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Mar04, 2014 - ISLAMABAD:

The government is planning to make major changes in the federal bureaucracy, a senior official of the Establishment Division.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that a major reshuffle on was the cards which may affect key positions in the planning commission, OGDCL, IESCO, WAPDA, the ministries of industries, petroleum, power, commerce, finance as well as the establishment division itself

According to an official letter, the Establishment Division has advised all minis-

tries and divisions to complete and submit compliance reports on action taken against the induction, transfer, posting and promotion of non-civil servants on slots specified for civil servants.

The letter has advised ministries and divisions to seek approval of the competent authority for the repatriation of non-civil servants to their parent organizations. The letter also directs the ministries and divisions to identify the names of such persons who are not civil servants, but are working against cadre posts meant for civil servants



Similarly, ministries and divisions are required to also identify out of promotion in services and cadres, and to submit the reports to the competent authority for appropriate orders.

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Forex reserves to exceed \$10 bn by March 31: Dar

Mar 05, 2014- ISLAMABAD:

He said the Karachi Stock Exchange had performed better than many in the world over the last seven months, which signaled that trust of investors was being restored in the country. He said in the first quarter of fiscal year 2013-1014, the GDP growth rate remained at 5 percent

compared to 2.9 percent in the same period last year. He said import of machinery had recently increased by 26 percent, which was a record. He said over the last four years before Nawaz came in, the inflation-rate remained in two digits and budget deficit in 2012-13 was 8.8 percent of the GDP. He said the govern-

ment had formulated a policy to reduce power loadshedding, adding that payment of Rs500 billion of circular debt resulted in addition of 1,700MW electricity in the system, which benefited the common man and the industry.

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Orders will be issued if CEC not appointed by 19th: SC

Mar 07, 2014- ISLAMBAD:

The top court's observation came during the hearing of a case concerning the permanent appointment of the CEC by a three-member bench headed by Justi Saqib Nisar.

The Federation sought two more weeks from the court for the appointment of the chief election commissioner, which was rejected.

The deputy attorney general apprised the court of a meeting of the attorney general with the government and requested an extension in the deadline for two weeks.

Justice Saqib said the court had already given one month for appointment on Feb 19 but its orders were yet to be implemented. He said no more time will be given.



The bench granted more time and adjourned the hearing till March 20.

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Saudi Arabia gives \$1.5 billion to Pakistan, IMF told

Mar 14, 2014 - ISLAM-

BAD: The government has shared details with the IMF of foreign inflows of \$1.5 billion received from a friendly country into the Pakistan Development Fund (PDF) after which the country's foreign reserves went up to \$9.357 billion. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar had already

stated that the country's reserves would cross \$10 billion on March 31 and would touch \$16 billion by the end of June 2014. His claim is backed by the launching of Eurobonds worth \$500 million in April and expected inflows from other multilateral and bilateral donors in the coming quarter (April-June)



period of the current fiscal year

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NA adopts resolution against indirect taxation

Feb 26, 2014 -ISLAMABAD:

A consensus prevailed among members of all the parties represented in lower house of the Parliament in support of the resolution moved by Asad Umar of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Ins (PTI).

Moving the resolution, Asad Umar referred to Article 3 of the Constitution which maintains to end exploitation from the society. "The government should take steps to reduce indirect taxation and move towards widening net of the direct taxation," he

said the present government has also been adding to exploitation of the poor man by increasing General Sales Tax from 16% to 17%.

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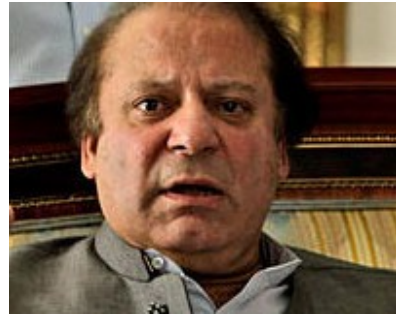
Constitution maintains to end exploitation from the society. "The government should take steps to reduce indirect taxation and move towards widening net of the direct taxation," Said Asad Umar

PM dumps MFN, trade with India on FO's advice

Mar 27, 2014 - ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif for the first time took a major policy decision on the recommendations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs when he declined to award Non-Discriminatory Market Access (NDMA) to the present Congress-led government in New Delhi and also put a halt to the announcement of a major new trade policy till a new elected government was in place in India

Sharif made this announcement on his recent visit to The Hague citing 'lack of consensus'. "We also deferred this due to the elections in India because we did not want to favour a single political party in India," he said.

However, last month the spokesperson had said, "This is not correct that Foreign Office is opposing it. It is a decision that the Government of Pakistan takes after consultation with all



stakeholders."

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Sirajul Haq elected as new JI chief

Mar 30, 2014— LAHORE:

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Senior Minister and leader of the Jamaat-i-Islami (JI), Sirajul Haq, was elected on Sunday as the new ameer of the party replacing outgoing chief Syed Munawar Hassan, DawnNews reported

A meeting of the party's consultative body was held at Mansoor during which elec-

tion for the post of the party chief took place.

The three contenders who participated in the polls were Sirajul Haq, outgoing party chief Syed Munawar Hassan and the party's general secretary Liaqat Baloch. Out of 31,311 office-bearer's of the party, 25,533 people voted in which Sirajul Haq managed to secure



majority of votes

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WB to provide \$10.2 bn to Pakistan in next five years

Feb 19, 2014 - ISLAMABAD:

The World Bank (WB) will give Pakistan \$10.2 billion during the next five years — from 2015 to 2019. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has, meanwhile, assured the World Bank that the government was going to eliminate tax exemptions in Pakistan in the next budget.

He extended this assurance here on Sunday to Sri Mulyani Indrawati, Managing Director (MD) World Bank Group. The minister informed the WB's top functionary that changes were being contemplated in the relevant tax laws to permanently eliminate the discretion of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to issue special tax

exemptions. These measures will, he argued, lead to enhanced revenue generation and the country will be able to spend more on development programmes.

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