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## Pakistan trying to boost regional trade



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The 4th South Asia-Sichuan Business Promotion Roundtable Conference in Chengdu Sichuan has given the new dimensions to the promotion of regional trade in South Asia and Pak-China bilateral relations. President Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Zubair Ahmed Malik said FPCCI as Pakistan's apex trade organisation has committed its positive role in strengthening and advancing the bilateral trade relations between Pakistan and regional economies particularly China.

Patron In-Chief Pak-China Business

Council Tariq Sayeed called upon the countries in the region to strengthen bilateral trade ties as the regional trade was not only need of the hour, but the key of success and economic viability. He indicated South Asian intra-regional trade was increasing and getting more attractions to foreign investment, while economy developed rapidly in Sichuan.

He invited the Sichuan entrepreneurs to South Asian countries to invest enterprise and expand cooperation.

He said Sichuan and South Asian countries economies were well connected through the Roundtable Forum, which has established a long-term cooperation mechanism.

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## Nawaz for early completion of Neelum-Jhelum Power Project

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Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif directed the team to expedite construction work on Rs 274.882 billion Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project and make it functional until 2014-15 to overcome power shortage in the country.

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## UNESCO recognises Juniper Forest in Ziarat



*Amal Khan*  
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International Coordinating Council of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) has finally declared Ziarat, Balochistan's Juniper Forest as the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has welcomed the announcement, made at MAB meeting Paris. IUCN said that it will help nature conservationists to highlight the importance of these peerless forests at interna-



tional level.

In a statement issued on Friday, Country Representative IUCN Pakistan Mahmood Akhtar Cheema said that inclusion of Juniper Forest of Ziarat in the World Network of Biosphere Reserve is yet another step towards recognition of Pakistan's natural sites of international significance on global level. "It is a matter of great honour and pride for Pakistan", he said.

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## Expo Pakistan attracting buyers, local exhibitors



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The international trade and business event will be held from September 26 to 29, 2013 at Karachi Expo Centre.

Exhibitors have shown overwhelming response and have vehemently welcomed and appreciated the Trade Development Authority's initiatives and have agreed reserving their space.

Engineering Development Board will have its engineering pavilion and participating with

50 renowned companies.

Pakistan Carpet Manufacturer Association is managing their pavilion. Towel Manufacturer Association has confirmed participation of 10 renowned exhibitors in the expo.

Major international delegations are expected from Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Poland, Brazil, Argentina,

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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

What exactly does the onslaught of information available on the internet do for us? News websites, blogs, social media news feeds and what-not are updated every second. People visit these forums constantly, and comment pretty much freely on the issues of their interest.

Often there are comment skirmishes, even wars, fought on these platforms. Sometimes, randomly, issues are taken up and enough pressure is built up, so, the 'authorities' are forced to take some action.

And at this point they, the authorities, seem to have figured out how to turn any situation to their advantage. In the face of this seemingly insurmountable force, this doesn't mean we should just forget about the whole thing and "lolz" our lives away. However, if we want to bring about real change, we need to know what we really want. Then get out there and aim deeper, aim higher.

A compilation of news made by students of Mass Communication and Media Studies of Greenwich University to highlight the positive aspects of Pakistan

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**Saad Rafique vows to improve Pakistan Railways**

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Federal Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique on Saturday said no stone would be left unturned to improve the performance of Pakistan Railways.



After assuming charge of the Ministry, he said all out efforts would be made to make Pakistan Railways profit-earning organisation.

All possible measures would be taken to improve the performance of Pakistan Railways and provide maximum facilities to the passengers.

Saad said steps would be taken to overcome losses of the national entity, adding corruption and mismanagement would not be tolerated at any cost.

He announced to restore Vigilance Cell in Railways for improving performance and said services of agencies and Army personnel would be hired for this purpose.

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**23 students to visit Japan under exchange programme**

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The government of Japan has invited a delegation of 23 Pakistani high school students and two supervisors to visit Japan, under the JENESYS 2.0 Programme.

