روزنامة في بات كراچى (8) 14 فرورى 2019ء کے پی تائی کے2 ملاز مین رواں برس حج کی سعادت حاصل کریں گے کے ی آئی ماز ٹین کومار کراد پش کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ کرایی ( کامری ریورژ) کرایی چیر آف كراجى جمير برسال باقاعدكى سے الي الازين كامرى ايند ايدروى ( كرى ى آئى ) كے 24 ( ين کوبذر بعد قرعہ اندازی ج کی سعادت حاصل کرنے کا روال برس في كى سعادت حاصل كري 2- 200 موقع فرابهم كرتا ب اوراس آئي ميں منعقدہ ج قرعہ روايت أورقر ارد مح يوع اندازی کی تقریب میں روال سال بھی کے ی ی آنی کراچی چمبر کے صدرجند کامار الازمن کے ج اساعيل ماكذا يتنز نائب 2 تمام اخراحات برداشت صدرفرم شيراد، نائ 22 13-15-625 صدرآصف تن حاديد، قرعه اعدادى على كامياب طازين كومخاطب كرت مینیجنگ کمیٹی کے اراکین اور ماز مین کی بڑی تعداد ہوتے کہا کہ وہ فریضہ بج کی ادا یکی کے دوران برنس شرك تحى قرماندادى كے تحت كے ى ى آنى اكاديش مین گروپ کی قیادت، کے ی می آئی کے عہد بداران اور آفیسر محد عظیم اور چرای محد موی روال سال رج کی يورى امت مسلمه كود عا دّن ميں يا درهيس خاص طور يرملي سعادت حاصل کریں گے۔ کراچی چمیز کے صدر جنید سلامتی اور خوشحالی کے لیے ضرور دعائیں کی جائیں۔ الماعيل ماكذات ال موقع يركاميا بوف وال



روزنامها یکپریس، کراچی- جعرات، 14 فروری، 2019ء

کراچی چمبر روال بری بحى 2 ملاز مين كوج يرتصح لراجى (اساف ريودش) كراجي جيمير آف كام س ردان برى بھى جمير كے (باقى سفى 5\_ نبر 47) كافى فيمير اخراجات پرايين كارشن كوتر ماندازى كردر يع بح كى سعادت کے لیے بھیج گا کے ی ی آئی میں منعقدہ ج قرعہ اندادی کی تقریب میں کراچی چمبر کے صدرجند اساعیل ماكداد ينتر ناتب صدر فرم شهزاد، ناتب صدر آصف ت جاديد، مینیجنگ کمیٹی کے اراکین اور مااز شن کی بڑی تعداد شریک تحى قرماندادى كاد يع كاى آلى اكاديش آفيسرهم عظیم اور سینجر محدموی روان سال ج کی سعادت کے سوق قرار بائ - كراحى جمير كصدرجندا اعل ماكذا ف موقع يكاميا يحتى ى آئى الاز شن كومبار كباد في كى-

روز نام جر ك (12) 14 فرورى 2019 . کراچی چیمبرآف کامرس میں ملازمین کیلئے جج قرعداندازی کی تقریب کاانعقاد كرايي (كامرى ريور) كرايي تيمير آف كامرى ايد الأمرى ( 2 ى ى آلى ) 2 4 الازمن روال بر بی تی کی سعادت حاصل کر س کے۔ کے می آئی یں منعقدہ بج قرعداندازی کی تقریب میں کراچی تیمبر کے صدرجتید اساعیل ماکڈا، بینتر ناعب صدر خرم شہراد، تاتب صدرآصف ت جادید، سنجنگ سینی کے اراکین اور ماز مین کی بوی تعداد شر ک تھی۔ قرعہ اندازى كي تحت كرى آئى اكاذنش آفسر تحظيم اور چرای شرموی روان سال فی کی سعادت حاصل کریں مح کراحی چیر کے صدرجند الحاصل ماکڈانے اس موع يكاما ب بوغ وال كرى كالى لمار ش ك ماركاد في كرت موت كما كدكراتي وحير برسال با قاعدی سے این از شن کویڈ راجد قرعداندازی تح کی معادت ماصل كرفكا موقع فرايم كرتا ب اوراى روایت کو پرقر ارر کی ہوتے رواں سال بھی کے ی ی آئى كامياب لمادين ك في ك قمام افرابات یدداشت کرے گا۔انہوں نے تج قرم اندادی میں كامياب ملازين كوتخاطب كرتي بوت كها كدوه فريضه 3 کی ادا یکی کے دوران برش شن گروپ کی قیادت ، کے ی ی آئی کے عبد بداران اور بوری امت مسلمہ کو دعاؤل ش بادر معن خاص طور يرملي سلامتي ادر خوشحالي کے لیے ضرورد عاش کی جاشی۔

