



The Pakistan Society

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Pakistan's First Woman Federal Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Ms Hina Rabbani Khar

Patron's 90th Birthday 10 June 2011



Ms Hina Rabbani Khar is the new Federal Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

She was sworn in on 19 July 2011 by acting president Farooq Naik. Ms Khar has the distinction of being the youngest and first woman Foreign Minister of Pakistan.

On 17th August, British High Commissioner Adam Thomson called on Foreign Minister to discuss the Pakistan-UK bilateral relations as well as the regional situation.

The High Commissioner briefed the Foreign Minister on the recent riots in the UK and the steps taken by the Government to address the issues involved. The Foreign Minister said that the calm and poise of the Pakistani community in the face of adversity was praiseworthy, particularly the dignified reaction of the parents of the three youth who were killed in Birmingham.

The Duke of Edinburgh celebrated his 90th birthday on 10th June 11. Since The Queen's accession, His Royal Highness who is Patron or President of some 800 organisations has played a prominent part in many aspects of national life.



A special service of thanksgiving and a reception was held at Windsor Castle.

HRH became Patron of The Pakistan Society in 1953.

New UK Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan

Message from the Chairman on 60 Years of The Pakistan Society 1951-2011



Mark Sedwill CMG, who has been serving as NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan has been appointed to a new post in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as Director General (Afghanistan and Pakistan) and UK Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

He replaced Karen Pierce who has moved on to another Diplomatic Service appointment.

Prior to serving as NATO's Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan, the civilian counterpart to the commander of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), Mr Sedwill was based in Kabul as British Ambassador to Afghanistan.

Since joining the FCO in 1989 he has served in a variety of positions including as Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary between 2000 and 2002, and Deputy High Commissioner to Pakistan between 2003 and 2005. He was also International Director at the UK Border Agency from 2006-2008.



Over the past 60 years the society has played an important role in promoting understanding between our two countries and awareness among the British public of the cultural heritage of Pakistan and social achievements and aspirations. I am happy to state that it has performed this task commendably. The society will continue to play this part and will respond to the challenges of the changing times. **Anthony Palmer**

Change of Telephone Number

The Pakistan Society land line number 020 7235 9914 has been replaced with a mobile telephone number. So if you have any enquiries please call or text this number:

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Curriculum Vitae



Ms Hina Rabbani Khar Federal Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Born on 19th November 1977;
Daughter of veteran politician,
Ghulam Rabbani Khar

A business woman by profession and hailing from one of the least developed parts of Pakistan. Graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Economics from the prestigious Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) – Pakistan and MSc (Hons) in Business Management from the University of Massachusetts Amherst (USA).

Hina Rabbani Khar has served as Minister of State for Economic Affairs for 3 years and Minister of State for Finance & Economic Affairs for another 2 Years. During these years, she was the lead person in Pakistan's economic diplomacy, both bilateral and multilateral. She successfully conducted 4 Pakistan Development Forums (PDF's) and the 3rd World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF). Over the years – She has developed expertise in Aid Effectiveness.

As Minister of State for Foreign Affairs she represented Pakistan in the first ever strategic dialogue with GCC countries, OIC Foreign Ministers Meeting in Astana.

2002-2008	Elected as Member National Assembly form District Muzafargarh in Southern Punjab
2003-2005	Served as Parliamentary Secretary Economic Affairs Division
2005-2007	Served as Minister of State for Economic Affairs Division
2008 2008-2011	Re-elected as Member National Assembly Served as Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs Division
12 Feb-18 July 2011	Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
19 July 2011	Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

Distinctions

- Nominated and selected as Young Global Leader by World Economic Forum
- First Women to present Finance Budget in 2009
- Chairperson of AHAN-Aik Hunar Aik Nagar – Rural Development Concern
- Served as Governor of Pakistan at the Islamic Development Bank

Married to Feroze Gulzar, has two daughters Annaya and Dina

Eid ul Fitr Message



Foreign Secretary William Hague has sent his best wishes to mark the end of the month of Ramadan.

The Foreign Secretary said:

"I am delighted to send my best wishes to Muslims in Britain and across the world as they mark the end of the month of Ramadan.

Eid ul Fitr celebrates the completion of a month of fasting, prayer, devotion and charitable giving. It is a fitting time to remember all those who are in need around the world, in particular those who are struggling to build a better future for their societies in the Middle East and North Africa.

So to Muslims around the world on this very important day of celebration, I send my very best and wish you Eid Mubarak."