High school students from member countries of SAARC have been invited by the Japanese government to participate in this programme. "JENESYS 2.0" (Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths) is a new youth exchange programme between Japan and SAARC countries to reaffirm and strengthen the bond between Japan



and SAARC countries. Under this programme, participants will be given opportunities to deepen their understanding on Japan's cutting-edge high technologies and its support for local and creative industries, experience Japan's traditional culture, and communicate with local people. This

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**Rawalpindi-Islamabad metro bus project to launch in November**

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The CDA's much awaited Rawalpindi-Islamabad Metro Bus project will be launched in November for which Rs 30 billion had been allocated by the federal government.



CDA Traffic Engineering Director Azam Lodhi on Wednesday said the Asian Development Bank's Cities Development Initiative Asia (CDIA) department has already completed the pre-feasibility study of the project. The official said the final

feasibility report will be completed by the next month and tenders will soon be floated in the international media to invite bids for establishment of the transport system. A senior CDA official on condition of anonymity said the issue of mass

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## Broadband Internet access to 600 colleges



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Investment in higher education Pakistan continues to reap dividends. Due to revolutionary and effective supportive steps by Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan has become a regional leader in the field of information and communication technology. Broad bandwidth Internet connectivity is now available in 183 institutions throughout the country and this network is being expanded to over 600 colleges which are under the provincial governments.

As per details, HEC has ensured that the Digital Library and Archives are available online to all students in Pakistan, which has a database of over 10,000 e-journals and 65,000 e-books. Apart from this, Campus Management Solutions have already been implemented at eight universities with more to follow.

National & Regional Data Centres as es-

tablished by HEC and provincial centres are hosting ICT services to higher education sector. Research repository containing more than 6,680 Pakistani PhD theses in digitised form, plagiarism eradication tool as provided to all HEIs. In addition, through HEC Microsoft Education Alliance and higher education management information assistance is being provided to 30 HEIs in first improving their academic and administrative governance and business intelligence. About 180 free softwares have been provided to over 1 million students in higher education sector of Pakistan. Universities have been provided state of the art high-tech equipment and equipment sharing programmes and grants for research, holding of conferences, seminars and workshops are being offered. Moreover, HEC has also established a computerised system of document attestation with more than 200,000 educational documents attested each year. Commenting on this achievement, HEC Chairperson Dr Javaid R Laghari said

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## New Balochistan government vows to recover all missing people

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The incoming chief minister of Balochistan and President National Party, Dr. Abdul Malik has vowed that improvement of law and order situation in Balochistan would be his topmost priority.

"We will work day and night and would utilise all available resources to improve the grave law and order situation of Balochistan," he added.

He expressed these views at MPA Hostel in Quetta while addressing party workers and delegations in Quetta.

Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch said that Balochistan had already plunged into crises but the situation had aggravated during the past ten years, adding that the main issues were law and order, recovery of missing persons and safety of citizens.

"We will strive hard to address these issue and restore the trust of people," he added.

He said that he would make all out efforts to discharge his responsibility so that the



issues of people could be addressed properly.

NP leader said that National Awami Party (NAP) had an important role in the political history of Balochistan, adding that after May 11 elections NP and Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party once revitalised the memory of NAP rule.

Referring to health and education sectors of the province, he said these sectors remained marred in corruption during the previous governments and said his government would not only improve the performance of these sectors, but also completely eliminate the corruption in all public sector departments..

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

## Reducing food wastage minimises environment hazards



**Maheen Farid**  
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The reduction in food wastage would not only diminish environmental hazards but also ensure the promotion of better environment in the country.

This was stated by Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC) Secretary Muhammad Ali Gardezi while speaking on the occasion of 'World Environment Day' organised jointly by MoCC and Pakistan Agriculture Research Council (PARC).

"The environment day is celebrated each year but this year, we are focusing on the campaign with message of think, eat, save. That would encourage every human being to be conscious of food waste which could reduce our food-print," he said.

Secretary MoCC said the huge scarce natural resource, water, was being used as input for preparing the food and it would be wastage of all resources if food was not consumed efficiently.

