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Pakistani woman makes history with run in May vote



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KHAR, Pakistan (AP) - A 40-year-old Pakistani housewife has made history by becoming the first woman to run for parliament from the country's northwest tribal region, a highly conservative area that is a haven for Islamist militants.

Badam Zari told *The Associated Press* that she will participate in the May 11 election to bring greater attention to problems faced by women, which she believes the government has ignored.

'I want to reach the assembly to become a



voice for women, especially those living in the tribal areas,' Zari said.

Zari is from Bajur, part of Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal region bordering Afghanistan. The area is mostly populated by Pashtun tribesmen who have very conservative views toward women. Most women in the tribal region are un

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Pakistan-Egypt ink 5 MoUs for cooperation in different fields



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Pakistan and Egypt on Monday inked five memorandums of understanding (MoUs) and an executive programme for cooperation in scientific cooperation, investment and shipping.

The signing of agreements was witnessed by Egyptian President Mohammad Morsi and President Asif Ali Zardari at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. The MoU for Cooperation in the field of Money Orders and International Postal Service was signed by Ambassador of Egypt to Pakistan Saeed Handam and Secretary Ports and Shipping Jawaid Iqbal.

Courtesy: Dawn

Malala Yousafzai announces grant for girls' education



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Malala Yousafzai, the teenaged Pakistani girl who was shot by the Taliban in 2012 because of her activism for girls' education, has announced the first grant in an international fund set up in her name.

The \$45,000 grant will go to supporting the education of 40 girls in the Swat Valley in Pakistan, where Ms. Yousafzai grew up, through an organization and a community that is not being named because of

security reasons, a press statement said.

Ms. Yousafzai made the announcement through a video message broadcast at the start of the Women in World Summit in New York City:

Announcing the first grant of the Malala Fund is the happiest moment in my life. I invite all of you to support the Malala Fund and let us turn

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Kayani seeks elders' help to restore peace



M. Nadeem Khan
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Army Chief Gen AshfaqParvez Kayani has said that security

forces are committed to providing basic facilities to the people of militancy-hit areas in Fata and urged tribal elders to cooperate with the forces for maintaining peace and upholding the writ of government in the region.

Talking to elders of Tharkani and Uthmankhel tribes during a visit to Bajaur Agency on Friday, he said peace is necessary for development and



prosperity in the region.

He lauded sacrifices rendered by tribal people for elimination of militancy and restoration of peace in the area.

Gen Kayani said security forces were aware of the problems being faced by the people of militancy-affected

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Since the past couple of years, the youth of Pakistan has become politically active – but unfortunately not politically aware. Every other youngster talks about revolution and change. But alas, if the spirit and energy is not channelized properly, the voices of people turn into a cacophony of chaos, instead of a symphony of synergy.

It is extremely heart-warming that the youth wants a better Pakistan. But sometimes, in fact almost always, it is not about shouting slogans and fiery demonstrations on the roads. It is about calculated and measured steps, a game of chess, where each step needs to be taken keeping at least three moves ahead in consideration. The now clichéd "change" is here; as students and the youth, we need to realize that hard work, channelized in the right direction, is the need of the hour. We no longer have the luxury of exercising josh without hosh.

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Pakistan, China set to hold talks on counter terrorism

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Pakistan and China will devise new methods to counter terrorism in their respective countries with mutual cooperation when the fresh round of dialogue between the two countries will take place in the Chinese capital Beijing.



Additionally Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry has left for Beijing to take part in the high echelon talks with the Chinese senior officials on the question of counter terrorism. It would be the first interaction of the senior officials of the two countries for the purpose ever since new government has taken up

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Aqsa Waseem scores highest marks in ACCA



Sohaib Roomi
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Helen Brand, Chief Executive of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), has said that ACCA in Pakistan has shown a tremendous success; at present 40,000 students are enrolled with ACCA.

She was talking to *Business Recorder* after the ACCA Award ceremony, which was held to honour Shehzad Yousuf, Deputy Chief Financial Officer with the Karachi Electric Supply Company, for his contribution to the accountancy

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PIA offers special Umrah fares



Shanza Rashid Ali
VS43 3855

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) is now offering special Umrah fares to facilitate passengers in performing this religious ritual with

convenience.

The special fares have been fixed at Rs 40, 000 from Karachi and Rs 48,000 from other cities of the country inclusive of taxes and fuel surcharge. The offer would be valid till 31st May.

