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Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani Represents Pakistan at the Nuclear Security Summit in USA



PRIME MINISTER SYED YUSUF RAZA GILANI BEING ESCORTED OUT OF PLANE BY PAKISTAN'S HIGH COMMISSIONER TO U.K. MR. WAJID SHAMS-UL-HASSAN ON HIS ARRIVAL IN LONDON, U.K ON APRIL 10, 2010

The Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani and Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi paid a brief visit to London on 10 April on their way from Pakistan to the United States to attend the Nuclear Security Summit 12-13 April 2010.

Heads of State and Government from 47 countries attend the Nuclear Security Summit in the Convention Centre, Washington DC, which focused on ways to enhance nuclear security around the world. Pakistan held out assurance to the world that its nuclear program was secure and that foolproof arrangements had been made for its safety.

Communiqué stated the need for capacity building for nuclear security and cooperation at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels for the promotion of nuclear security culture through technology development, human resource development, education and training; and stress the importance of optimising international cooperation and coordination of assistance.

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Special Assistant to PM Shahnaz Wazir Ali addressing the meeting of Pakistan Education Task Force in Islamabad on April 22, 2010

The Fourth meeting of The Pakistan Education Task Force was held in April. The meeting was co-chaired by Shahnaz Wazir Ali (Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on the Social Sectors) and Sir Michael Barber (former head of the UK Prime Ministers Delivery Unit).

The objective of the task force is to increase the capacity of the federal and provincial governments to implement the education reforms set out in the National Education Policy. The meeting was preceded by three days of school visits and consultations with the Government and NGOs. Meeting focused on the results of a provincial implementation monitoring tool for the National Education Policy. The Task Force also discussed the textbook sourcing process by the Provinces and focused on textbook quality, development, production and distribution in light of the National Policy.

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Next Event: The Pakistan Society 57th Annual Dinner on Wednesday, 26 May 2010 at Lincoln's Inn, London.

United Kingdom Foreign & Commonwealth Office Annual Report on Human Rights 2009



This is the 12th FCO Annual Report on Human Rights. The report sets out the UK's work and policy on human rights in 2009, and explains the importance of human rights across UK foreign policy goals. The report addresses FCO activity in 22 countries of particular concern including Pakistan.

The UK engages with Pakistan on human rights issues in a variety of fora. In April 2009, the Prime Minister initiated the UK–Pakistan Strategic Dialogue with the Pakistani government. This provides for regular summits covering the whole range of issues that concern the UK and Pakistan, including human rights. UK also works closely with partners in the EU to raise human rights with the Pakistani government, such as in the bi-annual EU demarche on human rights.

UK also engages through the EU Third Generation Cooperation Agreement, which outlines the terms of reference for the relationship between Pakistan and the EU and looks at the whole range of issues where the EU and Pakistan have mutual interests. The EU–Pakistan Summit held on 17 June 2009 underlined the critical importance of a stable, prosperous and democratic Pakistan to the EU. The Summit established a Sub-Group on Human Rights and Governance to meet regularly with the Pakistani government. A follow-up Summit under the Spanish Presidency will take place in 2010, where human rights will be discussed.

This direct dialogue is supported by substantial EU financial commitments. Between 2007 and 2010, €200 million of general assistance will fund projects focused on specific themes, including humanitarian assistance, democracy and capacity-building for local governments and NGOs. Further support is provided to local NGOs by the European Commission. The UK also strongly supports the EU in requiring that Pakistan sign and ratify all major UN treaties related to human rights, prior to any further trade agreements between the EU and Pakistan.

Highlights

UN Human Rights Treaties

UK continue to urge the Pakistani government to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and several other key international treaties, including the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or

Degrading Treatment, and conventions relating to Enforced Disappearances and to Refugees.

Independent Assessment of Human Rights

Key to any effective democracy is independent oversight of state activities. In 2009, UK continued to press for the establishment of a National Commission for Human Rights. A draft bill for such a commission was approved in late 2008 by the Cabinet and is currently with the National Assembly Standing Committee for Human Rights.

Minority Rights

Pakistan must uphold the rights of all its citizens, including religious and other minorities. At federal level there are ten reserved seats out of 340 in the National Assembly for minority representatives. It is vitally important that work is undertaken by the Pakistani government to ensure that the blasphemy laws – which are designed to protect all faiths – are properly applied. The Pakistani government have appointed the Minister for Minorities as a member of the Cabinet, implemented a five per cent quota for minority employment within government offices (two per cent more than the actual percentage of the population), and are working on amendments to blasphemy legislation. The government has also created a National Day for Minorities on 11 August.

