



## October in History

**October 28, 1964:**

*Pakistan's hockey team won Silver Medal in Tokyo Olympic games.*

**October 26, 1968:**

*Pakistan became Olympic Hockey Champion, by winning over Australia 2-1.*

**October 24, 1971:**

*Pakistan won World Hockey Cup defeating Spain 1-0 at Barcelona.*

**October 28, 1972:**

*President Bhutto inaugurated Karachi Nuclear Power Plant (KANUPP).*

**October 15, 1979:**

*Dr. Abdus Salam, eminent Pakistani scientist, was awarded Physics Nobel Prize.*

**October 21, 1987:**

*Jan Sher Khan won World Open Squash Championship for the first time.*

**October 17, 2004:**

*Pakistani physician Dr. Muhammad Saeed Fazal Karim Beebani set new world record for having the smallest Qur'an of the world. His claim was accepted by Guinness world record administration.*

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## Fast-Rising Pakistan Whitewash West Indies

Pakistan and West Indies series was played in UAE.

The series started with the first T20 September 23, 2016. The third test match is yet to be played. Pakistan played their first ever Day and Night test game in this series. Pink ball was finally seen in the hands of the Pakistani bowlers.

In the first T20 Pakistan won by nine-wickets after restricting West Indies to 115 in Twenty20 Internationals at Dubai International Stadium, Dubai on September 23, 2016.

Pakistan held West Indies to 144-9 to win the second T20 at Dubai International Stadium, Dubai on Saturday, September 25, 2016 by 16 runs and took the three-match series 2-0.

In the third T20 after beating West Indies Pakistan Captain, Sarfraz Ahmed said that he wanted to win the match and complete the whitewash. Pakistan has already won the first two matches and sealed the 3-match series.

Pakistan yet again bestrode the visitors by putting up a commanding performance and registered a comfortable 111-run victory in first ODI on September 30, 2016.

Pakistan defeated West Indies by 59 runs in the second day-



night international at Sharjah on Sunday. Pakistan once again posted a big total of 337-5 in their 50 overs on October 2, 2016.

In third ODI, Pakistan continued their domination over West Indies in limited over as they whitewashed the visitors 3-0 in the one-day international series. Pakistan beat the West Indies by a massive 136-run margin to claim the series win on October 5, 2016.

Pakistan won day-night test match played with a pink ball against West Indies by 56 runs on October 13, 2016 at Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

Pakistan defeated West Indies in the second test on October 21, 2016, Tuesday and won the series by 2-0 in Abu Dhabi.

The performance of Pakistani players is satisfying and after these series Younis Khan has climbed three places to No. 2 in the ICC rankings for Test bats-

men after scoring 127 in Pakistan's 133-run victory against West Indies in Abu Dhabi. This is Younis' highest ranking since he was No. 1 in March 2009 and No. 2 in July that year; he currently trails Steven Smith by 46 points and leads Joe Root at No. 3 by eight points.

There were more gains in the rankings for Pakistan's players after they won the Three-Test series against West Indies by taking a 2-0 lead. The captain Misbah-ul-Haq moved to No. 10 after making 96 in the Abu Dhabi Test, and Asad Shafiq rose to No. 14 after making half-centuries in each innings.

Leg spinner Yasir Shah returned to the top five among Test bowlers; he was tied with England fast bowler Stuart Broad at No. 5. Yasir had taken ten wickets in Abu Dhabi, including 6 for 124 in the final innings to bowl West Indies out for 322 on the final day.

*By: Saba Habib, BS46 5087*

## UBL Wins Innovation Award in Hungary



United Bank Limited (UBL), Pakistan's Best Bank 2016, has won the Innovation Award at the Mastercard Innovation Forum held in Budapest, Hungary.

This award recognises the bank's "global first" achievement of launching UBL MasterPass QR digital payment service. The forum explores how innovation changes lives and assesses the impact this transformation will have on the future.

