foreign Minister of Turkey H.E. Mevlut Cavusoglu in Islamabad.



Federal Minister for Safron Gen. Abdul Qadir Baloch in a meeting with Mr. Mevlut Cavusoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister in Islamabad.

countries, the two leaders agreed on the need for sustained engagement for enhanced cooperation in diverse spheres. The importance of early conclusion of bilateral Free Trade Agreement was also highlighted as it would significantly contribute towards the overall vision of the leadership of the two countries to transform the traditionally cordial bilateral relations into a robust economic partnership.

The Adviser also briefed Foreign Minister Cavusoglu on the latest situation in Afghanistan, including reconciliation efforts, steps taken to improve border management between Pakistan and Afghanistan and the status of Afghan refugees. He also underscored

the imperatives of reaching a sustainable and lasting peace in Afghanistan through reconciliation and dialogue. On the issue of migration, the Adviser lauded the generous spirit of the people of Turkey in welcoming and hosting refugees from Syria. The two leaders called upon the developed countries to increase their contributions in this regard. Since both countries host the largest refugee populations in the world, the leaders agreed that there was an urgent need for a more forthcoming response from the developed countries in order to reduce the disproportionate burden on developing countries.

## Turkey-Pakistan Relations

Turkey considers the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, with which it is bound with fraternal ties, as one of the prominent players for the security and stability of the region.

Turkey-Pakistan relations gain their strength from history. The support extended by the Muslims of the sub-continent to the Turkish Independence War occupies a special place in the Turkish mind. The Turkish Independence War and its success in establishing a modern state afterwards has been a source of inspiration for the Pakistani people since August 14, 1947, the day the Islamic Republic of Pakistan emerged as a sovereign state.

Following the establishment of Pakistan, both countries extended each other their support during the most difficult times, such as in reacting natural disasters and they cemented their friendly relations with frequent high level visits.

The positive reflection of the excellent bilateral relations can also be seen in the international fora. Turkey and Pakistan are supporting each other in all international platforms. By pursuing active and constructive policies in multilateral processes such as Turkey-Pakistan-Afghanistan Trilateral Summits and Istanbul Process, Turkey deems the contributions to the peace and stability in this region as a priority.

Pakistan also adopts a highly supportive approach on international matters, which are of special interest for Turkey.

Frequent high level visits are a clear indicator of the close political relations between Turkey and Pakistan. Recently H.E. Mevlüt Cavusoglu Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey visited Islamabad to attend the Fifth Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process. On this occasion H.E. Cavusoglu was received by H.E. Mamnoon Hussain, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and H.E. Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.





# SAARC Conference Islamabad



The Saarc group includes Pakistan, India, Nepal, the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. The platform aims to boost ties and cooperation between member states.



## Realization of the goals & objectives envisaged in SAARC charter is our collective responsibility: PM Nawaz

By Mian FAzal Elahi

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has called for joint efforts to root out corruption and terrorism in the South Asian region at inaugurating the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) session in Islamabad.

### PM Nawaz calls for Joint efforts to root out corruption, terrorism

The Prime Minister said that SAARC countries are playing an effective role in the region. He said at national level, Pakistan has

made remarkable gains against terrorism through operation Zarb-e-Azb and effective implementation of National Action Plan.

These reflect the Pakistan's determination to eliminate the scourge of terrorism from our soil for good, he said.

The Prime Minister said Pakistan shares the perception that connectivity is critical to the progress and prosperity of the region and supports, in principle, road, air, rail and water connectivity within the region.

He said realization of the goals and objectives envisaged in SAARC charter is our collective responsibility.

Interior Ministers from seven Saarc countries, minus Bangladesh, are attending the meeting at a local five-star hotel to discuss the issues pertaining to terrorism, drugs and human trafficking and regional affairs.

**At national level, Pakistan has made remarkable gains against terrorism through operation Zarb-e-Azb and effective implementation of National Action Plan: PM Nawaz**





## Rajnath leaves Saarc meeting abruptly amid bitterness

Monitoring Desk

Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh left the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Saarc) Interior Ministers' meeting halfway through after losing a war of words with his Pakistani counterpart Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan.

The Indian minister indirectly accused Pakistan of sponsoring terrorism. But when Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan responded — after relinquishing his position as the chairman of the meeting — Mr Singh found it difficult to digest.