The decision was taken after a meeting held at PIA Head Office to review PIA Umrah Operation activities for the ongoing year.

PIA Chairman Lt General (r) Asif Yasin Malik directed airline officials to provide maximum facilities to passengers wanting to perform Umrah. The meeting was attended by PIA Managing Director Muhammad Junaid Yunus and other senior officials of the airline.



Earlier, PIA Chairman Asif Yasin and managing director visited PIA Township (Staff Residential Colony) near PIA Head Office. The PIA chairman instructed PIA Human Resources director and general manager Works to ensure proper maintenance of PIA Township, including maintenance of streets, lighting facilities and paint job of the residential flats.

He also instructed PIA Security Division to provide better security for PIA Township. The employees welcomed the chairman and managing director and thanked them for showing interest in improving the amenities within PIA Township.

Courtesy: The Nation

Indus Hospital introduces E-Cardiology in country

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Indus Hospital for the first time in the medical history of Pakistan is starting E-Cardiology, which focuses on monitoring and providing immediate help to any heart patient, electronically. The Cardiology team at The Indus Hospital, along with the help of a Health Information Management system, has made it possible for any image or video to be transferred from the hospital to the cardiologist's cell phone within seconds.

Now, the staff is able to transfer an ECG, X-ray image, lab report, coronary angiogram or echocardiogram to the consultant's phone within no time. This practice has helped save lives as the time taken for an expert decision has been min-



imised to a few minutes even during the night. The cost incurred on every transfer of image is less than Rs 6.

"It has been successfully used for the past few months and is an accomplishment for The Indus Hospital for initiating emergency electronic cardiac service which facilitates decision making through rapid and effective communication. This has and would certainly make a major difference in providing emergency cardiac care to our patients," commented Dr Sajid Dhakam, Director Cardiac Services at Indus Hospital.

Courtesy: goodnews.pk

Agreement with Indonesia has opened trade doors for Pakistan



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Indonesian Ambassador to Pakistan

Burhan Muhammad has said that the Indonesia-Pakistan Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) is a landmark development in the history of relations between the two countries, which will not only boost trade but also open doors for Pakistani businessmen to the emerging Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) market.

"With PTA's enforcement, annual bilateral trade will increase to \$2 billion," said the envoy, while addressing members of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) on Saturday.



The trade agreement was facing delays due to which the notification was not issued. Muhammad will take up the matter in meetings with Pakistan's commerce secretary and Indonesia's trade minister.

Muhammad said that besides economic and commercial cooperation, Indonesia will also invest in infrastructure development projects in Pakistan. Pakistan can benefit from Indonesian expertise in coal development for the Thar coal project.

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Pakistan beats India in Indo-Pak school debate contest



Ameer Hamza Asif
BS41 3646

Salamat International Campus for Advanced Studies (SICAS), visiting Delhi from Lahore won the first 'India-

Pakistan School Debate' beating the home team, La Martiniere for Boys, Kolkata. The topic was 'why free trade between India and Pakistan is not a good idea'.

According to Indian media reports, the three students from SICAS-Hassan Qaiser, Azeem Liaquat and Ukasha Farooq - were the only one of four teams that finally made it. However, delays in the visa process threw the schedule out of gear and as teams lost in preliminary rounds, their schools withdrew permission to travel, explained Sofyan Sultan, treasurer and coach of the Debating Society of Pakistan, who accompanied the students.

Sultan said that in Pakistan, students are encouraged to debate, "to question the received narratives." And they are no small-time back-chatters either, participating and routinely included in the top teams at the World School Debating Championship. La Martiniere Boys won a place in the finals



by defeating Vasant Valley School in a round held just before the finals; their triumph was incredibly short-lived.

The Pakistani school team had dedate a severely trying journey. "Getting visa at times is quite easy and at other times it takes very long," says Sultan. This group was out of luck. But the crossing of the border at Wagah isn't something they'll forget in a hurry. Coming to India by plane is like "flying to any other country" but "Wagah gives the impression of a semi-hostile territory," he says adding that the entire "drama" at the border is a "little unreal."