Women's Rights

The World Economic Forum Global Gender Gap Report for 2009 ranks Pakistan 132 out of 134 countries in terms of the division of resources and opportunities between men and women. The UK continues to urge the Pakistani government to implement the recommendations of the CEDAW Committee, particularly those concerning the overhaul of all legislation that discriminates against women. The national legal framework does, however, offer increasing protection to women. In 2009, the government introduced the Bill for Protection Against Domestic Violence and the Bill on Protection against Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, both of which should, if properly implemented, significantly improve women's rights.

Children's Rights

Following its ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the Pakistani government is implementing a National Plan of Action to address children's rights. However, serious human rights problems remain, including the employment of children in hazardous industries from a young age. Despite legislation dating from 1991, no employer has been successfully prosecuted and only small fines are paid. Many children are also born into or become bonded labour (slaves) to repay family debt. UNICEF estimates that in 2009 there were over three million children working in this way. Government sources admit it is likely to be higher.

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan Annual Report on the State of Human Rights in 2009

Pakistan is also a source, destination and transit country for child prostitution and trafficking, although the government, through specially created antitrafficking units, continues to work closely with NGOs and regional partners, such as the United Arab Emirates, to tackle this problem. This has resulted in the repatriation of hundreds of children over the last few years.

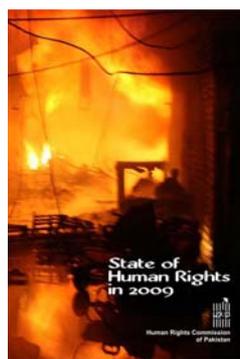
Progress on access to education for the poorest remains a significant challenge. Enrolment has, however, increased sharply over the past few years, with 20 million children now attending primary school. The UK is providing a £250-million programme for education and skills training over the next five years. A UK–Pakistan Education Task Force was set up in late 2009, headed by education reform expert Sir Michael Barber. This is working with the Pakistani government to improve educational delivery, as one of the commitments made under the UK–Pakistan Strategic Dialogue.

Death Penalty

In 2009, the death penalty was applicable to 27 different crimes. According to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, 7,046 prisoners are currently on death row, where the detention regime is harsh and cells severely over-crowded. An influential NGO, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan reports that 106 people were sentenced to death in 2009. In October, President Zardari sought the views of provincial governments on commuting all death penalty sentences to life, apart from offences related to terrorism. While this consultation period continues, there has been a de facto moratorium on the death penalty, which we strongly welcome. However, together with EU partners we are continuing to urge the Pakistani government to commute all death penalty sentences, revise the list of crimes for which the death penalty is applicable in line with the terms of the ICCPR, and improve legal safeguards surrounding capital cases.

Access to Justice

The Pakistani Constitution guarantees the right to a fair trial and all levels of the judiciary are nominally independent. However, inordinate delay, the inefficiency of the courts and the high cost of litigation constitute a major obstacle to justice. A defendant's right to counsel is limited. Most are not represented. Legal assistance is only available during the investigative phase if the accused can pay. A court-appointed defence lawyer is only available in capital cases. There is no provision for legal aid in any other type of case. Amendments to the Anti-Terrorism Act further weaken the legal safeguards for the accused by placing an evidential burden of proof on the accused. Awareness of the rights guaranteed under national law is very limited among the general population.



Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) launched its annual report "**State of Human Rights in 2009**" on 22 March 2010. The press conference was addressed by Ms Asma Jahangir, Chairperson, HRCP and Mr I. A Rehman, Secretary General, HRCP

Highlights

The misuse of **blasphemy laws** continued to increase, laws promulgated in 2002, including the Freedom of Information Act, were not enforced and proposed new laws to regulate NGOs were seen by activists as a potential threat to their autonomy.

The report said there was no evidence of a decrease in **violence against women**, with reported 600 losing their lives to honour killings.

According to the report, over six million children across the country did not attend schools, many being engaged, instead, in working conditions that were often extremely hazardous. The implementation of a juvenile **justice system** ordinance, promulgated in 2000, remained poor with over 3,000 juveniles still held alongside adults. Over 84,000 men, women and children are behind bars in badly overcrowded facilities.

unofficial figures showed that spending on **education** remained a mere 7.8 percent of total government expenditure as Pakistan slipped from 138th to 144th place in the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) index of 175 countries

Report suggested that roughly 40 million people are living below the poverty line and unemployment unofficially estimated to have reached 14 percent or more. The country's expenditure on **health**, at 0.7 percent of GNP, remained among the lowest in the world with drug prices ranking among the highest in the region.

