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Greenwich comes 2nd in an International Competition



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The Talloires Network invited university students and recent graduates to submit entries for the 2014 Talloires Network Leaders Conference Video Competition. The submissions had to highlight a local university program dedicated to student community engagement. Following the conference theme of

“Live Engagement, Transform Lives”, they wanted inspired work about university students making an impact in their communities. Greenwich University won the second prize world wide. The students tirelessly worked on a video on polio named “Drops of Life”. The video is about how polio affects the human body, where it prevails in Pakistan and how Greenwich is playing its part in solving this problem.

Monkey Business to be the new Big Business

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Greenwich is always giving students the chance to evolve and improve. The university contributes towards the grooming and polishing of skills instilled within students as individuals. One such product is ‘The Monkey Business’. The members include- Laraib Khan, Abdullah Sheikh, Umaid Raza and Atif Malik. This is a small production house that produces videos spreading smiles across people faces. They



started off by a Facebook page and now are a small production house that people look up to. Three members of the Monkey Business were also a part of the team which produced “Drops of Life”- the documentary that won the second prize on an international platform.

NH Automotive Specialists supported Pakistan's biggest Vintage Car Rally



Nimra Arshad
BS40 3541

INH Automotive Specialists, Pakistan's biggest independent auto shop, supported the 5th Annual VCCCP Cross Country Rally 2014 through a Vintage Car Show. The all-day event was publicly hosted by Vintage & Classic Car Club of Pakistan from 11 AM to 5 PM on Sunday, 16 November 2014 at Royal Palm Golf & Country Club in Lahore. At the event, more than seventy vintage and classic cars from all across Pakistan were showcased, some coming all the way from Karachi and are now heading on to Khyber via Islamabad. INH clientele provided approximately forty



cars for this display.

The participating vintage and classic car models ranged from the 1940s to 1980s. Of particular attraction to attendees were 1947 Buick, the oldest car at the event; 1949 MG Y, 1954 Chevrolet, 1957 Austin Healey, 1957 ThunderBird, 1976 Cadillac Allorado and 1986 Jaguar XJS. Among the cars showcased was also General (Rtd) (late) and former president of Pakistan Ayub Khan's 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood. The event was attended by politi

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Pakistani student Haroon Tariq claims world records



Shehroz Sohail
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Pakistani student Haroon Tariq has broken the world record after claiming 30 A grades in A-level examination in Cambridge university. Haroon broke six world records by claiming 87 A grades: 28 A

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Pakistan, Russia sign landmark defence cooperation agreement



Maira Ahmad
BS47 5246

Signed by Defence Minister Khawaja Asif and his Russian counterpart Sergey Shoigu, the agreement was hailed by Pakistan's defence ministry as “a milestone” in defence ties between the two countries.



Mr Shoigu is in Islamabad on the first visit by Russian
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Greenwich is not just an educational institute; it is a greenhouse for the seedlings of talent. This university nurtures the students with love and affection, yet gives them the push that they require at times, only to help them go further ahead in life. This can be seen in the fact that the students of Greenwich

University came second in an international video Competition conducted by TNLC.

Pakistan prospered a lot this month, Haroon Tariq broke many world records in education, Dukhtar won International awards and electronic rikshaw was introduced. There was so much more that happened in Pakistan that proves how vibrant and positive we are.

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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First biodiversity park to open in Murree soon

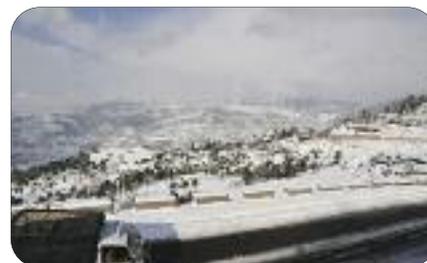


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The country's first biodiversity park being developed in Murree is in the final stages of completion and will become functional in three months, officials in the Environment Protection Department (EPD) told Dawn.

