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August in History

August 14, 1947: Pakistan came into existence.

August 21, 1952: Pakistan and India agree on the boundary pact between East Bengal & West Bengal.

August 22, 1952: A 24 hour telegraph telephone service is established between East Pakistan and West Pakistan.

August 16, 1952: Kashmir Martyrs' Day observed throughout Pakistan.

August 7, 1954: Government of Pakistan approves the National Anthem, written by Abul Asar Hafeez Jullundhri and composed by Ahmed G. Chagla.

August 17, 1954: Pakistan defeats England by 24 runs at Oval during its maiden tour of England.

August 1, 1960: Islamabad is declared the principal seat of the Government of Pakistan.

August 24, 1967: Pakistan's first steel mill is inaugurated at Chittagong.

August 29, 1971: Rashid Minhas awarded Nishan-i-Haider, Pakistan's highest gallantry award.

August 11, 1973: Chaudhry Fazal Ilahi is elected as President.

August 28, 1973: Return of Pakistan POWs (prisoners of war) Accord signed in New Delhi.

August 6, 1976: Z. A. Bhutto lays the foundation-stone of Port Qasim.

August 31, 1981: Pakistan Steel Mills starts functioning.

August 14, 1991: Nawaz Sharif lays foundation-stone of Bab-i- Pakistan at Walton Lahore.

August 14, 2000: President Musharraf introduces Local Government Ordinance.

August 14, 2001: New Local Government system installed, after holding of elections in three phases.

Pakistan's standing in the global rankings

Overview

Pakistan observed a slight improvement in the overall international rankings in 2018 covering socio-economic and political outcomes of the country. Several elements complemented the prospects including successful democratic transition, efficient counter-terrorism measures leading to enhanced peace and security, and foreign direct investment inflows under CPEC, among others. Albeit, decoupling economic growth from human development suggests that the country needs to enhance its scores in health, education and standard of living by ensuring political will, equitable financing and efficient governance to ensure parallel growth for marginalized segments as well. Civil and political liberties must grow hand in hand to ensure a conducive environment for democratic dialogue and accountability which ultimately supports its nation building process.

DEMOCRACY INDEX

Pakistan ranked 112th out of 167 countries in the Democracy Index scoring 4.17 out of 10 in 2018 compared to 4.26 in 2017.

Index from 0 (authoritarian regime) to 10 (full democracy)

Compiled based on indicators covering: Electoral process and pluralism, Civil liberties, Functioning of government, Political participation, and Political culture.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Pakistan ranked 150th out of 189 countries in the Human Development Index scoring 0.562 out of 1.000 in 2018 compared to 0.560 out of 1.000 in 2017.

Index from 0 (low development) to 1 (very high development)

Compiled based on indicators covering: life expectancy, education, and per capita income

PRESS FREEDOM INDEX

Pakistan ranked 139th out of 180 countries in the Press Freedom Index scoring 43.24 out of 100 in 2018 compared to 43.55 in 2017.

Index from 0 (most press freedom) to 100 (least press freedom)

Compiled based on indicators covering: pluralism, media independence, environment and self-censorship, legislative framework, transparency, and infrastructure.

TERRORISM INDEX

Pakistan ranked 5th out of 163 countries in the Terrorism Index scoring 8.18 out of 10 in 2018 compared to 8.40 in 2017.

Index from 0 (lowest impact) to 10 (highest impact)

Compiled based on indicators covering : Total number of terrorist incidents in a given year, total number of fatalities caused by terrorism in a given year, total number of injuries caused by terrorism in a given year and the approximate level of total property damage from terrorist incidents in a given year.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM INDEX

Pakistan ranked 131st out of 180 countries in the Economic Freedom Index scoring 54.4 out of 100 in 2018 compared to 52.8 out of 100 in 2017.

Index from 0 (repressed) to 100 (free)

Compiled based on indicators covering: Market openness, Regulatory efficiency, Government size and the rule of law.

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PM Imran inaugurates ship lift and transfer system at Karachi Shipyard in rare visit to port city

The Prime Minister will later chair a meeting at the Karachi Port Trust (KPT) to review the Rs1.1 trillion Karachi Transformation Plan as well.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony, the prime minister expressed pleasure at the progress in using technology for various tasks. He said it was not just a matter of using technology for its own purposes but also using it to make money.