The number of **internally displaced persons** (IDPs) swelled in the wake of military operations in Swat, South Waziristan, Bajaur, Orakzai and adjacent areas. At the end of 2009, there were 1.25 million IDPs including 500,000 children. Only 50,000 Afghan **refugees** were repatriated to Afghanistan in 2009 as the process slowed down owing to bad security situation at home. There were 1.7 million registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

SME Credit Guarantee Scheme

**Robert Gibson,
British Deputy High
Commissioner
Karachi and
Director UKTI
Pakistan launched
the SME Credit
Guarantee Scheme
on 19 March 2010.**



“The North West Frontier region is home to 27 million people: 16% of the Pakistan’s population. The region has historically been important because of its strategic location on the crossways of the Central Asia, the Middle East and the Indian plains of the subcontinent.

The NATO/US led military operation against the terrorist forces in Afghanistan pushed the war beyond Afghan borders. It turned this geographically contiguous and ethnically linked frontier region of Pakistan into a battleground: a battleground between the Pakistani security agencies and the extremist forces. Law and order was seriously challenged and millions of people were internally displaced in the region.

The local economy was reliant on agriculture and related businesses and low-scale mining in some areas. Large number of businesses has either been directly affected or suffering due to collapse of the local market.

This is why the international community is assisting the Government of Pakistan in making efforts to revive the local economy and to bring the life back to normal in the war affected region. Globally in the developed world, Small and Medium Size Enterprises (SME’s) have a critical role in fostering growth through job creation, revenue generation, completing product markets and responding to innovation demands.

In some cases, the global manufacturing giants thrived by establishing a strong base of specialised high efficiency SME’s serving different stages of the product development cycles of their globally competitive brands.

Recent global crisis has shown that risk associated with mega corporations is very significant compared to that of small businesses. SME’s provide stability to the industry and the economy. I am pleased that the UK is able to work so closely with other Aid institutions and with the Government of Pakistan to improve the lives of many people in Pakistan. ”

The Scheme

The £8m Credit Guarantee Scheme is part of the UKaid funded £50m Financial Inclusion Programme (FIP).

The objective of the FIP is to transform the financial market to provide equitable and efficient market-based financial services to the otherwise excluded poor and marginalized population including women and young people.

The FIP is being implemented over 5 years (2008-13) and comprises a range of financial sector interventions (including SME Credit Guarantee; Microfinance Credit Guarantee Facility; Institutional Strengthening Fund for microfinance institutions; Innovation Challenge Fund; support for remittances; credit information bureau; anti-money laundering; and branchless banking etc.)

A further £2m is being allocated to finance research, analytical and piloting work on SME finance in partnership with the World Bank and the IFC. This strategic technical assistance of £2m will leverage nearly \$69m ‘SME Access to Finance’ project by the World Bank/IFC.

The Credit Guarantee Scheme itself will be split into two halves. The first is for the war affected regions of NWFP/FATA and the province of Gilgit Baltistan; and, The second for priority SME clusters across the rest of Pakistan.

The guarantee will be managed by the State Bank of Pakistan.