The officials said the first of its kind facility was spread over 40 acres and its purpose was to keep the flora and fauna intact. The Punjab government would spend Rs90 million on the project. Camping will be an integral part of the park where nature lovers would be able to enjoy clean, pollution-free air. The park is likely to feature waterfalls, hiking and jogging tracks, a comprehensive information centre and scenic beauty.

An official of the EPD on condition of anonymity confirmed that entrance to the park would be ticketed, however the price was yet to be determined. The 40 acres of the park would be fenced by the government and other collaborative



firms, he added.

The officials said the EPD initiated a project titled 'Development of Biodiversity Parks' in collaboration with city district governments, district governments and business communities in 2008. The project was aimed at developing biodiversity parks of Dera Ghazi Khan, Kasur, Cholistan and Murree to spread awareness among the masses regarding importance of biodiversity.

The Housing & Urban Development Department was planning to establish a housing scheme at Dharjawa Road near Sunny Bank, Murree over 40 acres. Instead, the Punjab government decided to approve a biodiversity park there.

Courtesy: Dawn

Despite threats, Pakistan goes on with ceremony at Wagah



Adeel Qureshi
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Not only a day had passed to the carnage that claimed at least 60 lives in a suicide blast at Wagah that Punjab Rangers went on with the routine flag-lowering ceremony at the border between Pakistan and India.

The ceremony came as the Punjab Rangers decided to continue with the flag-lowering ceremony at the border despite Sunday's attack that left a pall of gloom across the country.

The decision came at a time when rumours were floating in political and



media circles that the ceremony had been postponed for at least a period of three days and according to some until the situation normalised.

With chants of 'Pakistan Zindabad' and 'Allahu Akbar' in the background, people came to attend the ceremony in large numbers, leaving a clear and sound message to the attackers that the country was standing tall and brave and could by no means be weakened.

People cheered Punjab Rangers personnel during the ceremony and kept on with slogans of 'Jeevay Jeevay Pakistan' (long live Pakistan).

Corps Commander Lahore Lieutenant General Naveed Zaman said, "No one can take away passion and bravery possessed by Pakistanis."

Pakistan army also extended its praise to the Punjab Rangers for holding the flag lowering ceremony despite looming threats.

Courtesy: The News

Fight to save endangered Indus dolphins, turtles



Ujala Nadeem
BS47 5275

Local legend has it that Pakistan's Indus River dolphin

was once a woman, transformed by a curse from a holy man angry that she forgot to feed him one day.

After thousands of years swimming the mighty river the gentle, blind mammal is under threat from a combination of uncontrolled fishing and damage to its habitat

caused by man-made dams. Conservationists are fighting to save the dolphin as well as the river's black spotted turtle, at risk from poachers who hunt it to sell to collectors and traditional medicine dealers.

They are classed as endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list of threatened species, which says the population has fallen by more than 50 per cent since 1944.

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Women commandos to fight terrorism in KP

Mansoor Ahmed Khan
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The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Department has decided to launch its first batch of women police commandos to extend support to the force in extreme emergency situations, cases of terrorism and to check women's involvement in crimes in any part of the province.

Similarly, the police department is also about to inaugurate its first special combatant unit (SCU) of 150 commandos to give backing to the police force in serious nature cases like different kinds of human disasters in the province.

This was disclosed by Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Nasir

Khan Durrani in an exclusive interview with Dawn. He said that the role of women police in crime control could not be ignored, but they were not given due attention in past.



"We have for the first time established women facilitation desks in the police stations to help the female complainants," he said. The IGP said that the 40-member group of women commandos would prove helpful in combating terrorism, extremism and normal crimes.

Courtesy:Dawn

'China supports improvement in Pakistan-India relations'

Shehroz Sohail
BS41 3610

Assistant Foreign Minister of China, Liu Jianchao said Monday that China strongly supports improvement in Pakistan-India relations, and that is ready to help resolve outstanding issues through dialogue between the two countries.



"We strongly support improvement in relations between Pakistan and India. We appreciate Pakistan's efforts for normalisation," he

said.