"Now we will be able to [service] 12 ships and ship lift 7,400 tonnes. This is progress. We have to save the country's money using technology," he said, adding that foreign exchange reserves would be saved due to the inaugurated facility being available here now,

The prime minister said that as the new system's services developed, they could be provided to others as well and used to earn foreign exchange.

He added that the challenge ahead was the increasing pressure on the current account due to increasing economic development and outflow of dollars.

"So we will earn dollars from what you have done today and we will sell these services ahead. We have to do everything to promote our exports, encourage overseas Pakistanis to send remittances through banking channels, attract foreign investment so money comes from abroad and stop money laundering which we are completely focusing on now."

The premier added that money laundering was the "biggest problem" of the developing world



with corrupt rulers transferring money abroad.

Prime Minister Imran Khan said that apart from the above measures, import substitution was needed as well. "This is the direction of our country and we have set out on it," he said.

The premier lamented that Pakistan had not realised its potential in the past and instead ventured on an "easy path", becoming an import-led economy that became dependent on foreign aid.

Now, however, he was "happy that the effort is again underway to stand on our own feet".

Later in the day, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Asad Umar, shared that the prime minister reviewed progress on five projects included in the Karachi Transformation Plan.

"Green line BRT will start Oct this year. Storm water drains/sewage/roads project will be completed this fiscal year. K IV, modern KCR & freight corridor projects construction [will] start in this fiscal year," he said in a tweet.

The prime minister's visit to Karachi comes as his government is set to complete its three years in power and, with the next general elections just two years away, political analysts suggesting that the premier has his sight set on Sindh's vote bank.

An important development in this regard was the appointment of former Sindh chief minister Dr Arbab Ghulam Rahim as the premier's special assistant on Sindh affairs in July.

A month prior to his appointment as the prime minister's aide, Rahim was quoted by The News as saying that the premier had tasked him with organising the PTI in Sindh, and that people would hear "good news" from the province in the coming days.

Moreover, a Dawn.com report had quoted government sources as saying at the time of Rahim's appointment that Prime Minister Imran planned to hold public gatherings in Sindh starting from August and Rahim's appointment was seen important in that context. A day after Rahim's appointment, Federal Minister Shah Mahmood

Qureshi had shared a plan for the PTI's campaign in the province, said a Dawn report. The report had further stated that the foreign minister had shared the plan while on a visit to Karachi and that the ruling party intended to campaign "aggressively in every town and district" of Sindh.

The same report had quoted Qureshi as saying: "Is it an anti-democracy act or against the law if the PTI comes to Sindh, meets people and invites them to join the party? Why is there so much hue and cry over this? We are not here to conquer the people but to serve them. We are here to tell the people that they have an alternative."

More recently, days before today's visit, Prime Minister Imran Khan had issued directives to cleanse Sindh of street crimes, lawlessness and dacoits with the help of security forces and other agencies working under the federal government.

He had given the instructions while presiding over a high-level meeting on security issues of Sindh and tasked Pakistan Rangers, Anti-Narcotics Force, Federal Investigation Agency and Pakistan Customs to conduct operations against dacoits in different parts of the province.

The premier had issued similar instructions in May, when he had directed Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid to visit Sindh and prepare a strategy to deal with the worsening law and order situation in the province.

Courtesy: Dawn

Sindh gov't approves employee 'deceased quota' for job recruitment

The deceased quota will be effective from September 2, 2002, said a handout from CM House after the cabinet met. An employee who died before September 2, 2002 will not be covered by this quota.

If the employee's children are minors and widows not willing to apply for the quota then the legal heirs may be bound to inform the department

within two years of the death. They can say that one of the children will apply within three months after attaining the age of 18 years.

Government employees who are unmarried will be entitled to the quota of their sister or brother.

The CM directed the finance secretary to devise a method to continue salaries of deceased



employees till the age of retirement.

He formed a committee, including Imtiaz Sheikh, Jam Khan Shoro and Murtaza Wahab, to prepare a

report to propose a financial package to provide immediate financial assistance to the families of deceased employees.

Courtesy: Saama

Roshan Digital Account inflow reaches \$1.87bn

The inflow through Roshan Digital Account reached \$1.87 billion at the end of July, with the first month of the current fiscal year witnessing the second highest inflow since the RDA was launched in September last year.

Data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Thursday shows that the country received \$307 million in July compared to \$310m in June, reflecting a trend with inflow of over \$300m per month.

