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Speaking at upper house session, lawmakers said Pakistan should urgently address the issue of reducing the maternal and child mortality rates. In a statement, Senator Zabiullah Zadari said: “The president should ensure the golden opportunity to rule the real face of Pakistan.”

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**American Muslims React Over Trump Remarks**

WASHINGTON - Muslim Americans attending with Donald Trump to stop en-
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