Chaudhry Nisar called for respecting the fundamental rights of people and stressed that legitimate freedom struggles should not be suppressed in the name of the fight against terrorism. He called upon the countries from the region to differentiate between terrorism and freedom movements, sanctified by the UN Security Council, and observed that violence against freedom fighters in a disputed territory under Indian occupation was state-sponsored.

He highlighted how Pakistan itself was one of the biggest victims of terrorism. "Instead of engaging in a blame-game and taking swipes at each other, we should take time out to reflect and sit together to try and work out the problems and reservations that we might harbour towards each other," he remarked. It was not Pakistan that closed its doors to talks,

he said. "Pakistan is ready to engage in any dialogue process based on mutual respect and dignity with no strings attached. It is for those



who have put conditions and sub-conditions for initiating dialogue to reconsider and realign their position."

He said that unlike India's claims, terrorist activities were not restricted to India, Afghanistan or Bangladesh. Scores of terrorist attacks had taken place in Pakistan and were equally condemnable, if not more so, he observed, specifically mentioning the attacks on Army Public School in Peshawar, the Bacha Khan University in Charsadda and the Gulshan-i-Iqbal Park in Lahore. Such incidents, he said, could not be ignored and the perpetrators of these attacks must be apprehended and brought to justice.

The interior minister's remarks came at a time when tensions are running high between the two nuclear-armed neighbours over fresh unrest and killings by security forces in India-held Kashmir. His remarks rendered Mr Singh speechless and he chose not to respond.

The strains in relations were evident when Chaudhry Nisar and Mr Singh came across each other for the first time. The interior minister was receiving the guests at the entrance to the conference's venue when the Indian minister arrived; the two did not even shake hands properly.

Addressing the meeting, the Indian minister called for tough action against terrorism and countries supporting it. "Terrorists should not be glorified as 'martyrs'. There is no good or bad terrorism. Terrorism is terrorism," he maintained.

Both men skipped the luncheon arranged for ministers and participants of the Saarc meeting. Speaking at a press conference later, Chaudhry Nisar said he had received a message from the Indian minister asking whether he (Nisar) would be coming to the lunch. The interior minister said he excused himself as he had to attend an important meeting at Prime Minister House.

Rajnath Singh, however, did not stick around longer and left the venue without attending the final session of the conference.

Chaudhry Nisar observed that equating the movement for Kashmir's liberation with terrorism was 'dishonesty with history'. He felt that Saarc countries could not be hostage to a certain country's agenda.

"If somebody refers to some specific dates and incidents, [we have] the right to come up with our own assessment of blatant foreign intervention and the influx of terrorism in Pakistan from across the border."

Courtesy to DAWN





Independence Day  
of The Islamic  
Republic of Pakistan

# *Congratulations* to the nation







President Mamnoon Hussain addressing on the occasion of Flag Hoisting Ceremony to mark the 70th Independence Day of Pakistan at Convention Centre, Islamabad. Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Federal Ministers and Services Chiefs are also present.

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

Pakistan celebrated its 70th Independence Day on Sunday with commemorative ceremonies held in Islamabad, as well as at the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi and the Pakistani embassy in Kabul.

The day began with a 31-gun salute in the federal capital along with a 21-gun salute in each provincial capital. Flag hoisting ceremonies were held in the provincial capitals and district headquarters and change of guard ceremonies were held at Mazar-i-Quaid and Mazar-i-Iqbal.

The main ceremony of the day was held at Islamabad's Convention Centre, where President Mamnoon Hussain and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif hoisted the national flag.

In his address, the president urged the nation to work selflessly in order to confront the

challenges that lie ahead, adding that every visible and invisible enemy will be chased and defeated in order to establish durable peace in Pakistan. The president assured the nation that the menace of terrorism would be eliminated from the country through decisive action and renewed determination.

"I dedicate this year's 14 August to the freedom of [Indian-Occupied] Kashmir. I dedicate it to those people who have bravely faced state oppression but kept the spirit of freedom alive," PM Nawaz Sharif

President Mamnoon Hussain said Operation Zarb-i-Azb and the National Action Plan have produced encouraging results and would continue until their logical conclusion.

Pakistan cannot forget the Kashmiris on this occasion, he said, as anti-government protests persist in India Occupied Kashmir (IOK) despite a curfew after the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani earlier in July.