The RDA was introduced by the SBP in September 2020 for non-resident Pakistanis to enable them to remotely open bank accounts in Pakistan through online digital portals without physically visiting branches.

The inflow through RDA was just \$7m in September 2020. However, it started increasing and reached \$1.87bn by the end of July.

July witnesses second highest inflow since the initiative launched in September SBP Governor Dr Reza Baqir said last month that since September 2020, the RDA initiative for overseas Pakistanis had generated new financial inflows of \$1.8bn which helped boost the country's foreign exchange reserves.

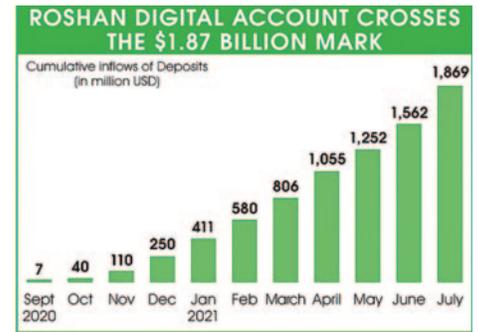
The increased foreign exchange reserves, which stood at \$17.85bn by the end of July, improved the country's image in the international market. In July, Pakistan raised an additional \$1bn through a tap issuance of its Eurobond that fetched \$2.5bn in March.

The State Bank said that Pakistan's external position was at its strongest in several years. In line with SBP projections in March, current account deficit fell to only 0.6 per cent of GDP. The SBP governor said this was the lowest current account deficit in 10 years, supported by all-time high exports and remittances.

He also said that unlike several previous growth upturns in Pakistan, the current economic recovery would be accompanied by external stability.

Despite higher inflows like record remittances, improved exports and inflow through RDA, the local currency depreciated by seven per cent against the US dollar over the past two months.

However, the State Bank governor recently said that Pakistan's reserve buffers are expected to rise by another \$2.8bn in August through the IMF's planned new global SDR allocation.



He also said that current account deficit for the current fiscal year (FY22) could be in the range of 2-3pc, much higher than 0.6pc of GDP in FY21. This forecast badly hit the exchange rate and importers rushed to book maximum dollars fearing more appreciation of the US currency against the rupee.

The SBP said that up to 3pc current account deficit in FY22 would be better than that of 4pc and 6pc in FY17 and FY18, respectively. Pakistan needs up to \$20bn for external payments in FY22 which is the reason for higher current account deficit.

The number of RDAs opened by overseas Pakistanis reached 199,747 by the end of July this year.

Courtesy: Dawn



PTI's Abdul Qayyum Niazi elected new Prime Minister of AJK

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's Abdul Qayyum Niazi was on Wednesday elected the 13th prime minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

He received 33 votes in the newly formed Legislative Assembly of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, whereas joint opposition's candidate Chaudhry Latif Akbar garnered 15 votes.

Niazi succeeds PML-N's Raja Farooq Haider, whose tenure in the AJK PM's office had ended on July 30.

He was administered the oath of his office by AJK President Sardar Masood Khan.

Earlier in the day, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Fawad Chaudhry announced that Prime Minister Imran Khan had nominated Niazi as the ruling party's candidate for the position.

Azhar Mashwani, Punjab chief minister's focal

person for digital media, added that Niazi was a member of the AJK Legislative Assembly from border area Abbaspur Poonch.

Imran Khan had on Friday and Saturday interviewed no less than seven candidates for the position of AJK premier. The prime minister had put various questions to them, relating to their future strategy and views on environment, tourism and national and international issues.

Niazi who won the recent AJK polls from the LA-18 constituency was not among the leading candidates for the position initially.

Sardar Abdul Qayyum Niazi belongs to the Dulli family of tehsil Abbaspur in AJK's Poonch district. His village Darra Sher Khan is located in Poonch's Battal sector, which has seen much destruction in Indian shelling in the past. His family is settled in Islamabad, where they own businesses.

Niazi is not Abdul Qayyum's family name, but a pseudonym, and an interesting story is attached to this title.

In the start of 1990s, Abdul Qayyum was a member of the Pooch district council. At the same time, Muslim Conference leader Sardar Abdul Qayyum Khan was the prime minister of AJK.

Their first names being the same would often create confusion between their statements and official orders, and the Poonch administration would sometimes implement the district council member's orders mistaking them for the directions of the prime minister.