"There is a need of changing the behaviour, mindset and lifestyles of the public for reducing food which would help us to ensure the food security in the country," Gardezi said.

Speaking on the occasion, UNESCO Country Director Dr Kozue Kay Nagata said that according to UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), every year 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted and this is equivalent to the amount produced in Sub-Saharan Africa.

"Sadly, one in every seven people in the world go to bed hungry while more than 20,000 children under the age of five die of hunger every day," she said.

She said that one third of global food production is either wasted or lost. "We have to reduce food waste, save money, minimise the environmental impact of food production and force its process to become more efficient," she said.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

## Preventive measures urged to reduce malaria

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Health experts said that effective preventive measures to reduce malaria are essential across the country.

According to experts, malaria is a life threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected mosquitoes particularly in this high-risk season.

They said parasites are spread to people through the bites of infected anopheles mosquitoes, called malaria vectors, which bite mainly between dusk and dawn.

They added non immune travellers from malaria free areas are very vulnerable to the disease when they get infected.

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### World Malaria Day

Dr Wasim Khawaja from Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) said that parents and caretakers of children needed to realize that it is their moral, ethical and religious obligation to ensure their children were protected against diseases and disability through completion of the immunization course.

He reiterated complete commitment of the hospital to the cause of mother-and-child health, and said that the hospital is making every effort to strengthen the child immunisation programmes.

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## Clean and Green Islamabad : CDA's campaign achieves maximum goals

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Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chairman Syed Tahir Shahbaz said the people from all walks of life were actively participating in the ongoing CDA's campaign 'Clean and Green Islamabad', which was achieving maximum goals.

He said the sector-wise campaign was bringing natural green environment of the capital to its original shape.

Talking to APP, the CDA official said that in the short period of two months, this campaign had brought a positive result and with the availability of limited funds common issues like sanitation in the sectors 'I' and 'G' series had been resolved.

The CDA chairman said that the credit of success of this



campaign went to the CDA officers, officials, traders, residents of the federal capital and especially to media as it had contributed a lot in disseminating the CDA's message to grass-roots level.

Appreciating the participation of schoolchildren, he said the students had vigorously participated in the campaign and helped the CDA to convey message to those who stayed home during campaign.

Syed Tahir Shahbaz said the continuity of this campaign showed that the residents were taking keen interest in keeping the capital clean and green.

*Courtesy: ExpressTribune*

## More staff to be inducted to improve healthcare system

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Country's healthcare delivery system will be strengthened with the induction of medical and paramedical staff in the public sector hospitals.

The representatives of civil society organisations on Friday hailed the future plan of new government to induct 5,000 new doctors, 500 dentists, 4,500 nurses, 5,500 paramedics and 500 traditional birth attendants in various hospitals.

They said the decision would be helpful to reach the poor patients of the country with best medical care.

They also appreciated the government's plan of micronutrient supplementation, nutrition counselling and awareness programmes through LHWs in the primary healthcare system across the country to raise awareness in women of child bearing age.

According to government's annual plan for health sector 2013-14, around 10 rural health centres (RHC) and 45

basic health units (BHU) will be established besides upgradation of 15 existing RHCs and 40 BHUs.

Under the preventive programme, about eight million children will be immunised and 23 million packets of ORS will be distributed during 2013-14 throughout the country.

The government will upgrade the existing health facilities instead of creating new infrastructure and the focus would be on strengthening the primary healthcare facilities based on the recommended yardsticks.

During the year, the emphasis will be on upgradation of THQ and DHQ hospitals as well as establishment of new ones besides provision of equipment in BHUs and rehabilitation of rural health centres. The government has proposed social health insurance schemes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with the financial assistance of German development partners that would initially cover four districts.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

## Promotion of investment and cottage industries

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In a post-budget briefing on Friday, Balochistan Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch has said that a donors' conference would be held in the province to promote investment and cottage industries.

Addressing the media at CM's Secretariat, the chief minister said that all the non-governmental organisations would be briefed about the situation of Balochistan. He

further said that work on the under-construction cadet colleges would be completed on priority basis. While stressing that the development of a nation is linked with its language, he said grants would be given to Pashtu, Balochi and Brahvi academies.