Pakistan will continue supporting the Kashmiris in their struggle for self-determination in accordance with United Nations resolutions, the president said.

Both the president and prime minister emphasised sacrificing individual interests for the security, stability and survival of Pakistan.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif remembered those who gave their lives up for the country and said the nation stood united against terrorists.

The prime minister said it was a memorable day as the spirit of independence in IOK is at its peak.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif dedicated the celebrations to Kashmir. At least 70 civilians have been killed in firing by Indian forces during clashes over the past month.

"I dedicate this year's 14 August to the freedom of [Indian-held] Kashmir. I dedicate it to those people who have bravely faced state oppression but kept the spirit of freedom alive," Sharif said in his Independence Day message.

He also remembered the 70 people killed by a recent blast at a hospital in the southwestern city of Quetta, paying tribute to the security forces "who sacrificed their lives to protect this independence."

More than 50,000 Pakistanis, including 5,000 security personnel, have been killed since it joined the so-called War on Terror in 2002.





## Independence Day Celebrated in Canada



Azim Khan and officials of the Pakistan High Commission were the guests at the ceremony.

### 70th Independence Day of Pakistan celebrated in Toronto Consulate General of Pakistan

The 70th Independence Day of Pakistan was observed with traditional zeal and fervour, the 14th of August 2016 in the Consulate General of Pakistan, Toronto. On this occasion, flag-raising ceremony was held at the premises of the Consulate, which was attended by a large number of Pakistani diaspora and prominent members of Ontario Government, including Provincial Minister of Citizenship & Immigration, Hon. Laura Albanese, Hon Iqra Khalid, MP, Hon Salma Zahid, MP, Hon Robert Oliphant, MP and Hon. Dr. Shafiq Qadri, MPP. Consul General of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Erdeniz Sen also attended the ceremony, says a press release received here today from Toronto.

A special Ceremony was held to celebrate Pakistan Independence Day in the lawns of the Parliament. Large number

of Canadians and tourists joined the Royal Guard and the band of Canadian Armed Forces. Pakistan's High Commissioner, Mr. Tariq

## Independence Day marked by Flag Hoisting at the Pakistan High Commission, London



To mark the special occasion of 70th Independence Day of Pakistan, a Flag Hoisting ceremony was held at the Pakistan High commission, London. National Anthem was harmonic when H.E. Syed Ibne Abbas, Pakistan High Commissioner to the UK unfurled the Pakistani flag, says a Press Release received from London.

A large number of the Pakistani community in the UK attended the ceremony, showing their love and respect for their motherland. Besides, many British friends of Pakistan and representatives of the British government witnessed the ceremony.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY OF PAKISTAN CELEBRATED IN ANKARA

The 70th Independence Day of Pakistan was commemorated today in Ankara with traditional fervor. The Ambassador of Pakistan, Sohail Mahmood, hoisted the national flag on the tune of national anthem in presence of the Pakistani community, students, Turkish guests and Embassy officials and their families.





## 70th Independence Day of Pakistan celebrated at Embassy of Pakistan in Turkmenistan



The 70th Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated at Embassy of Pakistan in Ashgabat (Turkmenistan). In a simple and dignified ceremony held at the Chancery, Pakistani flag was hoisted by the Ambassador at the tune of national anthem. Members of Pakistani community living in Ashgabat attended the ceremony. Popular Pakistani national songs were played out during the ceremony, says a Press Release received from Ashgabat here today.

## 70th Independence Day of Pakistan was held at the Pakistan High Commission, Kuala Lumpur



A solemn flag hoisting ceremony to commemorate the 70th Independence Day of Pakistan was held at the Pakistan High Commission, Kuala Lumpur. The High Commissioner of Pakistan to Malaysia, H.E. Mr. Syed Hassan Raza hoisted Pakistan's national flag. The Minister of Commerce, Engr. Mr. Khurram Dastgir, who is on an official visit to Malaysia, participated in the ceremony as chief guest. The event was attended by a large number of Pakistani nationals living in Malaysia including prominent businessmen, notables and students, says a press release received here today from Kuala Lumpur.