### UBL starts scholarship programme

UBL recently launched the MasterPass QR digital payment service in partnership with Mastercard. As the country's first interoperable digital payment service, MasterPass QR allows consumers to use their mobile banking app to pay for in-store, bill payments (invoices) and for delivery with one secure account.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## Overseas Pakistanis Can Now Apply for Passport Renewal Online

The interior ministry of Pakistan has launched an e-Services Portal to enable overseas Pakistanis to renew their passports online.

The portal, which went live last week, can be used to apply for renewal of Machine Readable Passports. The online application process takes approximately 16.5 minutes, it says on the website.

Pakistani passport still among worst in the world: report

Once processed the passports will be delivered to the location provided by the applicant within 10 days for a normal passport. An urgent renewal is processed within four days.



Further, Acting Consul General of Pakistan, Rana Samar Javed, told Khaleej Times "UAE-based Pakistanis can avail this 24-hour service as of now."

"This also means that people can save time by applying online instead of personally visiting the embassy in Abu Dhabi or consulate in Dubai," he added.

The e-Services Portal is linked to the Directorate General of Immigration and Passports for online service for Pakistani citizens around the world.

Biometric passports to be introduced in 2017

However, currently the system only works for existing documents and is not available for new applications. "People will have to visit the consulate in cases where they are applying for a new passport such as for a newborn, since there are no previous records,"

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## 2016 Earnings: HBL Profit Surges to Rs25.8 Billion

HBL today declared a consolidated profit after tax of Rs25.8 billion for the first nine months of 2016, with earnings per share of Rs17.47, a press release issued by the bank stated. Along with the results, the Bank declared a third quarter dividend of Rs3.50 per share (35%), it said. It added that HBL's balance sheet has grown by 7% over December



2015 to reach Rs2.4 trillion. "Domestic CASA deposits increased by 9% and the CASA mix improved to 89% as at September 30, 2016. The domestic deposit mix continued to improve, and current accounts now form 35.6% of deposits. Average current accounts for the first nine months of 2016 increased by 19% over the comparable period of 2015, enabling HBL to reduce its cost of domestic deposits."

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

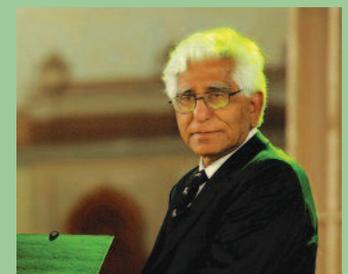
## Adibul Hasan Rizvi Awarded Honorary Fellowship by ACS

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) has conferred an honorary fellowship on Dr Adibul Hasan Rizvi of the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT) for his distinguished services in the field of medical sciences, public services and for pioneering the transplant movement in Pakistan.

According to a press release, Dr Rizvi, by securing the coveted honour, has joined the ranks of a very selective global group of medical practitioners. The fellowship was conferred on Dr Rizvi at the annual congress of the college at Washington DC, according to SIUT.

This year, the honorary fellowship was awarded to five surgeons hailing from various parts of the world who have made extraordinary contributions in their respective branches of surgery. The renowned surgeons who received fellowships were from Australia, Colombia, France and Japan besides Rizvi from Pakistan.

In its citation, the college re-



counted the meritorious services rendered by Dr Rizvi by setting up SIUT in Karachi, which not only provides state-of-the-art medical treatment to people free of charge but is also one of the growing urological and transplant centres of the region. It also lauded the pivotal role that Dr Rizvi has played in his country by bringing a legislation to prohibit commercial transplantation.

ACS, established in 1903, is the largest professional organisations of surgeons in the world with 80,000 members on its roll. Each year, a group of globally renowned surgeons are awarded honorary fellowships. The process is quite competitive as the college, in its entire history, has awarded honorary fellowships only to 445 surgeons.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## We have Overcome Heartless Enemy, says Army Chief

“Having overcome the heartless enemy, we are set to march forward on the road to progress,” Army Chief General Raheel Sharif said at the closing ceremony of the 1st International Paces Competition 2016.