The comments from the Chinese foreign ministry follow a recent spike in tensions and deadly clashes along the disputed Kashmir border between Pakistan and India.

"We hope both sides put aside their differences and come to the negotiating table to resolve their outstanding issues," said Liu.

Liu said the Chinese leadership was eager to receive Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in his upcoming visit to China, during which the two countries would sign important agreements to further enhance bilateral cooperation.

Courtesy:Dawn

Ali Zafar wins the heart of underprivileged children

Nimra Arshad
BS40 3541

After gaining fame in B-Town with his film Kill Dil, Ali Zafar shared the celebrations of his hit film with underprivileged children of Sanjan Nagar, Lahore. The heartthrob who played the lead role alongside Ranvir Singh, Govinda and Parineeti Chopra, hosted a special screening of Shad Ali's Kill Dil, where he invited 50 students from Sanjan Nagar, a school for destitute children.

The school has been awarded the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IBPYP) status formally on October 20, 2014 making it the first campus of its kind in Punjab and sixth in the state. The school caters to at least 700 students, at a primary level.

He indeed became hero for the children as they enjoyed his film and also got a chance to meet their hero personally. There he also answered

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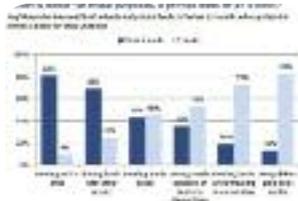


Increasing availability of Internet

Adeel Qureshi
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Mobile phone operators — Mobilink and CMPak (China Mobile) — claimed crossing one million subscribers for each of 3rd Generation (3G) and Fourth Generation (4G) users..

The newly introduced 3G and 4G services witnessed a reasonable response as its subscription reached more than 2.9 million users since its launch.



Telecom experts said 3G adaptation has been tremendous during early months considering the limited coverage from telecom operators in the country. More than 2.9 million subscriptions in five months was more than what service providers were expecting.

Courtesy: Dawn

Breast cancer Awareness

Sehar Nadeem
BS41 3607

October may have breezed through for Areeb as this Dubai-based Pakistani designer prepared for her jewellery exhibition, but owing to the experience of her mother surviving breast cancer, she never forgot for a minute that October is also global Breast Cancer Awareness month. In fact, it upsets her that the disease isn't taken as seriously as it should be.



The theme for her new jewellery collection A Look Within is unique because the topic is not one that she picked on a whim — it's personal and close to her heart. "My mother is the reason I decided to work on breast cancer — she is a survivor. My mother, unlike many women in Pakistan, was aware of the disease and was sensible enough to go to the doctor and get herself looked at as soon as she

suspected something was wrong," says Areeb.. She finds the situation disheartening. "Even when women do know what it entails, they remain hesitant to speak about their breasts and any problems related to them. Sometimes this means that they act too late," she explains.

"I often think what it is that I could do that would bring something new to peoples' minds than the traditional preconceived notions ... creating designs that can make people think in a different way is what drives me," she says.

"I wanted to work on a collection that spoke about breast cancer itself. My pieces depict how the cancerous cells spread if undetected and what happens internally and externally to the body during the spread of breast cancer," she says while describing her work..

"While the pink ribbon does an incredible job raising funds and support for cancer research, it does not say anything about the disease itself," Areeb says. "Breast

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Programme to support rural artisans launched

Nimra Arshad
BS40 3541

Weavers and embroiders in rural communities of Punjab and Sindh will get their livelihoods improved as a result of a project just launched by the World Bank in Pakistan.

Titled 'Developing Artisanal Livelihoods in Rural Pakistan (RANG)', the project will demonstrate to policy-makers the effectiveness of a crafts-based cluster approach to poverty alleviation and to improve living conditions of the artisanal community.

RANG aims to assist an estimated 2,600 vulnerable artisan families and households, especially targeting women-headed households, at the bottom of the pyramid to help them build their lives, access sustainable livelihoods through establishing their own artisan institutions and consequently achieve a robust economic and social empowerment.