British Behaviour Abroad Report 2011



The British Behaviour Abroad figures have been released as part of the Know Before

You Go campaign which encourages British nationals to prepare for their foreign travel so they can avoid preventable problems.

Foreign Office research reveals that: 43% of 18-24 year olds know someone who has taken illegal drugs whilst abroad. It also showed that nearly a third (32%) of people are not aware that they will always be prosecuted under local law if they break the law abroad

Spain continues to be the country where most Britons require assistance (4,971 cases) but when you take visitor and resident numbers into account, you are most likely to need consular assistance in the Philippines, Thailand and Pakistan.

Pakistan - 16th in the list of top 20 countries where British nationals required the most Consular assistance from 1 April 2010 - 31 March 2011

Number of visitors: 275,351, Number of British Residents: 43,000, Total Consular Assistance Cases: 245, Drug Arrests: 5, Total Arrests (including drugs): 28, Deaths: 27, Hospitalisation: 4, Rape: 0, Sexual Assault: 2 and other assistance: 84.

Visit of Prime Minister David Cameron to Pakistan April 2011



Prime Minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani and Prime Minister David Cameron launched an Enhanced Strategic Dialogue between Pakistan and the UK to underpin their enduring partnership based on sovereign

equality, mutual trust, mutual interest and mutual respect. A Declaration on the Enhanced Strategic Dialogue Partnership was signed by the two Prime Ministers. The Dialogue will deepen relations between the UK and Pakistan, allowing both countries to explore areas of mutual interest in a spirit of understanding, confidence and respect.

Prime Minister Cameron during the visit also called on President Asif Ali Zardari and exchanged views on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Pakistan and the UK are bound together by unique ties based on our shared history, values and enormously rich people-to-people links. This enhanced dialogue will intensify cooperation on shared interests including trade, economic stability and development, cultural cooperation, education and security. Both countries will also consult, cooperate and coordinate on global and regional issues with a view to promoting stability, peace and security.

Prime Minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani and Prime Minister David Cameron agreed on five priority areas, and will meet annually to drive forward progress.

On trade, they set a target of increasing bilateral trade in goods and services to £2.5 billion a year by 2015. Prime Minister Cameron pledged to continue to advocate for Pakistan to gain enhanced trade access to the EU including through GSP+.

Prime Minister Cameron and Prime Minister Gilani agreed that economic stability and socio-economic development were key priorities to ensure prosperity for future generations. The global economic crisis requires both countries to make tough decisions in order to deliver future growth and prosperity. They agreed to a regular dialogue between their governments on economic reform, with an emphasis on trade and investments as the route to prosperity. They underscored the importance of supporting corporate sector interaction in areas of mutual interest and national priorities.

2011 is the Year of Education in Pakistan. Education is crucial to Pakistan's future, and to unlocking opportunities for ordinary Pakistanis. Both leaders recognized the huge potential for transformation and innovation in schooling and the social and economic benefits this would bring to future generations. They welcomed the public commitment

by Pakistan to give education the highest priority. To support this commitment Prime Minister Cameron announced UK assistance of up to £650 million to get over four million Pakistani children into school. This will be the UK's largest education assistance programme in the world. The UK and Pakistan will continue to strengthen links between their schools and higher education institutions. Both sides agreed to consider facilitating academic links, student exchanges and welcome the large number of Pakistani students proceeding for higher education in UK Universities. In this context, the UK will explore cooperation with Pakistan in its plan to upgrade the school system nation-wide and utilize information and communication technologies.

On security, Prime Minister Gilani and Prime Minister Cameron committed to address their shared national security challenges. Both leaders agreed that terrorism and extremism are global issues and needed to be combated by intensifying cooperation at the global and regional levels. Prime Minister Cameron recognised the sacrifices made by Pakistan's military, civil law enforcement agencies and people in fighting violent extremism and militancy and appreciated the efforts of the democratic government. The Prime Ministers agreed that a programme to share experience in countering Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) would be a priority for the next year. Prime Minister Cameron and Prime Minister Gilani convened the National Security Discussion earlier in the day, bringing together civilian and military experts to discuss the common challenges both countries face.

The UK and Pakistan enjoy rich people-to-people links. Over a million British citizens have close family ties to Pakistan. Prime Minister Gilani and Prime Minister Cameron welcomed the contributions made by the British-Pakistan community to the UK and to the relationship between the UK and Pakistan. They particularly welcomed cultural exchange in the creative arts and agreed that increasing this should be a priority. Prime Minister Cameron announced that the UK would be increasing the number of Chevening Scholarships for post-graduate Pakistani students by 50 per cent.

Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to cooperate closely in combating the menace of terrorism and violent extremism. They reaffirmed the need for a comprehensive approach by long-term commitment, sustainable economic development, education and opportunities for young people. A vibrant democracy, respect for human rights and empowerment of women will help support that goal. Prime Minister Cameron acknowledged the huge sacrifices ordinary Pakistanis had made in meeting these challenges and his support and confidence in Pakistan's continued efforts. A common threat requires a common response.

Pakistan Fashion Week UK

The London Fashion Week will be held 23-25 September at Kensington Great Hall. The first day will be inaugural red carpet and gala celebration followed by two days of fashion shows. Each one of the six fashion shows will feature four top Pakistan designers and an accompanying exhibition.

PAKISTAN FASHION WEEK UK LONDON 23-25 SEPTEMBER 2011

Pakistan is no stranger to the Fashion Week scene. Karachi has been showcasing their own successfully for a few years and Lahore launched their first official fashion week in 2010.

The London Pakistan Fashion Week is designed to bring the profile of these designers to the UK buyers market and generally enhance the reputation of Pakistani fashion as in recent years this has taken-a turn from the traditional dress shalwar kameez. Design is more experimental, daring as boundaries are

being pushed to the edge not to mention a style of clothing that speaks to the west whilst retaining its identity with the east.

Pakistan has a huge textile industry and has produced some notable not to mention cutting edge designers. Prominent designers such as Rana Noman, Naushemian, Emran Rajpoot, Ishtiaque, Zainab sajid, Zaheer Abbas, Akif mehmoed, Mohsin Ali, Ayesha F Haswani, The Designers Multi brand Store, Aeisha Varsey, Kumash, Wardah Saleem, Chic, Amna Farhan, Lakhani Textiles and Adnan Pardesy are just few of the names that are participating at Pakistan Fashion Week in September. For more information visit fashionshowtickets@riwayat.org.uk.

Invitation to a Business Generating Event



The International Trade Exhibition is scheduled to take place from 20th to 23rd October 2011 at Karachi Expo Center. The event was first held in 2005 and over the years it has become the largest showcase of Pakistan's export merchandise and services. Every year the event is visited by a large number of buyers from across the world. Only in 2010, export orders worth US\$ 80 million were placed during the show.

Despite all recent challenges, Pakistan's economy and exports have shown remarkable recovery and growth. The exports have been growing at a steady pace and have increased from US\$ 17.69 billion in 2008-09 to US\$ 19.3 billion in 2009-10 and in the 10 months of fiscal year 2010-11 (July to April) the exports have crossed US\$ 20 billion mark and are predicted to reach US\$ 25 billion by the end of this fiscal year.

Expo Pakistan is a thoroughfare to the true commercial and cultural diversity of Pakistani products and services. It provides, an opportunity to forge new alliances and business ventures. Geo-Commercially, Pakistan has emerged as an international hub for trade and commerce; it augurs well for structuring business relationships and investment opportunities.

This year's event is leveraged with a conference on "Foreign Investment Opportunities & Exports from Pakistan". The other side events will offer valued guests an opportunity to not only see first hand what Pakistan has to offer but also learn about people, customs, culture, arts and crafts that have a 5,000 year old history, tradition and richness of heritage.

For registration or further information and assistance to visit "Expo Pakistan 2011", contact Commercial Secretary at High Commission for Pakistan or visit www.expopakistan.gov.pk



The Commonwealth "at the heart of British foreign policy"

Lord Howell, Minister for the Commonwealth welcomed the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) to Westminster. Speaking on 26 July, He described the Commonwealth as the soft power network of the future:

"The sheer breadth and diversity that the Commonwealth typifies is extraordinary and is something to be celebrated.

"We want it to play a key role in the unfolding opportunities and challenges that our increasingly networked world brings.

"We want the Commonwealth to lift the prosperity of all its members through increased free and fair trade. We want the Commonwealth to become a leading voice in the global economy, working to liberalise trade, break down barriers for international business, resist protectionism and contribute to the Doha Development Agenda.

"The next Heads of Government meeting in Perth in October, in now what is less than 100 days, has the potential to be a transformational one for the Commonwealth. We have a real opportunity to shape the Commonwealth network to react, engage and lead on the world stage, a stage on which the Indian Ocean, and all the states surrounding it are increasingly taking a central place."