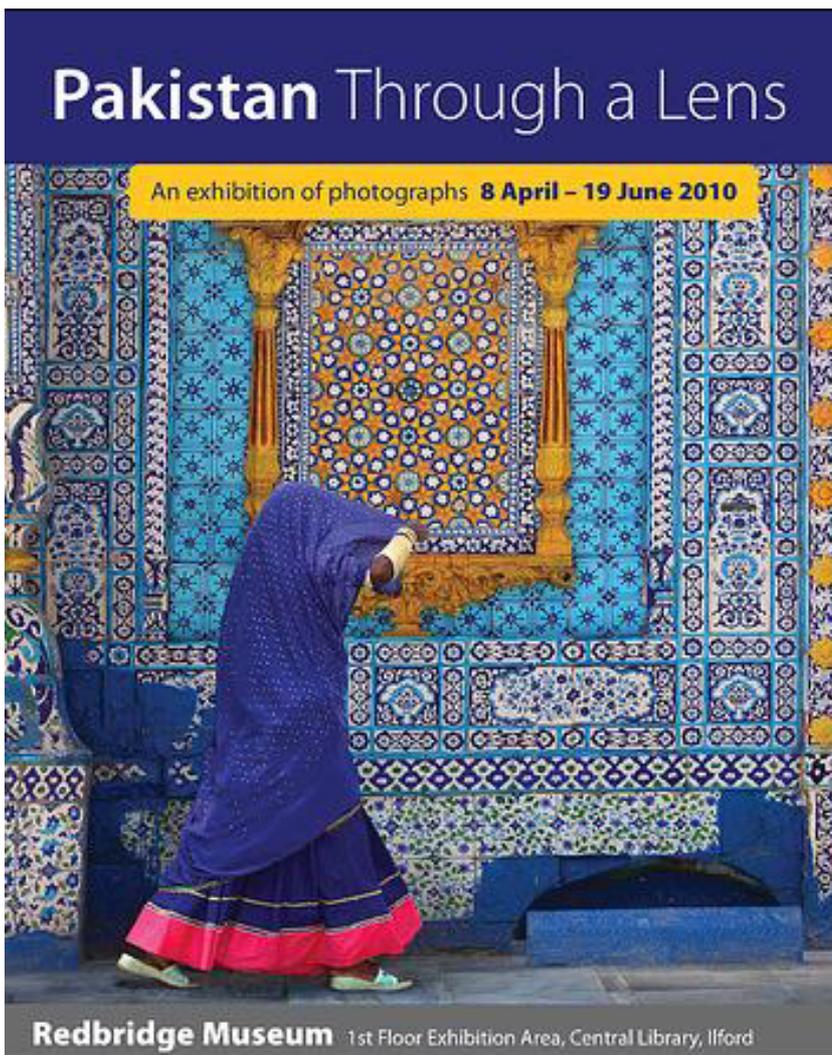
The CGS will guarantee a total portfolio of Rs. 6 billion and will help nearly 6,000 families to resume small family businesses and agriculture farming.

Department of International Development (DFID) is providing a total of £665 million of assistance from 2009 to 2013. By 2011, Pakistan will be the UK’s second largest development programme worldwide.

DFID’s UKaid is also offering other support for War Affected Areas. Working with partners on the ground, UKaid’s £20m humanitarian support will provide protection and humanitarian assistance to over 2 million people.

For long-term stability work, the UKaid has committed £30 million to the Multi Donor Trust Fund (MTDF) for the war affected areas. The fund is being managed by the World Bank. It will support investments in the communication infrastructure, reconstruction of schools, water supply and health facilities and cash grants for nearly 5 million families. As first instalment, a total of £10m is being released by UKaid to MTDF before 31st March 2010.

To meet short-term needs, another £10 million will be used to build temporary bridges and primary schools while longer term reconstruction work is completed.



Redbridge Museum's latest exhibition gives visitors the opportunity to take a broader look at life in Pakistan, documented through a series of stunning photographs.

Pakistan Through a Lens begins on Thursday 8 April and features more than 50 images taken by a range of photographers. The photographs document Pakistan's rich cultural heritage and the breathtaking beauty of its landscape, highlighting the diversity of the country from ancient civilisations to modern day Karachi.

The exhibition brings together work from 15 contemporary photographers and aims to portray different sides of Pakistan to those usually presented in the media. Images are divided into eight categories exploring clothing, political and cultural movements, rural aspects of life, work and culture, religion, urban and city life, festivals and sport, women, and landscapes.

The photographs have been sourced by photographer Sadia Malik and the Museum is producing the first UK exhibition after displays in South Africa and the USA.

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Following photographers are representing Pakistan via their photographs ;

Agha Waseem Ahmed, Amean J, Ameer Hamza, Amer Javed , Arif Ali, Awais Yaqub , Ayesha Vellani , Bashrat Ali khan , Fayyaz Ahmed , Imran Waheed , Izdeyar Sethna , Jahangir Khan, Jawad Zakariya , Kamran safdar, Mehmood Qureshi , Muhammad Javed , Nadeem Khawar , Khalid Tanveer , Raja Islam, Razaq Vance, Rumana Husain , Sajjad Ali, Sharjeel Anzar, Shazia Rubab Hussain, Waseem Niaz and Umair Ghani.

The free exhibition opened on Thursday 8 April at Redbridge Museum's First floor Exhibition Area in the Central Library, Ilford and runs until Saturday 19 June 2010. Admission: Free

Monday to Friday 10 - 5pm
Saturday 10 - 4pm

Redbridge Museum
1st Floor Exhibition Area
Central Library
Clements Road
Ilford
IG1 1EA

East Meets West: Iqbal's Plaque at Shakespeare's Centre



On 23 April, The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust celebrated the links between Shakespeare (1564-1616) and the 'Philosopher-Poet of the East', Dr Sir Muhammad Iqbal (1877-1938), by unveiling a special commemorative plaque and hosting



a series of events at the Shakespeare Centre at Stratford-Upon-Avon.