In order to settle the problem, ex-prime minister Abdul Qayyum Khan advised Niazi to attach a different last name to his name, and thus he started using Niazi as his last time.

Besides serving in the district council, Niazi remained the minister for food security between 2006 and 2008 in the Muslim Conference government, and the forest minister in the second cabinet of Sardar Ateeq from 2010 to 2011.

According to the official results of the July 25 polls, the PTI clinched 26 general seats of the AJK Legislative Assembly, followed by 11 by the PPP, six by PML-N and one each by state-based AJK Muslim Conference (AJKMC) and Jammu Kashmir Peoples Party (JKPP).

Following the PTI's victory, PM Imran had congratulated the successful candidates and thanked the people of AJK for placing their trust in the PTI, which resulted in the PTT's electoral victory.

Courtesy: Dawn

PM Imran praises NCOC's key role in Covid response strategy



The premier said that the NCOC's role has been key to Pakistan's Covid response strategy which has received praise globally.

"Our Covid 19 response strategy has been appreciated by the world and with the blessings of Allah has protected Pakistan from the worst effects of Covid," he said in a tweet.

"I want to pay tribute to the NCOC team which through its dedicated work has been the linchpin of our Covid response strategy."

The NCOC, formed in April 2020, governs the policies and implementation of Pakistan's COVID-19 effort. It was set up on the orders of PM Imran to collate, analyse, and process information received from all provinces.

More than a million people were vaccinated against the novel coronavirus across the country, according to the body.

So far, more than 30 million people

have been immunised against the deadly virus.

"Islamabad has become the first city to get 50% of its eligible population vaccinated with at least one dose," Federal Planning Minister Asad Umar tweeted.

Peshawar and Rawalpindi have immunised 35% of people, while 28% of the population has been vaccinated in Faisalabad. Lahore, Gujranwala, Sialkot, and Sargodha have vaccinated 27% of people. In Karachi and Hyderabad, 26% and 25% of the population have been inoculated.

Last week, Umar said that the country broke all records of vaccination on all six days last week. The government has been encouraging people to get inoculated as soon as possible as Pakistan battles the fourth wave of the deadly virus.

On Monday, the federal government tightened coronavirus restrictions in major cities in all provinces.

President Arif Alvi leaves for Turkey

The president will pay a three-day official visit to Turkey beginning Saturday, August 14, on the invitation of his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The two leaders will participate in the launching ceremony of the first of the four MILGEM corvettes for Pakistan Navy in Istanbul.

They will also hold talks on bilateral relations as well as exchange views on regional issues.

President Alvi will also interact with the media and leading Turkish businessmen.

The fraternal relations between



Pakistan and Turkey are deeply embedded in common faith, culture and history and underpinned by exceptional mutual trust and respect.

Chairman Senate Sadiq Sinjrani will be an acting president; the Cabinet Division has issued a notification.

Courtesy: Samaa

Pakistan receives 3.7m Pfizer doses from US



It was provided to the country free of cost through COVAX, the WHO vaccine-sharing alliance. The vaccine will be used in the country's national immunisation drive.

According to a statement issued by UNICEF, COVAX has, over the last four months, delivered more than 17 million doses of the Covid-19 vaccines to Pakistan. Most doses are expected to arrive in the upcoming weeks.

On Wednesday, Pakistan reported the highest death toll from the deadly virus since May. Experts have warned the country is battling the fourth wave of the virus.

In the last 24 hours, over 4,000 new cases were reported across the country, while 95 people succumbed to the deadly virus.

In a tweet on Thursday, the National Command and Operation Centre urged people to get their second dose of the vaccine after 28 days. "For best protection against COVID, complete vaccination is a must."

The forum added that starting August 26, Pakistanis who got their vaccine registered from abroad can

get their immunisation records registered in NIMS and get their Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate.

New vaccine SOPs

Earlier this week, NCOC chief Asad Umar announced people above the age of 17 years can get vaccinated. It is mandatory for students to get the first dose of the vaccine by September 15. By October 15, students should be fully vaccinated.

The government has made it mandatory for staff at schools and people working in the transportation of students to get fully vaccinated by September 30.

- Only fully vaccinated people will be allowed to board on both international and domestic flights from September 30.
- Unvaccinated people visiting and working at malls, hotels, restaurants, and guest houses won't be allowed inside after September 30.
- Unvaccinated people will be barred from using public transport after October 15.
- Only fully vaccinated people will be allowed on motorways and highways after October 31.

Courtesy: Samaa

The Prime Minister House is up for rent

In August 2019, Prime Minister Imran Khan decided to move out of the PM House. He has been living at his Bani Gala residence and only uses the PM office

The initial plan was to convert the house into a university. The PTI government has, however, now decided to rent it out.

The Federal Cabinet has decided to allow people to hold cultural, fashion, educational, and other events at



the premises.

Two committees have been formed for this purpose. They will be responsible for ensuring the discipline and decorum of the PM House are not violated during the events.

Courtesy: Samaa

President Alvi felicitates nation on 75th Independence Day

President Dr Arif Alvi has felicitated the nation on the 75th Independence Day. "During this journey, Pakistan faced many challenges but it successfully overcame them with hard work, sacrifices and the support of the entire nation," he said in a message on the occasion of Independence Day.

President Dr Arif Alvi said that the tremendous successes achieved by Pakistanis, a brilliant and brave nation, in various fields had made the country distinguished from other nations.

The President said he wished to share in the happiness of his fellow countrymen on the auspicious occasion of celebrating the 74 years of Independence of Pakistan.

"This day reminds us to pay rich tribute to the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and leaders and workers of the Pakistan Movement who created a separate homeland for the Muslims of the Indian sub-continent," he added.

The President said the world must appreciate the fact that Pakistan singularly fought a long-drawn war against terrorism and eventually

defeated the menace.

"Similarly, the development of nuclear deterrence by Pakistan is a great achievement that has made the country's defence impregnable," he said adding that "Not to forget that Pakistan is a host to millions of Afghan refugees for many decades." The President said that Pakistan also won laurels worldwide for successfully handling the Covid-19 pandemic.

"For this great achievement, I pay homage to doctors and paramedics, religious leaders, media, National Command and Operation Centre, Security Forces and the entire nation whose cooperation made it possible to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus," he added.

The President also mentioned significant improvement in macro-economic indicators which were now positively impacting the lives of the masses.

He, however, added that "Despite these achievements, Pakistan is still facing many challenges on social and economic fronts, such as increasing population, lack of health and education facilities, stunted



growth, malnutrition and various other diseases."

The President said it was encouraging to note that the government had taken certain steps for the empowerment of women and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) by providing them loans and skills to make them financially independent. Additionally, the Government has initiated various social welfare programmes under the flagship "Ehsaas Program" to provide education, health, and financial assistance to the impoverished segments of society, he added.

However, the President said that there was a need to make more efforts for the facilitation and welfare of PWDs and the empowerment of women by ensuring the provision of their right to inheritance.

"On this Independence Day, we also reaffirm our commitment to continue our moral, political and

diplomatic support to the cause of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute," he added.

The President assured his Kashmiri brethren that Pakistan would continue to stand by them till the achievement of their right to self-determination in accordance with the United Nations Security Council's resolutions.

He also urged the international community to play its role to compel India to stop committing human rights abuses against the innocent Muslims of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and fulfill its commitment to grant Kashmiris their right to self-determination.

"Let's pledge to follow the ideals of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and work for the unity and prosperity of Pakistan," the President concluded.

Courtesy: The News

TikTok leads as the most downloaded app in Pakistan: minister

TikTok, a video-sharing application, has become the most downloaded social media app in Pakistan this year, Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry said Sunday.

In a media briefing on digital media in Islamabad, he said that more than 20 million Pakistanis are on the application and a majority of them are earning money from it.

"Our statistics show that people are going to places where there's money digital media," Chaudhry said. "Since 2018, the digital landscape has grown tremendously in Pakistan which is why the government is launching the Pakistan Media Development Authority."

The minister clarified that this does not mean that Pakistani media is losing its audience. "No, it's just the medium that will change. The content will still be the most important thing."

Regulation of harmful content Chaudhry stressed the need to regulate harmful content on social media.

"People have demanded that regulations should be formed to counter and block hate speech, sectarianism, and hate news on digital media apps."

For example, a person films a video of a group of girls walking to school and uploads it on social media. For someone sitting abroad, this content is useless. But in Pakistan, this can lead to parents dropping the girls out of school or something much worse, the minister explained.