## 70th INDEPENDENCE DAY OF PAKISTAN CELEBRATED IN UAE

Ceremonies of the Independence Day of Pakistan were held at the Consulate General of Pakistan Dubai with zeal and enthusiasm. Functions at the venues began with recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an. Independence Day ceremony was held in the premises of Pakistan Consulate at Dubai. Acting Consul General Samar Javed hoisted the National Flag while the National Anthem was played. He read out the Messages of President and Prime Minister of Pakistan. A large number of UAE-based Pakistanis and local dignitaries including Mr. Sohail Zarooni attended the ceremony.





## PAKISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED IN TEHRAN

An impressive ceremony was held at the Embassy Residence this morning to mark Pakistan 70th Independence Day. The ceremony commenced with the hoisting of flag by Ambassador Asif Ali Khan Durrani to the accompaniment of national anthem.

The flag hoisting ceremony was attended by a number of Iranian Scholars and Journalists

as well as members of Pakistani community, officials of the Mission, ECO Secretariat, students and teachers of the Pakistan International School and College, Tehran. A visiting delegation of FPCCI and ECO-CCI led by the President Mr. Abdul Rouf Alam, also participated.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED AT PAKISTAN EMBASSY, ABU DHABI

The 70th Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated at the Embassy of Pakistan, Abu Dhabi, with national zeal and enthusiasm. A large number of UAE-based Pakistanis attended the ceremony. The ceremony was kept simple and national songs were not performed in the wake of the recent Quetta blast. H.E. Dr. Faisal Aziz, Cd'A hoisted the national flag.



## Celebrations of Pakistan Independence in Japan

Pakistan Independence Day was celebrated in Japan with traditional enthusiasm and fervour. Ambassador Farukh Amil hoisted the flag in presence of a large number of Pakistani communities in Japan. Pakistan's national anthem was played during the flag hoisting ceremony. The Ambassador along with children cut the Anniversary cake. In the end prayers for the oppressed people of Kashmir and prosperity and progress of Pakistan were offered.





## 70th Independence Day Celebrated at Pakistan High Commission, New Delhi

**T**he 70th Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated with national spirit and enthusiasm at the Pakistan High Commission, New Delhi.

The Pakistan flag was raised by High Commissioner Abdul Basit at an elegant and impressive flag hoisting ceremony held on the Chancery's lush green lawns.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED IN EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN, KABUL

**T**he 70th Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated in the Embassy of Pakistan, Kabul, in a simple and dignified manner. The ceremony was inaugurated with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by national anthem and flag hoisting by Ambassador Syed Abrar Hussain. The Independence Day ceremony was attended by a large number of Pakistani community.



## 14TH AUGUST CELEBRATED AT PAKISTAN'S EMBASSY IN CHINA

**P**akistan's national flag was flown at full mast in a flag-hoisting ceremony celebrating the country's 70th Independence Day of 14th August 1947, here at the Embassy of Pakistan in Beijing. The Pakistani national flag was raised by Ambassador Masood Khalid to the sound of the national anthem.





## INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY HELD IN CHICAGO

Pakistan's Consul General Faisal Tirmizi says Pakistan is a robust democracy with an upswing economy. In the United States, Pakistan's national flag was hoisted at Daley Centre, in Chicago to mark the 70th anniversary of establishment of Pakistan.

Pakistan's Consul General Faisal Niaz Tirmizi speaking on the occasion, said despite many challenges of the past 70 years, Pakistan is a robust democracy with an economy that is on upswing. Tirmizi invited the US business community to invest in Pakistan. Consuls General of China and Turkey also attended the event.



## Pakistan Independence Day was celebrated with renewed zeal and patriotic fervor in the Kingdom of Bahrain

Pakistan Independence Day was celebrated with renewed zeal and patriotic fervor in the Kingdom of Bahrain and a series of impressive events were organized under the guidance of Pakistan's Ambassador to Bahrain, Ambassador Javed Malik. The day started with a remarkable ceremony at Pakistan Embassy in which a contingent of Pakistan Navy also participated along with a huge number of Pakistan community notables and their families. Hundreds of participants sang the national anthem while Ambassador Javed Malik was raising the national flag creating a unique atmosphere of visible national pride.



## Pakistan Independence Day celebrated in Scotland



Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has lauded the role of the Pakistani community in the development and progress of the United Kingdom including Scotland. She was speaking at a community reception held in Glasgow to celebrate Pakistan's 70th Independence Day. The First Minister congratulated all Pakistanis on their day of celebration conveying her best wishes for the progress and prosperity of Pakistan. Consul General Syed Ahsan Raza Shah gave the welcome address on the occasion which was also attended by leaders of all main Scottish Political Parties, besides the Commander 51st Infantry brigade and Headquarters Scotland, Chief Constable of Scotland and the Lord Advocate.

