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Will share good news on electricity bill reduction with nation soon: PM

Urges nation to support govt in making Pakistan stable, prosperous

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday, congratulating the nation on the 78th Pakistan Independence Day, urged the people especially the youth to support the government in its efforts to make the country, prosperous, stable and peaceful.

He said the youth were the bright future of the country who could play their role in the country's development.

"The next few years are crucial for you and the country, so only focus on your studies and attaining skilled-based education,

and do not indulge yourself in the negative agenda of the enemy who is out to target you and utilize your capabilities in anti-state activities," he asked the youth while addressing a ceremony held here in connection with the independence day celebrations.

Unfortunately, he said the enemy was now using digital terrorism tools to sabotage the country's development journey.

On the occasion of the Independence Day, the prime minister extended his heartfelt felicitations to the people of Pakistan and paid homage to the immense sacrifices of fore-

fathers and countless unsung heroes of the Pakistan Movement, who fought tirelessly for an independent country for millions in South Asia, where they could live according to their beliefs and values. As envisioned by Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Pakistan emerged as an independent and sovereign state on the map of the world on 14th August 1947 through the unwavering and steadfast leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and unmatched sacrifices of our ancestors, he added.

The prime minister highlighted that although during the past 77 years, the

country's journey had not been exemplary but it was also the fact that it managed to survive due to the resilience, its people had shown through natural disasters and economic and social challenges.

"We should learn from our past and move forward with the renewed pledge and resolve to take the country on the path of prosperity and development," he added.

He said although, today, the people were much worried about inflation, electricity bills, unemployment and other issues, but he was very concerned about providing maximum relief to the people.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif hoists the national flag at the Pakistan Monument on the 78th Independence Day.



QUETTA: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar addresses during ceremony on the occasion of 77th Independence Day of Pakistan, in Quetta on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. The nation celebrating 77th Independence Day with traditional national spirit and zeal to acknowledge the happiness of independence the greatest blessing in this world.

We have to make Pakistan economic power after becoming atomic power, announces Dar

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QUETTA: The Deputy Prime Minister, Muhammad Ishaq Dar has reiterated the federal government's resolve to make Pakistan economic power after becoming atomic power.

"We have to achieve what Allah Almighty has written in our destiny. It is desire of the Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif to improve economy and GDP of the country. Pakistan would have to emerge shining star in future and we would see Pakistan becoming developed and including in G20", stated the Deputy Prime Minister while addressing the flag hoisting ceremony at the Provincial Assembly's law on Wednesday.

The Deputy Prime Minister extended greetings of the Independence Day to the people of Balochistan on his as well as behalf of the President and Prime Minister.

The flag hoisting ceremony was attended by the Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti, Speaker Provincial Assembly, Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, Federal Minister for Commerce and Trade, Jam Kamal Khan, provincial ministers, members of provincial assembly, high civil and military officials, dignitaries belonging to different shade of life and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Prime Min-

ister said that Pakistan had become 24th best economy of the world in 2017.

The stock exchange of the country had emerged as the number one stock exchange of the South Asia, he recalled. He said that in his political career of 31 years, he had seen that some hidden forces became active when Pakistan progressed.

He said that Allah Almighty has blessed Pakistan with numerous minerals and natural resources.

He said that he wants to tell the whole world that Pakistan has minerals of billions and trillions of rupees. He said that there's no room of violence in the country. He said that the theory of angry people has no meaning.

Nation celebrates 78th Independence Day with zeal, fervour

ISLAMABAD (Online): The Nation celebrated 78th Independence Day Wednesday with a renewed pledge to work with spirit of Pakistan Movement to make country a true Islamic welfare state. The day dawned with thirty-one gun salute at the Federal Capital and twenty-one gun salute at provincial headquarters.

Special prayers were offered in mosques for peace, solidarity and prosperity of country.

The national flag hoisting ceremony of the day was held at Pakistan Monument in Islamabad. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif hoisted the national flag.



ISLAMABAD: People having huge national flag marching on Islamabad Expressway to celebrate the Independence Day of Pakistan.

Flag hoisting ceremonies held at Armed Forces HQs CJCSC, services chiefs felicitate nation on Independence Day

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Armed Forces of Pakistan, the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and the Services Chiefs extended heartfelt felicitations to the nation on the Independence Day of Pakistan, a momentous occasion that commemorates the realization of a long-cherished dream of a separate homeland for Muslims.

On this auspicious day, the Armed Forces of Pakistan paid tribute to the visionary founding fathers and valiant veterans, who rendered supreme sacrifices in their unwavering pursuit of freedom and self-determination. Their unrelenting spirit and sacrifices continue to inspire generations, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said on Wednesday.

"The Armed Forces reaffirm their unwavering commitment to defending Pakistan's sovereignty, territorial integrity and values, upholding the trust reposed in them by the nation. As we celebrate this Independence Day, we reiterate our resolve to preserve our hard-won freedom with honor, dignity and an unshakable commitment to our cherished ideals. Long live Pakistan!", the ISPR said.

Online adds: The 78th Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated with great national zeal and enthusiasm across the country Wednesday.

Impressive flag hoisting ceremonies were held at the Joint Services Headquarter, General Headquarter and all headquarters of the Armed Forces.

Senior officers of the Armed Forces participated in the flag hoisting ceremonies and presented salute to the Pakistani flag.

The countrywide flag hoisting ceremonies are the message that this flag is a symbol of our pride and our identity and the passion of nation is a manifestation of the fact that Pakistanis are a lively nation.

PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi presents a traditional turban to Olympics Gold Medalist Arshad Nadeem during his visit to Governor House.