He was also quizzed by intelligence officers on both sides of the border. Initiating a "conversation" between Indian and Pakistani students will help both parties become "familiar to each others' points-of-view," feels Sultan

Courtesy: GEO News

Helping Pakistani Youth Develop Skills for Employment

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An estimated 103 million Pakistanis, or 63% of the population, are younger than age 25, and this number is expected to double over the next 30 years. In a landscape of endemic poverty, a literacy rate of only 53 percent among young people aged 15 to 24, and limited job opportunities, organizations like The Hunar Foundation (THF) are working to transform Pakistan's human capital into an asset for the country.



Developing vocational skill programmes that enhance prospects of income generation for Pakistani youth is one of the national government's key priorities for rapid economic growth.

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Earth Day campaigners vow to plant 100,000 trees



Maham Ali Khan
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The WWF-Pakistan in collaboration with a local pharmaceutical firm on Thursday launched a star-studded opening ceremony of their tree plantation campaign "Save the planet in a nice way" for Earth Day, 2013, observed on Monday, April 22. The campaign originally aimed at planting 50,000 trees this Earth Day but with the help of various philanthropists, the number of trees has surpassed 100,000. Earth Day 2013 ambassadors include model and actor Adnan

Siddiqui, catwalk queen Nadia Hussain, fashion designer and actor Aijaz Aslam, TV actress Maya Khan and singer and actor Mehwish Hayat. The WWF-Pakistan's senior manager corporate relations endorsed the expansion of this campaign beyond plantation to education in schools, universities, and public and private sector organisations.

Courtesy: The News



MALALA INSPIRES MOVIE MAKERS



Rabiya Alavi
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Pakistan-Canadian journalist Mohsin Abbas is soaring high on the wings of a new passion – a documentary film he is making about the remarkable courage of a 15-year-old school girl from his native Pakistan.

"Malala: A Girl from Paradise" tells the story of Malala Yousafzai, who was shot last October while on a school bus with classmates.

Abbas recently spent four months in Pakistan with a four-member film crew. They interviewed friends and family of Malala for their documentary. He said insurgency in the volatile tribal regions make it one of the most dangerous areas in South Asia for working journalists.

The film explores how the failure to silence Malala has inspired men, women and children, not only in Swat Val-



ley, but beyond the borders of Pakistan. The documentary tells how a young girl from a remote village stood up against stone age ideologues, who wanted to take a nation of 200 million back in time. Malala became a shining light and force for change, not only in her Swat Valley, but around the world, said Abbas.

"We have some remarkable interviews about how she has changed the mindsets of people. A prime example is a woman we interviewed whose family business for generations had been (traditional folk) dancing. This woman told us because of Malala, her daughters will not dance, but will go to school."

He further mentioned that the

Courtesy: Pakistan Today

"Pakistan's information technology sector has a lot to offer," says Country Manager, Intel Pakistan

Maham Ali Khan
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In an interview with *Spider Magazine*, Naveed Siraj, Country Manager Intel Pakistan said, "The key to winning investor confidence is innovation and business readiness in terms of urgency and agility in our services industry. Pakistan's information technology sector in particular has a lot to offer. We need to focus on the single most important and critical need of the country, which is improving education standards. In order to support education transformation and build 21st century knowledge skills, Intel Pakistan has been holding science fairs



under the Intel ISEF program for the past nine years. These fairs are held in the main cities of Pakistan to provide opportunities to young Pakistanis to learn and showcase their talent in the areas of science and engineering. The students who succeed in the national science fairs proceed to the International Science Fair held in the U.S. every year, where they get a chance to compete

Courtesy: Pakistan Today

Fund raising – 500 students to dance to Harlem Shake

Shanza Rashid Ali
VS43 3855

More than 500 students will take part in the making of a 40 to 45-second video dancing to the tune of Harlem Shake not just for fun but also to raise awareness about education. The event is being organised by Trivium a student facilitation organisation to raise awareness about education while pledging funds which will be donated to the Care Foundation to help them sponsor students and schools.



"It's not just about raising funds but also about creating awareness that all children deserve equal opportunities," said Awais Khalid, senior associate at Trivium. The idea to hold the event came from the viral video Harlem Shake..

According to a BBC News Magazine article, the up load rate of Harlem Shake videos had reached 4,000 a day by February. But the video being made in Lahore would have a "desi touch", said Khalid. A remix of the song including dhols would be used as well as white and green of the national flag. "We are making it more relatable by incorporating local colours and music themes.