HE Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan said that the placing of an Iqbal memorial plaque in Stradford-Upon-

Avon, where Shakespeare was born and rests in immortality, was homage to the strength of literature and arts, which indeed transcended borders and times. He said: "Living in times, almost three hundred years apart, I believe Shakespeare and Iqbal share the distinction to rise beyond the narrative and describe the innermost and the most profound aspects of the human nature."

The event was organized jointly by Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust, Pakistan High Commission, Iqbal Academy UK, Iqbal Academy Pakistan and was sponsored by UK-Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, United National Bank Plc, Pakistan International Airlines and TKC Restaurant London.

The High Commissioner along with visiting cultural troupe also attended a reception by the Shakespeare Birth Place Trust at the King Edward VI Grammar School where Shakespeare had studied. At the reception which was attended by about 500 guests, Zia Mohiuddin recited poems of Iqbal and Shakespeare.

On the conclusion of three day of festivities, the Shakespeare Trust expressed gratitude and praise for the Pakistani artists who added colour of folk lore of Pakistan to this International Festival this year. The Director of the Shakespeare Trust, Dr. Diana Owen said that the unveiling of Iqbal's plaque at Shakespeare Centre and cultural performances by the Pakistani artists have added unique experience to the annual Shakespeare Festival and have established connectivity between Pakistan and Britain in spheres of literature and culture.

Though performers and artists from various countries participated in the Festival, Pakistani folk music troupe comprising dhol player Saghir Khan, flutist Baqar Abbas, Algoza nawaz Veenoo Mal, Sarangi player Ejaz Sarhadi and vocalists Bushra Marvi, Akhtar Chahal Zehri and Raja Kaasheff remained most popular throughout the festival.

In 1916 was the 300th death anniversary of William Shakespeare. *Book of Homage to Shakespeare* was being compiled on this occasion with tributes from all over the world. Iqbal's tribute was also included: a poem which he apparently started some six years ago but didn't finish until then. It had fourteen lines, just like Shakespeare's sonnets.

It is usually considered to be one of the best tributes to the Bard. Following is a translation

Shakespeare

The flowing river mirrors the red glow of dawn,
The quiet of the evening mirrors the evening song,
The rose-leaf mirrors spring's beautiful cheek;
The chamber of the cup mirrors the beauty of the wine;

Beauty mirrors Truth, the heart mirrors Beauty;
The beauty of your speech mirrors the heart of human being.

Life finds perfection in your sky-soaring thought;
Was your luminous nature the goal of existence?
When the eye wished to see you, and looked,
It saw the sun hidden in its own brilliance.

You were hidden from the eyes of the world,
But with your own eyes you saw the world exposed and bare.

Nature guards its mysteries so jealously,
It will never again create one who knows so many secrets



Pakistan High Commissioner to UK Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan unveiling of commemorative plaque of Poet Sir, Dr Muhammad Iqbal at Shakespeare Birth Place, Stratford-Upon-Avon 23 April 2010



Pakistan High Commissioner to UK Mr. Wajid Shamsul Hasan with folk artist on the occasion of Birth Day Celebration of Shakespeare at Stratford-Upon-Avon 23rd April 2010.

News in Pictures



Federal Minister for Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Dr. Babar Awan meeting with UK delegation in Islamabad on April 12, 2010



Chief Executive UK Borders Agency, Lin Homer, called on Federal Minister for Interior, Senator A. Rehman Malik at Ministry of Interior in Islamabad on April 15, 2010



Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani talking to British High Commissioner, Mr Adam Thomson and Dy High Commissioner Dr. Peter Tibber who called on him at PMs House on 20-3-2010



FEDERAL MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING QAMAR ZAMAN KAIRA IS RECEIVING A REPORT "PROSPECTS FOR PAKISTAN" FROM JONATHAN PARIS WHO WAS PART OF THE UK MEDIA DELEGATION THAT CALLED ON THE MINISTER IN ISLAMABAD ON 13-04-2010.



Mark Thompson DG BBC calling on Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani at PM House Islamabad on March 22, 2010



A group Photo of Secretary Information & Broadcasting Mr. Mansoor Suhail with the UK High Commissioner to Pakistan Mr. Adam Thomson and the instructor's team of "Strategic Communication, Public and Cultural Diplomacy" Workshop in Islamabad on 03-03-2010



ADMIRAL SIR MARK STANHOPE, CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF UNITED KINGDOM (UK), CALLED ON FEDERAL MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, CH. AHMED MUKHTAR, IN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, ON FEBRUARY 2, 2010, IN RAWALPINDI

70th Pakistan Day 23rd March 2010



A flag hoisting ceremony was held in the morning at the High Commission for Pakistan in which a large number of Pakistanis living in London and surrounding areas participated. The messages of the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan were also read out and children attired in colourful dresses rendered national songs with great enthusiasm.

