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**Press Release**

The visiting Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan His Excellency Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi paid a courtesy call on the Rt. Hon. Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal at the latter's Office this morning. On the occasion, the Prime Minister of Pakistan congratulated the Rt. Hon. President and the people of Nepal for successful completion of all tiers of elections and the formation of government under the federal setup. Both sides expressed satisfaction over the excellent bilateral relations subsisting between the two countries and stressed the need of further enhancing cooperation in mutually beneficial areas.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan visited the SAARC Secretariat today and also planted a sapling in its premises. He also met with former Prime Minister Hon. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' and senior leaders of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist-Centre).

The Prime Minister of Pakistan and his entourage returned home today. Hon. Dr. Yuba Raj Khatriwada, Minister for Finance, Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi, Foreign Secretary, Ambassador of Nepal to Pakistan, Ambassador of Pakistan to Nepal and other senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs bid farewell to the Prime Minister of Pakistan at VVIP Lounge of the Tribhuvan International Airport.

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