Courtesy: Pakistan Today



'Aangan Terrha' has proved thrilling on stage

Muhammad Nadeem Khan
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Theater drama 'Aangan Terrha' continued for three months, completed its century and finally ended at Karachi Arts Council

For the first time on stage – Aangan Terrha, an Anwar Maqsood Classic was worth viewing over and over again. Satirical comedy at its best, from the man with the Golden Pen, Aangan Terrha have set new standards in the world of theatre. Bringing legends like Salim Nasir and Moin Akhtar back to life.

Anwar Maqsood's Aangan Terrha, which mesmerized the audience in the 1980s when the Pakistan Television (PTV) was the sole source of 'quality' entertainment for the masses in the country, has proved thrilling on stage too. Aangan Terrha, starring Salim Nasir, Shakeel, Arshad Mahmood, Durdana Butt and Bushra Ansari, had become the talk of the 1980s as the comic drama serial mocked the integrity of an upright civil servant, the frustration of a wife who subsists on bare necessities and her husband's strong sense of morality and the vanity of a clas-

sical dancer turned domestic servant who continues to serve without being paid. After 30 years it was presented in the form of theatre, and most of the audience liked theatre version of Aangan Terrha more than the televised drama. Most of them were of the opinion that the play reflected their own daily life stories. The hilarious situations that follow are actually a profound reflection on the social values that have become refracted on account of distorted governance.

It should be noted that since 1947 till date no play has ever completed 100 shows in a city consecutively. Infact this play has made history. Cast of Aangan Terrha includes most of those who were part of Pawnay 14 August with the inclusion of Khalifa Sajeeruddin, who is playing Pi-jaan Chaudhry, originally played by Arshad Mahmood in the televised version. The most hilarious role is for the young Yasir Hussain whose deep voice reminds many of Salim Nasir. Talal Jilani has tried to do justice with the role of Mehboob Ahmed while Harem Farooq acts as Jahan Ara under a new director, Davar Mehmood.



The Creator of the play Anwar Maqsood said that, after presenting Aangan Terrha I had many new experiences. Those who said that theatre has diminished from Pakistan are wrong. Theatre is the one which continues seven days a week and is seen again and again by the public. "I could have easily taken the original cast and they would have loved to perform it," said Maqsood. "Per unka aangan seedha ho chuka hai. Nayi nasal ka aangan terrha hai (their condition has improved but the new generation has shortcomings)," he added. Director of the play Dawar Mahmood also spoke. He said he was aware of the significance of the story and had carefully handled many things, including the part of Akbar (originally played by the late Salim Nasir) because these days such characters had not been portrayed in a favorable light on television.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

The city of rebirth



Jam Aurangzeb Khan
BS41 3634

The best part about experiencing fresh talent is the honesty behind their efforts. The limelight is still new and terrifying, the mistakes are sincere but not a fixture of their skill and most importantly, the passion behind their performance is genuine. This is what Punerjehan was about. And everything about it was refreshing.

The play was staged outdoors, with our traditional gao takias strewn across the floor. The play started relatively late due to the fact that it was a musical and the organisers decided it would be best to wait till the azaan had been called out.



As the play commenced the lights turned to a black and blue of a stagnant bruise and we saw the dead city rise. Dispassionate, detached and devolving, the citizens of Punerjehan filed to the

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NAPA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Rabiya Alavi
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One of the most ideal ways to adapt to changes is to fuse with it.



This was achieved at the National Academy of Performing Arts (Napa) where some great Pakistani rockers took the stage by crooning old classics and playing on our 'heartstrings'. They transformed vintage chart toppers into

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with peers from 70+ other countries & represent Pakistan. Similarly, in order to bridge the digital divide in the country, we are focusing on adult IT literacy programs like the Intel Easy Steps, so that we can contribute towards national competitiveness through skills needed to compete and succeed locally and internationally.”

Courtesy: Spider Magazine

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females in this woman's family have never been formally educated but learned how to make money for the home through performance of their traditional folk dances.

The film also explores the political intrigue and conspiracy theories that swirl around the attempted murder of Malala. The documentary, which will be in Urdu with English subtitles, will explain how the oppression of women, political tensions and social injustices led to the horrendous attack on the young schoolgirl.

Having survived being shot by the Taliban, Malala recently returned to school in Birmingham, England, where she now lives with her family while receiving treatment.

