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“SAARC Charter Day”

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Pakistan plays key role in economic development of South Asia: Razak

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Islamabad
Advisor to Prime Minister on Commerce Abdul Razak Dawood Friday said Pakistan is playing a key role in the economic development of the South Asian region and to attain the dream of possible regional integration.

In his congratulatory message to SAARC CCI Senior Vice President Iftikhar Ali Malik for nominating his name for the slot of SAARC CCI President for term of two years, he said this is the honour for Pakistan to have Iftikhar Malik’s name as President of the most prestigious regional trade body and this also is an acknowledgement of his untiring 29 year efforts for promoting of regional trade and bringing the business leadership of all the South Asian countries closer to Pakistan.

He further said that Pakistan believed in regional development through the platform of SAARC as it was the way forward for peace in the region.

Pakistan, he added, would continue to play its part to fulfill hopes of the people of the region.

The region had abundant human and natural resources, with one-fifth of the humanity and untapped opportunities for the development of the region, he added.

Abdul Razak Dawood said the social charter of the organization was the real way forward and his country would support all initiatives by SAARC in this regard.
Promoting regional trade must for alleviating poverty: Dawood

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- Dawood said closer integration on energy, trade, connectivity and stability offers strong potential to enhance growth in the region.

- He said lowering trade costs would help to deepen producers' and consumers' connectivity to the global marketplace.

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to Prime Minister on Commerce Abdul Razak Dawood has said the government's resolve to work for achieving economic, social and cultural development in the South Asian region by combating common challenges of poverty, unemployment, terrorism, transnational crimes and climate change.

"As the largest number of the world's poor resides in the region, political leaders should realize that vicious circle of poverty is our common enemy. And that an integrated, open and inclusive South Asia benefits the poorest the most," the Advisor said while addressing the 35th SAARC Charter Day organized by SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry here on Tuesday night.

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Abdul Razak Dawood reaffirms govt’s resolve to promote regional trade

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SAARC, he said needs to focus more on the delivery of concrete results through effective implementation of the commitments and decisions made so far. He said in his message on the 35th SAARC Charter Day, Prime Minister Imran Khan reiterated the fact that, “We as nation believe in regional cooperation in form of SAARC. We firmly believe in the strength of SAARC and its potential to improve wellbeing of individuals, nation and as whole region.”
Promoting Regional Trade Must For Alleviating Poverty: Advisor To Prime Minister On Commerce Abdul Razak Dawood

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Pakistani government will observe SAARC Charter Day on Dec 10

Lahore

Pakistan will commemorate 35th SAARC Charter Day on December 10 (Tuesday) to renew commitment to the cherished goals of the organization besides further accelerating the pace of regional economic cooperation. The leaders of SAARC nations, the high commissioners, ambassadors from the SAARC member countries, representatives of the SAARC bodies will also grace the occasion by reiterating the aims and goals of the SAARC Charter.

The SAARC Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI), an apex trade body in the region, will organize a function in this regard with Advisor to Prime Minister on commerce Abdul Razak Dawood in chair while SAARC CCI Senior Vice President Iftikhar Ali Malik will present welcome address and President Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Eng Daroo Khan Achakzai will also speak besides other prominent businessmen.
Pakistan committed to achieve economic development in every country of South Asia: Razak Dawood

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"South Asia has huge potentials for transforming development landscape of our region. To achieve this, SAARC has to redouble its efforts in deepening cooperation. SAARC needs to focus more on the delivery of concrete results through effective implementation of our commitments and decisions made so far," he added. The Advisor also congratulated senior businessman Iftikhar Ali Malik on his nomination as SAARC CCI President for the term 2020–2022.
PROMOTION OF REGIONAL TRADE GOVT’S TOP PRIORITY: DAWOOD

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South Asia's prosperity depends on political leadership: Dawood

ISLAMABAD, Dec 11 (SABA): "South Asia's prosperity depends on the political leadership to focus on long-term development by mitigating distrust and differences at the political level" said by Advisor to Prime Minister on Commerce, Textile, Industry & Production and Investment Abdul Raaz Dawood.