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association fosters cooperation and understanding between parliaments across the Commonwealth, promotes good parliamentary practice and advances parliamentary democracy. 2011 is the centenary anniversary of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The 57th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference was held in Westminster 21-28 July 2011.

Addressing Parliamentarians from around the Commonwealth at the conference, Foreign Secretary William Hague outlined the UK's vision of the Commonwealth as a global advocate for prosperity and democratic values:

"In a world that is dominated by networks and not by the power blocs of old, the Commonwealth is the ultimate network. It has extraordinary reach – across 54 countries, six continents and oceans and two billion citizens."

"The Commonwealth is a powerful global brand that many millions of people around the world are proud to be associated with, as our Government and our Parliament certainly are."

"In our first year in office my ministerial team and I have already visited more than 20 Commonwealth

countries, including Australia and New Zealand, both of which had not been visited by a British Foreign Secretary for nearly twenty years."

"We have increased resources devoted by the FCO to Commonwealth issues, we have re-focussed where Britain gives its international development assistance with the result that more than half of the 27 countries that receive our aid are now from the Commonwealth, and we are dedicating more of our Chevening Scholarship programme to Commonwealth students."

The Foreign Secretary looked forward to the presentation of the recommendations of the Eminent Persons' Group at the Heads of Government meeting in Perth in October (CHOGM) and called on the Commonwealth to embrace this opportunity to redefine itself and lay new plans for the future.

"We also need to change if we are to ensure that the Commonwealth is as effective and inspiring a standard-bearer of democratic principles as it can and should be.

"We should be inspired and given new confidence by the demand for freedom that is sweeping parts of the Middle East and North Africa, which confirm what our countries have long known, that the desire for political and economic freedom is universal, and which make it more important than ever that we, as individual countries and as an organisation, are seen to stand on the side of freedom, not just in our words but in our actions."

The Foreign Secretary emphasised the role that the Commonwealth can play as a leading voice in the global economy, working to liberalise trade and break down barriers for international business. The Commonwealth contains some of the fastest growing new economies in the world, with a combined GDP that has more than doubled in the last twenty years. Over the last two decades the importance of Commonwealth members to each other as sources of imports has grown by a quarter and by a third as destinations for exports. More than half of Commonwealth countries now export over a quarter of their total exports to other Commonwealth members.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was founded in 1911 as the Empire Parliamentary Association. Active CPA Branches now exist in nearly 170 national, state, provincial and territorial Parliaments and Legislatures, with a total membership approaching 15,000 Parliamentarians. The Association's mission is to promote the advancement of parliamentary democracy by enhancing knowledge and understanding of democratic governance.



Pakistani golfer at the third Open Disabled Golf Championship



Pakistani professional golfer, Saleem Raza, an amputee, Captain of Gujranwala Golf Club participated in the third British Open Disabled Golf Championship held at East Sussex National Golf Resort & Spa on August 20th & 21st.

He was the only Asian golfer to take part in the tournament. Prior to his departure for the UK, Saleem Raza said he would perform his best during the tournament and improve Pakistan's image abroad.

The Disabled British Open (DBO) is a pan-disability amateur golf tournament, offers golfers with a wide range of disabilities the opportunity to compete against each other according to their golf handicaps.

Recently, DBO received recognition and financial support from golf's governing body, the R&A, and the European Tour. And earlier this year it received Government backing when both the Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport, Jeremy Hunt MP, and the Minister for Disabled People, Maria Miller MP, praised it for its exclusivity and legacy.

Congratulations to both **Duncan Hamilton-Martin** (St George's Hill Golf Club), 145 - winner of the Disabled British Open 2011 and **Saleem Raza** (Gujranwala Golf Club, Pakistan) 161- 8th position out of a total of 77 participants.

The 2011 tournament will be broadcast 3-4 October on Sky Sports 4



British High Commission marks one year to London 2012 Olympics Games

With only one year to go until the greatest show on earth - the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympics Games the British High Commission along with the British Council organised sporting events in Islamabad and Karachi to celebrate the start of the countdown to the Games.

The event was attended by a number of Pakistani players who had represented the country at different international games.

Deputy High Commissioner Dr Peter Tibber said, "Today marks one year to go until the eyes of the world focus on the London 2012 Olympics. It is an exciting time and here in Pakistan we are getting into the spirit of the Games by hosting two sporting events with some of Pakistan's biggest sporting names to mark the beginning of this countdown."