The chief minister said that the National Testing Service would be introduced in the province to ensure merit overservices. He said that an auditorium would be built in Quetta where cultural pro

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## Ceramic artwork exhibition

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The Earth and Fire Studios, located in Islamabad will be hosting a fascinating exhibition of hand-made ceramic lamps and ceramic artwork. The display will portray lamps as unique and individual expressions of art along with other ceramic work design which will capture the imagination of one's soul. Each design of the exhibition will be an original work of creativity, vision and concept created by prominent artist Danish Yazdani, who graduated from the Hunerkada College of Arts in 1997. Since then she has been trained under some of the legendary names in the world of ceramic arts. Danish Yazdani is also trained in the skill of glaze making and has enhanced and introduced many of her own



signature techniques into this field. Her mentor and teacher Paul Soldner, who introduced Raku firing in United States in the 1960's continues to be her inspiration. A marvelous blend of ingenious revelation from the mind of Danish Yazdani is ready to captivate the residents of capital and surely not to be missed.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

## Exhibition at Nomad Art Gallery continues

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An exhibition by two dynamic young artists, S Faraz Ali and Irum S Khokhar, was held at Nomad Art Gallery. The exhibition was inaugurated by Ambassador of Argentina, Rodolfo M Saravia, in which a large number of art lovers from twin cities took keen interest in the paintings and



also met the artists on the occasion. Using creative imagination and skill, both artists manifested a thought-provoking exhibition. Faraz's art reflects social responsibility and public concerns through critique of regional politics and its links to global politics. One sees radical changes in the handling of media by both artists, the symbolism, incisive attention to details and powerful thinking that reflects the imbrogio of the 'War against terror', and issues emanating from personal discourse and their living experiences. Indeed, exploring current socio-political upheavals that reflect on this region and the influence of International policies.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

## Cultural show spellbounds SAARC delegates

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A cultural show 'Rhythms of Indus' arranged at Pakistan National Council of the Arts in Islamabad for the visiting SAARC delegates mesmerised them with colourful glimpses of rich Indus civilisation through instrumental music and cultural dances.

The performances, including Moenjodaro dance, Kalash dance, Khattak dance, Sindhi Jhoomer dance, Basant Bhangra dance, Cholistan dance and instrumental performances on Violin, Flute, Algoza, Dhol and Rubab enthralled the audience and received huge applause.

The cultural show was arranged by State Bank of Pakistan with the collaboration of PNCA in the follow-up of the 26th SAARC finance group meeting, 9th SAARC finance governors' symposium and 42nd Asian Clearing Union (ACU) Board of Directors meeting.

Attired in traditional costumes, the instrumentalists presented their melodious tunes reflecting the Indus Valley civilisation to entertain the visiting delegates in an artistic way, while the dancers also surprised the

audience with their unique presentations and innovative styles.

Prominent Flute player Salman Adil performed a popular folk tune of Punjab on flute, which is an instrument well known all over the world.

Having international repute, the maestro, Salman Adil handled the instrument with emotional skill and captured the attention of the audience throughout his performance.

His melodious flute performance took the audience to the natural environment, cultural beauty and simplicity of Punjab, in their imagination.

Rubab, is a popular fretless pluck string lute of Pakistan's north western mountainous region, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The young maestro, Gulab Khel, is a celebrated exponent of Rubab and he performed a popular melody of the mountainous region in accompaniment with percussion 'tabla'.

Raees Ahmed, who is an outstanding violinist, played some popular tunes on violin, which is a western musical instrument and

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programme is expected to develop exchange and mutual understanding

among youths in Japan and SAARC countries. Earlier this month, a delegation of 10 Pakistani Japanese Language Learners accompanied by their one supervisor visited Japan under the JENESYS 2.0 Programme for the Japanese Language Learners.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

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grammes could be arranged. He was of the view that the grant of the University of Balochistan (UoB) would be increased along with that of all other universities of the province and the HEC would be contacted in this regard. He further said that grant for the residential colleges would also be increased.