Earlier in the day more than 400 Scotland based Pakistanis from all walks of life attended the flag hoisting ceremony held at the Consulate of Pakistan in Glasgow.





# 44TH FOUNDATION DAY OF SENATE OBSERVED

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

The 44th foundation day of Senate of Pakistan was observed in Islamabad. The session was presided over by Chairman Senate Mian Raza Rabbani.

Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq

attended the special sitting along with former chairman Senate Nayyer Bokhari, former Deputy Chairmen Senate Sabir Baloch and Jan Jamali, member of the first Senate Chaudhry Aslam and member of the 1973 national Assembly who for the first time asked for calling the Upper House "The House of Nationalities" Dr Abdul Hayee Baloch among others.

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Books prepared by Senate Secretariat were also launched.





SERENA HOTELS

# Bosnian culture showcased

Serena Hotels under its Cultural Diplomacy Initiative arranged a Bosnian Cultural Evening featuring musical performances by the Bosnian sibling duo, Jasmina and Dzenana Sehanovic, to raise funds for the construction of the Pak-Bosnian School. CEO of Serena Hotels, Aziz Boolani, presented a cheque of Rs5.6 million that was raised through the event. Ambassador of Bosnia, Dr. Nedim Makarevic gave a presentation on the construction and progress of the school.











# Connecting Thailand with Pakistan

By Hassam Ahmed Siddiqi

A 12 member delegation of Thai companies visited Islamabad and Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry's offices led by H.E. Mr. Suchart Liengsaengthong, Ambassador of Thailand and held B2B meetings with both chambers members of relevant sectors to seek business partnerships. The delegation was representing some renowned companies of Thailand including Giffarine Skyline Unity Co. Ltd manufacturers of cosmetics, Fashion Food Co. Ltd. dealing in readymade food and snacks, Srithai Superware Public Company Ltd. dealing in melamine kitchenware, SCG Trading Co. Ltd. manufacturer of cement, construction & industrial materials and energy products and Bangkok Chain Hospital PCL.

Speaking at the occasion, H.E. Mr. Suchart Liengsaengthong, Ambassador of Thailand said that the purpose of bringing Thai business delegation was to remove some misconceptions about Pakistan and to provide them first-hand knowledge about its business and economic potential. He said Thai entrepreneurs were interested in doing some serious business with Pakistani counterparts and they have brought samples of their products to introduce them to Pakistani counterparts.

H.E. the Ambassador further said Pakistan-Thailand current bilateral trade of US\$ 1 billion was not up to real potential of both countries





and there is a dire need to bring it to 5 billion dollar per annum. However, he said Pak-Thailand Free Trade Agreement would hopefully be signed during this year that would give boost to bilateral trade as it would reduce tariffs and address other trade barriers between the two countries. He stressed that both chambers of commerce should also take their delegations to Thailand as exchange of trade delegations was the best way to explore areas of mutual

cooperation and to promote two-way trade.

Pakistani counterparts said Pakistan has great potential for Thai entrepreneurs, especially for ready-made food and snacks, cosmetics, kitchen wares, cement, construction and in many other fields as it was a huge consumer market. Furthermore, both chambers of commerce expressed that Thai businessmen should explore investment opportunities

in various sectors of Pakistan's economy including CPEC projects, food processing, agriculture, textiles, engineering & electronics, construction, pharmaceutical gems & jewelry etc. They assured that both Pakistani chambers of commerce would fully cooperate with Thai entrepreneurs for seeking business partnerships and making investment in Pakistan.





# Prospects of New Business Ventures



## CEO of “Diplomatic Focus” meets with Thai Business Community

By Hassam Ahmad Siddiqi

**M**ian Fazal Elahi CEO/ Editor/ Publisher of Monthly “Diplomatic focus” Magazine held a meeting with the Ambassador of Thailand Suchart Liengsaengthong and delegation of Thai businessman. Mian Fazal Elahi said that Pakistan is a huge market with a very healthy environment of business and Pakistan can be a very good market for Thai products.