Mohsin Abbas' an award-winning Pakistani-Canadian journalist, filmmaker and press freedom activist, is editor of the *Diversity Reporter*, a multilingual weekly newspaper for newcomers and immigrants in Canada.

He plans to rejoin his crew in Pakistan this summer for the second phase of filming and post-production work. He hopes to screen this film at various film festivals across Canada this September

Courtesy: Dawn

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Being the ambassador, Muhammad said, his priorities were to enhance economic cooperation, connect business communities for business-to-business relationship and bridge military ties between the two Muslim countries.

KCCI President Muhammad Haroon Agar urged the Indonesian ambassador to expedite implementation of the PTA.

KCCI believes that the PTA will bring the business communities of both countries closer and hoped that after implementation, negotiations will begin for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Agar asked Muhammad to expedite negotiations on signing of the Mutual Recognition Agreement and take measures to remove non-tariff barriers, complex licensing

system and limited entry points for imports.

Pakistan-Indonesia PTA was signed on February 3, 2012 after conclusion of prolonged negotiations, which were initiated in August 2002.

Under the agreement, Indonesia agreed to offer market access to Pakistan for 220 tariff lines on preferential rates. The list included fresh fruits, cotton yarn, fabrics, readymade garments, fans, sports goods, leather goods and other industrial products. Pakistan offered Indonesia a total of 311 tariff lines on preferential rates. It included edible palm oil products, sugar confectionary, cocoa products, consumer goods, chemicals, tableware, kitchenware, rubber products, wood products, glassware products and electronic products.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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educated, rarely work outside the home and wear long, flowing clothes that cover most of their skin when they appear in public.

Zari spoke to reporters at a press conference, wearing a colorful shawl wrapped around her body and head, with only her eyes showing.

Bajur is one of the many areas in the tribal region where the army has battled Taliban militants, who are waging a bloody insurgency against the government. The militants have a history of using violence to enforce their hard-line views on women.

Zari, who finished high school, said she filed the paperwork necessary to run for office on Sunday in Khar, the main town in Bajur. She was accompanied by her husband, who she said fully backed her decision to run for a seat in the National Assembly.

'This was a difficult decision, but now I am determined and hopeful society will support

me,' Zari said.

Men in Bajur and other parts of the tribal region have historically discouraged women to vote, saying they should remain at home, according to local traditions.

Zari said she hopes she can convince women to go out to vote. Out of the roughly 186,000 registered voters in her constituency, about 67,000 are women, according to government records.

Under Pakistan's political system, the winning candidate is the one who receives the most votes—not necessarily a majority—meaning Zari could be a strong candidate if she can get women to vote for her.

'My decision to contest the election will not only give courage to women in general and attract attention to their problems, but also help negate the wrong impression about our society,' Zari said. 'This will reflect a true picture of our society, where women get respect.'

Courtesy: Dawn

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reign in China. The new Chinese government is keenly interested to further strengthen the cooperative ties with Pakistan. China is also confronting the menace of terrorism like Pakistan and intriguingly the external forces which are out to destabilise Pakistan through terror activities are also at work in some parts of China.

Aizaz Chaudhry, who is heading United Nations and Economic Coordination Affairs in the Foreign Office, told The News before leaving for Beijing that it would be the eighth round of dialogue between Pakistan and China where the two countries will not only share their experiences and challenges on account of terror activities but they will also work out a strategy to deal with the common threat. The talks will continue for two days.

Aizaz Chaudhry will also have meetings with top officials of Chinese Foreign Office before returning home. Pakistan's ambassador in China Masood Khalid will assist Pakistan's four-member delegation in the talks.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

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THF's main objective is to provide young men and women with quality vocational education that meets the technical skill needs of the marketplace – leading to wage-earning capabilities for life.

To accomplish the vision of "A Skilled Pakistan," THF plans to establish 35 purpose built Institutes of Excellence for student vocational training, and as many as four Teacher Training Centers over the next 10 years. The goal is to graduate at least 100,000 students during this time.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. NAPA Music Festival

ballads with their melancholy guitar solos and fluid drum performances.

Local band Fuzon put aside their vocalist for an evening to take on the fresh graduates of Napa. Though there wasn't a huge turnout, the band gave it their all and mesmerised the crowd with jaw-dropping performances. The musicians, with Immu on keyboards, Shallum on lead guitar, Jason on drums and Ali Zafra on bass, spoilt the audience with a night of music indulgence.