He described Operation Zarb-e-Azb as an example of ‘war for peace’ and said the offensive was bringing stability and prosperity to Pakistan and the region.

‘Govt to name new army chief in a week’

“Today, our brave men can tell the world with pride that by eliminating terrorist networks from the far reaches of Pakistan-Afghanistan border, an environment of peace and prosperity is flourishing,” he said.

He said Pakistan Army’s Physical Agility and Combat Efficiency System (Paces) proved its effectiveness during the fight against terrorism. “Our troops confronted insurmountable challenges that called for extreme endurance and constant vigilance.”

“Our success against terrorism owes immensely to the physical strength and mental robustness of our officers and men. This, coupled with sincerity of purpose and clear direction, contributed heavily towards fortifying their will and morale during intense and demanding operations,” he



added.

Appreciating personnel of Pakistan Army, he said they were trained to constantly uphold the soldierly attributes of courage, character and competence to fulfill the trust reposed by the nation.

Among those who attended the ceremony, included general officers and delegated from friendly countries and other dignitaries. The landmark event brought together participants from 18 leading armies of the world.

The army chief called Paces a unique com-

petition, saying that the occasion was an opportunity for promoting mutual cooperation and brotherhood. “Today, Pakistan stands more integrated with the rest of the world than ever before.”

Paces, he said, was designed to demand a high-level of combat efficiency crucial for the challenges of modern warfare. Lauding all competitors, he said they displayed a very high standard of sportsmanship, physical fitness, and determination.

Highlighting the evolving nature of warfare, the army chief congratulated all participants, especially those who excelled in various events, saying that this experience would enhance their passion for battle worthiness. “I hope you have relished the environment and the excitement of competing under challenging conditions,” Gen Raheel said.

Terming the presence of the participants a mark of everlasting friendship, he said: “The first International Paces Competition has been a great success. We look forward to holding such events in future as well and I am sure that we will see even larger and more diverse participation.”

By: Cozil Altaf, Media Lab Coordinator  
Courtesy: The Express Tribune

## Disabled Cricket: Alam in History Books with Century

Opener Hasnain Alam hit the first ever century of the Physically Disability (PD) T20 cricket and medium pacer Zubair Saleem took three wickets as Pakistan’s disabled cricket team overwhelmed Bangladesh in their third match of the 2016 ICC Academy PD T20 Tournament yesterday.

Sri Lanka cricket team attack mastermind ‘killed’ in Afghanistan

Chasing a 162-run target set by Pakistan, Bangladesh could only muster 134 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in their allotted 20 overs as Javed Bhuyan, Hahrair Shamim and Hossain scored 26,

25 and 20 runs respectively.

For Pakistan, left-arm pacer Zubair Saleem had impressive figures of 3-15, while spin bowler Nihaar Alam claimed two scalps. Sher Ali and Jahanzeb Tiwana also picked up a wicket each.

Earlier, Hasnain, after being invited to bat by Bangladesh skipper Muhammad Alam Khan, smashed four boundaries and seven sixes en route to a dazzling 67-ball 104 as he became the first batsman in the history of PD T20 cricket to score a century.

Gender equality: UN sponsored

cricket day held for girls

Another notable contributor for Pakistan was skipper Jahanzeb Tiwana, who contributed 17 off just 8 balls, whereas Alam also chipped in with 17 off 18 balls.

In a separate match, Pakistan defeated England by 27 runs as the latter were bowled out for 137 runs in reply to the former’s 165-run target.

With six points each, Pakistan and England have both qualified for the final, which will be played tomorrow at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. Betting on cricket: Gamblers sent on judicial remand



Bangladesh, who lost all four of their matches, are out of the tournament.