روز نامه 92 نیوز کراچی، جعرات، 14 فروری، 2019ء كراچى چىر كے 2 ملازين خ کی سعادت حاصل کری گے كايى ( كامرى ديور ( )كرايى چير آف كامرى اینڈانڈ مڑی (کے ی تی آئی) کے 2 ملاز شن رواں برس ج کی سعادت حاصل کری کے ۔کے تاتی ٹی منعقدہ ج قربہ اندازی کی تقریب میں کراچی چیبر کے صدرجند اساعيل ماكذا بينتر نائب صدرخرم شهزاد انائب صدرة صف يشخ جاويد مينجنك تميش كرارا كين اورملاز من کى بوى تعدادشريك تى قرماندازى كى تحت كے ى ى آئی اکاؤنٹس آ فیسر تحظیم اور چرای تحد سوئی رواں سال تح کی سعادت حاص کریں گے۔ کراچی چیر کے صدر جنيدا اعلى ماكذاف ال موقع يركامياب اوف دال کے ی ی آئی ملاز میں کومبار کیاد پش کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ كراچى چيمبر برسال با قاعدكى سے اپنے ملاز ثين كوبذرابعہ قرعه اندازی تج کی سعادت حاصل کرنے کا موقع قرابہم كرتا جادراس روايت كوبرقرار ركفت موت روال سال بھی کے ی ی آئی کامیاب ملازین کے تج کے قتام اخراحات برداشت كرفكا

روز نامدادصاف كرارى، جعرات، 14 فرورى 2019 کراچی چمبر کے 2 ملاز مین رواں برس فج کی سعادت حاصل کریں گے مج قمر عداندازی کی تقریب میں جنید ماکڈا،خرم شہز اداور ملاز مین کی بڑی تعداد میں شرکت فی کتے ہوتے کہا کہ کراجی چیس ہرسال ما قاعدگی کالی (برنس ربورش) کرالی چیمبر آف کامرس اینڈ ے اپنے ملاز ثین کوبذرید قرعداندازی کج کی سعادت انڈسری (کے ی کی آئی) کے 2 ملاز میں رواں بری بج حاصل کرنے کا موقع فراہم کرتا ہے اوراس روایت کو ک سادت حاص کری کے۔ کے ی ی آئی میں رقرار رکتے ہوتے رواں سال بھی کے ی ک آئی منعقدہ بح قرعدا عدازی کی تقریب میں کراچی چیمبر کے كامياب لمازين ك في كم تمام اخراطات برداشت صدرجنيد اساعيل ماكذا سينر ناتب صدر خرم شهراد. کرے گا۔ انہوں نے تح قرعد اندازی میں کامیاب نائب صدراً صف تنخ جاوید، نیجنگ میٹی کے ارائین اور ملاز شن كومخاطب كرت موت كماكدوه فريعتد في كى ملاز مین کی بر می تعدادشریک سی قرعداندازی کے تحت ادایکی کےدوران برقس میں گروپ کی قیادت، کے ی کے ی ی آئی اکاؤنٹس آفسر ٹیر تحقیم اور چرای ٹیرموئ ى آئى كى عبد يداران ادر يورى امت مسلمدكو دعاؤن روال سال في كى سعادت حاصل كري ك\_كرا ي میں یا در کھیں خاص طور پر تکی سلامتی اور خوشحالی کے لیے چیر کے صدر جنید اساعیل ماکڈا نے اس موقع پر ضروردعا عمي کي جا عيں۔ کامیاب ہونے والے کے ی ی آئی طار شن کومیار کیاو

وزنامها من کراری ..... جعرات 14 فروری 2019ء کے پی پی آئی رواں برس 2 ملاز مين بح يرتصح كا كراتى (اعاف ريور) كرايى چيراف كامرى اين الدروى كے 2 ملاز شن روال برس فى كى سعادت حاصل كري م ح ح ى ى آتى م منعقده في قريداندازى كى تقريب مي كرارى تجيير ف مدرجند اساعل ماكذار ينتر نائب صدرخرم شنراد، نائب صدراً صف في جاويد مينينك كمينى کارا لین اور از شن کا بدی تعداد شر یک تعی

معرات ,08 جمادي الثاني 1440 مطابق 14 فروري 2019ء كى ى آئى 22 ماز شن روال برى في كى سعادت حاصل كري كے كالى (كامرى ديوش) كالى تجر أق كامرى ايد الأمرى ( كرى ي آئى ) كرولاد شن مال برى فى كى العادة والسركر م عرى الى عن العقد م المعقد م قرعه اعادى كالقريب شركانى تحمير كصدوندا ماعل ماكذاه ينزنا مسرفرة المات مسامف فاجلي يتجل میٹی کے اراکین اور طارین کی بدی تعداد شریک تی قرمہ اعادى يخت كرى آلى اكافش آفسر فلطيم اوجراى جمر كصدر جند الماعل ماكذات موقع يركامياب ا اوف والے کے ای آئی مارش کومار کوا فی کر كويزداج قرعاندازى في كى معادت حاصل كرف كاموقع · 「「うろう」」ののののでも、「、「、」、 بماشت كريكا أنبول ف كماكروه بين كالالحل 0 کے دوران برش میں کرور کی قیادت ، کے می آئی کے رو ميديداران اور يورى است مسلمه كودها وس باوريس قاص را المديك ملاتى او فو محالى ك الي مرددها عن ك جاعى-