The main highlight of this show was Nafees Ahmed, head of Napa's music department and sitar player of the night. Ahmed, who was behind those intricate sounds that gave depth to these

modern renditions, also made it a point to introduce each student before their performances.

There were some inevitable moments where the vocalists did not coordinate their timings at the beginning of certain songs, but as the music droned on, their music instincts took over and gave a strong finish to their rough starts. It would not be fair to criticise these students though, as some of the songs were truly difficult for a trained singer, let alone newly trained vocalist.

Thanks to the budding talents of Napa, the concert is a delightful sound (and even visual) experience.

Courtesy: Dawn News

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areas and added that keeping view those difficulties various rehabilitation schemes would be launched soon. The elders assured him that they would continue to support the security forces in their efforts to maintain peace.

Gen Kayani inaugurated a technical education institute at InayatKili in Khar tehsil. The project costing Rs266 million has been completed by the Army engineers in less than two years. Up to 45 students will be enrolled by the college for each term and diploma-level education will be provided in various disciplines of engineering.

Unprecedented security arrangements were made in Khar, the headquarters of Bajaur Agency, during the army chief's visit. An unannounced curfew was imposed in most parts of the region. Schools, colleges, banks and offices of the local administration remained closed and public transport and mobile phone services were suspended till midday.

Gen Kayani also visited the

Swat Valley and inaugurated projects completed under the UAE-Pakistan Assistance Programme, the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said. UAE Ambassador Essa Abdullah Albasha Al Noaimi and Programme Director Abdullah Al Ghefeli were present.

The army chief went to Shamoza and inaugurated Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Bridge built at the site of the old Shamoza Bridge, said a press release. The project has been completed by the Frontier Works Organisation at a cost of Rs.897m in one and a half years.

Courtesy: Dawn

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profession in Pakistan, and Aqsa Waseem for achieving the highest combined marks in the final professional level papers in the ACCA examinations in June 2012.

She said in 1997 ACCA set up its office in Pakistan and then it had only 96 students

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the education of 40 girls into 40 million girls.

Last October, Taliban attackers shot Ms. Yousafzai in the head. The teenager received medical care in Britain and recently resumed her studies there.

After the shooting, the Malala Fund was established by Vital Voices Global Partnership, a non-government organization that works for the empowerment of girls and women, as well as other international organizations and individuals.

The fund's first grant will help to support education for the girls, aged 5 to 12, who would otherwise be forced to work to

support their families or who might be at risk of entering the labor force instead of going to school. It will provide uniforms, shoes, learning materials and a stipend for their families, the statement said. Ms. Yousafzai spoke about the start of the fund in February in a video, and in another she encouraged people to raise their voices for girls' education.

In what is a sign that girls' education is still under attack, a 41-year old female schoolteacher was gunned down late last month in an attack that recalled the one on Ms Yousafzai.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Contd. The city of Rebirth

stage dancing in a strange hybrid of the robot and the zombie. They go about their daily activities but with soulless eyes and every expectation that nothing eventful will happen today, just like it is every day.

Except today is not like every day and a child opens a box to unleash the melody that will bring a rainbow wearing nymph (Heba Hashmi) to their desolate town and henceforth make it absolutely burst with light, laughter and glitter. So much glitter... She brings with her the gift of culture, passion and love and soon the people of the town give in to the arts.

Some turn to painting, some to music, some to literature, all to dance. The mayor of

the city (Salman) who has strived to devoid it of all ambition and inspiration tries to put a stop to all the merriment but he too gets swept away with the music and is left transformed. It is here that Fragaria (Mariam Paracha) to become the muse of a musician, Taberaize (Zain Hashmi) and the two fall in love.

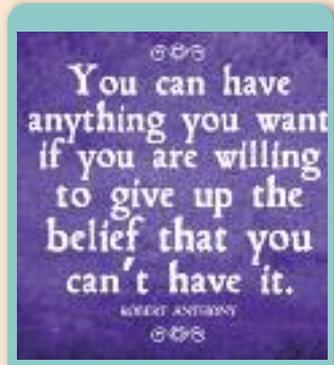
One of the village elders, in an attempt to keep up with tradition uses the mayor's evil cronies (Maha Minaj and Hamza Khan) to ignite mistrust and heartbreak between the two lovers. This breeds a narrative of deceit, conflict, love, duty, religion and all the wobbly bits in between that have no name.