By: Cozil Altaf, Media Lab Coordinator  
Courtesy: The Express Tribune

## Knowledge is Power: Cadet College Opens in South Waziristan

Army chief General Raheel Sharif on Thursday inaugurated a newly constructed, state-of-the-art building of the Cadet College at Spinkai in the South Waziristan tribal area.



“The future of our country can only be secured through an educated and passionate youth,” the army chief said while talking to tribal elders and cadets. “It is imperative for us to raise their (cadets) potential to the optimal level so that they can measure up to the onerous challenges facing us today and awaiting us in the coming times.”

Gen Raheel noted that the cadet college is one of the series of quality institutions being built in all remote areas of Fata and the rest of the country to “hone our bright children”. “This initiative will go a great length in propelling the local youth into professional colleges and changing lives of their families.”

Paying tributes to the army and valiant tribes for defeating terrorists, the army chief said that the whole world recognises our contribution in fighting the menace of terrorism and seeks to learn from our experience. “Pak Army will continue to support the people of this area till completing the task of rehabilitation, reconstruction and complete transition to local civil administration.”

Gen Raheel specially thanked the local tribes for donating land for the college and paid gratitude to the UAE leadership for financing the project.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## Western Route Definitely Part of CPEC, says Chinese Envoy

Chinese Ambassador Sun Weidong said on Sunday that the passage going through the western part of Pakistan to Gwadar was definitely a part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).



Speaking at an event held at the Pak-China Friendship Centre to welcome the participants of a car rally arriving from the Chinese region of Ningxia, he said the CPEC was for Pakistan as a whole with multiple passages and it would bring benefits to all Pakistani people.

“As we see it, all the routes lead to development and prosperity. Under the ‘Belt and Road

Initiatives’, CPEC will make its contribution to reviving the ‘Silk Road spirit,’” he added.

He said Chinese President Xi Jinping had proposed the initiatives in 2013, reviving the great Silk Road spirit.

As the major and pilot project of the initiatives, the CPEC had entered full implementation with remarkable progress, the ambassador said.

“Sixteen early harvest projects are under consideration, with total investment of \$13.6 billion and tens of thousands of new jobs have been created for local people.”

He explained that there were three key points of the spirit: openness, inclusiveness and mutual learning, and win-win co-operation. “We will always open our doors to the outside world.”

*Courtesy: Dawn*

## Pakistan to Head SAARC Anti-Graft Forum

“It is a great achievement for NAB as well as for Pakistan,” National Accountability Bureau’s chairman Qamar Zaman Chaudhry said in a statement issued.

He said NAB had organised the first Saarc seminar in the federal capital last month in which representatives of other South Asian countries participated and the ACF was created.

“Pakistan was considered a role model for Saarc countries as it is the only country whose CPI (Corruption Perception Index) ranking has decreased according to the Transparency International’s report from 126 to 117. Due to this reason Pakistan has become the first chairman of the Saarc Anti-Corruption Forum,” he said. A NAB spokesman said it had

been decided during the seminar that the first chairperson of the ACF, for a year, would be from Pakistan, but it had been intimated to the bureau recently.

The Saarc Secretariat was in the process of preparing modalities in this regard, he added.

The official said the Saarc countries had acknowledged the measures taken by Pakistan to curb corruption.

The NAB chief said the bureau had chalked out a national anti-corruption strategy under which a zero-tolerance policy and proactive approach to curb corruption had been adopted.

He said that NAB had received about 309,000 complaints from individuals and private and

public organisations over the past 16 years and completed about 6,300 inquiries, of which 56 per cent had matured into formal investigations. More than 80pc of the investigations had been taken into the stage of prosecution in courts, he added.

He said that one of the NAB’s major achievements was the recovery and deposit into the national exchequer of around Rs278 billion of ill-gotten money.

The bureau has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Higher Education Commission and over 42,000 character building societies have been set up in universities, colleges and schools during the past year to create awareness among the youth about corruption.