VATAN GUJRATI THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY, 2019 كراچى چيبر مي ج قرعداندازى تقريب كاانعقاد کے تی آئی روال پر تی صفت کی ٹی بر بیٹھے کا کا میاب ہو نیوالے کے تاتی کا از میں کومیار کیا د كراجى (اساف رادر 1 " در الله كامرى المداغروى - مال أل ا 24 الم من وال م منعقدہ فی قریداندازی کی تقریب میں کراچی چیس کے مددجندا ساعيل اكثرا استترنا تب صددخرم شمراده ناتب صدرا صف شخ جادید، مینینگ کمیٹی کے اراکین اور کامیاب ہوتے والے کے ی ی آئی طارشن کوم ارکباد لازشن كى يوى تعداد بحريك فى قرعداعدادى كي تحت 20 كالأاكاديش آفسر في محم ادر جراى في موى بن ر ت د ب كماك كراتي چير برمال باقاعدى ےاب لاز شن کوبذر بعد تر مداعات کی کی سعادت ى مروان سال فى كى سادت ماص كري 2. كرى ا ماس كرف كا موقع (باتى مخد 3 يقد نمر 50) چیر کے صدر جند اسائل ماکڈا نے اس موقع پر 50 נוא לא בונות נכובי לגי ונוצה אב נווטיוי بى كرى ي آنى كامياب لماد ين كرج كرتمام افراجات یداشت کرے گا۔انہوں نے بح قرم اعادی ش کاماب ملاز ثن كومخاطب كرت موت كما كدووفريض في ادالحلي ك ددران برس شن کردب کی قادت ، کے ی ک آئی کے عبد بداران اور بورى امت مسلمه كودعاؤن مي بادر عين خاص طور يدي سلامتى اورخوشوالى كے ليے ضرورد خاص كى جا يى -

روزنامه "جدت" كراچى 14 فرورى كرا في چمبر من في قرعدا عدازي تقريب كاانعقاد، 2 الازشن كوج يربيجا جائك كالى (كام د ديك) كالى چر آف كامرى ايد الدروى (كى ى آلى) 22 لادين いんしんしん しょうしょうしん しんしょしい ى آئى مي متعقده في قرعداندادى كى تقريب مي كراجى تحمير كمصدرجندا ساعيل ماكذا يسترناع صدرش شتراد، نائب صدرة صف في جاويد، سينجنك لمیٹی کے اراکین اور طازیشن کی بولی تعداد شریک مى قرماعادى كى تى تائى اكانش آفسر محظيم اور چرای محدموی روال سال ع ک -LySobester

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### DAWN THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2019

### Pakistan yet again on EU's list of weak AML/CFT countries

By Shahid Iqbal

KARACHI: The European Commission (EC) on Wednesday issued a new list of 23 countries, including Pakistan, having weak anti-money laundering and terror financing regimes and asked them to remedy their deficiencies swiftly.

A press release issued by the European Commission in Strasbourg said the aim of this list is to protect the EU financial system by better preventing money laundering and terrorist financing risks.

The 23 jurisdictions listed are: Afghanistan, American Samoa, the Bahamas, Botswana, North Korea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guam, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Puerto Rico, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, US Virgin Islands and Yemen.

"As a result of the listing, banks and other entities covered by EU anti-money laundering rules will be required to apply increased checks (due diligence) on financial operations involving customers and financial institutions from high-risk third countries to better identify any suspicious money flows," said the commission.

The list is based on a new methodology, reflecting stricter criteria of the 5th anti-money laundering directive in force since July 2018 and has been established on an analysis of 54 priority jurisdictions, which was prepared by the Commission in consultation with member states.

For each country, EC assessed the level of existing threat, the legal framework and controls put in place to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing risks and their effective implementation. It also took into account the work of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the international standard-setter in this field.

The 23 countries listed were found to have strategic deficiencies in their anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing regimes, with 12 of them already listed by FATF and 11 by additional jurisdictions. 16 countries listed were already on the current EU list.

The Commission adopted the list as a Delegated Regulation which will now be submitted to the European Parliament and Council for approval within one month. Once approved, it will be published in the Official Journal and will enter into force 20 days after its publication.

The EC will follow up on progress made by listed countries, continue monitoring those reviewed and start assessing additional nations, in line with its published methodology.

## TDAP to set up division for e-commerce, services sector

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: The Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) has announced its plan to set up a division to deal with e-commerce and services sector and introduce structural reforms in order to face the challenges arising out of the digitisation of global economies, said Secretary TDAP Muhammad Sualeh Ahmed Faruqui on Wednesday.

He lamented that World Trade Organisation, in its report, pointed out Pakistan's negligence towards dealing with these important sectors at a time when the economies around the world are undergoing digitisation.

He stressed upon the need for cooperation between federal and provincial IT departments to ensure a holistic approach to deal with issues related to these sectors.

Faruqui said that promotion of services sector is need of the hour since countries around the globe on average earn up to 30 per cent of their foreign exchange through tourism.

With regard to TDAP reforms, he said there is an urgent need to enhance the organisation's capacity by bringing in structural changes within the legal framework. Despite resource constraints, TDAP has to evolve into a dynamic and responsive organisation equipped to deal with the challenges of digital era, he said.