"As digital media takes over the media landscape of Pakistan, we need to make sure content is monitored to protect every citizen," he added.

Why is digital media the future?

"Back in 2018, I told the finance min-



istry that digital media advertising is the future. Today, our research shows that the advertising market on digital media platforms is worth nearly Rs25 billion," Chaudhry revealed.

Pakistan's advertising market on Google and Facebook alone is worth Rs7 billion.

The minister revealed statistics on media usage in Pakistan.

- There are 114 satellite channels in the country.
- Pakistan has 258 FM radio channels of which 196 are commercial.
- Twelve internet TV licenses have

been issued this year.

- Pakistan has over 1,600 newspapers. Eight hundred of these are fake. The government is tracking down on them and reducing advertisements in fake newspapers.
- There are over 180 million mobile connections in the country.
- Over 98 million Pakistanis are 3G subscribers.
- Pakistan has 100 million internet broadband subscribers.
- There are 60.5 million people on WhatsApp, 50 million on YouTube, 30 million on Facebook, and 50 million on other social media applications such as LinkedIn and Twitter.

Overseas Pakistanis send over \$2b for the 14th

Overseas Pakistanis sent home \$2.7 billion in July, making it the 14th consecutive inflow above \$2 billion, the State Bank of Pakistan said.

The central bank said that remittance inflows during July 2021 were mainly sourced from Saudi Arabia (\$641 million), United Arab Emirates (\$531 million), United Kingdom (\$393 million) and the United States (\$312 million).

Shaukat Tarin praises overseas Pakistanis for high remittances

In fiscal year 2021 that ended on June 30, Pakistani expats sent home \$29.4 billion, which is the highest amount of worker remittances the country has ever recorded and 27%

increase over the previous year.

This helped the country boost its foreign exchange reserves to their highest level in over four and a half years and keep the current account balance in surplus for the first 10 months of the past fiscal year.

Pakistan finance minister Shaukat Tarin praised overseas Pakistanis for sending a record high amount of remittances, which helped contain current account deficit.

“Proactive policy measures by the Government and SBP to incentivize the use of formal channels, curtailed cross-border travel in the face of COVID-19, altruistic transfers to Pakistan amid the pandemic,



and orderly foreign exchange market conditions have positively contributed towards the sustained improvement in remittance inflows since last year,” the SBP said.

Remittances are expected to increase but the growth may not be as high as it was last year, the governor remarked. Exports are expected to grow too.

The SBP has offered various schemes to overseas Pakistanis through Roshan Digital Account. These include investment in government securities at attractive interest rates and car financing on subsidized markup. Through RDA, the Pakistani diaspora sent over \$1.5 billion

Courtesy: Samaa

Journalist Chand Nawab's viral video to be auctioned as NFT

Famous Pakistani reporter Chand Nawab's viral video “Karachi Se” is being auctioned as a Non-Fungible Token (NFT).

The video went viral in 2008 when Chand Nawab's BTS was uploaded on social media. In the video, the reporter was having a hard time giving his piece-to-camera or PTC as it is called in newsrooms, because passersby kept interrupting him at the Karachi railway station.

He has put up his video for auction as an NFT on the Foundation app. The clip has been reserved for 20 Ethereum tokens which is more than \$64,000. The amount equals to Rs10,661,689.

NFT is a platform through which digital creators can earn money by posting their digital artwork such as photos, videos and audio for sale.

In the description, the reporter said, “I'm Chand Nawab, a journalist and reporter by profession. In 2008, a video of me surfaced on YouTube in which I fumbled while reporting Eid festival frenzy at a railway station. While reporting, I was contently interrupted by people, my fumbling and constant irritation made this video viral getting millions of views on YouTube and Facebook.”

He added that his video has been translated into many languages and



“now this viral and iconic video is here in its new form as NFT”.

The video grabbed attention not only in Pakistan but across the border as well. In 2015, it was recreated in Salman Khan's Bajrangi Bhaijaan. Ace actor Nawauddin Siddiqui played the role of Chand Nawab.

“I was promised to be given royalty for my video being recreated in the Bollywood film but it never happened,” said Chand Nawab while speaking to SAMAA Digital.

Who is Chand Nawab?

Chand Nawab is a popular Pakistani journalist from Karachi. He has been working as a senior reporter for multiple news channels. He gained public attention in 2008, when one of his reporting videos went viral while he was reporting for 92 News. The video got millions of views on YouTube and other social media platforms. He has appeared in commercials for brands such as KFC, Bata and Easy Paisa.