In Islamabad, an exhibition mixed double tennis match was played between Pakistan's great tennis players Muhammad Aasaf and Sarah Mehboob and two members of staff from the British High Commission. The Deputy High Commissioner also presented prizes to the winners of the British High Commission online quiz. In all 5 winners were selected from over 200 entries each winning official London 2012 merchandise.

President National Olympic Committee Gen. Arif Hasan attended the event and expressed that Pakistan Hockey team will show good performance in 2012 Games.

In Karachi Jehangir Khan, arguably the world's best squash player, was joined by many other sporting celebrities and hundreds of boys and girls from different schools to participate in the British Council's International Inspirations programme for an evening of sporting events.

The UK will be the first country to host the Olympics three times. First in 1908 then in 1948 and now in 2012.

Unlike previous Olympic Games, the 2012 torch will not go round the world. At the end of the Greek tour, the flame will be brought straight to the UK.

Sachal Studios Orchestra Puts Pakistani Spin on Dave Brubeck



The Lahore based Sachal Studios Orchestra is causing great excitement in the world of jazz.

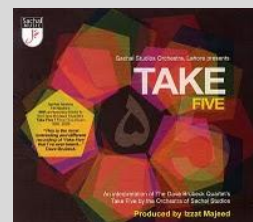
The project is the brainchild of The Pakistan Society member Izzat Majeed, a

UK based philanthropist and jazz-lover. Eight years ago, Majeed built a £1.2M state-of-the-art studio for the orchestra with technical assistance from Abbey Road Studios, London. He achieved his dream to bring back together Pakistan's greatest musicians.

Their version of jazz classic "Take Five," has led the original artist Dave Brubeck to call it "the most interesting rendition of the track he's ever heard."

Sachal Orchestra has released their first album, "Sachal Jazz," with interpretations of tracks like "The Girl from Ipanema" and "Misty," and of course "Take Five." The album has reached 5th position in the iTunes jazz chart in the UK.

There has been a flood of internet hits on U-Tube to watch clips of the recording sessions. An Oscar-nominated Hollywood producer wants to make a documentary, and concerts are planned in the UK and US this winter.



Track listing

1. Take Five (Dave Brubeck / Paul Desmond)
2. Desafinado (Antonio Carlos Jobim/Newton Mendonca)
3. Mountain Dance (Raga) (Dave Grusin)
4. Garota De Ipanema (Antonio Carlos Jobim/ Vinicius De Moraes)
5. Misty (Errol Garner)
6. Samba De Verao (Marcos Valle Kostenbaden / Norman Gimble)
7. The Guy's In Love With You (Burt Bacharach / Hal Davis)
8. Garota de Ipanema (Raga)

"Slice" Lahore – London Arts Project

Slice is an international arts project which brings together local people and arts practitioners from Lahore (Pakistan) and London

Slice maps an imaginary line that cuts through buildings and across streets from Lahore to London, establishing a new dialogue with the social and physical fabric of two iconic, complex and historically linked cities. Focusing on the first mile at each end of the line, which runs from Lahore Central Station to Liverpool Street Station in London, a group of Lahore and London based artists were invited to make a work each, inspired by a location on the slice.



The project interrogates both the map-making strategies of Colonialism and the processes of human migration. It also builds a symbolic bridge between artists and communities from different cultures.

The works they make in response will be shown online at www.london-lahore.com and also displayed as part of an exhibition in venues in London and Lahore. The project started in July 2011 with the Slice website launch at Ideas Store, Whitechapel, London. The exhibition opens 1st September at Rich Mix, London and Zahoor ul Akhlaq Gallery, Lahore.

London exhibition venue: Rich Mix, 35 - 47 Bethnal Green Road, London, E1 6LA. Tel: 020 7613 7498

News in Pictures



Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani and British Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Nick Clegg in a meeting with chief executives of NGOs, Islamic relief, Save the Children UK and Oxfam at Lancaster House, London on July 19, 2011



FEDERAL MINISTER FOR INTER-PROVINCIAL COORDINATION SENATOR RAZA RABBANI RECEIVING PRIME MINISTER OF UNITED KINGDOM H. E. DAVID CAMERON AT CHAKLAL AIR BASE, RAWALPINDI ON APRIL 5, 2011



Rabia Bhatti, UK youngest Councilor of Pakistani origin from Chasham called on Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani in London on July 21, 2011



A delegation of Royal Free Hospital, London called on Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani at PM House, Islamabad on August 20, 2011