Courtesy: Dawn

and in over two decades it had increased to 40,000.

"The growing demand for ACCA qualification in Pakistan has led to opening of more offices in the country; we are present in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi," she added.

Courtesy: goodnews.pk



SPORTS



Pakistan crowned champion of U16 Asia Cup

Syeda Warda Ahmed
BS41 3600

Pakistan are the champions of the 2nd Boys U16 Asia Cup 2013 after emerging triumphant in the final with a 5-3 victory over Bangladesh in front of a capacity crowd of close to 1,000 supporters in Singapore.

In the end, the title came down to the two strongest teams throughout the four-day event and the final showed that the two were at par with one another. The event was the official debut of the new Hockey 5 format and overall, it was a success with offense and speed ruling the action on the field. In the first period, Pakistan's quality clearly shone through as they scored two goals in just seven minutes.

However, Pakistan's lead was cancelled out just minutes into the second period. Bangladesh earned a penalty and Pakistan were dealt a big blow when two of their players were given yellow cards. The bookings forced Pakistan to play with just three players for two minutes of play. Bangladesh



converted their penalty and made use of their two-man advantage to level the score at 2-2. After serving the stipulated two minutes, Pakistan welcomed back the full squad of five and put in a disciplined performance to see them through to a 5-3 win.

In other matches, Malaysia claimed bronze after beating Japan 2-1 in the 3rd and 4th Placing Match. In the 5th and 6th Placing Match, it took a penalty shootout for Chinese-Taipei to clinch 5th spot. They beat Korea 1-0 on shootout after the match had ended 5-5. Individual honours were also given out to three outstanding players.

Muhammad Atiq of Pakistan was named the Top Goalscorer with 20 goals to his name. Mohammad Ashraf Islam of Bangladesh won the Player of the Tournament trophy while Malaysia's Ahammad Fahmi Azhar Ruddin earned the Goal-keeper of the Tournament award.

Courtesy: Pakistan Today

Squash players undergo army-style training



Zahra Arif
BS42 3765

Pakistan squash players are undergoing army-style drills to improve their fitness ahead of the Senior Individual Asian Championship that is scheduled to start in Islamabad.



The Pakistan Squash Federation (PSF) has set up a month-long camp in Abbottabad and players are undergoing intense training, under the supervision of air force officials, at the Pakistan Military Academy at Kakul. Female players have also joined the camp recently with 13 male players beginning the camp at the start.

"The intense training we're receiving from the instructors will take our fitness at a higher level," Farhan Mehboob told The Express Tribune. "This is something very demanding that will improve our endurance to stay on court for lengthier matches."

Head coach happy with tough drills Meanwhile, national coach Jamshed Gul stressed that the Pakistan players lacked fitness despite being a talented bunch.

"There are some very talented players but they have fitness issues," said Gul. "This is why these drills are going to be so crucial. In addition, the responsibility and pressure increases on players whenever they play at home as people expect them to win. This is why the PSF wants to make sure that a local player wins the male's event as female players do not stand a realistic chance of winning the title.

"The idea is to take the fitness levels of our players close to that of international standards, making them mentally and physically tougher as well."

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Pakistani skiers qualify for Winter Olympics

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Pakistani skiers have qualified for the Winter Olympics for only the second time, hoping it will further boost the sport despite searing summer temperatures.

"Our ski team has qualified for the Winter Olympics 2014 after scoring the required Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS) points in various events held in Europe and Asia," said Ski Federation of Pakistan (SFP) official Iftikhar Bajwa.

The SFP said Mir Nawaz, Mohammad Karim and Mohammad Abbas attained the desired results in FIS events held last month in Italy, Turkey and Lebanon. Bajwa hoped the qualification – Pakistan's second after Abbas competed in 2010 Winter Olympics in Canada – will



help the sport to flourish further.

"It is a big boost for the sport and we will select the best skier amongst the three once all of them complete their five races by January 2014," said Bajwa. Skiing is fast gaining popularity in Pakistan and a national championship is held in the northern Karakoram mountains far from the stifling plains of Punjab, where summer temperatures can top 50 degrees Celsius (122 degrees Fahrenheit).

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