The NAB chairman said that



the bureau had devised a system of ‘combined investigation teams’, comprising a director, an additional director, an investigation officer and a senior lawyer, to have collective wisdom of senior supervisory officers. “This will not only lend quality to the work but also ensure that no individual influences the proceedings.”

The bureau initiated disciplinary proceedings against 83 officials over the past two-and-a-half years, of which 60 cases have been finalised, with 22 major and 34 minor penalties and four exonerations.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

## Pakistan's Prospects of 5% Growth Rate at Risk, says World Bank Report

Prospects of Pakistan's economy growing at a decent pace of 5% a year are at risk due to delays in the implementation of the \$46-billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects, warns a new World Bank report released Tuesday.

"A delay in the completion of CPEC projects, as evident from the first year's performance, and an inability of the government to mobilise revenues and rationalise expenditures can affect investment and hurt economic growth," noted the World Bank in its biannual 'South Asia Economic Focus Fall 2016' report.



UK assures Pakistan GSP Plus-like trade package

The report also highlighted the issue of growing tension in relation to Kashmir between India and Pakistan; two nuclear pow-

ers that have fought four wars and which it added "is watched with concern".

Political economy risks are widespread across South Asia and uncertainty, more broadly,

needs to be managed with a view to creating an attractive environment for foreign and domestic investment alike, it added.

The Washington-based lending agency said that gradual growth trend is underpinned by increased public investment supported by CPEC. It has projected that Pakistan's economy may grow at a rate of 5% during the current fiscal year 2016-17 – 0.7% below the official target.

By: *Cozil Altaf, Media Lab Coordinator*  
Courtesy: *The Express Tribune*

### Noor Mahal: The Hidden Gem of Bahawalpur

Entering Bahawalpur, the road leads to the stunning Noor Mahal – the palace built by the fifth ruler of Bahawalpur State Nawab Sir Muhammad Sadiq or the 'Shahjehan of Bahawalpur', who is renowned for his passion of constructing beautiful buildings.

This beautiful building inspired by Italian construction style is one of the hidden gems of Bahawalpur and was built by a British Engineer named Heenan in 1875 at a cost of Rs1.2 million.

The palace is known for its colourful, exquisite exterior made of cut and dressed bricks that make this a unique piece of historical architecture. Noor Mahal's distinguishing architectural feature is the use of five domes built in the traditional style.

Since its construction, the palace shot Bahawalpur's popularity among tourists, who throng the site every day to have a glimpse of the vintage marvel.

#### The Purpose

Noor Mahal is one of the latest monuments in Punjab that was placed under the antiquities act. It was built for the residence of Nawab Sir Muhammad Sadiq. However, he did not live in the palace as the royals did not prefer to live near a graveyard the Basti Muluk Shah Graveyard was located a few metres away.

The palace was later used as the state guest house. During his tenure, the Nawab also

held occasional cabinet meetings in Noor Mahal. On some occasions, the palace was used as the State Court with the Nawab addressing his courtiers and the army during wars.

#### Massive Structure

Noor Mahal was built in the middle of a spacious garden having a water tank and fountains. It consists of 32 rooms, including a basement. When the construction was completed, the palace was decorated with thick carpets and paintings made by western artists.

The two-storey palace had exquisite furniture and fixtures like chandeliers and cupboards that were imported while it also consisted of rich collection of arms in its armoury.

As part of the Mughal traditions, some swords and muskets are also on display inside the palace.

In 1906, a mosque was added to the palace by Nawab Bahawal Khan, a later ruler of the state of Bahawalpur. He also renovated the structure at a cost of Rs100,000.

#### Downfall

According to an old tale, a property dispute took place among the heirs of the last ruler which led to the abandonment of Noor Mahal as well as several other buildings. The palace was locked under a judicial order but most of its artefacts were smuggled out. Its



furniture, carpets, paintings and crockery were sold by thieves almost all over the country.

On October 12, 1997, the army took over the possession of the palace and restored it. Later, it was used as an army club. The building is still in army's possession.