The High Commissioner said "People of Pakistan and our armed forces have rendered huge sacrifices which reflect commitment of the nation to fight back terrorism. He said that Quaid-e-Azam's vision was that of a democratic Pakistan and today we have seen that country is on democratic path once again. Now it's our duty to uphold democratic values and strengthen the democratic institutions as envisaged by the Quaid".

The Diplomatic Reception in the evening was attended by Mr Farooq Naek, Chairman Senate, Baroness Hayman, Speaker House of Lords, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and representatives from the Pakistani and host communities.



On 23rd March 1940, the historic Lahore Resolution or Pakistan Resolution was passed in the General Assembly of the All India Muslim League 34th Annual Conference at Minto Park now known as Iqbal Park, Lahore. It stated:

No constitutional plan would be workable or acceptable to the Muslims unless geographical contiguous units are demarcated into regions which should be so constituted with such territorial readjustments as may be necessary. That the areas in which the Muslims are numerically in majority as in the North-Western and Eastern zones of India should be grouped to constitute independent states in which the constituent units shall be autonomous and sovereign.

Obituary

Zafar Iqbal



Mr Zafar Iqbal one of our former Executive Committee members died in a tragic road accident in Lahore on 14 March. His younger brother who was travelling with him, also died. ***Inna lillahi wa inna illayhi raji'un*** [phrase Muslims recite upon hearing the news of someone's death. Translation: *We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return*].

He will be remembered by friends and colleagues as a dedicated community worker, working tirelessly for charitable educational projects in Pakistan through Education Aid, a UK registered charity.

He served several spells as an elected and nominated member of the Central Working Committee of the Muslim Council of Britain.

An engineer by training, Zafar Iqbal had wide-ranging interests including astronomy. He participated in the work of the UK *ruiyate hilal* committees and Muslim Council of Britain initiatives in this field. He leaves behind three children.

Announcements



Postponement of the Second Pakistan-EU Summit

The Second EU-Pakistan Summit scheduled to be held in Brussels on 21 April 2010 was postponed due to shutdown of European airspace resulting from volcanic ash clouds. Pakistan attaches great importance to its partnership with the EU based on commonality of interests. Both sides are, therefore, keen to continue their dialogue and consultations at the highest level and regret the present situation that has resulted in the postponement of the Summit. The Second Summit will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Hub School nearing completion

A new boarding school for boys will open initially for class 7-9 in August this year. Located at Deh Loharko Lung on Hub Dam Road, Karachi, The Hub School is a project of the A. E. H. Jaffer Foundation.

Mr. Abdul Kader Jaffer, Businessman and former High Commissioner for Pakistan to UK formed the Ahmed E.H. Jaffer Foundation in 1996 in memory of his late father. The Hub School – a not for profit boarding school for Boys will be followed by a boarding school for girls and finally a University on 240 acres of valuable land donated by his family.

Mr. Abdul Kader Jaffer said that The Hub School will maintain and surpass existing standards of academic excellence in Pakistan, offering comprehensive school education from Class 7 to O & A levels.

Education is a Jaffer Family legacy to Pakistan. The Islamia School in Pune was founded in 1907 by Ahmed E.H Jaffer's great grand Father Khan Bahadur Haroon Jaffer. His grandfather Sir Ebrahim Haroon Jaffer organised the first Muslim Educational Conference in 1920. His late-father Ahmed E.H. Jaffer introduced reforms as a member of the Indian Legislative Assembly in 1940 and later after partition in the Pakistan Legislative Assembly he raised several bills and motions for improvement and increase in the allocation for Education.

Pakistan-UK bilateral trade and investment

In 2009, UK Exports to Pakistan were £458.7million and imports from Pakistan to UK were £646.1million.

UK FDI to Pakistan was £175 million in 2008/09. (source: Pakistan Board of Investment 14 April 2010). Pakistan FDI to UK was £98 million in 2008 (source BIS, Statistics and Analysis, 14 April 2010).

In 2008 Barclays commenced its operation in Pakistan and so far have invested ~£66million.