Turkey revises quarantine rules for Pakistani students, work permit holders



The Turkish government has eased quarantine rules for Pakistani students returning to university after the summer break.

According to the new rules, students will be allowed to quarantine at their dormitories instead of hotels. They will have to isolate for 10 days.

Students will be quarantined at the Higher Education Credit and Hostels Institution's (KYK) Muhtesem Süleyman Dormitory in Istanbul and Tahsin Banguoğlu KYK Dormitory in Ankara.

The new rules came into effect August 6. The Pakistan Embassy in Ankara said students will have to show a valid student identification document showing that they study in Turkey.

Pakistani students studying at universities in provinces other than Istanbul or Ankara, will only be able to travel to the provinces where their registered universities are based after the end of the quarantine period.

Work/residence permit holders

People from Pakistan with valid residence and work permits will be exempted from hotel quarantine and will be allowed to quarantine at their residence.

They will only be allowed to go to their residence by private vehicle and cannot use domestic flights or public transport.

Tourists from Pakistan will be quarantined at the designated hotels like before.

Courtesy: Samaa

Pakistan celebrates 75th Independence Day with fervour

Pakistan is celebrating its 75th Independence Day today with enthusiasm; prayers are being offered for the prosperity and progress of the country.

The day started with a salute of cannons in the federal capital. During the Fajr prayers, the faithful made special supplication for the development, security, unity, peace, and prosperity of the country.

The national flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad on Saturday morning. President Arif Alvi was the chief guest at the event.

Read full story here: Pakistan development journey continues despite challenges: President Arif Alvi

Independence Day celebrations and rallies are being organized in big cities and small towns including

Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, and Quetta.

Every year a classic mathematical problem leaves many people confused about Pakistan's Independence Day.

The answer is a matter of mathematics and semantics or word-meanings. It is the 75th Independence Day and the 74th year of Pakistan's existence.

We follow how the State or government calculates it. Consider:

August 14, 1947 was Pakistan's first Independence Day. That is what the Riyasat-e-Pakistan says. It named the first day of our existence as a country Independence Day. If you include our first independence day and count forward, we have had 75 Independence Days or Youm-e-Azadi.



According to this calculation, in 2021 we have our 75th Independence Day.

But yes, if you counted the number of years of Pakistan's "age", it is indeed 74.

In that case, if we were to use the formula people use for their birthdays, our first year of existence wrapped up in 1948 when we became one year old. That would have been our first "birthday" like humans celebrate it.

Guards changing ceremonies
Guards changing ceremonies were held at the tombs of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan, and Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, the national poet and dreamer of Pakistan.

Cadets of Pakistan Naval Academy took over the duties of Honorary Guards at Mazar-e-Quaid in Karachi. The special guest at the event was Commodore Sohail Ahmed who laid a wreath at Mazar-e-Quaid.

Courtesy:Saama

Pakistan to open Consulate General in Munich, Germany

Pakistan is marking 70 years of friendship with Germany today for which Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi announced that soon a consulate general of Pakistan will be opened in the city of Munich.

"Bilaterally, we deeply value our longstanding relations with Germany, now in our 70th year of friendship," he said. "We will soon inaugurate the Consulate General of Pakistan in Munich & are working to establish Iqbal-Goethe Center in Heidelberg."

Earlier today, Foreign Minister Qureshi attended a joint news conference in Islamabad with German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas.

The German Foreign Minister expressed gratitude to Pakistan for playing a significant role in the evacuation of foreign nationals, including Germans from Kabul.

He said Germany stands ready to support the neighboring countries of Afghanistan experiencing the impact of the Afghan situation.

He said his country will not abandon them in the face of

challenges. He said they have already provided one hundred million euros in humanitarian assistance and five hundred million euros have also been pledged for projects in neighboring countries of Afghanistan.

He said Germany is closely coordinating with Pakistan on the Afghan issue as well as bilateral relations.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi both countries have planned a number of activities to celebrate seventy years of the establishment of diplomatic relations this year.

He said that Germany has been an important investor in Pakistan and there are opportunities to further enhance trade and promote relations in the areas of renewable energy, Information Technology, housing, electric vehicles etc.