#### Precious Moments

On January 11, 1890, Prince Albert Victor visited Noor Mahal as a guest

On December 22, 1892, Sir McOrth Beck, who served as a senior finance commissioner of Punjab, stayed at the palace for three days with his family

On May 11, 1897, Queen Victoria's 60th birthday was celebrated at the palace

On February 9, 1933, a historical function was held to celebrate the union of British Government and Bahawalpur State

On March 8, 1934, 10-year jubilee celebrations were arranged by the State of Bahawalpur at Noor Mahal

Courtesy: *The Express Tribune*

## Upping the Ante: HSY Styles Brooke Shields for Hollywood Event

Pakistan has definite glamour that often gets relegated to the background by international media. HSY, however, showcases that side with a flare that comes naturally to him whether it's at fashion weeks, on TV or at red carpets. Recently, he made international and local headlines for dressing Hollywood bombshell Brooke Shields in a custom made dress.

A touch of flair: Taking a walk through the history of fashion Brooke Shields wore a navy blue stone encrusted gown to the star-studded American Ballet Theatre's 2016 iFall Gala at the Lincoln Center in New York City.

The self-proclaimed King of Couture, Sheru as he is fondly known, became the first Pakistani designer to dress a leading



Hollywood celebrity for a red-carpet event in recent times. At the gala, Shields rubbed shoulders with fashion bigwigs including the likes of Calvin Klein, actor Julianna Margulies, Elizabeth Olson and Misty Copeland and gave HSY's creation a vantage point like no other.

According to a press release,



HSY shared that it was Shields who hand-picked the gown herself online as she came across images from PFDC L'Oreal Paris Bridal Week (PLBW) released from HSY's Divine Decadence collection.

"I am honored that Brooke Shields chose to wear HSY, that too, at such a prestigious gala. When her team first reached

out, I was floored, having always admired her for the multi-faceted force that she is and knowing the potential impact it has when someone of her incredible stature chooses to wear a designer from Pakistan," said HSY.

"In a time where the politics of division is gaining traction, fashion truly recognises no boundaries. That Brooke Shields hand-picked the gown from images she saw of my collection at PLBW is manifest of the impact and resonance our fashion weeks have worldwide. We are very proud," he added.

HSY's collection at this year's PLBW was one of his best ones in the past few years. We are certain that the designer will continue to set new precedents for himself.

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## Rare Humpback Whales Pod Spotted near Chann Creek

Another pod of humpback whales, five in number, was spotted near the coast of the Chann creek last week, the World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan (WWF-P) reported.

The pod of the rare whales was sighted about 57 kilometres southeast of Karachi by a WWF-P-trained fisherman, Captain Jehan Badsha. "The whales were feeding on pelagic shrimp (locally known as saani), which are easily recognised from a distance as the surface of water where they gather appears white," WWF-P technical adviser on marine fisheries Mohammad Moazzam quoted the fisherman as saying.

One of the humpback whales was reported to have distinct scars near its dorsal fin and on the tail possibly caused by entanglement in fishing gear or

due to being hit by a boat, he added.

"The marks and scars on their bodies can be used for identification of individual specimens. This is the first time that the distinct scars on the whales were photographed and recorded from Pakistan."

He believed that the five whales might be part of the same group spotted last month around 36 to 50 kilometres north of the present location.

On a request by the organisation, he pointed out, the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) had asked all its vessels as well as the Pakistan naval fleet to report sighting of any whales in the area.

Scientifically known as *Megaptera novaeangliae*, the



humpback whale has 14 distinct population segments in the world and the one inhabiting the Arabian Sea is the smallest, with most distinct features, and is at a high risk of becoming extinct in its range of distribution extending between Yemen and Oman in the west to Iran, Pakistan and India in the east.

According to the estimates based on photo-identification, only 82 individuals of this species are left in the world.