Major players include Unilever, Shell, BP, GlaxoSmithKline, Standard Chartered Bank, International Power, HSBC and Barclays.



Fastest women in South Asia The 23 year old Naseem Hamid of Pakistan emerged as the fastest woman of the 11th South Asian Federation (SAF) Games winning the 100 meter sprint with a timing of 11: 81 seconds on 7 February 2010 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Hameed represents the Army at domestic level and lives in a one-room dwelling with her two siblings and parents in the crowded Korangi slum in Karachi, her victory was also a win for many other Pakistani women, especially those who want to pursue a career in sports.

She became the first Pakistani woman athlete to achieve a 100m gold, in the 26 year long history of the South Asian Games and became the third female after Rehana Kausar (high jump, gold, 1999 Kathmandu), and Shabana Akhtar (long jump, gold, 1995 Madras) to have won gold for the country.



Pakistan retained its gold in the hockey event of the South Asian Games defeating arch rival India 4-3 in tie-breakers in the final at Moulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium in Dhaka.

Both teams played 1-1 draw in the allotted time and Wasif Siddiq made the only goal for Pakistan. However, no team could score any goal in extra time and the match was decided on penalty strokes. Pakistan Hockey Federation president Qasim Zia announced a cash award of Rs50,000 each for all the players and the management.

Sarah Nasir of Pakistan won the gold medal in women's 55 kg Kumite (Karate) after beating Anu Adhikari of Nepal.



The President of Pakistan invited the two sportswomen **Naseem Hamid and Sarah Nasir** to the Presidency and gave them cheques of one million rupees each. Coaches Maqsood Ahmad (athletics) and Mohammad Riaz (karate) received Rs100,000 each. Other Pakistani gold medal winners and their respective coaches were also appropriately rewarded.



Pakistani athletes maintained second position in the 11th SAF Games

Around 1,800 athletes from eight countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka took part in the 12-day international sports event. Athletes fought for 158 gold medals in 23 different disciplines. Except for archery, Pakistan competed in all other sports events and won 19 gold, 25 silver and 36 bronze medals.

South Asian Games (also known as SAF Games or SAG & formerly known as South Asian Federation Games) are a bi-annual multi-sport event held among the athletes from South Asia. The governing body of these games is South Asian Sports Council (SASC), formed in 1983. At present, SAG are joined by eight members namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka. The 2012 games will be held in New Delhi, India.

Recent Events

Wednesday 10 February 2010

Alina Mirza and Suhayl Saadi in discussion with Ziauddin Sardar

Despite the snow there was a good turnout for the discussion between the multi-talented husband and wife team of film-maker Alina Mirza and novelist Suhayl Saadi. Subjects covered during the entertaining and illuminating conversation included the experiences of the Pakistani community in Scotland, the background story of the First European Pakistani Film, Media and Arts Festival and insights into the medical profession.

Thursday 18 March 2010

Indian Summer: The Secret History of the End of an Empire

Alex von Tunzelmann spoke about the events and the powerful personalities involved in the politics that led to the independence of Pakistan and India in 1947. This was an interesting topic for everyone present because of the various deals that were made during that time. She mentioned how negatively Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was perceived by the British.

Wednesday 14 April 2010

Jinnah's Principal Tools and Strategy to Achieve a Muslim Homeland

Dr. Waheed Ahmad, a historian, gave us a fascinating insight into the how Quaid-i-Azam's private correspondence was collected and the work Syed Shamsul Hasan in this regard. He talked about his latest publication 'The Punjab Story, 1940-1947' based on letters received and replied to by Jinnah with Indian Muslims during 1940-1947. During the questions that followed HE Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan, our High Commissioner joined Dr Waheed Ahmad to talk about his father which made the evening special.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, 26 May 2010

57th Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Pakistan Society will be held at the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn. The Guest of Honour will be Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles KCMG LVO, the Foreign Secretary's Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan. An application form with details of the Dinner is attached. Please apply soon if you wish to attend.

Venue: The Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3TL.

Wednesday, 16 June 2010

Pakistan from A to Z

Mr Robert Brinkley CMG, former High Commissioner to Pakistan [2006-2009] will talk about his experiences during the years he spent there.

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

Admission: Free. **RSVP** Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk

Wednesday, 30 June 2010

58th Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31 December 2009

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

Admission: Free **RSVP** Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk

Wednesday, 14 July 2010

Reform of the Security Council of the United Nations and Implications for South Asia

Professor Kaiyan Kaikobad, is Professor of Law and Director of Research at Brunel University. He is also a member of the Pakistan High Court Bar, the Hague Institute of Internationalisation of Law and consultant to governmental entities on various issues of international importance.