He said that efforts would be made for the right of the people of Balochistan over their resources, and tribal influence would be used to end tribal discords. Dr Baloch also sought the support of media, adding that his government would continue to protect the rights of the people of Balochistan.

He also invited positive criticism of the media. He said that his government has increased the salaries of the government employees by up to 15 percent and hoped that they would play an active role for the promotion and development of the province. The chief minister said that steps would be taken for the promotion of industries in Balochistan and special focus would be laid on agriculture.

Malnutrition: Meanwhile, speakers at a media round table organised by Development Partners for Nutrition said Pakistan is facing a silent crisis of malnutrition that is amongst the worst in the world and has not improved for decades. Save the Children's Nadeem Shahid opened the discussion about the role of media in highlighting nutrition during the post-election period. He emphasised the importance of putting nutrition on the agenda of media in the pre-election debate and in the post-election scenario.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

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universities are the most important producers of knowledge, which is the driving force for prosperity and increased standard of living. Today, in Pakistan the Digital Library provides access to 75 percent of the world's literature. In 2012, about 8.50 people accessed to digital library facility being provided by HEC. The video conferencing facility has been provided at 79 sites having footprints in 32 cities throughout the country. The

video conferencing facility is not only being used for interactive meetings and lectures delivered under Virtual Education Program Pakistan, but it is being exhaustively utilised in the field of Telemedicine and Agriculture field research. So far more than 2,554 academic activities including workshops, presentations, PhD defence, and lectures have been covered through this innovative and modern facility.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

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He urged media persons to play their vital role in motivating families and communities to avail the free vaccination service against the diseases available in the hospital. He said that malaria is an acute febrile illness, adding, in a non immune individual, symptoms appear seven days or more usually 10 to 15 days after the infective mosquito bite.

Dr Khawaja said the first symptoms like fever, headache, chills and vomiting may be mild and difficult to recognise as malaria. He added if not treated within 24 hours, malaria can progress

to severe illness often leading to death.

He said children with severe malaria frequently develop one or more of the symptoms like severe anaemia, respiratory distress in relation to metabolic acidosis, or cerebral malaria.

He said in adults, multi organ involvement is also frequent while in malaria endemic areas, persons may develop partial immunity, allowing symptomatic infections to occur.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

### Contd. Rawalpindi Islamabad

transit system was taken up by the CDA board in Monday's meeting. He said as the CDA could not manage to introduce a practical transport service through its own resources it has decided to link the project with Rawalpindi to have assistance from Punjab government to make the project a success. He said the CDA chairman and board members showed their consent to take up the matter with Punjab government as they have recently launched a similar service in Lahore. The CDA would also engage Punjab government to ply a fleet of 50 buses. The official also said that a report has been submitted for recommendations on financial and

administrative affairs of transport project before the CDA's board for approval. Meanwhile, he said, the CDA's Planning Wing has marked out places for bus stations in the capital city for this project, the official said.

The sources said the authority had repeatedly announced and advertised to launch the mass transit system for many years but the financial incapacity did not allow it to launch the project successfully. "Now this dream seems to be materialised as the federal government has allocated a hefty amount for the project in the budget," an official added.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

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He hoped to strengthen economic and trade cooperation with Sichuan and achieve greater cooperation and development with Pakistan.

Vice Governor Sichuan Province Gan Lin hoped to boost trade between countries in the region. Gan said the Roundtable Forum would definitely enhance the mutual understanding and the friendship between Sichuan and South Asian countries, strengthen bilateral economic and trade cooperation and sustainable development.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

### Contd. Saad Rafique vows

Railways and provide maximum facilities to the passengers.

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### Contd. Pakistan to play

was already a "no go" area for many international teams even before the Sri Lankan attacks as security fears grew after the 9/11 attacks on the United States.