All whale species have been declared protected under the fisheries legislations of the

governments of Sindh and Balochistan this year. The Balochistan Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act 2014 also accords protected status to the species.

"Effective implementation of the legislation will ensure protection of this endangered sub-population of humpback whale," WWF-P senior director (programmes) Rab Nawaz said, adding that these sightings would help understand the migration and biology of this unique marine mammal.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

## Car Rally Highlighting CPEC Arrives in Gilgit

The Pak-China Friendship Car Rally arrived here from China's Xinjiang region through the Khunjerab Pass.

The rally, comprising 20 cars with 52 people, including media representatives, is meant to highlight the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Representatives of the Gilgit-Baltistan government, including Minister for Works Dr Mohammad Iqbal, GB Council Member Arman Shah and government and military officials, received the participants of the rally at Zero Point, near the Pak-China Khunjerab Pass border.

A ceremony was held in Sost where flags of the two countries were hoisted and national anthems played. Speaking at the ceremony, Dr Iqbal said the rally would strengthen both countries' economic, cultural and diplomatic relations.

"The rally will highlight the importance of the CPEC project and its benefits for the people of the region," he said.

The minister expressed the hope that the Chinese guests would highlight GB's potential for tourism abroad.

Pakistan's political attache in Beijing accompanied the rally.



Speaking on the occasion, he said the main aim of the rally was to highlight the CPEC project and the Silk Road route passing through the main cities of Pakistan.

The rally's participants were then taken from Sost to Gilgit on the Karakoram Highway. Talking to Dawn, Dr Iqbal said

the rally had been organised by the China's biggest tour company. The rally's participants will depart from Gilgit on Saturday. According to the authorities, the rally will pass through Punjab, Sindh and Gwadar and then would go to Iran and from there to the UAE.

*Courtesy: Dawn*

## Pakistani 'Chai Wala' Turns Model After Finding Fame

A handsome "chai wala" (tea seller) in Pakistan has seen his life change overnight after a picture of him at work swept the internet.

Arshad Khan, 18, was photographed pouring tea at Islamabad's Sunday Bazaar by photographer Javeria Ali.

Thousands of lovestruck Twitter users quickly shared the picture, swooning over his piercing eyes, and #ChaiWala began trending across social media.

Days later, Mr Khan shot his first modelling campaign.

Fitin.pk, an online shopping site based in Islamabad, rushed to sign Mr Khan up and is already using pictures of him modelling menswear.

A message on its website and Facebook page reads: "Chai wala is not more chai wala now he is fashion wala!"



Image copyright Fitin.pk Image caption Online shopping site Fitin.pk rushed to sign Mr Khan up as a model

In an interview with local TV news, Mr Khan said his family had lived in Islamabad for the last 25 years and that he joined the tea stall a few months ago. He said he hadn't heard of the social media platforms Instagram or Twitter.

Pakistan's Express Tribune reportedly tracked the tea seller-turned celebrity down at his usual workplace. Asked if he was aware of his global fame, Mr Khan replied humbly: "Yes, I am aware of my newly found fame and I am incredibly happy. My friends have been showing me pictures since this morning." Image copyright Javeria Ali Image caption Photographer Javeria "Jiah" Ali pictured with chai wala-turned model

Arshad Khan

One Indian Twitter user, @Shruti\_writes, referenced India-Pakistan tensions by calling for peace for the teenager's sake, writing: "Pakistan has #ChaiWala looking like this. Please dont bomb it, thanks"

Photographer Ms Ali, who posted the fateful picture on 14 October, anticipated the global response, writing simply: "Hot-tea" and signing off with a wink. She told the BBC: "I was very surprised when it got famous - to me it was a normal casual post!"

Ms Ali, a recent media graduate who photographs weddings and events in Islamabad, said she was delighted for Mr Khan.

"I'm very happy for him, he deserves this. He's a really nice kid. I just hope he can handle the fame and not be exploited by greedy people."