As a trade facilitator, TDAP would work on product diversification and brand development for which it was necessary to have an analytical approach on external trade data and product marketing, he added.

He also mentioned that work on promoting Pakistan at the Expo 2020, to be held in Dubai, has been initiated for which globally acclaimed consultants have been hired to develop an efficient strategy. Moreover, he said that the Emirates had offered Pakistan to use its expo site as a regular showcase window.

Answering a question with respect to the financial trade agreement with China, he said the terms are being renegotiated while adding that under China Pakistan Economic Corridor, there is an urgent need for early harvest for Special Economic Zones.

In order to face challenges arising out of digitisation of economies, the federal and provincial governments along with local governments have to develop a consensus over issues arising after the 18th Amendment, he maintained.

### DAWN THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2019

## 1,443 displaced traders get alternative spaces

#### Over 1,300 traders to be allotted shops in next phase

#### By Tahir Siddiqui

KARACHI: The Karachi Metropolitan Corporation on Wednesday allocated 1,443 shops to the traders displaced during the anti-encroachment drive launched by the city municipal administration on Supreme Court orders.

The allocation of alternative place for business to the affected traders in the KMC markets began with the balloting of 1,443 shops for KMC tenants at the KMC Head Office in the presence of Karachi Mayor Wasim Akhtar, Commissioner of Karachi Iftikhar Ali Shallwani, Metropolitan Commissioner Dr Syed Saif-ur-Rehman, Deputy Commissioner (South) Syed Salahuddin, traders' representatives Jamil Ahmed Paracha and Ateeq Mir.

The Empress Market shopkeepers were accommodated in Ranchhore Line Market, Umar Faroog Market in Khadda Market, in Shahabuddin Market, Khori Garden Market and Mairai Market in Furniture Market at the PIDC, Jinnah Frame Market in Soldier Bazaar Market, and Baloch Park in Nazimabad No. 2. The shopkeepers displaced in other parts of South district were given alternative places for business in the KMC's Frere Market. Mayor Akhtar said a transparent procedure was adopted for

providing 1,443 shops to the affected shopkeepers in the first phase and 1,311 remaining shopkeepers would also be accommodated soon.

He said the action against constructions and encroachments in parks, on drains, footpaths and amenity plots was carried out on SC orders, and besides the KMC, provincial government, district administration, Rangers, police and other civic organisations took part in it.

"The court's orders have been implemented and now 50 per cent of the affected shopkeepers have been relocated", he added.

The mayor said that the department concerned of the city municipal administration was assigned to work out allocation of the KMC tenants in other markets from the first day of the antiencroachment operation so they could resume their business there.

He asked the shopkeepers to contact the KMC's relevant department or him if they found any problem in the process of relocation.

"The change of shops is also possible and in this connection every support will be provided to the shopkeepers," he said.

The mayor said the Sindh chief minister, minister for local government and the Karachi commissioner had given guidance to the municipal administration in the process.

He said the Supreme Court would be asked to stop the operation against encroachments with regard to residential buildings. Earlier, Commissioner Shallwani called it a good omen that the affected shopkeepers were being given alternative places to run their shops. He also congratulated the mayor and his team for making hectic efforts for the relocation of the affected shopkeepers.

Traders' representatives hailed the KMC's efforts to ensure provision of alternative business places to thousands of affected shopkeepers.

Senior director of antiencroachment Bashir Siddiqui, senior director for estate Tasnim Ahmed, director for land Kamal Ahmed, chairmen and chairperson of the KMC Council and different committees and other elected representatives and officers also attended the programme.

### Govt fails to give exact volume of Saudi investment

#### ALI HUSSIAN

ISLAMABAD: Government ministers and Board of Investment chairman on Wednesday failed to give exact volume of Saudi investment during Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman's visit to the country on February 16, as they flatly disowned more than \$ 20 billion Saudi investment in next few years as claimed by the Board of Investment (BOI).

However, official sources confirmed to *Business Recorder* that total projected figure of Saudi investment would be \$21 billion, adding that 8 MoUs worth \$21 billion will be signed during the visit of the crown prince. Ahead of the joint presser, officials of the BOI distributed a press release among the media persons in which it claimed, "The potential volume of investment from Saudi Arabia is more than US \$ 20 billion in the next few years."

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But interestingly, not a single e 1: minister bothered to elaborate the \$ 20 billion figure throughř out the press conference despite d releasing an official statement i) by BOI which prompted this f correspondent to put a question f to the panel of ministers to n divulge on the billions of dollars y. investment as mentioned in the f BOI's official statement. 1

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However, after whispering in Bol chairman's ear Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said: "The BOI chairman is here, but he is not going to own the figure issued by his department." He promptly added that the media should wait for another two days during which things will become clearer on how munch investment is going to come from Saudi Arabia. After wrapping up the presser, the ministers and **BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI** THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2019

## Pakistan-Malaysia business relationship: an overview

#### M BASHIR JANMOHAMMED

ak-Malaysia Business Council is playing a vital role in facilitating the business between the two countries. Pakistan and Malaysia have strong business relationship since 1970 when Pakistan imported palm oil from Malaysia for the first time.