He said there are also opportunities for German investors in Special Economic Zones being set up under CPEC.

The Foreign Minister expressed satisfaction over the defense cooperation between the two



countries.

During the conference, Shah Mahmood Qureshi said that the Taliban will have to act on what they say and respect human rights and international norms.

He urged the world community to stay engaged with Afghanistan for peace and stability there. He said humanitarian assistance must flow and the economic collapse of Afghanistan must not be allowed.

Shah Mahmood Qureshi warned against repeating mistakes, saying abandoning Afghanistan is not an option as it will have serious consequences.

He said the world should remain cautious about those who wish to disrupt the peace in Afghanistan and the international community

has to discern between those standing for peace and the spoilers.

"Pakistan has been hosting over three million Afghan refugees for decades. We have been providing them with education and health care facilities as well as livelihood opportunities."

He emphasized the need for creating such an environment in Afghanistan so that the need for another exodus does not arise again. Commenting on the collapse of the Ashraf Ghani government, he said they were not speaking the truth on the actual situation in Afghanistan. Ashraf Ghani finally fled along with his aides and colleagues.

Shah Mahmood Qureshi said recent statements made by the Taliban are encouraging and positive.

Courtesy:Saama

Pakistan Army pays tribute to Rashid Minhas on martyrdom anniversary

The Pakistan Army has paid tribute to Rashid Minhas Pakistan Air Force (PAF) pilot officer who embraced martyrdom at the age of 20 during the 1971 war on his 50th martyrdom anniversary.

Minhas was awarded the Nishan-e-Haider for his bravery and became the youngest PAF officer to receive the highest valour award.

“On 50th Martyrdom anniversary, we remember with reverence, bravery & supreme sacrifice of National Hero Pilot officer Rashid Minhas Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider,” the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a tweet.

In the line of duty, Minhas lived up to great traditions of PAF defending the motherland, it added.

Born in Karachi on February 17, 1951, Minhas spent his early childhood in Lahore and later shifted to Rawalpindi and then back to Karachi. Minhas joined the Pakistan Air Force Academy in Risalpur as a flying cadet at the age of 17 and



graduated from the academy as a general duty pilot in 1971.

On August 20, 1971, Rashid got ready to take off for his solo flight in a T-33 jet trainer. He started his engines and completed the checks. As Minhas was taxiing towards the runway, his instructor pilot, came on the taxiway and signalled him to stop.

Thinking that his instructor might want to give some last-minute instructions, Minhas stopped the aircraft. The instructor forced his way into the rear cockpit and seized controls of the air-

craft; the jet took off and turned towards India. Soon the radio at Masroor Control Tower became alive and Minhas informed that he was being hijacked. The air controller requested him to resend his message and confirm that it was a hijacking.

The events that followed later were the tale of great courage and patriotism. In the air, Minhas struggled physically to wrest control; each man tried to overpower the other through technically linked flight controls.

The instructor wanted him to fly to India; however, the determined Rashid was not ready for it. The ferocious struggle continued for minutes and as the aircraft neared the Indian border, Rashid Minhas knew what he was supposed to do.

He knew that the honour of his country was far greater than his life. Some 32 miles (51km) from the Indian border, Rashid Minhas deliberately put the aircraft nose down and that made the jet crashed near Thatta.

Courtesy: Express Tribune

After 74 years, Pakistan is set to appoint its first female Supreme Court judge



Justice Ayesha Malik is expected to become the first Pakistani woman to be elevated to the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Gulzar Ahmed has nominated Justice Ayesha A Malik for elevation to the Supreme Court in a historic step, reported Pakistani media.

Justice Ayesha Malik will be the first woman judge in the history of Pakistan to be elevated to the Supreme Court.

Courtesy: WION Web Team

Google doodle changes to green



The search engine Google has also changed its doodle on the account of Pakistan's Independence Day and it has been painted in the colours of the Pakistani flag.

The doodle also features an image of the Derawar Fort located in Ahmed Pur East in southern Punjab.

Courtesy: Samaa

Sherry Khan from Islamabad can play 14 musical instruments



Sherry Khan, a singer from Islamabad, has mastered 14 musical instruments including violin, tabla, flute and sitar.

For this independence day, he has composed the Pakistani national anthem using 11 musical instruments.

He is currently working with famous sufi artist Abida Parveen. Sherry says that it is an honour for him to be working with such a legendary musician

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