*Courtesy: The Express Tribune*

## Wiki Loves Monuments: Top 10 pictures from Pakistan

You may remember the Wiki Loves Monuments annual photography competition that has been taking place in Pakistan for the last two years.

This year's competition was supported by the Wikimedia Foundation, a California-based nonprofit organisation that runs Wikipedia, for the third time. It is also supported by UNESCO through its Unite4Heritage campaign, launched to create a global movement to safeguard heritage.

Pakistan became the country with the seventh-largest number of submissions and participants, as 370 photographers participated and 11,000 photographs were submitted (70 per cent of them by Ibn-e-Azhar, an MBA graduate). For the global 2016 edition, 10,500 contestants from 43 countries submitted 265,000 photos throughout the month of September.

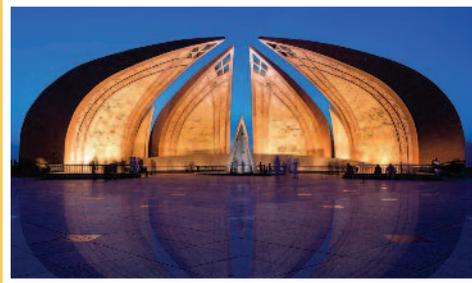
The competition aims to improve illustrations in Wikipedia articles about Pakistani cultural and historically significant properties. It helps preserve the world's cultural heritage sites by encouraging people to take their photographs and upload them to Wikipedia under a free license.

The international winners of Wiki Loves Monuments 2016 are yet to be announced, but the top 10 pictures to represent Pakistan as decided by Pakistan's jury are below:

*Courtesy: Dawn*



Noor Mahal in Bahawalpur. — Photo by Usama Shahid



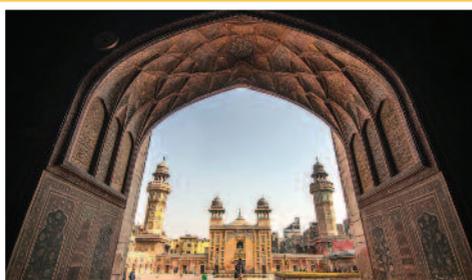
Pakistan Monument in Islamabad. — Photo by Muhammad Ashar



Rohtas Fort in Jhelum. — Photo by Hassan Tahir



Minar-i-Pakistan in Lahore. — Photo by Waqas Afzal



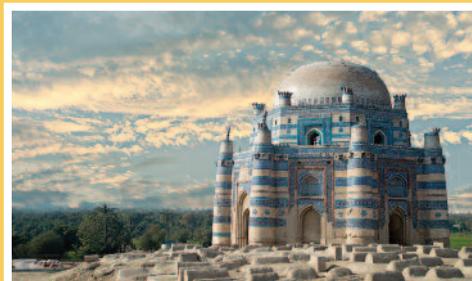
Wazir Khan Mosque in Lahore. — Photo by Shahbaz Aslam



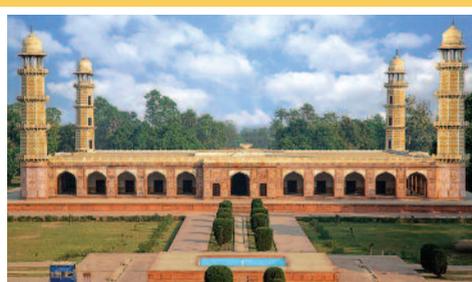
Faisal Mosque in Islamabad. — Photo by Ali Mujtaba



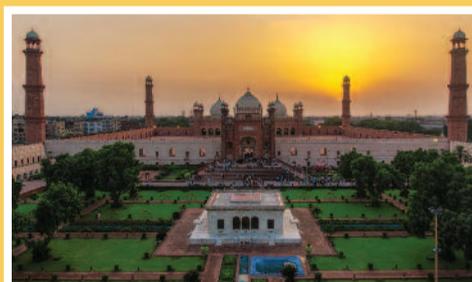
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