H.E. Mr. Suchart Liengsaengthong, Ambassador of Thailand to Pakistan, led 10-member Thai business delegation from renowned companies in Thailand, which included Giffarine Skyline Unity Co. Ltd., manufacturers of cosmetics and food products; Fashion Food Co. Ltd. readymade food and snacks manufacturers; Srithai Superware Public Company Ltd. dealing in melamine kitchenware; SCG Trading Co.Ltd. Manufacturer of cement, construction, industrial materials, and energy products as well as Bangkok Chain Hospital PCL to visit the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) and the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The objective of bringing Thai businessmen to Pakistan is to provide them with first-hand knowledge about business and economic potential of Pakistan and to explore business matchmaking with Pakistani Counterparts.

CEO/ Editor/ Publisher of Monthly Diplomatic focus Magazine Mian Fazal Elahi held a meeting with the Ambassador of Thailand Suchart Liengsaengthong and delegation of Thai businessman as well. The meeting

was held in a very friendly environment and prospects of improving trade were discussed with the delegation. Mian Fazal Elahi said that Pakistan is a huge market with a very healthy environment of business and Pakistan can be a very good market for Thai products. Ambassador of Thailand to Pakistan Suchart Liengsaengthong said that his country’s entrepreneurs were interested in doing some serious business with Pakistani counterparts and they had brought samples of their products to introduce them to Pakistani businessmen. He said Pakistan-Thailand current bilateral trade is currently of US\$ 1 billion which was not up to real potential of both countries. However, Pak-Thailand Free Trade Agreement would hopefully be signed during this year that would give boost to bilateral trade as it would reduce tariffs and address other trade barriers between the two countries. He stressed that ICCI should also take its delegation to Thailand as exchange of trade delegations was the best way to explore areas of mutual

cooperation and to promote two-way trade. Mian Fazal Elahi encouraged Thai Business delegation and said that Pakistan has great potential for Thai entrepreneurs, especially for ready-made food and snacks, cosmetics, kitchen wares, cement, construction and in many other fields as it was a huge consumer market. He said Thai businessmen should explore investment opportunities in various sectors of Pakistan’s economy including CPEC projects, food processing, agriculture, textiles, engineering & electronics, construction, pharmaceutical gems & jewelry etc. Mian Fazal Elahi said that he would cooperate with Thai Business community through his magazine diplomacy and would play his active role in bridging the gap between Pakistani Business community and Thai business man. The offer was much appreciated by the members of Thai delegation. Later on, business contact details were shared by the Thai delegation for further negotiations and talks.







collaboration. Both the sides emphasized on the need for developing military to military cooperation at all level.

The Federal Minister for Defense Productions Rana Tanveer Hussain apprised the delegation about the potential of defense industry of Pakistan. He further stated that Pakistan have an advanced defense industry and technology and our engineers and technicians are working hard to achieve the goals. Both the sides emphasized that there has been limited cooperation/collaboration between the two countries in the past in the field of defense production. In the last decade exchange of visits took place between Poland and Pakistan but major breakthrough could not be achieved. There is a lot of scope for defense cooperation. Both the countries have shown keen interest to sign MoUs and agreements in order to get engaged with each other for a meaningful defense industrial production.

Deputy Minister of National Defence, Poland Bartosz Jozef Kownacki also called on Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Rashad Mahmood. Matters of mutual interest and enhancement in bilateral defence cooperation between both countries came under discussion during the meeting, news release of ISPR stated. The visiting dignitary lauded the sacrifices made by the Nation and Armed Forces in fight against terrorism.

# Pakistan & Poland

## emphasized on the need for developing military to military cooperation at all level

By Mian Fazal Elahi

Federal Minister for Defence Productions Rana Tanveer Hussain, extended an invitation to Polish Defense Minister to the upcoming Defence Exhibition to be held in Pakistan in November this year. In a meeting with a polish delegation led by the Deputy Minister of National Defence of Poland, Bartosz Kownacki, Federal Minister highlighted the need to identify areas of cooperation which could help to further strengthen bilateral ties between Pakistan and Poland.

Polish Defense Minister emphasized that Poland was a full member NATO since 1999, and is an important European country with strong industrial base. The government of Poland has been pursuing ambitious program of restructuring the defense capacity of



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Poland. "They have experience of working with the technologically advanced countries of the world, and as a result our industry is doing great advancements in this Industry", he added.

