Nafees Pakistani Web Naskh Release Announcement

Center for Research in Urdu Language Processing at National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences is pleased to announce the beta release of character-based Nafees Pakistani Web Naskh Open Type Font. It is the extension of Nafees Web Naskh and can now be used for writing Urdu, Balochi, Pashto, Punjabi, Sindhi and Saraiki, in addition to Bururshaski, Torwali and Khowar that are spoken in the Northern areas of Pakistan. This font is developed on Unicode standard and is based on Naskh writing style. Guidance and calligraphy of basic glyphs for the font has been provided by Syed Jameel-ur- Rehman. He is pupil of Syed Nafees Shah and Hafiz Syed Anees-ul-Hassan. This work has been partially funded by South Asia Language Resource Center at University of Chicago.

Nafees Pakistani Web Naskh allows Urdu computing on Microsoft 2000, NT, XP, Unix and Linux platforms. This font enables desktop and internet publishing, and electronic communication in Urdu using existing software (without any plug-in) supporting OTF specifications, e.g. MS Word, MS Excel, MS Outlook (email), Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, Mozilla, MS PowerPoint.

Nafees Pakistani Web Naskh is freely downloadable from www.crulp.org

List of Additional Letters

The additional set of characters for Balochi, Saraiki, Pashto, Sindhi, Burushaski, Khowar and Torwali are listed below.

Balochi:

f	0672
l a	0673

ڌ	068C
ڴ	06B4

Saraiki:

ب	67B
ج	684
۲ ۲	759

ط	768
J	

Pashto:

ټ	067C
ڂ	0682
ځ	0621
څ	0685
¢	0689
ړ	0693
بر	0696

ښ	069A
٣	06AB
ڼ	06BC
J	06CD
ó	06C0
ې	06D0

Sindhi:

67A
67B
67D
67F
680
683
684
687
68A
68C
68D
68E

ڏ	68F
ڗ	699
ڦ	6A6
گ	6AA
ڴ	6B1
ڲ	6B2
ڳ	6B3
ڴ	6B4
ڵ	6BB
ڻ ع ي	6CD
ې	6D0

Note: Listed below are the additional letters used in Burushaski, Khowar and Torwali text. These languages are spoken in northern areas of Pakistan. Most of these letters (staring with 07XX) were included in Unicode 5.1.0. If the operating system does not provide supported for Unicode 5.1.0, these letters will either not be displayed, or if displayed, will not join with other letters.

Burushaski:	
ڎ	068E
ڞ	069E
ػٛ	0763
ň	0773
Ĩ	0774
ێ	0775
ێ	0776
ې	0777
ۆ	0778
ۆ	0779
	077A
2	077B
<u>ح</u> ح	077C
س	077D

Khowar:	
5	076E
4	076F
ش	0770
(*	0771

Torwali:

1 01 W ulli	
ىت	075C
ر.	076B
よ	0772