Malaysia entered into joint ventures in Pakistan in the field of power, telecommunication, oil exploration, edible oil refinery, dedicated jetty and the largest bulking storage facility at Port Qasim.

Dr Mahathir Bin Mohammad, the then Prime Minister of Malaysia, initiated in the year 1993, three Joint Venture Projects with three Malaysian Palm Oil giants, namely FELDA, K. L. Kepong & IOI with Pakistan's Westbury Group of Companies. By the grace of Allah, all the three joint ventures of Pakistan with Malaysia have performed very well.

The Pak-Malaysia Business Council welcomes the forthcoming visit of Dr Mahathir bin Mohammad to Pakistan next month. Dr Mahathir is a visionary person and has a huge following in Pakistan.

The following table will reflect export to and import from Malaysia (mainly Palm Oil):-

212 3		(Million US\$)			
Year	Export from Pakistan	Import from Malaysia	Balance of Trade		
2012	252.4	1,855.9	(1,603.5)		
2013	219.0	1,653.6	(1,434.7)		
2014	227.4	1,215.7	(988.3)		
2015	229.0	1,058.1	(829.0)		
2016	171.6	1,170.2	(998.6)		
2017	167.4	1,176.8	(1,009.3)		

In this connection, I must state that Palm Oil is the cheapest edible oil in the world and Pakistan is benefited by this oil imported from Malaysia and Indonesia.

Pakistan imports of Palm Oil are continuously increasing. It was about 2.57 million tons in the year 2016, which increased to 3.14 Million tons in 2018.

Malaysia has consistently been the top exporters of palm oil to Pakistan during past three decades. However, from 2014, Malaysian share is continuously declining while Indonesian share is increasing, as would appear from the following statistics:-

Calendar Year	Total Imports (Million/Tons	Share of Malaysia (Million/Tons)		Share of Indonesia (Million/Tons)	
			- %age		5 %age
2014	2.321	0.637	(27.5%)	1.684	(72.5%)
2015	1.569	0.349	(22%)	1.220	(78%)
2016	2,410	0,443	(18%)	1.968	(82%)
2017	2.829	0.577	(20%)	2.252	(80%)
2018 (Jan-Sep)	2.083	0.601	(29%)	1.482	(71%)

The main reason is due to aggressive Indonesian ales in the Pakistani market after G2G Preferred Trade Agreement (PTA) with Indonesia.

ndonesia for various reasons, including more competifrom Indonesian sellers, GAPKI.

Pakistan has established many edible oil refineries mostly at Port Qasim, with a view to converting crude, palm oil into refined oil (called RBD Palm Oil).



FILE PHOTO: Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamed and Razzak Dawood at the signing ceremony of Liquid Cargo Jetty at Port Qasin Muhammad Bashir Janmohammad signed an agreement with FELDA chairman.

on Crude Palm Oil (CPO) at certain level of prices (at reviewed. above RM 2,250), which also discourage export of CPO. Therefore, for increase in export of Pann Oil from Malaysia, Export Duty on CPO needs to be removed/rationalized by Malaysian Government, which will increase the sale of Malaysian Palm Oil by at least 20 percent.

Indonesia also discourages sale of crude palm oil to Pakistan.

Pak-Malaysia Business Council has noted that Prime Minister Imran Khan recently visited Malaysia and had meetings with the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dr Mahathir, who is always a well-wisher and friend of Pakistan. The Advisor of Prime Minister for Commerce, Textile, Industry and Investment, Abdul Razzak Dawood accompanied the Prime Minister along with the Finance Minister and others.

In view of the trade deficit, they urged the Malaysian government to review the trade imbalance with a view to taking all necessary steps to improve the position.

Pakistan is a big supplier of IRRI and Basmati rice and the Malaysian requirement is of 1,000,000 M.Tons annually for domestic consumption. The The exports from Malaysia have decreased viz-a-viz share of Pakistan is not more than 200,000 Tons. We would request the Malaysian government to enhance ive prices by Indonesia and aggressive sales policy the quota of Pakistani rice export to Malaysia, at competitive prices.

Pakistan also has keen interest to export Halal food, fruits, mango and mandarin, vegetable, etc. Incidentally, Malaysia has imposed 5 to 7% duties on

The Malaysian government has levied Export Duty import of mango and mandarin, which need to be

Pakistan welcomes Joint Ventures in Malaysia, apart from additional industry like:

- · Edible Oil,
- · Halal Food,
- · Infrastructure Development,
- Telecommunication,
- Palm Oil Plantation

The investment policy of Pakistan is most attractive and foreigner can invest 100% in most industries, except infrastructure.

Pakistan High Commission in Malaysia has played a vital role in establishing Malaysia-Pakistan Business Council which is headed by Dato' Seri Nazir Merselam. The Pak-Malaysia Business Council of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry has invited a delegation from Malaysia in the 2nd half of this year, mainly to enhance possibility of export goods from Pakistan.

Pak-Malaysia Business intends to hold a one-country exhibition and an investment conference in Kuala Lumpur to boost joint ventures between the two brotherly countries.