During the meeting matters of bilateral importance were discussed. Views on both sides were exchanged in order to promote defense cooperation in industrial sector. This will further open avenues for joint





# Dumpukht

## The Re launch



**D**umpukht is the ultimate Mughlai Cuisine restaurant at Karachi Marriott where guests can enjoy the finer delights of South East Asian Food and service that allows for a comfortable, relaxed dining experience. The outlet reflects the style and ambience of the ancient Mughal era. Now, the restaurant will also serve lunch and dinner buffet along with live music and classical performance.

The lavish menu is enriched with a variety of scrumptious dishes that are made with authentic ingredients preserving the aura that tantalizes the taste buds. This is exactly what the Mughlai cuisine is famous for.

This restaurant is decorated in a Mughlai style. The décor is in a subtle theme with paintings/ miniatures/ brass carvings, fixtures on the walls and pottery, with dim artistic lighting.

Lots of live greenery planted in the permanent boxes and pots, candles/ lanterns are placed every evening on the tables and that bring a magical touch to the restaurant.

The setting is in vibrant eastern colors and fabrics such as velvet, brocade silk and net. The ambience reflects the memoirs of a bygone era. Lots of gold and shimmer is used to create an effect of grandeur and royalty. The purpose is to make every guest feel like a monarch.











Showcasing the beauty of Pakistan and Celebrating Independence!

# Music video for Zoe Viccaji's 'Azad' launched

The Serena Hotel hosted the launch of Zoe Viccaji's latest single, 'Azad' under its Cultural Diplomacy Initiative before a diverse group of music lovers, including members of the diplomatic community, government and the media.

Serena Hotels CEO Aziz Boolani said: "The theme of the video is particularly relevant as we approach 14th August – our Independence Day – as it carries the message of women's empowerment and self-realization. This launch is not to promote the video so much as to project the right image of Pakistan – showcasing the beauty of the rivers, mountains, and heritage sites." The music video was shot in the northern regions of Pakistan and features some of the most spectacular locations and tourist attractions in the country, including the Attabad and Rama lakes, the Deosai Plains, the Manthoka Waterfalls, the Sarfara Desert, the Altit and Shigar forts, and Gulmit.

The music video features a girl on a solitary journey through Pakistan, who in the course of her road trip finds and frees herself.









# Morocco celebrates King's enthronement anniversary

The 17th anniversary of the enthronement of King Mohammad VI of Morocco was celebrated by Ambassador of Morocco to Pakistan H.E. Mustapha Salahudinne at Serena hotel Islamabad.

Chief guest Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage Senator Pervaiz Rashid and Punjab Governor Rafique Rajwana were prominent among the guests, including diplomats, dignitaries and prominent citizens from different walks of life at the graceful event.









# Farewell Reception to H.E. Emillion Ion

Senator Anwar Baig hosted a farewell reception in honor of the H.E. Emillion Ion outgoing Ambassador of Romania at his residence in Islamabad. Large number of Diplomats, Personal friends graced the event.





# Embassy of Brazil in Islamabad hosted a Reception in the honour of the Pakistani delegation in Rio 2016 Olympic Games

**Federal Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada and Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of Brazil Jean-Pierre Bianchi shared brief comments on Rio Olympics-2016. Guests also included the Pakistani Athletes and officials travelling to Brazil for Rio Olympics Games-2016.**







# 49th founding anniversary Day of ASEAN

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Islamabad









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# Clinton's nomination



**“No matter how daunting the odds,  
no matter how much people try to  
knock her down, she never ever quits.”  
President Obama**

**T**here were tears and cheers at the US Democratic National Convention on Tuesday when Hillary Clinton was selected as the first woman ever to become a major party's presidential nominee.

A look at Ms Clinton's political trajectory shows that her path to the White House is strewn with controversy and is under public scrutiny — Libya, the email server scandal, Iran, her association with big money, etc. All this makes her nomination an achievement of sorts for a career politician, a wife and grandmother.

She has had strong support. Michelle Obama reminded her audience in her Convention speech of Ms Clinton's 'get up and keep moving' attitude, and focused on her as a determined glass-ceiling cracker.

President Obama said of his former secretary of state: “No matter how daunting the odds, no matter how much people try to knock her down, she never ever quits.”