SECOND SECRETARY POLITICAL, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, BEN STRIDE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR NATIONAL HARMONY AKRAM MASIH GILL IN ISLAMABAD ON AUGUST 4, 2011



SIR DAVID RICHARD, UK CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF CALLED ON THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MS. HINA RABBAI KHAR IN ISLAMABAD ON JULY 6, 2011



Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani talking with Mark Philip Sedwill, UK's Special Envoy on Afghanistan and Pakistan in London on July 20, 2011



Chairman Senate Mr. Farooq H Naik and Pakistan's High Commissioner Wajid Shamsul Hasan speaking to a delegate at the reception hosted by Chairman Senate in honour of delegates attending 57th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) conference, London 25.07.2011



Pakistan's Navy inducted its latest cadet training ship, the square-rigged PNS Rah Naward, bought from a British naval training charity, Tall Ships Youth Trust (TSYT) where it operated as Prince William.

The 498-ton PNS Rah Naward, meaning "swift mover," sailed from William and Albert Docks, Hull with a crew of 38 in September. It reached the naval dockyards in Karachi in December - a distance of 7,000 nautical miles.

The two-masted brig was under construction in German shipyards in the 1990s and designed as a tourist sailing vessel for West Indies holiday cruises when the German owner cancelled the project and TSYT purchased the vessel, hull-finished only, in 1997. It was sent to Appledore Shipbuilders in England for modification and reinforcing to take a full sailing rig, to improve sailing properties and for the addition of a deeper keel, holding 50 tons of ballast.

The 195-foot ship has 10,215 square feet of sail and a draft of nearly 16 feet. The foremast is slightly shorter than the main mast, but they are otherwise identical. Each consists of a steel lower mast and topmast and timber topgallant and royal mast. Spars are steel on the lower and topmasts and timber above this. Access to the tops is by a vertical 'jacob's ladder' down to the ratlines. There is a gold sovereign placed under the foremast where it meets the keel, a tradition supposed to give the ship luck.



The Prince William competed in many races, including the 2005 Tall Ships' Races. It also was registered as a U.K. auxiliary coast guard vessel and during the 2005 it stood by a stricken vessel in case it was needed as a rescue ship.

At the induction ceremony held in January 2011 at Karachi dockyard, Admiral Noman Bashir, Chief of Naval Staff said the vessel will help teach cadets the need for good teamwork and the rewards of hard work.

Wednesday 16 November 2011 at the Royal Geographical Society, London

London is the venue for a rare international gathering of elite climbers who have stared in landmark ascents of K2 over the last 60 years. The world's second highest peak and most fearsome mountain only reluctantly gives up its summit, so the stories of success and failure are gripping, sometimes tragic and always moving. Joined by geologists, cultural experts and K2 film makers this event will be a unique insight into K2 and the Karakorum.

Special Guest Speakers include:

Jim Wickwire (USA) who made the first ascent of the North East ridge, only the third ever ascent of the mountain

Nazir Sabir (Pakistan) who made the first ascent of the West / South West ridge

Naoe Sakashita (Japan) who climbed K2 via the North ridge from the Chinese side - a first ascent

Sir Chris Bonington who lead an expedition to the unclimbed West ridge in 1978

Doug Scott who has made four attempts on K2 via new routes

Professor Mike Searle an expert in the geology of the Karakorum area

Hosted by **Jim Curran** K2 author and film maker

Plus presentations by K2 film maker **Jennifer Jordan** (USA) and Himalayan travel writer **Isobel Shaw**

Programme:

Morning Introduced by Jim Curran

10.00-10.45 **Prof Mike Searle** - Oxford Univ Geologist "K2 - a Billion Years of Geological History"

10.45-11.30 **Isobel Shaw** - 'Baltistan - it's people culture and history'

11.30-11.45 **BREAK**

11.45 - 12.45 **Jennifer Jordan (USA)** - "America's 1939 K2 Expedition: Revisited and Exposed". A multi-media presentation.