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"South Asia has huge potentials for transforming development landscape of our region. To achieve this, SAARC has to redouble its efforts in deepening cooperation. SAARC needs to focus more on the delivery of concrete results through effective implementation of our commitments and decisions made so far" he added. The Advisor also congratulated senior businessman Hifzur Ali Malik on his nomination as SAARC CCI President for the term 2020-2022.

While speaking on the occasion Hifzur Ali Malik Vice President SAARC CCI (Pakistan) and incoming President SAARC CCI said "I firmly believe that our region can emerge as a driving engine for the world economy if we exploit our economic complementarities, completely normalize our trade relations, and ensure an environment for rapid growth".

Speaking on the occasion President FPCCI Engineer Darro Khan said "Today we need meaningful confidence-building measures, the move has the potential to undo this freeze and push the SAARC member states to engage in a positive and purposeful manner to benefit the regional cooperation".

The Former Secretary General SAARC and Ambassador of Maldives in Pakistan H.E Mr. Ahmed Saleem said "Despite mounting challenges, SAARC has contributed to uplift the socioeconomic progress of people of SAARC. He called on the leaders of South Asia to resolve for the stalled 19th SAARC Summit to convene in Islamabad and dialogue for the betterment of people of South Asia.

The 35th SAARC Charter day celebration was addressed by diplomatic missions of SAARC countries in Islamabad Tariq Ahsan (Bangladesh), Ahmed Saleem, (Maldives), Ms. Sawa Latif, (Nepal), Noor Momen Mohamed Shaheed (Sir Lanka), Zahidullah Jalili, Director General, SAARC Arbitration Council, Zubair Ahmed Malik, EC Member SAARC CCI and Zubair Ali Butt, Acting Secretary General SAARC CCI.

The Presidium and Members of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry extended warm felicitation to the people and Governments of the Member States and recommitted to strengthen SAARC to meet the growing expectations of peoples in the region.
Pakistan looks to resuscitate moribund SAARC

PM Imran vows to strengthen regional cooperation in message on 35th SAARC Charter Day

Prime Minister Imran Khan, while offering Pakistan’s commitment to the Charter of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), has said that Pakistan is a firm believer in the strength and potential of cooperation for individual, national and regional development.

The message came as Islamabad moves to host the 35th SAARC summit. The 34th summit was cancelled in November 2019 after India pulled out at the eleventh hour citing “security concerns.” Later, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Afghanistan signed up for the 35th summit.

South Asia remains one of the world’s poorest regions, with over 90% of the world’s population and 50% of the poverty stricken. SAARC, which could play a key role in the region’s development has been held hostage to India’s whims.

According to a statement issued by the PM Office on the 35th SAARC Charter Day on Sunday, the prime minister said: “Pakistan further believes that effective and result-oriented regional cooperation can be achieved only by adhering to the cardinal principles of sovereignty, equality and mutual respect as enshrined in the Charter.”

Prime Minister Imran Khan

In his statement, the prime minister highlighted that enabling SAARC nations to forge ahead on the path of regional cooperation for development and to achieve their full potential.

On the occasion of the SAARC Charter Day, he also felicitated the people of the member states, expressing their trust and support to the SAARC Charter.

The premier reiterated Pakistan’s commitment to the SAARC process and expressed the hope that the process would be continued.

Democrats zoom in on impeachment charges this week

Jerrold Nadler says jury would convict Trump in three minutes flat

WASHINGTON

Democrats in the House of Representatives are drafting articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump and the judiciary committee may hold a vote this week, the panel’s chairman said on Monday.

Representative Jerrold Nadler told CNN’s “State of the Union” that the House judiciary committee will not decide on the charges against the president until after a hearing on Monday to consider evidence gathered by the House intelligence committee that led the investigation.

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SAARC Symposium to commemorate 35th SAARC Charter Day

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SAARC CCI leaders with Minister of Foreign Affairs Dinesh Gunawardane, and diplomats of SAARC countries

- Strengthening regionalism through socioeconomic integration

SAARC Charter Day is an event held in December every year commemorating the signing of the Charter of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) on 8 December 1985, 35 years ago. Therefore, in commemoration of the 35th anniversary of SAARC Charter, a SAARC Symposium, themed ‘Strengthening Regionalism through Socioeconomic Integration’, was held in Colombo, on 10 December.

The Symposium was organised by the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SAARC CCI) in partnership with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) and in collaboration with the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL).