

## Two million pilgrims converge on Arafat today

MAKKAH: Hundreds of thousands of Muslims from across the globe began the annual Hajj pilgrimage on Wednesday in one of the largest annual gatherings of people in the world.

In what for many will be the highlight of their spiritual lives, pilgrims began moving from Saudi Arabia's holy city of Makkah to nearby Mina on Tuesday.

Almost two million people are expected to take part in this year's pilgrimage, undeterred by

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## 'Dr Asim to be shifted from hospital only when Rangers' doctors permit'

By Jamal Khurshid & M. Waqar Bhatti

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Tuesday ordered not to shift former federal minister Dr Asim Hussain from the hospital, unless doctors of the Sindh Rangers were satisfied with his medical condition.

The direction came on an urgent application filed by his spouse, Zareen Hussain, requesting the court not to shift Dr Hussain from the National Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD), where he was shifted on late Monday night after his condition deteriorated.

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## Four major generals promoted to lieutenant generals

Lt Gen Iqbal, Lt Gen Sadiq Ali, Lt Gen Ikram, Lt Gen Durrani made Rawalpindi, Lahore, Gujranwala, Mangla corps commanders respectively; Gen Aamir Riaz posted as Commander Southern Command; Lt Gen Hilal Hussain made Commander Army Strategic Forces Command; Lt Gen Asim Bajwa to continue as DG ISPR

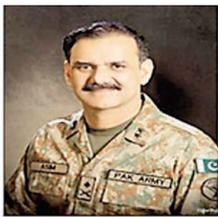
By Shakil Shaikh

ISLAMABAD: Four major generals of Pakistan Army were promoted to the rank of lieutenant generals on Tuesday.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) here, those promoted were Major General Asim Saleem Bajwa, Major General Sadiq Ali, Major General Umer Durrani and Major General Aamer Riaz.

Separately, in a major reshuffling at the command and staff level, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif on Tuesday changed almost half of present nine corps commanders with appointment of new commanders for Rawalpindi, Lahore, Southern Command and Gujranwala Corps.

Already promoted Lt General Malik Zafar Iqbal has been



RAWALPINDI: File photos of Major Generals promoted to the rank of Lt-Generals on Tuesday. Those promoted include Maj-Gen Asim Saleem Bajwa, Maj-Gen Sadiq Ali, Maj-Gen Umer Durrani and Maj-Gen Aamer Riaz. —INP photo

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## India must hold talks on all issues including Kashmir: PM

Says foreign policy has been changed and will give dividends; Dharna damaged economy badly; negative politics cannot help Pakistan

By Murtaza Ali Shah

LONDON: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said on Tuesday that India must hold talks with Pakistan on all the outstanding issues, including Kashmir.

He said the government had introduced major changes in the foreign policy and hoped that these changes would bring good results.

He termed the Kashmir dispute the main reason of contention between the South Asian arch rivals Pakistan and India.

Speaking to the media in London after arrival from Pakistan on Tuesday afternoon, Nawaz Sharif urged India to hold talks on all issues including Kashmir and not to keep away from dis-

cussing the pending issues that affected both the nations.

Nawaz Sharif said the issue of Indian occupation Kashmir should also be raised at other platforms besides the bilateral talks between the two countries.

"The sooner the issue is resolved, the better it will be for both Pakistan and India," said the premier.

"Pakistan and India should live like good neighbours as they cannot be changed... They should resolve their problems accordingly."

Nawaz Sharif said that Pakistan was pursuing

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## Army gave sacrifices for country's defence, says COAS

'Defence forces displayed unprecedented resolve; history stands witness to army's unrivalled valour'

RAWALPINDI: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif said on Tuesday the history of Pakistan Army bore testimony to the fact that its men had displayed an unprecedented resolve and dedication, and given sacrifices for the defence of motherland.

He was talking to the participants in the Golden Jubilee celebrations of 11 Infantry Division at the Lahore Garrison, said an ISPR press release issued here.

The COAS said the exceptional performance of the Battle Axe Division in the Indo-Pak wars and its contributions in the ongoing war on terror amply substantiated its phenomenal standing as a fighting entity.

He said the victories at Khem Karan and Hussainwala sectors spoke volumes of valour displayed by all ranks associated with this division. —APP

## NAB to get govt's briefing on LNG after Eid

By Ansar Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: The question whether the government's high-profile, multi-billion dollar LNG project is a case of mega corruption or a clean and transparent deal to meet the country's energy needs, is expected to be determined in the coming weeks by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) that is presently probing the matter.

Informed sources said NAB had decided to hear the government's viewpoint on the issue after Eidul Azha to finally conclude if it was a case of corruption.

Following a recent offer made to the NAB chairman by Petroleum Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, the NAB

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## Zarb-e-Azb like operation must also be launched in Afghanistan: Nisar

Mastermind of Badaber attack is Afghan national; Pakistan can conduct operation in Afghanistan but fears ties will be strained further; tells British secretary of state Islamabad playing a constructive role for peace in region

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on Tuesday said the mastermind of the terrorist attack on the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) camp in Badaber, Peshawar, had been traced to Afghanistan and stressed that a Zarb-e-Azb like operation must also be launched there.