Those attacks paved the way to the US-led invasion of neighbouring Afghanistan, a subsequent Taliban insurgency, a series of backlash attacks in Pakistan and since 2007, Pakistan's own domestic Taliban insurgency. Australia have not toured Pakistan since 1998, citing serious threats to their players.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

**Contd. Nawaz for early completion of Neelum- Jhelum Power**

During his visit to the site of the project in Muzaffarabad, the Prime Minister told reporters that the authorities concerned had sought time for the completion of the project until 2016, conditional to the availability of financial resources, but he had declined the request and instead instructed them to complete it by 2015.

He regretted that such projects were conceived in the past but were not given due attention, as there had been vested interests, but his government would have to change such culture.

He said the project could not be achieved during the last many years and now its cost had swelled to around Rs 275 billion. He expressed his astonishment over the delay in the execution of the project.

He said that 29 years had passed, but the project was yet to be completed, and that nobody questioned the gross negligence over such a delay. Nawaz said that the power issue had become a "genie" and the people were fed up with it, but assured that his government would utilise all resources to complete the project.

"If such projects were given a priority in the past, these could have been achieved. We are fully committed to completing such projects and are dedicating each minute for giving relief to the masses," he said.

The PM also pointed at the shortage of financial resources,

and advised the authorities concerned to cut down additional expenditure.

"The wastage of national wealth through corruption and corrupt practices should be effaced forever," he said, adding that the nation should also prepare itself for sacrifices for a greater national cause.

About energy-related problems, he said that the government was devising an energy policy, which might be finalised within a fortnight, and soon he would inform the nation about the roadmap and the steps in this regard in his upcoming address.

He said that he would also ask the nation to make contributions for achieving the benchmark of such a policy, adding that both the government and the nation could together resolve the issue, which might also enable them to generate less expensive power in the country.

To a query, he said that the issue of militancy was also being considered seriously. "The main issues are the lack of economic growth and rising poverty, which gave rise to this issue," he maintained.

The PM said that overseas Pakistanis and foreign investors were also focussing on development taking place in Pakistan to ascertain prospects of their investment in the future.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

**Contd. UNESCO recognises Juniper in Ziarat**

Juniper Forest of Ziarat, Balochistan, which has trees as old as 5000 years according to nature conservationists, is the second oldest in the world after the Junipers of California. These wonderful forests of Balochistan are on the verge of a catastrophic extinction for different reasons. These forests are infected by parasite and massive level cutting of these trees by timber mafia.

According to experts, these forests are irreplaceable. Foresters say that Juniper tree grows only one inch in a year, and in thousands years they become fully grown trees. Due

to its slowest growing, Juniper is also known as "living fossils".

Juniper Forest in Ziarat is the largest contiguous natural Juniper forest in Pakistan, spanning over 247,000 acres. This is only the second Biosphere Reserve in Pakistan with the first one being the Lal Sohanara National Park in Bhawalpur District. Lal Sohanara is one of the largest National Parks in South East Asia, spread over 153,000 acres, it is notable for the diversity of its landscape with desert area, forests and water.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

**Contd. Expo Pakistan attracting buyers, local exhibitors**

UAE, USA and UK.

It is expected delegations from more than 75 countries will attend this mega event. Our trade missions abroad are holding seminars and exclusive meetings with prospect buyers to attend the event, said a member of the organising committee.

Being the most comprehensive trade event of the country Expo Pakistan is set to unveil the finest indigenous products from various manufacturing sectors. Expo Pakistan aims to enhance the country's investment friendly image in the international business community and this edition of the show is poised to fulfill the objective.

Over last seven years, Expo Pakistan has developed into a reputable international event, where over 2,000 Pakistani exhibitors and 3,000 foreign visitors, most of them representing large buying houses and reputable foreign brands have attended the event.

This fair is a one stop forum for the foreign buyers to view full range of Pakistan export products and develop long term business relations for enhancing exports from Pakistan.

This year as well we have confirmations of foreign visitors' having impressive profiles who will be attending the event.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*

**Contd. Cultural Show spellbounds SAARC delegates**

came to the subcontinent along with Dutch-settlers and now becomes an essential part of our orchestra. He has numerous performances to his credit and he has served a lot for the music industry of the country. A popular instrumentalist, Akbar Khameeso performed on alghoza, a musical instrument of southern province Sindh. He presented popular folk melody of Sindh in accompaniment with 'damboora' and percussion 'ghara'. The performance of

Moenjodaro dance having its roots from the Indus Valley civilisation and Kalash dance representing extreme north western region of the country where mountains meet the sky depicting people's closeness with nature entertained the audience.