Yes, tenacity is her strength, a survival tool in male-dominated politics. But, more importantly, at a time when American politics has become reactionary given its cultural, racial and social divisions, Ms Clinton's temperament, competence and experience will be tested.

Although she was an unpopular choice, Democrats are now rallying around her to draw traditional constituencies. Highlighting Ms Clinton's strong faith has been one way of showing she's grounded. This can be taken as a positive signal.

Party disunity would be troubling for the campaign. And this is what dissenters must realise even when questioning her track record (on healthcare, gender wage gap, tax cuts, foreign policy, Iran sanctions).

On her part, Ms Clinton's first task must involve removing the trust deficit to win over disillusioned voters. She knows she is not without controversy, making her a tough sell even if her political experience came during one of the toughest periods in international politics when diplomacy and measured reaction were critical to decision-making.

Given the two choices Americans have in November, it might be best to remember that history has lessons demonstrating that change comes slowly despite perseverance.

*Courtesy to DAWN*



# Daral Lake, **myths**

Where transcendental beauty mingles with

By M.Saeed Yousafzai

**L**ocated at about 11,500 following a long and stunning hike in Swat valley and nestled amid snow capped alpine peaks, Daral Lake in Swat valley holds transcendental beauty for nature lovers.

The scenic Swat valley, which was once known as Uddiyana (Garden), has every luxury on the offering for tourists, researchers, historians, archaeologists and nature lovers.

The valley lies in the lap of Hindu Kush-Kakakoram-Himalaya range and houses some



**“Once, two men decided to take out gold from the lake. The one, who had knowledge of extracting the gold, told the other to observe silence during the process of taking out the gold. But the second man forgot to observe silence and called the first man when he was about to reach the gold. The moment he spoke the golden rollers started rolling cutting the man into pieces”**





of the most stunning lakes, forests, meadows, waterfalls, streams and rivers, and more.

Located on the confluence of Hindu Kush and Karakoram ranges in Bahrain valley, Daral Lake can be accessed through different routes.

It can be accessed after climbing for four hours from Bahrain. Alternatively, it can be reached from Sidgai Lake to the northeast after two hours of rigorous trekking or tourists can also find their way to the lake from Lalku valley after a six hours long trek.

The fourth route is from Gabina Jabba which is the most charming route full of colourful flowers, lush green meadows, thick forests, streams and trickles of crystal clear water.

The trail is beautiful, full of nature, blended with small colourful flowers, roaring streams of unadulterated water, lush green pastures with animals grazing here and there, big and small glaciers and dense forests.

The amoeba shaped lake is an illustration of pristine beauty surrounded



by sky  
touching  
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panoramic views.

This is really a beautiful and stunning lake giving an exhilarating view after a rigorous climb. The lake is calm and serene but mysterious and striking.



The amoeba shaped lake is an illustration of pristine beauty surrounded by sky touching mountains with panoramic views.



The lake entails some interesting myths too: some locals believe that the lake is an abode of angels while others say there is a huge treasure of gold but guarded by supernatural entities with golden rollers.

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But the second man forgot to observe silence and called the first man when he was about to reach the gold. The moment he spoke the golden rollers started rolling cutting the man into pieces”.

Other myths reveal that a golden horse comes out of the lake which can be seen only by those

people who have supernatural powers.

We need to develop culture of hiking which is the best way to experience nature and explore such places. It is the need of time to develop ecologically friendly ways for the common person to access such breath taking areas. This will improve tourism and develop the local

economy. Pakistan has world’s most beautiful mountains; Karakoram, hindukush and Himalya. It’s the responsibility of authority and government to promote tourism in a way that environment remained protected as well as it add / provide economical values to people of the area in parallel by providing social benefits and protection.



# 97th Independence of Afghanistan



Ambassador of Afghanistan to Pakistan Dr Omar Zakhilwal, hosted a colorful reception to celebrate the 97th National Day of Afghanistan's Independence at Serena hotel here in Islamabad. Advisor to PM on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz was chief guest, Federal Minister for Finance Senator Ishaq Dar, Ameer Jamaat e islami Siraj ul Haq, Mahmmood Khan Achakzi, Aftab Khan Sherpao, Mian Ifthar Hussain were prominent among the participants.

The key feature of the afghan National Day ceremony was domination and presence of afghan business community settled in Pakistan, diplomats, dignitaries and prominent citizens from different walks of life at the event.









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