Twenty-nine people, including worshippers, were martyred in the terrorist attack. Soon after the attack, security forces swung into action killing 14 terrorists.

In a statement, the minister said Pakistan would share all evidences with the Afghan leadership.

He said the place where terrorists stayed had also been

identified. He said five out of a total of 14 attackers had been identified.

The attackers were Ibrahim, 27, Adnan, 19; Sirajuddin, 21, Rab Nawaz, 20, and Mohammad Ishaq, 27. He said Pakistan neither feared Afghanistan nor was it answerable to it.

"We will share all evidences with the Afghan leadership that the culprit is operating from Afghanistan. Our side is under control; the attacker is across the border," said the minister.

Nisar said fingers were pointed at Pakistan even if somebody there sneezed.

"We believe in tolerance instead of leveling allegations against others. We are neither scared of Afghanistan nor are

we answerable to it," Nisar added.

He said Pakistan could launch an operation in Afghanistan to smoke out the mastermind, but it was not availing itself of this option, as it would further sour relations with that country.

Meanwhile, talking to British Secretary of State Tobias Martin Ellwood who called on him here on Tuesday, Nisar said Pakistan was playing a positive role and making sincere efforts for promotion of peace in the region despite provocations and allegations from the other side.

The minister said the Operation Zarb-e-Azb was progressing

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## ECP takes notice of PM's Kissan package ahead of LB polls

Calls secretaries to justify package, publicity; asks Pemra to ensure balanced coverage of parties or candidates on channels

By Mumtaz Alvi

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Tuesday took notice of Prime Minister's Kissan Package and decided to call secretaries of the Ministry of Food and National Security and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to justify it and its publicity after the issuance of the local bodies (LB) election schedule.

Talking to media persons here, ECP Secretary Babar Yaqoob Fateh Muhammad said the Election Commission took this decision after noticing that advertisements were still appearing in the media and details regarding the package were being given.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had announced the Rs341 billion package on September 15 for growers across Pakistan. However, it took the

electoral body almost two weeks to show its reaction. The commission's Additional Director General (PR) Muhammad Iftikhar Raja had earlier issued a statement that the package announcement was no violation of the poll code. However, within 24 hours, his statement was disowned by the ECP.

The ECP secretary explained that the related rules did not permit giving ads before the conduct of the LB election. Similarly, he noted that after the issuance of the election schedule, development schemes also could not be announced and that was the reason, the prime minister's package was being examined. The code of conduct for the media was announced on August 26 by the ECP.

The national food security secretary will be asked to bring along all the related documents

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SATRANGI SUSRAL (MEGA EPISODE)	7:00 PM
KUMKUM BHAGYA (MEGA EPISODE)	8:00 PM
SUNO PRATIBHA (MEGA EPISODE)	9:00 PM
CID (BOLLYWOOD SPECIAL)	10:00 PM

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## PM leaves for US to attend 70th UNGA session

Will participate in other important events; to meet world leaders

By Muhammad Saleh Zaafir

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has left for New York to attend the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Tuesday.

He will be staying in London for two days where he will have meetings with the community leaders before proceeding to New York on Friday. Two significant meetings will also be attended by the prime minister in London. It is likely that he will be having a brief stay in London during his return journey next month. His meeting with the British Prime Minister David Cameron during any of his visits was not ruled out.

First Lady Begum Kalsum Nawaz is also accompanying the prime minister. The premier will address the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 30th September. He will be having a long stay in New York and it would be of six days.

A hectic schedule awaits him there as Pakistan's permanent representative for the UN Ambassador Dr Maleeha Lodhi has made elaborate arrangements for the prime minister's engagements in the city. The premier is traveling by his 12-seater relatively small Gulfstream jet plane that will have one stop before reaching London for fueling as a small delegation is with him.

The PM will attend the global leaders meeting on gender equality and women empowerment organised by China

and UN women. He will also deliver a speech. The prime minister will address the plenary meeting of the General Assembly for adoption of the post-2015 Development Agenda. He will attend receptions to be hosted separately by the UN secretary general and US President Barack Obama in honour of the heads of states/governments attending the session.

The prime minister will attend a peace summit co-hosted by Pakistan, the United States and the UN secretary general in New York. The premier will have meetings with several world leaders during his stay in New York, the sources said.

Adviser to the Prime Minister for National Security Sartaj Aziz, Special Assistant to the PM (SAPM) for Foreign Affairs Syed Tariq Fatemi, Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Director General Foreign Office for the UN Asim Iftikhar Ahmed are also part of the prime minister's delegation to attend the UNGA.

Meanwhile, it has been decided that the PM Nawaz Sharif will address the UNGA on September 30th in English not in Urdu.

The prime minister is going to address the world body for the third time during his current stint. The proposal for address by the prime minister in Urdu cropped up in the background of the verdict of the Supreme Court that has made incumbent

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