Pak-Malaysia Business Council shall endeavour to make its best towards enhancing bilateral, economic and trade relations between Pakistan and Malaysia.

> (The writer is Chairman, Pak-Malaysia **Business Council of** Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry)

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### Investment opportunities

## Chinese govt urged to encourage state-owned, private sector cos

#### NAVEED BUTT

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Reform Khusro Bakhtyar has said that Chinese government has been urged to encourage state-owned and private sector companies to explore investment opportunities in Pakistan.

the China-Pakistan Economic informed. Corridor (CPEC). The governthe country," the minister training projects. expressed these views while on him here on Wednesday.

CPEC Hasaan Daud Butt.

Both sides agreed to prepare tangible deliverables for the welcomes Chinese agriculture ers' consensus has been achieved Prime Minister's visit to China to companies to explore investment on Gwadar City Master Plan and participate in Belt and Road opportunities in Pakistan for the document would be finalised Forum, planned in April this input supplies as well as in food at the earliest. year.

measures would be taken to fast cally integrated way or through pilot projects for poverty allevia-"The federal government will track the industrial cooperation joint ventures with Pakistani tion and informed that Pakistan facilitate provision of utilities by ensuring development of companies. such as electricity, gas and road Special Economic Zones. infrastructure to all Special Groundbreaking of the Rashakai minister underscored the need projects with the input of provin-Economic Zones (SEZs) under SEZ will be done soon, he for finalising preliminary design cial governments in the same

ment is committed to speedy experts on socioeconomic devel- negotiations on financial matters development and reform highdevelopment of these projects. opment are visiting Pakistan this may commence. Pakistan also wants to promote a month to discuss cooperation in trilateral investment framework agriculture, education, medical the need to expedite progress on Pakistan's economic uplift and within the ambit of the CPEC to treatment, poverty alleviation, Gwadar projects such as new said that federal and provincial allow other countries to invest in water supply and vocational international alroort, hospital, governments would come up

talking to Chinese Ambassador another expert team on agricul- only create conducive environ- Group (JWG) meeting on agrito Pakistan Yao Jing who called ture, food processing and value ment for future investment but culture. "We will promote techaddition would visit Pakistan would help to upgrade facilities nology transfer, trade facilitation The meeting was also attended next month. They said that the for local population, he added. & scientific as well technical by Secretary Planning Zafar expert team would visit various He said that ground is set to cooperation in this important

tion of agriculture sector.

The minister said that Pakistan production processing, logistics, The minister reiterated that all marketing and exports in a verti- for financial support to initiate

of Pakistan Railways Main Line sector. The minister said that Chinese (ML-1) up-gradation so that

vocational institutes and power with a viable roadmap for the According to the sources, plant. These projects would not forthcoming Joint Working Hasan and Project Director areas of the country for promo- attract more trilateral investment sector," he said.

in future.

He intimated that stakehold-

He hailed Chinese government side will identify sites for work-About railway projects, the able as well as impact creating

The minister for planning, lighted importance of agriculture The minister also highlighted sector development for

## **PRGMEA** ready to enhance working conditions: chairman

RECORDER REPORT LAHORE: Pakistan Readymade Manufacturers and Exporters terms stipulated by the core the opinion of PRGMEA, Association, already working labour standards. He said that with several international the provincial and federal organizations, including governments along with International Labour PRGMEA have undertaken Organization (ILO) to protect several necessary legislations the rights of garment work- to remove discrepancies with ers, has shown its commit- the ratified ILO Conventions. ment for open discussions He disagreed with the and cooperation with any human rights watch report, organization to further which was supposed to enhance working conditions include one member from for the labour, besides Apparel industry's represenimproving trade opportuni- tative body while conducting ties for Pakistan.

Mubashar Naseer Butt, while labour laws in Pakistan garbriefing the media here on ment industry. As PRGMEA Wednesday, said that his member companies are freassociation is the member of quently audited by the inter- Pakistan's perspective and "International Apparel national compliance bodies we want the ground realities Federation Netherlands" (IAF), the SEDEX, SA-8000, BCSI etc. world's largest Apparel "Even a single exporting unit Forum.

GSP Plus scheme was al buyers without full comextended to Pakistan after the pliance," he added. full compliance of 27 UN PRGMEA Chairman said International Conventions on that economy of Pakistan is a human and labour rights, combination of formal and governance, and environ- informal sector. Segregation ment; including 8 core of formal and informal has Labour Standards of ILO. not been done in the report. The scheme was extended So, report looks like adopting after thorough investigation a stinger approach rather than of the state of labour market realistic. Therefore, findings governance with reference to of this report are not signifithe core ILO Conventions cant to generalize the results and exporting up to \$ 5.5 bil-

regime in Pakistan.

He said that Pakistan gar-Garments ment industry fully meets the

its survey. He made it clear PRGMEA Chairman that there is no violation of The like WRAP, REACH, should be cleared," he said.

of garment cannot start res Mubashar Butt said that working with the internation-

and related labour laws for Pakistan textile and gar- lion textile products.

ment exporting sector.

