

## Justice Nasirul Mulk to take oath as new CJ of Pakistan

**July 01 2014-ISLAMABAD:**

The appointment of Justice Mulk was approved by President Mamnoon Hussain. An official notification is still pending in this regard and is expected to be issued in a few days.

Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani will retire on July 5 whereas Justice Mulk will take oath as the country's top judge on July 6 and will serve for 13 months.

Mulk, a senior judge of the Peshawar High Court, belongs to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province. He was born on August 17, 1950 in Swat,

Pakistan and completed his degree of Bar-at-Law from Inner Temple London and was called to the Bar in 1977.

He currently serves as a Justice in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and was a part of the judges' panel which conducted the proceedings of the contempt of court charges against former Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani.

Justice Mulk was sworn in as the new acting Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of Pakistan last year



in November, when outgoing CJP Jillani took oath as the country's top judge.

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## Opposition leader to consult Imran, others for consensus candidate

**July 03,2014- ISLAMABAD:**

Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Syed Khursheed Shah is consulting the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan on urgent basis for finding a consensus nominee on behalf of the opposition for

the slot of chief election commissioner (CEC). It is yet to be ascertained that whether Imran Khan will be prepared to enter into consultations phase with the opposition leader.

It is likely that the two parties will have informal consultations pertaining to the

subject. With the appointment of Justice Nasirul Mulk as new Chief Justice of Pakistan, the office of the acting CEC will be rendered vacant as soon he takes oath for the office this week.

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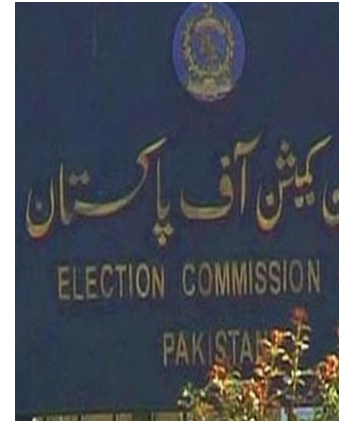
## ECP directs parties to submit details by Aug 29

**July 04, 2014- ISLAMABAD:**

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Friday directed all the political parties, enlisted with the commission, to submit their financial details for financial year 2013-2014 on or before August, 29, 2014.

According to a statement issued by the ECP, it was said that Article 13 of the Political Parties Order,

2002 demands that every political party is bound to submit a consolidated statement of accounts of the party including annual income and expenses, sources of its funds and assets and liabilities to the Election Commission within sixty days from the close of each financial year while the statement should be duly audited by a Chartered Accountant in this regard.



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## Sindh, KP oppose formation of national curriculum council

**July 05 2014-ISLAMABAD:**

Though the Ministry of Education, Training and Standards in Higher Education (MET) has been working for the establishment of the National Curriculum Council (NCC), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh provinces on Friday objected to the

formation of the NCC.

During an inter-provincial education ministers' conference at a local hotel, both the province expressed their concerns about the formation of the council.

The representative of KP suggested that instead of

the NCC an advisory council should be established. However, Sindh was of the view that the matter should be discussed in the Council of Common Interests (CCI).

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## Pakistan, China formulate 'timeline matrix' for 'corridor' projects

**July 12, 2014-ISLAMABAD**

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Friday reviewed progress on projects included in the Pak-China Economic Corridor (PCEC) and called for their timely completion.

A meeting presided over by the prime minister was informed that Pakistan and China had formulated a 'timeline matrix' for each project to be completed under the PCEC.

Shahbaz Sharif and federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal briefed the prime minister after their return from China

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Punjab Chief Minister

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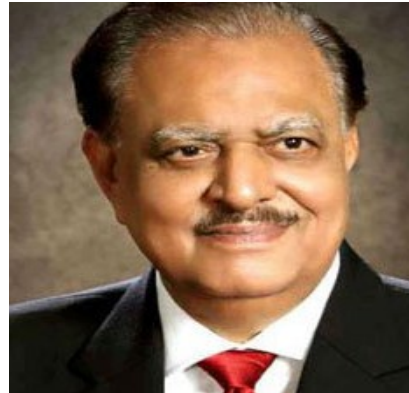
**July 12, 2014 - ISLAMABAD:**

President Mamnoon Hussain on Friday signed the Protection of Pakistan Bill (PPB) into a law.

The new law doubles the maximum sentence for terror offences to 20 years and allows security forces to detain suspects for up to 60 days without disclosing their whereabouts or allegations against them.

Moreover, it permits security

forces to shoot suspects on sight with the permission of a Grade 15 official. According to the law, the orders to shoot a person on suspicion will only come from an official of a law-enforcement agency or a police officer of Grade 15 or above. Based on two presidential ordinances decreed in October 2013 and last January, the legislation had recently been approved by parliament; it only awaited the president's signature to come into effect.



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## Four countries sign deal on \$7.6 bn TAPI gas pipeline

**July 18, 2014– ISLAMABAD:**

In a landmark development on the proposed \$7.6 billion TAPI gas pipeline, the four stakeholder countries, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India, have signed the operational agreement.

The agreement is for laying down the trans-border 1,735-

kilometre-long pipeline, starting from the Yolotan-Osman gas field in Turkmenistan and ending in India after passing through Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The four countries have asked the Asian Development Bank to find out the lead consortium by November this year so that con-

struction work could be kicked off in the four countries as soon as possible.

The minister said Pakistan and India will get an equal gas share of 1.327 billion cubic feet per day (BCFPD) and Afghanistan 500 mmcf (million cubic feet gas per day).

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## NA speaker notifies 33 members of electoral reforms body

**July 26, 2014 - ISLAMABAD:**

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Friday notified the 33-member Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms that will make recommendations within three months to ensure free, fair and transparent elections and submit its

report to parliament.

The speaker notified the committee after receiving the names of 11 members from the Senate Chairman Syed Nayyar Hussain Bokhari. The National Assembly passed the motion for the constitution of the committee on June 19 while the Senate

adopted a similar motion on June 30. The 33-member committee comprises 22 MNAs and 11 senators.

The committee represents all the parliamentary parties whether small or large.

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