With an average family size of seven individuals in each household in the project areas, the project is expected to benefit an overall population of about 18,200 individuals. Out of the total number of beneficiaries, 70 per cent of the beneficiaries are expected to be women.

The World Bank has signed the grant agreement with the government for the project which is working on a fast track basis and has achieved satisfactory progress.

An agreement with NRSP will soon be finalised. The project team will soon be commencing its design skill assessment and also initiate cluster formation activities in identified areas in Bahawalapur and Multan.

Courtesy: The Nation

Bank profits jump by 44pc in July-Sept

Ujala Nadeem
BS47 5275

Banks earned Rs176 billion profit in the third quarter of this calendar year, recording a 44 per cent increase over the same quarter of the last year.

The State Bank, in its Quarterly Compendium (July-Sept 2014), stated that banks' investment (mostly in government papers) increased by 148pc compared to the same quarter of last year.



The growth rate of net investment jumped to 17.1pc in September 2014 compared to 6.9pc in the corresponding quarter last year.

The central bank observed that the banking sector witnessed a substantial improvement during the July-September 2014.

The return on assets (ROA) and return on equity (ROE) rose to 1.4pc and 15.9pc respectively up from 1.1pc and 12.3pc a year earlier.

The reports showed that the banks earned most of their income from their investment in the government papers which did not change some important variables.

Courtesy: Dawn



Fawad Khan fifth best actor in India according to new survey

Sehar Nadeem
BS41 3607

Our very own Prince Charming Fawad Khan who successfully wooed his Indian fans with his Bollywood debut Khoobsurat has been rated the fifth best actor in India, according to a ranking released by Times Celebx.

The website, Times Celebx is powered by Zoom and is known to be a reliable rating index gauging the popularity of stars. According to the website: "Based on their popularity, performance and visibility the 'T Score' is calculated by measuring various parameters ranging from Box Office performance to PR buzz to Online following and more."



According to the list, Salman Khan is the King of Bollywood followed by Hrithik Roshan, Shahrukh Khan, Akhshay Kumar and finally our own Fawad Khan.

Before leaping to the fifth position, the heartthrob Fawad Khan was at number 34 in July and number 26 in August.

Actor Ali Zafar whose Kill Dil is releasing in the upcoming weeks is ranked at number 38.

Courtesy: Dawn

Pakistani Movie 'Dukhtar' wins 2 Awards at South Asian Film Fest 2014

Adeel Qureshi
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Dukhtar, one of the few conceptually Pakistani movies has now successfully bagged two international awards at South Asian Film Fest. After the tremendous success and appraisal at Toronto Film Festival, the Pakistani movie highlighting the tragic situation of child birth, sadly still prevailing in our country, has now won two more international acclaims.

The 11th South Asian Film Festival (SAIFF) held in New York City praised this iconic direction of Afia Nathaniel for 'Best Director' and 'Audience Award for Best Feature' awards.

Not only this, this eye-open-



ing story filmed through the roads of Hunza, Skardu, Gilgit and Kallar Kahar all the way to the urbanscape of Lahore, has also been selected as a nomination submission for Oscars at the 87th Academy Awards by Pakistani Academy Selection Committee, i.e. under the category of 'Foreign Language Film Award'.

Afia Nathaniel shared the proud moment from the SAIFF with her tweet-hearts, The same appreciation was received from SAIFF's

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Angel Down Under

Ujala Nadeem
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It's a good sign that Pakistanis living abroad have begun to make their mark in the music industry. There's a girl by the name of Angel Ali who lives in Sydney, Australia. She has recently released a track, a reworking of the Pakistani song Jab Dil Jaley, which is not only being liked by Pakistani listeners but has



garnered an international following. According to a report, the video of the song has so far had 29,000 likes on Facebook and more than 10,000 shares.

Courtesy: Dawn

Tourists throng Chitral to enjoy autumn colours

Nimra Arshad
BS40 3541

The advent of autumn season has blanketed Chitral in yellow, giving a fascinating view and attracting tourists in large numbers to the district. The autumn colours vary from yellow to red to golden and each valley of the district is known for its peculiarity in certain colours due to the presence of certain trees.

The tourist rush has left the HOTELS IN Chitral city, Booni and Kalash valleys of Bumburate and Garam Chashma full to their capacity.

Hotel owners said that the tourists' stay would be for more than a week, adding that more tourists were plan-



ning to arrive here from different parts. They said that some tourists were the regular visitors to the district during last many years.

Talking to Dawn, the visitors said that Chitral was famous for its autumn season attractions and beauty like that of Gilgit-Baltistan.

They said that some towns were specially known for their fascinating look due to high density of trees that change colour of leaves, giving an eye-catching view.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

AWARD: Intizar Husain

Shehroz Sohail
BS41 3610

In september, Intizar Husain was made an officer of the order of arts and letters of the french academy, in recognition of his contributions to urdu literature.

Courtesy: Dawn



Rs10m grant for charity hospital in Quetta

Nimra Arshad
BS40 3541

Balochistan Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch, during a visit to a charity hospital here on Sunday, appealed to international donor agencies to help the provincial government provide medical facilities to poor people.

He announced Rs10 million grant for the Dr Kalimullah Khan Health Foundation Hospital, the first charity hospital to be set up by private sector in Balochistan and which began functioning on Sunday. The chief minister praised Dr Kalimullah Khan, the president of the hospital, for building it through his personal resources. Spread over 50,000 square feet, the hospital comprises 15 wards and 66 rooms. Dr Khan deplored that most of the areas in Balochistan were so backward that they did not have a hospital.

“Even a doctor is not found in some areas.”

“On the one hand, government hospitals are in a bad condition and, on the other, poor people cannot afford to pay bills of private hospitals. Therefore, I decided to construct a charity hospital to



provide free of cost treatment to poor people,” he said.

Well-known cardiologist and senior vice president of the hospital, Professor Dr Haq Dad Tareen, said thousands of patients, including those from Afghanistan and Iran, visited the two government-run hospitals in Quetta on daily basis despite their poor condition.

He regretted that Balochistan could not meet three of the eight millennium goals set by international community: reducing death rate among newborn babies, improving maternal health and controlling the spread of infectious diseases like HIV, Aids and hepatitis.

Provincial Ministers Sardar Raza Mohammad Baraich, Dr Hamid Khan Achakzai, Abdul Raheem Ziaratwal and Nawab Ayaz Khan Jomezai announced a donation of Rs200,000 each for the hospital.

Courtesy: Dawn

Pakistani Software Engineer soars high on Maleficent’s Wings

Ujala Nadeem
BS47 5275

The famous Wings of \$757 million Hollywood Blockbuster Maleficent, starring the stunning Angelina Jolie, is a work of art of Novairs Masood, she is a Software Engineer graduate from FAST_NU Islamabad, Pakistan. Novaira has previously worked on Thor, Transformers 3, Jack and the Giant Slayer, Christmas Carol and many more.

Courtesy: goodnews.com



Z5 Electric Rickshaw introduced in Pakistan

Adeel Qureshi
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Zar Motors presents ‘Z5 E-Tricycle’, the first of its kind solar powered E-Rikshaws (Rakshas) in Pakistan. These electrical rikshaws do not require fuel (petrol or CNG) and has a minimal running cost – this means – lower fares, cheaper public transport and a much healthier environment. Propakistani reports.

Typically the leading issue in electric vehicles is their charging; Z5 it seems takes care of that particular subject comprehensively. Z5 Rikshaw can be charged



through a household outlet (100V-240V) much like a cellphone or UPS. Where a complete battery charge would require a long 7 hours, one can charge Z5’s battery to an 80% capacity in merely 2 hours – which can get the job done somewhat.

Courtesy: Dawn

7 working groups formed for health sector reforms

Sehar Nadeem
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Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has constituted seven working groups for health sector reforms and resolving the issues confronted by the government hospitals.



These groups would deliberate upon issues and furnish concrete short-, medium- and long-term recommendations according to the areas assigned to them.

These groups comprising principals of medical colleges, professors, health professionals, health managers, DCOs and other senior officers and would furnish their recommendations by today (Tuesday) to the chief

secretary who would then forward these to the chief minister for his approval. It was stated by Adviser to Chief Minister on Health Khawaja Salman Rafique while presiding over a joint meeting of the working groups at the Chief Minister’s Secretariat on

The coordinator for the first group of autonomous medical institutions and tertiary healthcare is Allama Iqbal Medical College Principal Prof Mahmood Shaukat. Coordinator of Management Cadre and Human Resource Group is KEMU VC Prof Faisal Masood, the third group of procurement purchase, and quality assurance of medicines will be coordinated by KEMU Pro-VC Prof Dr Asad Aslam Khan whereas Prof Masood Sadiq, the dean of Children Hospital, will coordinate with paediatrics emergency and neonatology group. Moreover, PITB Chairman Omer Saif is coordinating e-moni

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MasterChef Pakistan nominated for Asian Television Awards

Mansoor Ahmed Khan
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MasterChef Pakistan, which took the country by storm and had everyone glued to their television screens, has been nominated for the pres-

has seen 239 nominees, across 38 categories, sprawling over 13 countries – and MasterChef Pakistan is one of them.

The 2013 ATA was televised regionally on STAR World



tigious 19th Asian Television Awards (ATA) and has become the first Pakistani reality show to be nominated for an international accolade.

The ATA aims to reward hard working individuals in the media industry all over the continent. According to the official ATA website, this year

and Channel [V], FOX International Channels leading general entertainment channel and music channel, respectively, reaching to some 28 million households in over 10 countries, including Hong Kong, Malaysia, India, Macau, Middle East and some other smaller Asian markets.

Courtesy: goodnews.com

Cont... from pg 4: Breast...

cancer is not a bubble gum pink illness, it is serious and harsh and most people do not know anything about how it affects them until they or someone they care about is diagnosed with it.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 3: Ali Zafar...

questions about his film and he was delighted by the reviews he got.

He also tweeted that 'I will bear cost for higher education of 50 under privilege girls from Sanjan Nagar. Education is key to progress'

This shows who the true superstar is who is also gaining fame for Pakistan.

Courtesy: Daily Times

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Official Twitter Account as well

'Dukhtar' is a must watch for everyone out there because it's a harsh reality of our country put forward simply through wonderful acting.

Courtesy: The News

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toring group. Similarly, Ali Bahadur Qazi, the programme director of PSPU, has been nominated coordinator for DHQ/THQ hospitals working group and Aizaz Akhtar, the head of Chief Minister Health Roadmap Programme, is coordinating primary healthcare group

Courtesy: Express Tribune

Cont.. from pg 1: Pakistan Russia sign landmark.....

defence minister to Pakistan since the collapse of the Soviet Union. He is accompanied by a 41-member delegation.

The agreement provides for exchange of information on politico-military issues; cooperation for promoting international security; intensification of counter-terrorism and arms control activities;

strengthening collaboration in various military fields, including education, medicine, history, topography, hydrography and culture; and sharing experiences in peacekeeping operations.

The two sides discussed joint efforts for fighting international terrorism and drug trafficking.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont... from pg 3: Fight to save endangered Indus dolphins.....

Another threat to the dolphin, whose pinkish-grey skin breaks the surface of the turbid waters as it comes up to breathe, comes from fishing.

"Narrow fishing nets trap the dolphin under the water and she needs to come out to breathe after every one to two minutes," Muhammad Imran Malik, from the dolphin

protection project of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) told AFP on the riverbank in the town of Sukkur.