"The results of this report looks biased as setting aside Garments sector entrepreneurs, senior/middle factory management, government and labour department's point of view have not been included."

"We expect from such a well reputed organization to reconduct a survey based on export-oriented garment units across the country along with the PRGMEA compliance team. We will fully support and extend all sort of cooperation in this regard. Since the report has damaged not only the industry's image but also

Mubashar Butt observed that textile and garments is considered the most important sector of Pakistan's economy and the largest industry with a 46% share of total manufacturing. It accounts for 60% of exports, employment for 40% of the workforce and 8.5% share in GDP.

The value-added garments sector is the major tax payer, largest employment generator in the whole textile chain



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LAHORE: Ambassador of Nepal Sewa Lamsal Adhikari has invited Pakistani businessmen to participate in the 'Investment Summit' being held at Nepal in March to explore untapped business opportunities there.

Speaking at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) on Wednesday, Sewa Lamsal Adhikari said: "Nepal is a virgin land for investors and there exist a lot of investment opportunities for Pakistani investors. Now is the right time for Pakistani businessmen to invest in the fields of infrastructure, agriculture, sports, specifically in hydropower sector.

She also said that work on Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Nepal and Pakistan is well on the way. She added that lack of direct flight between the two countries and long route through India is coming in the way of two-way trade expansion. The ambassador said that 60 years of relations between Nepal and Pakistan are being completed on 20th of March and Nepal has planned to celebrate this event.

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LCCI President Almas Hyder assured his full support for the promotion of cultural and trade ties between the two countries. Inviting Nepal to organize a cultural event, he said that Nepal Food Festival or Nepal Nights in Lahore would bring closer the people of two countries. He said there must be people-to-people contract of both sides to come closer to each other.

Almas Hyder said SEFTA is a good channel of trade, adding that the Lahore Chamber of Commerce is ready to provide any kind of assistance to the businessmen from Nepal. LCCI President Senior Vice President Khawaja Shahzad Nasir, Vice President Faheem-ur-Rehman Saigal and Executive Committee Members were present on the occasion.

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کراچی (کامرس رپورٹر)2018ء کے دوران یا کی سال کے ای عرصہ کے دوران خبارتی خسارہ 2744 خدمات کے شعبہ کے تجارتی خسارہ میں 2011فیصد کمی ہوتی ہے۔ادارہ تماریات کے مطابق پہلی ششمای میں شعبہ میں 15.91فیصد کی مے درآ می مل 15.40 اب کا تجارتی خسارہ 1.945 اب دار بلداکت کم ہو کیا جبکہ گرشتہ ہونے کے مقابلہ میں 1.945 اب دونے تک کم ہوگیا۔

شیکسٹائل سیکٹر ملکی معیشت میں ریڑھ کی ہڈی کی حیثیت رکھتا ہے، زاہد<sup>حسی</sup>ن

ریڈی میڈ گادشنس ٹیکٹائل کا ہم شعبہ ہے جو برآ مدات اورخواتین کی ملازمت میں اہم کردارادا کرر ہاہے

سابقت کی کی کے باعث اپنے پومینشل کے مطابق كراچى ( كامرس ريورش) با كمتان برنس مين ايند اللیکو از فورم وآل کراچی انڈسٹریل الائن کے صدر کارکردگی ہے قاصر ہے۔ یا کستان کی برآ مدی مصنوعات میاں زابد سین نے کہا ہے کہ یا کتان کا فیکشائل سیکر تکی الموشلائز يشن ند ہونے كے باعث بين الاقوامى منذيوں میں توجه کا مرکز نہیں بن یاتی اورنسبتا کم قیمتوں پر فروشت معیشت میں ریڑھ کی بڈی کی حیثیت رکھتا ہے جو طک کی ہوتی ہیں۔ بور چین منڈ یوں میں جی ایس بی پلس اشیش سالاند بى دى بى ش 8.5 فيصد، الازمت ش 40 فيصد، ماصل ہونے کے باد جود 2013 سے 2017 کے برآبدات ميں 60 فيصد ، صنعتى ويليوا يذيشن ميں 25 فيصد دوران یا کستانی کار مینش برآ مدات تخش 0.5 فیصد بردسی اور LSM ش 21 فيعد كا حصد دار ب-ريدى ميد كارمنش فيكشائل كاابهم ترين شعبه ب جو برآ مدات بن جبكه بظهروليش كى كارسينس برآمات مي 6 فيصد، كمبوديا من 2 فيصد ادر ويتام من 1 فيصد اضافه موا اور خواتین کی ملازمت میں اہم کردار ادا کرر ہا ہے۔ ب- باكتانى برآمدى يكثرى كاركردكى - والت بك میاں زاہد سین نے برنس کمیونٹ سے تفتلو میں کہا کہ جى اليس في يلس الميش كا خاطر خواه فائده تبيس الحايا پاکستانی صنعتوں کا اہم ترین گارمنٹس سیکٹر کنی وجو ہات الساادر مقابلة بين موجود ديكرمما لك في وه خلا بركيا، جس یشمول مارکیٹ اور مصنوعات کی تنوع میں کمی، ویلیو ایڈیشن میں کی، برآبدی مصنوعات کی کم قیمتوں اور کے لئے فوری توجد درکارہے۔

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# Saudi prince's visit to mark new era in ties: FM

Shah Mehmood Qureshi says eight MoUs to be signed by Islamabad, Riyadh

#### By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Saudi Arabia will sign eight memorandums of understanding (MoUs) during the coming visit of Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman and will also institute a follow-up mechanism for implementation of the agreements.