The Khattak dance, representing the mountainous terrain of the legendary Khyber Pass, was performed by all male groups to the enthralling rhythm of traditional 'dhole' the double

headed skinned barrel drum and traditional 'nafeeri'.

Dressed in their swirling full-skirted costumes and silver jewellery, the girls were joined by the boys in Sindhi Jhoomer dance, which is traditionally performed by village girls to celebrate a good harvest. Basant Bhangra dance, which is meant to welcome the spring and to celebrate the successful harvest, was performed by a group of young males and females.

The governors of central banks and senior government officials from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, and Sri Lanka were among the participants of the event. The SBP also organised its annual event, Zahid Husain Memorial Lecture where Cambridge University Prof Ha-Joon Chang delivered a lecture on 'Rethinking Role of the State in Economic Development'.

*Courtesy: Daily Times*



## Pakistan to play two cricket series on neutral venue

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Pakistan conceded their next two cricket series will be held at neutral venues, inviting bids to host South Africa and Sri Lanka in the United Arab Emirates. Officials had been reluctant to announce their next two series from October-January, instead hoping they could convince visiting teams to tour Pakistan, a country hard hit by Taliban and Al-Qaeda-linked violence. Pakistan has been forced to play at neutral venues since militants attacked the Sri Lankan team in March 2009, suspending international cricket in the country.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on took out an advertisement in a local newspaper, inviting bids to sponsor two series, now confirmed for the UAE. "The



two series will be played in the UAE as we have started our preparations," a PCB official confirmed, refusing to be named.

Pakistan play two Tests, five one-day and three Twenty20 internationals against South Africa in October-November before returning to play three Tests, five one-day and two T20s against Sri Lanka in December-January. Pakistan

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## Pakistan hockey team's training camp begins in Abbottabad

Pakistan hockey team's 15-day training camp concludes in Abotoabad. The Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) has organised the training for the upcoming World Hockey League. The World Hockey League will be held in Malaysia from June



29 to July 7. The players called for the camp have reported to Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary, manager and camp commandant. A PHF official said that the federation would ensure every step to impart best possible training to the probables.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

## Annual convention of Lions Clubs International held

Amal Khan  
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The 24th Annual Convention of Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 305 was held at a local hotel.

Multiple Council Chairman, MD-305 Pakistan Lion M. Raza Ali, said corporate sectors and people from different companies were interested to work for masses under the platform of Lions Clubs International as clubs' members were making all-out efforts to empower the poor.

He said philanthropists at Lions Clubs had done great job towards welfare



of the masses and had left no stone unturned to achieve their targets which have been surprisingly exceeded.

Past International Director Lion Naresh Agarwal, said the relationship of India with Pakistan was very important for members of Lions Clubs because it helps the efforts of serving humanity of both sides of

the border to philanthropists. Pakistan matters a lot for India hence businessmen, people of the corporate sector and members of lions should enhance their efforts to bridge the gap between the governments of both sides in the best interest of masses, he said.

Chairman Convention Committee Lion Arfan Ali Rashid said the unity and coordination among members of lion clubs would not only make them prominent for being a noble organisation for humanitarian efforts, but it will result prosperity and development in Pakistan and India alike.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

## World Under-21 Snooker Championship

Four cueists to represent Pakistan

Four Pakistan cueists — Mohsin Amin, Amir Tariq, Muhammad Majid Ali and Hamza Akbar represened Pakistan in the IBSF World Under-21 Snooker Championship to be held in Beijing, China. This is for the first time when four Pakistan cue-men will be featured



in the World Junior Snooker Championship, Pakistan Billiards and Snooker Federation (PBSF). An 8-day training camp of the players was held here from July 1 to 8. The Pakistan team flew out to Beijing on July 9 to take part in the global event.

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