Afternoon Introduced by Jim Curran

2.00 - 2.15 **Tony Streather OBE** - 'On K2 with the Americans 1953'

2.15 - 3.00 **Doug Scott CBE** - 'Four times a failure!' - Significant moments in a climbers life on K2

3.00 - 4.00 **Naoe Sakashita (Japan)** - 'Ash and Diamond' - First ascent of the North Ridge 1982

4.00 - 5.00 **Christophe Profit (FR)** 'Climbing K2 lightweight Alpine Style 1991'

5.30 - 6.40 **EVENING BREAK**

Evening Introduced by Sir Chris Bonington CBE

6.40-7.15 **Sir Chris Bonington CBE** - 'K2 West side attempt and tragedy 1978'

7.15 - 8.00 **Jim Wickwire (USA)** - 'Where Extremes Meet' including the first ascent of the West Ridge in 1978

8.00 - 8.30 **BREAK and AUCTION**

8.30 -9.30 **Nazir Sabir (Pakistan)** - 'Pilgrimage to the Higher Heavens'

Tickets: Day (AM/PM/Evening) - £40 Morning/afternoon ticket - £15 Evening - £25. For more information on First on K2 Tel: 01768 484842 or email info@canepal.com



Recent Events

Wednesday, 9 February 2011

Humanitarian-Military interaction in Complex Emergencies: the Experience of Pakistan

Masood ul-Mulk of the Sarhad Rural Support Program spoke about this NGO, the largest in Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa, Pakistan, and the work it has been doing this past year to alleviate poverty and help in flood relief. It has pro-actively promoted people-centred development by improving the livelihoods of poor and vulnerable communities, while maintaining the special focus on women.

Wednesday, 16 February 2011

Pakistan's First Experiment with Democracy 1947-58

Prof Ian Talbot has written a great deal about the independence of Pakistan and India. He is particularly interested in Pakistan's post-independence political history and has published numerous articles on this subject. He spoke about the creation of Pakistan in 1947 and the problems that arose from the division of the two major Muslim majority provinces of Punjab and Bengal. He discussed the various political ups and downs from '47 till the Martial Law of 1958.

Tuesday, 12 April 2011

Annual General Meeting

The Chairman of the Pakistan Society, Lt Gen (retd) Anthony Palmer, welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. The Minutes of the AGM of 2010 were read and passed. The Chairman gave a resume of the past events. He was keen to point out the variety of topics covered in the lectures and visits. As the Honorary Auditor Mr William Hutchinson was unable to attend the accounts will be presented to the members in October 2011.

Wednesday, 4 May 2011

Pakistan - A Hard Country

Prof Anatol Lieven, a former foreign correspondent and now professor of International relations and Terrorism Studies at King's College, London, spoke about the many challenges facing Pakistan these days both internally and externally. Despite everything he described the country as 'surprisingly tough and resilient, as a state and a society'. Prof Lieven suggested that Pakistan, though nominally a modern nation state, is still largely governed by the traditions of overriding loyalty to family, clan and religion.

Wednesday, 5 July 2011

The Gun Merchants of the Frontier

Maj Gen (retd) Syed Ali Hamid gave a fascinating lecture on the history and politics of Pakistan's border region (FATA) with regard to trade in weapons in the past 150 years. The material for his talk was based on his interest and knowledge of weapons and updated through research and interviews with leading men in this field. His talk was illustrated with maps and anecdotes. General Ali Hamid worked closely with weapons dealers and manufacturers at Darra Adam Khel [which lies within FATA] with the purpose of assisting them in developing legitimate lines of business.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday, 27 September 2011

The Pakistan Society Annual Dinner

Our Annual Dinner will be held at the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, where Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah was called to the Bar. The UK and Pakistani Guest of Honour will be the Rt. Hon. William Hague MP, Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs and Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Federal Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination.

Time: 6.30 for 7.45pm **Venue:** The Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, London, WC2A 3TL

Tickets: £70 each for members and their spouse; £85 each for non-members. Corporate members taking tables of 10 persons at £1000 or half a table for £500 will be appropriately recognised in the programme.

RSVP Please send in your form and cheque to Mrs Shama Husain, Honorary Secretary, The Pakistan Society, 8 Harriet Walk, London SW1X 9JH. **The last date for applications to be received is Thursday 22 September 2011.** For more information Tel: 07427 500 377 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk

Wednesday, 19 October 2011

Photographs of the 2010 Floods

Carl de Souza, a renowned photographer will show his photographs taken during the floods of last year. There will be an update on the progress of aid to victims of the floods by a representative from DFID

Time: 6pm **Venue:** High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 9JN

Admission: Free. **RSVP** Tel: 07427 500 377 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk

Wednesday, 16 November 2011

The Grand Trunk Road

Irna Qureshi, anthropologist and oral historian, has gathered a wealth of first-hand accounts and anecdotes, many of which attest to the ways in which the Grand Trunk Road became the main artery of conquest and rule of northern areas of India. When the British came to India in the 17th century, they gave the road the name by which it is now known and it became the main highway for trade and conquest, as well as the starting point for countless emigrant journeys that ended in cities all over Britain. The photographer is Tim Smith who travels the Grand Trunk Road from Delhi to the Khyber Pass, where it cuts through the homelands of an estimated 90% of British Pakistanis as well as those of most Sikhs and Hindus that have settled here from the Indian Punjab.