PESHAWAR (APP): Olympic gold medalist Arshad Nadeem visited the Governor House Peshawar on Wednesday on the occasion of Independence Day.

Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, personally welcomed Arshad Nadeem at the main entrance of the Governor House and escorted him to his office in a traditional buggy.

During the welcome, a ceremonial police guard saluted Arshad Nadeem, and flower petals were showered along the route.

A traditional Khattak dance was also performed.

Arshad Nadeem was accompanied by his coach, Salman Butt.

A dignified ceremony was held at the Governor House in Arshad Nadeem's honour. The event was attended by members of the parliament, Chief Secretary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry, IG Police Akhtar Hayat Gandapur, business community representatives, athletes, students and individuals from various walks of life.

The Governor presented Arshad Nadeem with a traditional turban and a souvenir.

President confers national awards on 104 Pakistanis, foreigners on I. Day

Nishan-e-Pakistan to be posthumously awarded to former PM Zulfikar Ali Bhutto for his public services

ISLAMABAD (APP):

President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday announced the conferment of Pakistan's national awards on 104 Pakistanis and foreigners, in recognition of their services, excellence and sacrifices in their respective fields.

The awards were announced on Pakistan's 78th Independence Day which will be presented to the awardees at an investiture ceremony on March 23, 2025.

The president conferred the awards to individuals in the fields including science and engineering, education, medicine, arts, literature, sports, social services and philanthropy, entrepreneurs, taxpayers and exporters, public service, gallantry, and services to Pakistan.

The president conferred

Nishan-i-Pakistan award on the former president and prime minister of Pakistan Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Shaheed in recognition of his public services.

He announced Hilal-i-Imtiaz award for Olympian Arshad Nadeem, who recently bagged a gold medal in Paris Olympics and Sitara-i-Imtiaz for mountaineer Murad Sadpara in the sports category.

President Zardari conferred Nishan-i-Imtiaz posthumously on late Nasir Kazmi for services in the field of literature and Hilal-i-Pakistan on Saudi Prince Abdulaziz Bin Salman Al Saud for his services to Pakistan.

In recognition of their excellence in the fields of science, the president conferred Hilal-i-Imtiaz on Amir Hafeez Ibrahim, Sitara-i-Imtiaz on Dr Ghulam Muhammad Ali and Sardar Muhammad Aftab Ahmed Khan; and Tamgha-i-Imtiaz on Dr Sara Qureshi, Dr Rafiuddin and Professor Dr Usman Qamar.

In the education field, Sadia Rasheed was bestowed Hilal-i-Imtiaz; Sitara-i-Imtiaz was announced for Dr Suleman Shahabuddin, and Syed Azhar Hussain Abidi, and Presidential Pride of Performance award for Barkat Shah, Abdul Rasheed Kakar and Aneeqa Bano.

The president announced Hilal-i-Imtiaz for Dr Shahrar and Dr Dr. Zaryab Setna, and Tamgha-i-Imtiaz for Dr Akifullah Khan, Dr Syed Abid Mehdi Kazmi and Ikramullah Khan for their contributions to the field of medicine.

We are if this country is: Information Minister

ISLAMABAD (Online): Information Minister Atta Ullah Tarar has said with every passing day it is becoming proved that two nation theory was correct.

"We are if this country is. No political party, political leader is above Pakistan, he said this while expressing his views with reference to Independence day in a ceremony held in a private TV station here Wednesday.

National integrity and survival are first, he added. What is within our means we will do for the national integrity and revival of national economy.

The political forces will have to think where the political interest ends, he held.

They will have to think national interest starts from where, he underlined.

He stressed all will have to play their respective role to reach destination.

Reforms process is underway in state institutions, he remarked.

He went on to say Prime Minister (PM) will announce comprehensive plan in his address to nation. The plan includes privatization of some institutions, right and downsizing and other reforms.

Pakistanis come forward enthusiastically in any calamity and problem, he added.

Pakistani nation is ahead of all nations in the

world in making charity, he observed.

When PTI founder fell from crane then Nawaz Sharif summoned party meeting within 15 minutes, he remarked. Nawaz Sharif said to party leadership he will not run election campaign. He extended offer to political rival to go alongside each other.

He stated one man was imposed and he did what with the country. This man annoyed friendly countries.

National hero Arshid Nadim has returned to country, he said adding he was given status of state guest in Islamabad.

Arshid Nadim himself said he is PM planted plant, he pointed out.

PM hoists flag to mark Independence Day

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday hoisted the national flag in a National Flag Hoisting Ceremony held at the Pakistan Monument in connection with 77th Pakistan Independence Day celebrations.

The ceremony was also attended by national Olympic hero Arshad Nadeem and Chairman Senate Yusuf Raza Gilani.



BEIJING: A dignified investiture ceremony held at the Embassy of Pakistan in Beijing, Ambassador of Pakistan to China H.E. Khalil Hashmi, Ambassador of Pakistan to Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council and former Ambassador of China to Pakistan, conferred the prestigious "Hilal-e-Quaid-i-Azam" award, upon Ambassador Nong Rong, Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council and former Ambassador of China to Pakistan.

Adiala Jail deputy superintendent arrested for facilitating Imran

RAWALPINDI (INP): Adiala Jail deputy superintendent Muhammad Akram was taken into custody for allegedly facilitating Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder and former prime minister Imran Khan in the prison.

The security agencies detained Adiala Jail deputy superintendent Muhammad Akram on the charges of misusing his powers.

Akram is accused of facilitating PTI founder Imran Khan and allegedly acting as a messenger for him. The security agencies informed the Inspector General of Prisons about the situation, and he had already been removed from his position.

The agencies are investigating the deputy superintendent Muhammad Akram, and departmental action will be taken following the probe.