Addressing a news conference, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi, who was accompanied by Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry and Prime Minister's Adviser on Commerce Abdul Razak Dawood, said the crown prince's visit would help further strengthen the fraternal ties between the two countries.

"I am immensely glad that there is a qualitative change in our ties and this direction would continue in the future," he told reporters at the press conference. The Foreign Office had in a statement earlier said: "The visit of Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman is expected to significantly enhance bilateral ties between the two countries in all spheres of cooperation."

The crown prince will reach Pakistan on Feb 16. After completing the visit, he will leave for Malaysia on Feb 17 from where he will travel to India on Feb 19.

Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman, who will be accompanied on the visit by a high-powered delegation including members of the Saudi royal family, key ministers and leading businessmen, will meet President Dr Arif Alvi, Prime Minister Imran Khan, Army Chief Gen Qamar Bajwa and a Senate delegation.

•• Mr Qureshi said the crown prince would oversee the signing of eight MoUs on investment, finance, power, renewable energy, internal security, media, culture and sports.

It is difficult to quantify the investment these MoUs would bring, but it is believed that Saudis are considering investing up to \$12 billion in near future. The biggest project to be undertaken is the setting up of a refinery and possibly a petrochemical complex in Gwadar.

Mr Qureshi underlined the preparatory process between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia that preceded the visit. "The advance team has gone back after the discussions and the MoUs are being prepared in the light of those talks and the decisions taken there," he said.

"The two countries will also discuss ways and means to develop a robust followup mechanism to ensure effective implementation and quick progress on tan-

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gible areas of cooperation," the FO statement said.

The Saudi ministers accompanying the crown prince will, meanwhile, meet their counterparts to discuss bilateral cooperation in their respects re fields. A meeting of the businessmen is also planned on the sidelines of the visit to discuss possibilities of collaboration in the private sector.

Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry told reporters that Pakistan was playing a significant role in the Middle East.

#### Germany visit

Foreign Minister Qureshi said he would attend a conference on the Afghan issue in Munich. He will leave for Germany on Thursday, where besides attending the conference, he will meet Afghan President Ashraf Ghani.

Mr Qureshi and Mr Ghani will co-chair a meeting in which they will present their respective countries' perspective on the evolving situation in Afghanistan and the region.

About improvement in relations with the US, the foreign minister said "unease" in the ties had now ended.

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## Islamabad to seek PTA with Riyadh

By Mubarak Zeb Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will formally propose to Saudi Arabia for initiation of a dialogue on preferential trade agreement (PTA) to promote bilateral trade and investment.

The proposal will be raised among other issues during the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman's two-day visit to Pakistan.

The crown prince will reach the country on February 16, accompanied by a high-powered business delegation.

Official sources told Dawn that the preferential treaty will cover tariff and non-tariff barriers (NTBs) which will help diversify Pakistan's export basket to the kingdom.

Since 2006, there is a complete deadlock in negotiations on the proposed free trade agreement (FTA) with the Gulf Cooperation Council. So far only two rounds of negotiations have been held on it.

Officials believe that this issue will be raised during the crown prince's visit.

Pakistan's bilateral trade

with Saudi Arabia has posted a consistent decline, dropping by a half to \$2.5 billion in 2016-17 from \$5.08bn in 2013-14. One reason behind this is the falling value of petroleum products which constitute 50pc of total imports.

The country's exports to the kingdom are decreasing as well mainly due to a drop in proceeds of rice, fruits, vegetable preparations, apparel and clothing and made-up articles of textile material.

Rice is one of the major export items to Saudi Arabia but now the commodity's market is being captured by other countries, particularly India.

If an agreement is reached on PTA, Saudi Arabia will become the second country after Iran with which Pakistan will have a bilateral preferential arrangement.

Other issues that will be discussed include easing of procedures for business visa which currently involves multiple departments and takes at least six weeks. Saudi Arabia has also increased the business visa fee to Rs74,000 per person for attending any business activity in the kingdom and Pakistan will be looking for a fee waiver .

The Pak-Saudi Joint Business Council was formulated in 2000 to enhance interaction between top chambers of the two countries. The body has met thrice in the last 18 years, which shows its seriousness in promoting trade.

Pakistan is likely to raise the issue of removing ban on its shrimp exports to Saudi Arabia as well as seeking licence for State Life Insurance to do business in the kingdom, besides holding singlecountry exhibitions to promote market access for its products.

Possible areas for investment with Saudi Arabia include the *halal* food sector, cattle farming, milk, fisheries and other agro industry projects.

For resolving NTB, two important issues will be discussed; mutual recognition agreement to avoid delay in customs and clearance of Pakistan's export shipments at the kingdom's ports and quality assurance certificates to be recognised by Saudi Food and Drug Authority.