N.B. The Annual Accounts will be presented that day (since this could not be done at AGM).

Time: 6pm **Venue:** High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 9JN

Admission: Free **RSVP** Tel: 07427 500 377 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk

Wednesday, 7 December 2011

Remembering Faiz and Reception

An evening remembering Faiz Ahmad Faiz with renderings of his poetry. Members and their guests are invited to this followed by a reception.

Time: 6pm **Venue:** High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 9JN

Admission: £5. **RSVP** Tel: 07427 500 377 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk

Other Events



Derby FC to host 'historic' India v Pakistan Football Match on 3 September 2011 [postponed]

Derby County FC will host the first football match between India (158th in the FIFA rankings) and Pakistan (170th ranked) to be staged in Britain. The two nations will face each other in a friendly at Pride Park stadium. Match organisers TouchSky Sports said the idea of the game was to promote peace between the countries and raise the profile of Asian football. The match has been arranged with the co-operation of the Pakistani and Indian Governments along with FIFA and the FA. Pakistan and India will also play at Ibrox stadium in Glasgow.

TouchSky Sports have commenced the process of rescheduling in accordance with the FIFA calendar; a new date will be announced in due course. For details visit www.clashofthetitansuk.com

Journey of the Soul: Photographs by Nazia Akram

Nazia Akram a graduate of Karachi's Indus Valley School of Arts and Architecture and Masters Student at Central St Martins in London has traced this journey through her photographs of the Sufi tradition in Pakistan in today's turbulent times. Her photographs on Sufism will be on display from 6 to 8 pm on 9 September 2011 at the High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 9JN.



**Medical Aid Pakistan Charity Fashion Show and Dinner
17 September 2011 at Hilton Metropole, 225 Edgware Road, London, W2 1JU.**

An evening of fashion and entertainment featuring Imaad Shah, Fashion Designer Nickie Nina and Naheed Jehan, the grand-niece of Madam Noor Jehan.

Medical Aid Pakistan was founded following the Pakistan Earthquake in October 2005. It works alongside the existing medical care system in Pakistan to relieve sickness, disease, and poverty. The charity provides life saving equipment and medication to those unable to afford this treatment and promotes preventative health care by assisting the local medical personnel and provide modest resources in areas of greatest need.

Tickets: £60 / £80 and £100 **Tel:** 07770 953 755 / 07957 276 298 **website:** <http://medicalaid.org.uk>

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The Pakistan Society

Bringing Pakistan & Britain Together

Celebrating 60 Years of The Pakistan Society

Dinner

Tuesday, 27 September 2011

The Great Hall,
The Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn,
London, WC2A 3TL.

Our Dinner will be held at the prestigious Lincoln's Inn, where Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah was called to the Bar. **The Guest of Honour will be Rt. Hon. William Hague MP, Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs and Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Federal Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination.** Tickets are **£70 each** for Members and their Spouse, and **£85 each** for Non-Members. Corporate members taking tables of 10 persons at £1000 or half table for £500 will be appropriately recognised in the programme.

Provisional bookings **cannot** be accepted and **NO** tickets will be available at the door. Members may apply for themselves, their spouse and their Guests. Please apply for places as early as possible.

Tables will seat 10 persons, depending on final numbers. Please indicate below your seating preference and any dietary restrictions. Any meat served will be halal.

The Pakistan Society

Member

Mr/Mrs _____ Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Decorations: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Tel No: _____

Reservation Form for the 60th Anniversary Dinner on Tuesday, 27th September 2011 Guests

Please state each guest's full name and any decorations.

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E-Mail: _____

I wish to be seated near: _____

I hereby apply for:	Qty	Total
Members and Spouse ticket(s) @ £70 each		£
Non Members ticket(s) @ £85 each		£
Corporate table for 10 persons @ £1000		£
Half Corporate table for 5 persons @ £500		£
I enclose a cheque made payable to The Pakistan Society	TOTAL	£

Return to: Mrs Shama Husain, Honorary Secretary, The Pakistan Society, 8 Harriet Walk,
London, SW1X 9JH by Thursday, 22nd September 2011 Email: info@thepakistansociety.org.uk