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

Admission: Free. **RSVP** Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk

Other Events



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The Royal Commonwealth Society in collaboration with Chatham House Under 35s Forum will hold a private screening of the cinema documentary **Made in Pakistan** and Panel Discussion at 1800 on 24 May 2010 at The Royal Commonwealth Society, 25 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5AP. Places available Contact RCS Tel: 020 7766 9200 Email: info@thercs.org



The Asia House Festival of Asian Literature is the only festival in the UK dedicated to writing about Asia and Asians. 5 - 27 May 2010 at Asia House, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1G 7LP

Magical tales from cultures across Asia (Free family event)

Saturday 22nd May - A visual tour of the customs and children's festivals in Pakistan. Discover photographer Prodeepta Das's alphabet book, **P is for Pakistan** (children 4-7 years). www.festivalofasianliterature.com



The Royal College of Ophthalmologists Annual Congress, Liverpool 25-27 May 2010

2.30-3.30 26 May 2010 'Meeting the challenge of providing equitable eye care in Pakistan'

The International Council of Ophthalmology's Duke Elder Oration will be delivered by Dr. Mohammad Daud Khan MD, Khyber Institute of Ophthalmic Medical Sciences, Peshawar, Pakistan.



11 March – 20 June 2010 St Martin's Place, London WC2H 0HE. Admission free

This outstanding exhibition, the first of its kind in the UK, tells the story of the Indian portrait over three centuries, exploring the fascinating ways in which Indian artists have approached the depiction of the human form and the changing role of portraiture in Indian history. Bringing together 60 stunning works from international collections, the exhibition will celebrate the beauty, power and humanity of these works of art.

The exhibition begins with works from the Mughal Court, including some of the earliest realistic portraits made for the Emperors Humayun (r.1530–56) and Akbar (r.1556–1605) and the magnificent court portraits made for their successors Jahangir (r.1605–27) and Shah Jahan (r.1628–58), as well as studies of Mughal courtiers, holy men and servants. The distinctive regional styles from Rajasthan and the Punjab Hills are also shown alongside the European-influenced works produced by Indian artists under British rule.



Conflict in Kashmir

Thursday 10 June 19.00 Ondaatje Wing Theatre, St Martin's Place, London WC2H 0HE

Kashmir has, since 1989, been the heart of an insurgency which has become the rallying cry for jihadi movements across the region. Victoria Schofield and Justine Hardy explore the region. **Tickets: £5/£4** concessions and Gallery Supporters.



24th Commonwealth Agricultural Conference 2010 will be held 28-30 June 2010 at the Roxburghe Hotel Edinburgh, Scotland.

The theme is "Co-operation and Collaboration" Co-host, the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth (RASC) is a confederation of 48 Commonwealth Agricultural Show Societies, embracing 21 countries (including Pakistan).

Test Matches against Australia

The two Test Matches this summer between Pakistan and Australia at Lord's and Headingley Carnegie are the first neutral Test Matches to be staged in England for 98 years. For information regarding the hospitality offers at Lords Tel: 020 7616 8598 and Headingley Carnegie contact Alison Gate at The Yorkshire County Cricket Club Tel: 0113 2033 663.



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| |  | Pakistan vs Australia |  | |
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| 5 July | | 1st International Twenty 20 | | Edgbaston (Birmingham) |
| 6 July | | 2nd International Twenty 20 | | Edgbaston (Birmingham) |
| 13-17 July | | 1st Test | | Lords (London) |
| 21-25 July | | 2nd Test | | Headingley Carnegie (Leeds) |



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The Pakistan Society
Bringing Pakistan & Britain Together

57th Annual Dinner

Wednesday, 26 May 2010

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

This year we are holding our Annual Dinner at the prestigious Lincoln's Inn, where Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah was called to the Bar. We do hope you will be able to come. Please apply for places as early as possible. **The Guest of Honour will be Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles KCMG LVO, the Foreign Secretary's Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan.** Tickets are **£60 each** for Members and their Spouse, and **£75 each** for Non-Members. Corporate members taking tables of 10 persons at £900 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.

Generally 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: _____

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Address: _____

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**Reservation Form for the 57th Annual
Dinner on Wednesday, 26th May 2010
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 |
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| Members and Spouse ticket(s) @ £60 each | | £ |
| Non Members ticket(s) @ £75 each | | £ |
| Corporate table for 10 persons @ £900 | | £ |
| 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 Friday, 21th May 2010 Email: info@thepakistansociety.org.uk**