The WWF has set up a network of fishing communities on both banks of the river and the link canals to keep vigil on any trapped dolphin and report it to conservators.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont.. from pg 1: NH Automotive Specialists supported.....

cians Murad Ras and Tahia Noon; architect Rashid Rasheed, Adventurer Qasim Khan from Adventure Travel Pakistan, fashion designer Saira Rizwan and numerous other prominent names from Lahore and beyond.

The Vintage & Classic Car Club of Pakistan (VCCCP) is the only club in Pakistan that

acknowledges and pays homage to the automobiles of the bygone era and endeavors to create a common platform for classic car enthusiasts. The club has been known to have organized numerous motoring and social events for its members creating awareness for vintage cars.

Courtesy: Netmag

Cont... from pg 8: Pakistan...

Pakistan had to fight hard in the morning session as Steven Smith defied Pakistan during his resolute knock of 97, but once Smith departed, leg-before by Shah, Australia lost their last four wickets for the addition of just eight runs.

Smith added an invaluable 107 for the fifth wicket with Mitchell Marsh, who fell after scoring 47. Smith missed a sharp turner from Shah who also bowled Mitchell Johnson and Mitchell Starc to finish with 12 wickets in the series.

Courtesy: Dawn

Cont.. from pg 1: Pakistani student Haroon Tariq.....

in O levels, 30 A in A levels, 29 A in IGCSE and 30 A+ grade. A student of Froebel's International School (FIS),

Haroon Tariq's achievement had put Pakistan in the global spotlight.

Courtesy: The News



Misbah, Azhar score centuries as Pakistan continue to dominate

Adeel Qureshi
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ABU DHABI: Pakistan set a mammoth 603-run target for Australia to win the second Test and save the series after declaring their second innings on 293-3 on the fourth day in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

That put Pakistan well on course for a 2-0 series win after winning the first Test by 221 runs. Pakistan have not beaten Australia in a series since their 1-0 win at home in 1994.

Azhar Ali scored 100 not out while Misbah-ul Haq was un-

beaten on 101, setting a new world record for the fastest Test half-century off just 21 balls and equalling the fastest century record of 56 balls.

Misbah, who was derided for his slow scoring rate, not only scored the fastest half century in terms of deliveries but also in terms of time spent on the crease. The national team captain hit four sixes and an equal number of boundaries to reach his fifty.

The previous record for fastest half-century was held by South Africa's Jacques Kallis, scored off 24 balls against Zimbabwe at Cape Town in 2004, whereas Bangladesh's Mohammad Ashraful held the record for the fastest fifty in 27 minutes against India in 2007.

Courtesy: Dawn



Pakistan grab third spot in Test rankings

Shehroz Sohail
BS41 3610

Pakistan vaulted into third position in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Test team rankings, their best position in seven years, following their 2-0 series whitewash over Australia in Abu Dhabi.



Pakistan, who defeated Australia for their first series win in 20 years, leapfrogged England, Sri Lanka and India into third position after the memorable feat earned them seven ratings points.

This is Pakistan's best Test rankings since they claimed third position in January 2007 following the series in South Africa, which the home side won 2-1.

South Africa 124; 2 Australia 117 (-6); 3. Pakistan 105 (+9); 4. England 104; 5. Sri Lanka 101; 6. India 96; 7. New Zealand 93; 8. West Indies 75; 9. Zimbabwe 39; 10. Bangladesh 19.

Courtesy: Dawn

Pakistan break 20-year jinx, beat Australia by 356 runs

Ujala Nadeem
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Pakistan achieved their first series win over Australia in 20 years with a thumping 356-run win in the second Test in Abu Dhabi on Monday, taking the two-match series 2-0.

The elusive win lifts Pakistan to number three in International Cricket Council's Test rankings behind number one South Africa and Australia. Pakistan won the first Test by 221 runs in Dubai.

The defeat was Australia's third worst in all Test cricket

behind their 675 run loss against England in Brisbane in 1928 and by 408 against the West Indies at Adelaide in 1980. In contrast Pakistan

registered their biggest win in terms of runs, beating their 341-run victory over India at Karachi in 2006.

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